

Solons Pledge Atomic Inquiry

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Chairman Bourke B. Hickenlooper of the joint congressional Atomic Energy Committee Saturday promised a "searching inquiry" into newspaper reports of security failures in the nation's atomic program.

The Iowa Republican said the committee would be called together soon to plan the investigation. He would not comment directly on the newspaper reports prompting the inquiry.

Story Source Asked

"Definitely I'm planning a searching inquiry into the sources of the so-called rumor stories," Hickenlooper told a reporter.

It was believed that members of the Atomic Energy Commission and possibly Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Graves, war-time head of the pro-

ject which built the atomic bomb, would be called before the joint congressional committee.

One of the newspaper stories to be investigated is the report of the New York Sun that documents were stolen from the Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic plant. Hickenlooper disclosed in a Senate speech that photograph negatives were taken from Los Alamos, N. M., where the atomic bomb was built, by two former Army sergeants. But he said that no secret documents were stolen from Oak Ridge. He said the negatives were taken from the bomb plant while it was under Army control in 1945.

Details Disclosed

It was learned that the negatives taken by the two former sergeants were found in a Chicago photographic shop. One had lain carelessly in the shop, possibly for several months. The shop was operated by one of the former sergeants. The two men were questioned extensively by the FBI.

Meanwhile, Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) urged immediate prosecution of the former sergeants lest a go-easy policy "open the gates" to further leaks.

Horse Doctors Passe, Says Veterinarians

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—The "horse doctor" has gone with Dobbin and the surrey and modern laboratories and animal hospitals have taken the place of the barnyard for work of veterinarians, the 28th meeting of the Northwest Veterinary Medical Association was told.

Dr. W. A. Hagan, president-elect of the national group, noted also that qualified veterinarians are more in demand than ever before by agriculture, government and the meat industry.

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INTENSE CULTIVATION AND IRRIGATION get the credit for this field of larger than average lilies on Mosby Creek near Cottage Grove. Harry Grant, 65-year-old caretaker, is examining one of the blossoms. The Croft bulbs will be dug in about six weeks. Grant said many of the blossoms are from first-year plantings. There are about 14,000 blooms in the patch shown above. Glen Owens, Cottage Grove, and Gerald Hunt, Phoenix, Ariz., own the field. There is another one-acre patch nearby under cultivation by C. W. Raymond. Grant says they are experimenting with fertilization and irrigation methods in an effort to produce better bulbs. Although the blossoms are worth about \$3.50 a dozen at the bigger markets, cuttings from this field are laid aside to rot or given to neighbors. (Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

Should Princess' Wedding Be Gay or Drab, Paper Asks

LONDON — (AP)—Ill-fed, ill-housed—and ill-clothed Britons were invited Friday by the widely circulated Daily Express to vote on whether Princess Elizabeth's wedding should be shadowed by the rationed austerity under which the king's subjects live.

"Should there be flags and parties and bands and a vote from the public funds to make Princess Elizabeth's wedding day our most colorfully festive occasion since the coronation?" the Express asked. "Or should the austerity of life and the government dictate an occasion where Britain's traditional salute to happiness would seem out of place?"

The paper, which claims a circulation of 3,973,287—nearly one out of every 10 Britons—asked its readers to write "yes" or "no" on a postcard in answer to the question: "Should the Princess' wedding day be selected as the first post-war occasion to restore to Britain the traditional gaiety of a gala public event?"

The Express suggested that the wedding celebration should include "processions, reviews, parties, balcony scenes and fireworks."

"Life," it said, "is too drab to pass up this chance of having fun."

Will Be Holiday

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lic holiday, although the wedding date—expected to be some time in October—has not yet been announced.

The date will be chosen by the king and queen in consultation with Princess Elizabeth and the bridegroom—Lt. Philip Mountbatten, former Prince Philip of Greece.

Navy 'Fleet' to Help Portland Greet Elks

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Registration began Saturday for the national Elks convention, which will open here Sunday. Approximately 25,000 Elks are expected.

A small Naval task force pulled into the Portland harbor to be on hand for the festivities. It consisted of the heavy cruiser Bremerton, an escort carrier, two destroyers and a submarine.

The convention will continue through Wednesday.

JEW CHILDREN FAVORED

JERUSALEM — (AP)—The Palestine government decided Saturday that, as a "humanitarian measure" 500 orphaned Jewish refugee children now being detained at Cyprus with 17,000 un-certified immigrants, would be admitted to Palestine. The announcement said, however, that the children, to be placed in the care of Jewish welfare organizations, would not receive citizenship until their turns came in the regular process of admitting detained immigrants.

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Time Change Still Unknown

County employees get an extra half hour in bed now, but their public hasn't caught on yet.

Judge Clinton Hurd said that the shift from the traditional opening hour of 8 a.m. to 8:30 hasn't registered with many Lane residents.

The result is that courthouse phone wires are humming from 8 to 8:30 a.m. every day, when only the pigeons are in the building.

State police and the janitor, also there, have more to do than run up the stairs. Besides, they don't qualify as marriage license, tax, and road experts.

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Germans Aid U S Navy Tests

POINT MUGU, Cal.—(UP)—Seven German experts on Nazi secret weapons are completing for America the wartime projects they began for Hitler.

The scientists are working under voluntary government contracts at the Navy's guided missile test center here.

All reportedly have applied for U. S. citizenship, and three families already are with them in nearby Oxnard.

The Navy said the Germans are not working with American scientists in the mysterious field of "push-button" warfare. But their research parallels American research in completing the weapons the Germans were rushing before their defeat.

One of the scientists, Dr. Herbert Alois Wagner, directed Germany's program for air-to-ground

and ground-to-air missiles, with Dr. Reinhard Natansel Lahde, turbine and bomb-right specialist, and Dr. Wilfried Hermann Hell, remote-control specialist, as assistants.

The Point Mugu center, until recently a Navy top-secret, has been adding improvements German V-1 buzzbombs and V-2 rockets.

Correspondents given a demonstration of the development of the V-2, believed that German had worked on it.

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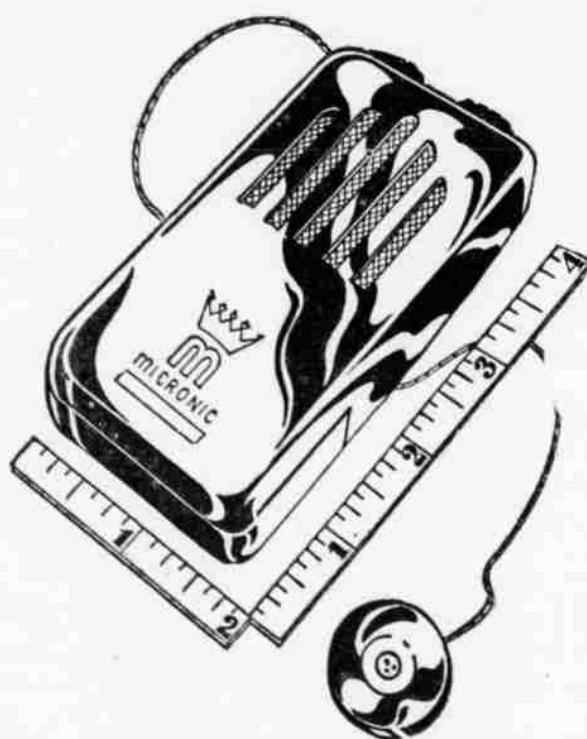
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