

Services Move to Caribbean For Biggest Peace Maneuvers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Navy begins its biggest peacetime maneuvers in history Monday, featuring for the first time a mock atom bomb attack.

Some 120 ships, several hundred planes and 35,000 men from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Canadian Army were to participate in the war games in Caribbean waters.

Major warships, including the giant aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt and the battleship Missouri, were scheduled to join in the maneuvers. They will continue until March 19.

Most Extensive
"These exercises," said the Navy, "will be the largest and most extensive peacetime maneuvers ever held."

The war games will give the Navy a chance to test the effectiveness of its newest anti-submarine devices and its jet fighter planes which will be operating for the first time from aircraft carriers.

The Navy gave little information about the mock atom bomb attack. It said only that a "simulated" atom bomb would be used as an "offensive weapon" and that the mock bombing would be accompanied by "simulated guided missile attacks."

Move Off Puerto Rico

The major operation will be an assault on Vieques Island off Puerto Rico. The island will be considered part of the "African-Eurasian land mass, an 'enemy' area heavily fortified and held by a substantial number of troops."

Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, will be in charge of the maneuvers.

The first, or Bermuda phase, will be a test submarine warfare. Six sloop-type and eight standard submarines will fight a striking force on its way to protect the landing at Vieques Island.

D-Day March 2

The main part of the maneuvers, the mock landing on Vieques, will follow. A joint expeditionary force of American and Canadian soldiers, supported by ships and planes, will attack on D-Day, which is scheduled for March 2. Some 330 U.S. Army troops from Ft. Riley, Kans., will defend the island with "mechanical devices." The Navy said they will be considered equivalent to 6000 enemy troops.

On March 1, an attacking force will feint at Vieques. The second task fleet, under Vice Adm. D. B. Duncan, will aid the attack with 37 ships, 14 land-based air squadrons, 16 carrier-based squadrons, a helicopter and several blimps.

Seek Two Beachheads

The main assault on D-Day will be commanded by Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Keller G. Rockey. His forces will fight for two beachheads.

"The island is expected to be 'secured' in three days," the Navy said.

After the Vieques attack, there will be another submarine battle in the "Haiti phase," and on March 15 carrier-based planes will attack the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo, Cuba.

Isolated Town Appeals for Aid

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — At least 100,000 persons were made homeless in Sonora, Mex., by four flooded rivers and are desperately in need of food and blankets, the mayor of one isolated town declared Monday in an appeal for aid.

Juan Martinez, mayor of Novojos, telephoned the Sonora relief committee here that thousands of persons were huddled in open fields, in grave danger of starvation or death from exposure.

He said 33,000 persons were driven from their homes in his district alone.

More than 25,000 square miles have been flooded by the rivers Mayo, Yaqui, Fuerte and Sinaloa since Jan. 12.

The American Red Cross has rushed medical supplies via the Mexican Red Cross to the area to combat spread of epidemics.

Supplies must be shipped by truck to Nogales, Ariz., and then transferred to rafts and boats to reach the flooded areas.

Heavy Storm Heads for NW

SEATTLE — (AP) — A heavy storm heading for the Pacific Northwest centered about 1000 miles off the mouth of the Columbia River Monday, the weather bureau reported.

The forecaster said the storm center would be about 200 miles off the coast of Northern Vancouver Island by Tuesday, but that intermittent forerunning rains would be experienced in Western Washington Monday and Monday night.

In the Cascades, Stevens Pass remained closed but Snoqualmie and Blewett were opened to two-way traffic. Snow was reported in the latter two this morning and chains were required.

Railroads through the Cascades were opened, but passenger trains were running behind schedule.

Too Many Visitors At Eugene's Dump

Eugene's municipal dumpgrounds have been visited by too many strangers lately, City Recorder Henry Belstel said Monday in warning that other-than-Eugene residents must pay a dumping fee when they use the facility.

The dumpground is free to persons who can identify themselves as being from Eugene, the city official said; all others must pay a fee. But lately, people from other communities have left refuse and gone away without leaving a penny.

"Our dumping grounds are limited as to space," Belstel said. "We just can't have others coming in and using it."

Unofficial opinion was that the unwanted visitors are from smaller towns who charge their own people for dumping.

Reds Admit Defeat On US Campuses

WASHINGTON — (AP) — American Communists have just suffered a jarring defeat on the college campuses of the United States.

Their set-back among American youth is quite as important as the reverses recently suffered by Communists in their efforts to dominate or infiltrate big labor unions, especially within the CIO.

Communist propaganda is beginning to be a hard bill of goods to sell in the United States. The Communists themselves admit defeat on the campuses. They invaded the colleges as patriots and believers in democracies. One of their great objectives was to obtain moral leadership of the hundreds of thousands of G.I. Bill of Rights students. That has failed. But the Communists concede defeat for the time being, only.

Work for Students

They are backing up now for a new start toward spreading communism among American college students. Defeat was conceded by the Daily Worker, New York Communist newspaper, which has announced dissolution of an outfit known as American Youth for Democracy, AYD for short.

AYD was invented by the Communists on Oct. 17, 1943, to snare young Americans in college. On that date the Communist authorities assembled a convention of an organization then in existence known as the Young Communist League. John Gates was head man of the Young Communist League.

Gates told the assembled delegates that the time had come for the YCL to disappear and the delegates voted the organization out of existence. Immediately at the same meeting the delegates organized themselves into American Youth for Democracy. This was about the time the Communist Party of the United States was changing its name to Communist Political Association.

Look to Recruiting

The name changings were intended to improve the chances of recruiting supporters of the Communist movement. American Youth for Democracy was a fine sounding title with no hint of the Communist nature of its direction. It claimed to have organized at least 60 chapters in as many colleges and universities shortly after its creation in 1943.

AYD headquarters admitted existence of chapters in the District of Columbia and in 14 states: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Washington and Utah. AYD leaders were cautious about identifying campuses on which their chapters were active, but one was known to be at Harvard.

Cities League Founder Dead

OREGON CITY — (AP) — Funeral services will be held here Tuesday for Christian Schuebel, 82, former legislator prominent in affairs of the League of Oregon Cities.

He had been an attorney until his retirement in 1941, was a former city councilman, deputy district attorney and member of the legislature in 1913, 1915 and 1919. Early in his law career he was associated with W. S. U'Ren, Oregon law maker and prominent national liberal. He helped found the League of Oregon Cities and establish the Municipal Affairs Research Department of the league. He drew up the Oregon City charter adopted in 1923.

He was born in Pennsylvania in 1868 and came to Clackamas County in 1878. His widow, Molly, and four daughters survive. He died at the Portland home of relatives.

DRIVER CITED

Walter Monroe Smith, 261 N. Ash St., was cited by city police Sunday at 7:55 p.m. after his auto was involved in an accident with another driver by Benjamin Harrison Will, 453 Lincoln St. Charge against Smith is improper left turn. The two cars came together on Olive St. between 6th and 7th Aves.

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GMC Violates Labor Law

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The National Labor Relations Board Monday found General Motors Corp. guilty of an unfair labor practice for trying to put into effect a group insurance plan without consulting the CIO Auto Workers.

The board ruled unanimously that General Motors violated the Taft-Hartley Act by not bargaining with the union before attempting to apply the plan to its 325,000 employees Feb. 1, 1948.

NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham had obtained a court injunction to block General Motors' proposed action last year.

The corporation did not oppose the injunction and negotiated a new contract with the CIO-UAW on May 29, 1948.

A General Motors spokesman said that salaried workers were covered by the plan last February, but that the injunction had stopped it for the time being.

The board had ruled previously that pensions, insurance and other social security programs come within the scope of collective bargaining as required by the Taft-Hartley Act.

'Mere Woman' Wins

DETROIT — (AP) — Much to their embarrassment, Detroit police have discovered an Annie Oakley in their midst.

Officers turned out Sunday for the annual interprecinct pistol matches. They admit they weren't counting on Mrs. Rosemary Schneider, 28, former school teacher who joined the force's women's division three years ago.

Mrs. Schneider copped the individual title with 179 of a possible 200 points.

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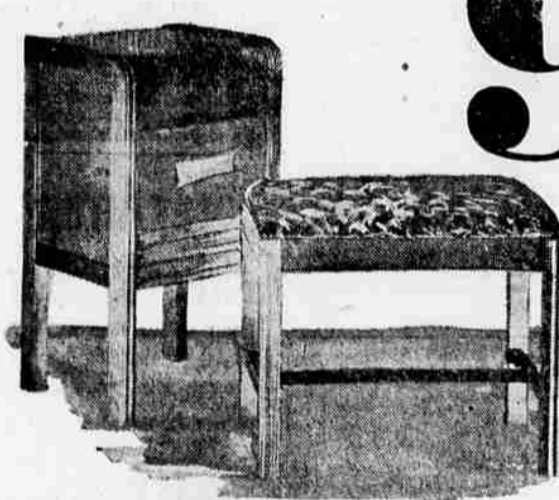


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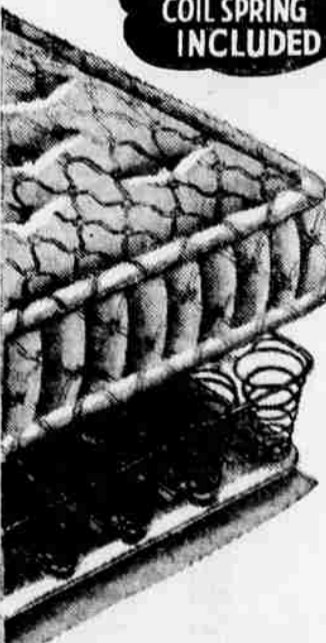


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