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**Americans Learning to Live
With Devastating A-Bomb**

By HAL BOYLE
Associated Press Staff Writer
NEW YORK—(AP)—America has
learned to live with the atom
bomb.

The final proof of this was the
televizing of the latest explosion
in Nevada.

There was a mixed reaction to
the A-bomb's video debut. Taken
purely in terms of sound, many
viewers found it less awe-inspir-
ing than the vocal chords of Mil-
ton Berle.

"It looks like a closeup of
Jimmy Durante," one spectator
commented. Others felt it still had
a long way to go before it would
seriously rival Arthur Godfrey.
And some, who dialed in the dem-
onstration late, mistook the gigan-
tic smoke puff for a new kind of
cigarette ad.

But the mere fact that millions
of housewives could sit in their
living rooms and calmly watch an
atom bomb burst shows how much
the public has lost its fear of this
frightful weapon.

EVEN FIVE YEARS ago a show
of this kind might have stirred up
a storm of protest. People had an
unreasoning panic about the atom
bomb then. Many parents objected
to radio discussions of it, saying
it created hysteria in their chil-
dren.

At that time the bomb was ac-
tively feared as an instrument
that could and might well be ex-
pected to wipe out civilization.

It would be interesting to know
how many families bought remote
mountain hideaways, or secretly
stored food caches in caverns
against the possibility of the out-
break of a disastrous world-wide
atom war. It was done.

But recently, despite the an-
nouncement of three atomic ex-
plosions in Soviet Russia, the na-
tional dread of atomic conflict has
died down. The scare wave has
subsided.

ONE REASON is that five years
ago it was accepted as a certainty
that a new war would be heralded
by a rain of atom bombs.

But fighting has gone on for
22 months in Korea without the
employment of these devastating
bombs by either side.

Hope is growing that they never
may be used again in anger.

Another reason for the more
sensible approach to the problem
of the atom bomb is the fact that
the population has become ad-
justed to an atmosphere of pro-
longed crisis.

You can't remain tense forever.
People who live on the edge of a
precipice gradually get accus-
tomed to it.

Potential danger is always
frightening at first. But after a
time it merely becomes an an-
noying bore.

MOST grownups still haven't
taken the trouble to learn what
precautions to follow. They are
simply tired of the whole subject.

Getting killed by an atom bomb
is more and more accepted as a
possibility in the same category
as being hit by lightning or get-
ting kicked to death by a horse.

It might happen, but meanwhile
a man has to get up and go to
work every day—and take his
chances.

To Return \$72,000 Gift
SALEM—(AP)—Circuit Judge
Rex Kimmell Saturday decided
that Pacific University must give
\$72,000 back to the estate of Mrs.
Luella A. Torrens, Salem.

His decision upheld her guar-
dian, Frankie L. Grant, who con-
tended Mrs. Torrens was incom-
petent when she made the gift to
the school last year. Mrs. Torrens
was 83 then.

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**DeVoto Coming
For Lecture
Next Tuesday**

The editor of the "Easy Chair"
in Harper's magazine, Bernard A.
DeVoto, will be on the University
campus Tuesday, May 6.

While at the University, DeVoto
will deliver a 1 p.m. assembly lec-
ture on "The Professional Writer"
and meet with students and facul-
ty in a 4 p.m. coffee hour in the
Erb Memorial Student Union.

DeVoto is a former editor of the
Saturday Review (of Literature)
and of the Harvard Graduate's
magazine. He received his bache-
lor of arts degree from Harvard
in 1920.

Besides writing many books,
DeVoto has contributed stories and
articles, historical essays and re-
views to magazines. Some of his
later books are "Mark Twain at
Work," "The Literary Fallacy,"
"Mountain Times," "Across the
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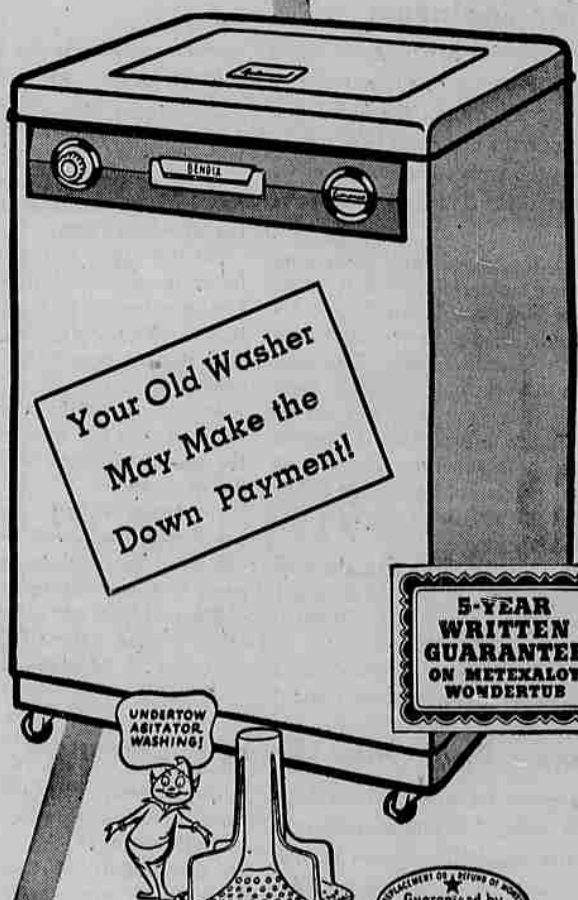
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