

Nuclear Quandary

U.S., Britain Confident On Policy

GENEVA (AP)—The United States and Britain seemed confident Saturday they will withstand new assaults on their nuclear policy, which they expect will develop inside and outside the 17-nation general disarmament conference in the next few days.

Western sources noted the Americans and British have come through a stormy week of diplomatic pressures with their unity unshaken and their basic position intact.

As the deadline for new

American atmospheric tests draws closer the tensions probably will increase rather than diminish.

The Japanese government, for example, has made yet another protest against American plans to explode nuclear devices in the Pacific in the vicinity of Christmas and Johnston Island late this month.

The eight middle group nations in the disarmament conference—Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic—also are readying a compromise in an effort to bridge differences between the Russians and the Americans and British on test ban controls. Their plan may come before the conference Monday.

Playing Own Hand

The eight in the middle are playing their own hand. They have avoided being put in the position of fighting Moscow's battle on the testing issue.

Death Penalty Brings Protest By Europeans

ALGIERS (AP)—Algeria's Europeans rolled down their shop fronts and walked off their jobs Saturday in a protest strike against the death penalty handed ex-Gen. Edmond Jouhaud, a leader of the terrorist Secret Army Organization (OAS).

Jouhaud himself sat in his cell in Sante Prison in Paris. Despite his refusal to ask President Charles de Gaulle for mercy, his lawyers were going ahead with a clemency appeal. In both Algiers and Oran the death penalty angered the European populations opposed to Algeria's independence. Businesses closed, most of the gas and electricity services went off, schools shut down, buses stopped running, and postal and telephone service was hampered.

The inscriptions "Free Jouhaud" appeared painted on sidewalks and walls. Young people stood around angrily discussing the court's decision as heavy police and troop patrols passed by. In the western Algerian village of Bou Sfer, Jouhaud's birthplace, black pennants of mourning went up over public buildings and school children were sent home. The inscription "Honor Jouhaud, hero of Algeria which is French soil," was painted on walls.

In Oran, Jouhaud's headquarters when he headed the secret army in western Algeria, four jeeps of secret army commandos in paratrooper uniforms, armed with machine guns, staged a protest parade in the main street.

As the vehicles roved the city, their horns kept up the five-beat rhythm of "Algerie Française." — Algeria is French — the rallying cry of the European settlers.

In Algiers, the secret army kept up its campaign of terror against French authority and the Moslems who are sure to vote for independence from France in a referendum later this year.

Six Moslems were shot down in the streets and four wounded. Plastic bombs, a favorite secret army weapon, wrecked a villa and a filling station owned by Moslems.

Waste Steam Use Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two Washington representatives are urging the House Appropriations Committee to support a proposal by the Washington Public Power Supply System to build facilities to use waste steam from the Hanford, Wash., atomic energy reactor.

Reps. Don Magnuson, D-Wash., and Walt Horan, R-Wash., said the WPPSS proposes to build generating facilities to utilize the waste steam from the Atomic Energy Commission's new plutonium production reactor and to integrate the resulting power output with the Northwest Power Pool.

Ties for Third

Dorothy Ghent of South Eugene High School tied for third place in the oratory section of the Oregon High School Speech League tournament held at the University of Oregon Saturday.



Belle's
Baby

The first elephant in 44 years to be born in this country is this 3-foot-high calf. The as yet un-named elephant is the long awaited offspring of Belle, the Portland Zoo's famous pachyderm. The picture was taken shortly after birth.

U.S. Would Renounce First Blow

Nuclear Strike Plan Cited

CHICAGO (AP)—The Sun-Times said Saturday the State Department and Pentagon are studying a strategic plan under which the United States would renounce striking a first nuclear blow except in retaliation for a massive conventional attack.

The newspaper said in a Washington dispatch that the plan is incorporated in a 285-page document prepared by Walt W. Rostow, former White House defense advisor who now heads the State Department's planning staff.

It added that the plan is being reviewed for possible adoption by the National Security Council as the official defense policy of the United States.

A Revamped Arsenal

The article, by Thomas B. Ross, said: "Rostow's plan recommends a revamping of the nation's arsenal to eliminate first-strike weapons—bombers and missiles that are vulnerable to sneak attack and, therefore, reliable only for striking the first atomic blow."

"At the same time, the plan cautions that the nation may not be properly armed for a pure second-strike strategy for many years and President Kennedy should not now be restricted in striking first if necessary."

"However, the Rostow plan flatly rejects the concept of pre-emptive attack—hitting an enemy first on intelligence reports that he is about to hit you."

"The United States should strike a first atomic blow, Rostow argues, only in retaliation for a massive conventional assault, say a big push by the Red

army that threatened to engulf Western Europe."

Parallels Strategies

The Sun-Times said the Rostow strategy closely parallels that outlined by President Kennedy two weeks ago.

The President made it clear in a statement issued by the White House press secretary

Syria to Vote On Unity

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Nazem el Koudsi stepped back into the role of president of Syria Saturday and promised the nation a free referendum to decide whether it wants unity with other Arab states, "beginning with dear Egypt."

As Koudsi returned civilian leadership to the nation, the army opened Syria's borders and called off its emergency curfew throughout the country 17 days after it overthrew the government.

Koudsi, arrested in the army coup but reinstated as president after his release Friday, began consultations to form a new civilian government. He indicated the 172-member old Parliament is now dissolved and that he would call an election for a new one. But he set no date.

Deposed Premier Marouf Dawlubi, members of his Cabinet and some members of the old Parliament—except those who may face trial—were expected to be released from jail soon.

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Nike Missile Program Hit By McClellan

Charges Too Many
Middlemen Involved

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., said Saturday the Pentagon itself could eliminate much of the waste he contends has marked the Army's Nike missile program.

McClellan's Senate investigations subcommittee is deep in a study of profits paid the Western Electric Co. as prime contractor and Douglas Aircraft Co. as its chief subcontractor in developing Nike from only an idea into a potent anti-aircraft weapons system.

He has accused both companies of pyramiding profits for themselves on top of profits paid other firms for actual work on the missile system—a complex of 1.5 million parts and pieces, each of which must be compatible with all of the others.

Will Deny Big Profits

Western Electric, a manufacturing affiliate of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., is to give its answer when the hearings resume Tuesday. It was indicated in advance it will deny vigorously getting any excessive profits.

The company's president, H. I. Romnes, told the annual meeting of Western Electric stockholders Tuesday its missile profits were reasonable and every cent we earned ourselves by what we did.

But McClellan, in questioning witnesses about profits allegedly paid Western Electric on work done by other firms, said he thinks too many middlemen charge the government big fees on work performed by others and that this looks like extravagance to him.

In the Billions

Jerome Alderman, subcommittee counsel, has said he wants to know how profits will be paid on the controversial Nike-Zeus program, the total costs of which have been estimated in the billions if the government finally orders it into production. Western Electric is the prime contractor for this work, too.

McClellan told reporters "it is too early to say that the revelations in these hearings will indicate a need for legislation. But I think they will clearly point up a need for administrative action designed to revise some procurement practices and eliminate unnecessary and duplicating profits."

Roundup Princess Old Arena Hand

Claren Best, a pert 17-year-old who stands five-foot-three and weighs 105, is no stranger to a rodeo arena—she's been a contestant.

But Claren will fill a new role this summer—as an Emerald Empire Roundup princess. Claren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Best, 2121 N. 31st St., Springfield, was chosen last week as the Roundup princess from Springfield High School—the first of six princesses from Eugene-Springfield high schools. One of the princesses will be chosen later as Roundup Queen to reign over the tenth annual western fête Aug. 3-5.

Competitor Since 11 or 12

New ground rules are in effect this year for selecting princesses—horsemanship is an added requirement. And Claren measures up.

She's been competing in junior rodeos since she was 11 or 12, entering such events as barrel racing, pole-bending (like running a slalom course on horseback) and girls' cow riding (similar to the bull riding in professional rodeo).

In 1960, for example, she placed second in girls' cow-riding at the Central Oregon Junior Championship Rodeo in Redmond; also placed in barrel-racing and pole-bending. "In '61, I fell off and got my hand caught (in the rope around the cow's middle)," was the way she explained her entry last year.

The Whole Family Rides

Claren plans to compete in junior rodeos again this year—if it doesn't conflict with her Roundup obligations—and also would like to compete in the girls' barrel racing event at the Roundup.

Where did she learn to ride? Well, she said, "I've never been without a horse." Her father is a member of the Lane County Sheriff's Posse, the whole family rides, and they have three horses. One of them is Claren's black mare, "Babe."

While she's an avid horsewoman, Claren doesn't exclude other sports. In school she is captain of the girls' tumbling team, and on the girls' track and field hockey teams.

A "B" student, Claren plans to attend the University of Oregon next year and hopes to major in education.

Three Occupations

METZ, France (AP)—Mrs. Josephine Odasso, who lived through three German occupations of this city, is dead at the age of 107. She saw the Germans come first in the war of 1870, then again in World Wars I and II.



CLAREN BEST
Roundup Princess

Horse, Dog Shows Today

Animal lovers can have their choice between the Horse and Dog shows today.

The Eugene Hunt Club is presenting its third annual "Horse Capades," at the fairgrounds at 1 p.m. with free admission.

Eleven events are scheduled and include a ladies' side-saddle event and an Appaloosa horse event with riders in Indian garb. Winners earn points toward the yearly awards given by the Oregon Horseman's Assn. and the Associated Hunt Clubs. The dog show, to be held at the Monroe Park Recreation Center, is also at 1 p.m., with free admission. Regular show conditions will be in effect for the beginners class graduation for the Emerald Dog Obedience Club.

New Congo Battalion

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)—At U.N. request, Ireland is sending a fresh battalion in June to replace the time-expired 36th Irish Battalion in the Congo.

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