

Control of Atomic Energy Pleaded by Europeans

London, Feb. 1 (AP)—President Truman's order to build a hydrogen super-bomb brought a wave of new pleas in Europe today for international control of atomic energy.

Kiddie Carnival Ends Saturday

Because of the severe weather and road conditions, registrations for the American Legion Kiddie Carnival, scheduled to close Wednesday night, will be extended through Saturday, February 4, announced John C. Kerrick, commander of Capitol Post No. 9.

Approximately 175 children had been entered in the program Tuesday evening, but numerous calls were being made to committee members by persons in districts where travel was difficult.

Entries are being taken in the Jack and Jill store, 357 Court street, where little tots from 1 month to 5 years old may be entered in the baby division of the program, and children from 5 to 15 years may be registered for the talent contest.

The program will consist of numerous preliminary events and stage and radio programs to include health examinations for all baby show entrants, talent auditions, baby beauty judging, a diaper derby, and a 'lot and teen tog show'. The grand finale to the month long affair will be staged in the Salem high auditorium on Saturday night, February 25, when winning children will receive awards, and youngsters in the talent division will present a variety of songs, dances, and musical numbers.

Senate Votes Election Change

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—The senate today approved a constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college and change the system of electing future presidents and vice presidents.

The vote was 64 to 27, or 3 votes more than the required two-thirds. The amendment, sponsored by Senator Lodge (R., Mass.), and others, now goes to the house. A two-thirds vote also is required there.

If approved by the house, the amendment automatically will be placed before the 48 state legislatures. Ratification by three-fourths of them—36—is necessary to write the amendment into the constitution.

Under the amendment sponsored by Senator Lodge (R., Mass.), each presidential candidate would receive a part of each state's electoral vote on the basis of the percentage of the popular vote he captured.

In brief, the Lodge amendment would:

1. Abolish presidential electors, but retain for counting purposes only the electoral vote each state now has. This is equal to the state's number of U. S. senators and representatives.
2. Abolish the so-called "unit rule" system of counting electoral votes. Under this system, the candidate receiving the most popular votes within a state customarily receives all of that state's electoral votes.

Instead, the amendment would award each presidential candidate an electoral vote in direct proportion to his number of popular votes within any state.

Postal Receipts for January \$77,217

Receipts of the Salem post office during January were \$77,217.72 as compared with \$70,444.05 with a similar month in 1949, reported Postmaster Albert C. Gragg Wednesday. This is an increase of a bit over nine percent.

Since certain increases in the services were inaugurated by the post office department the first of 1949, January's receipts for this year mark the first opportunity for a basis of comparable rates.

It was pointed out that the legislature was in session a year ago, a circumstance that brings about a certain amount of increased postal business. Postmaster Gragg believes the gain in January is due to greater population in this area.

Anne Shirley Expecting Hollywood, Feb. 1 (AP)—Screen Actress Anne Shirley said today she is expecting a child "the first week in September."

Europe's newspapers headlined Truman's decision and spurred a running debate on how to stop the threat of world destruction.

Some editorials said the decision in Washington was inevitable in view of the inability of east and west to agree on control of atomic production. The liberal Stockholm Dagens Nyheter blamed the Truman decision on the "Soviet union's stubborn refusal to cooperate."

The communist press in Britain and France jumped at the announcement as further indication America is preparing for a "monstrous war" and demanded immediate abolition of the atom bomb and prohibition of the making of the hydrogen bomb.

There was no immediate official reaction to the announcement in any of Europe's capitals. But a British foreign office statement, which came just before the announcement, gave an indication of the official British attitude toward the atom control stalemate.

The statement was a reply to a formal request by British Quakers that Prime Minister Clement Attlee try for a personal conference with Stalin, Truman and other western government heads in an attempt to reach an international agreement.

"The threat of an atomic armaments race makes it imperative that the beginnings of an international agreement be sought," said the memorandum from the British Society of Friends (Quakers).

The foreign office reply, written on behalf of Attlee, said: "It would be presumptuous to suppose that a personal contact at even the highest level would do anything but raise unduly the hopes for peace which have been so often and so cruelly disappointed in the past."

The reply said that, judging by their recent conduct, the Russians "are dominated by the Marxist theory of an inevitable clash between the two systems into which the world is divided."

US to Take Over Hydrogen Plants

New York, Feb. 1 (AP)—The making of hydrogen, one of the nation's fair-size industries, can be taken over by the federal government under the atomic energy act.

The possibility comes from President Truman's decision to make hydrogen bombs, far more powerful than present A-bombs.

Furthermore, the atomic energy commission's report today reveals experiments on three kinds of hydrogen, enough to suggest to scientists how to make a hydrogen bomb.

The atomic energy act gives to the commission control over all "fissionable material." Bombs made of any of the three forms of hydrogen, as described to date are not fissionable, for the atoms do not split but fuse.

But Section 5 of the act in defining "fissionable material," after enumerating plutonium and uranium, goes on to say that "fissionable material" also is "any other material which the commission determines to be capable of releasing substantial quantities of energy through nuclear chain reaction of the material."

This by definition includes all the currently mentioned processes of using hydrogen for bombs.

Rogers Injured in Car By Switch Engine

Ernest Timothy Rogers, Route 1, suffered a possible fracture of the skull about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday when his automobile collided with a Southern Pacific switch engine on Tile road in Salem.

Rogers was attended by first aid and taken to Salem General hospital in an unconscious condition. Until examination had been completed the degree of seriousness of the injury could not be determined.

Police had not yet reported how the accident occurred.



Acheson Seeks Support—Secretary of State Dean Acheson (left) sits at committee table with Chairman John Kee (D., W. Va.) of the house foreign affairs committee as he appears before the group, in Washington, to seek congressional support for his Far Eastern policy. In center background is John Myun Chang, Korean ambassador to the United States. Acheson asked the committee to approve new aid to Korea to strengthen it economically. (AP Wirephoto)

Tells Highway Landscaping

While primarily interested in the beautification of the road-sides, the landscaping department of the state highway commission quite often saves the taxpayer considerable money.

In making this assertion during Wednesday's luncheon of the Salem Rotary club, Mark H. Astrup, head landscape architect for the department, pointed out that protection of the road-sides from erosion was a money saver.

In declaring that "we owe some responsibility to our visitors" in providing eye pleasing scenery, Astrup said his department was responsible for the trees and shrubbery within the right of way. Often this involves public utilities which have the permission by law to construct and maintain their lines. Astrup added that in most cases the utilities were entirely cooperative.

Stating that people from out of the state, as a rule, do not come here to view the buildings along the highways, Astrup suggested that it was not always wise to eliminate all trees from a particular area. In this connection he observed "I wonder if Salem is justified in cutting its trees one after another."

Oregon has lagged in the construction of roadside picnic areas, Astrup admitted, since only 20 of these places have been built or are under construction.

Astrup spoke of the fact that it cost the highway department \$218,000 to pick up the refuse left along the highways by careless drivers or passengers. Another charge of \$20,000 was assessed against the department because of vandalism. He suggested that parents would do well to teach their children the importance of having respect for public property.

Weather Hits Reserve Flights

Weather the past few weeks has hampered training flights for the Naval Air Reservists at the Salem Naval Air Facility.

Snow, heavy rain, low ceilings and other bad weather cut the hours during which flights could be made to only 34 hours for the entire month of January, which had 170 daylight hours in the 20 operating days of the facility.

During that month there were only seven different days that reservists could have flown. The remainder of the days the weather was either too bad to fly or marginal. Also cutting down the flying hours of the reservists were weather conditions which prevented those from a distance traveling to McNary field to fly.

During the month of January 21 pilots were flown on 23 individual hops for a total of 30.7 hours for the volunteers. Station keepers flew 13.8 hours in January, making the total number of hours that the planes were in the air 44.5 hours.

Men at the facility despite the fact that there has been little flying, have not been inactive the past month. Orders have to date been received on 78 pilots for flying and the facility has cleared 46 pilots for flying.

A news letter written the past week-end has been put in the mail to 519 naval air reservists in the area served by the Salem facility and arrangements have recently been made to give the men their physicals on Saturdays and Sundays. Previously it was only on Wednesday night that the men could take their physicals, unless some special arrangement was made.

Russia Wants Hirohito Tried

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—Russia proposed to the United States today that Emperor Hirohito of Japan be tried as a war criminal by an international court.

The proposal was made in a note Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin handed Secretary of State Dean Acheson at a seven-minute conference at the state department.

Upon leaving, Panyushkin said the Soviet note proposed also the trial of a number of Japanese war criminals who were not under Soviet control, including Hirohito.

Panyushkin said the note recalled the recent Soviet prosecution and conviction of a number of Japanese for planning bacteriological warfare against the Soviet union.

He added that the Soviet union now wants additional war criminals prosecuted.

Although he did not say so directly, he appeared to link Hirohito with the bacteriological plot.

Asked whether he expected the United States to turn over the alleged war criminals to Russia, he said the Soviet union is interested primarily in seeing they are tried. Asked if he expected the United States to prosecute them, he said Russia wants an international trial.

43,707 Violate Motor Car Laws

State police reported today that in 1949, they arrested 43,707 persons for violating motor vehicle laws. They handed out 82,896 warnings for similar offenses.

The state police cars traveled 7,486,796 miles in enforcing the motor vehicle laws.

The officers made 861 arrests for drunken driving. In general law enforcement, they made 4,660 arrests.

They recovered 480 stolen automobiles and \$103,550 worth of other stolen property.

They made 3,066 arrests and handed out 1,135 warnings for violations of fishing and hunting laws. There were 177 arrests for commercial fishing violations.

There now are 387,729 fingerprint cards in the files. The state police crime detection laboratory made 1,053 investigations during the year, including 20 autopsies.

representative, opposing Rep. Homer D. Angell.

Russia Rejects French Protest

Paris, Feb. 1 (AP)—Russia today rejected France's note of protest against Soviet recognition of the rebel, anti-French regime in Indochina.

Soviet Ambassador Alexander Bogomolov sent the French note back to the foreign office with a statement that "the government of the USSR does not consider it possible to receive such a note."

The French note, delivered to Bogomolov last night, was a sharply worded warning that Russia's recognition of the Ho Chi-Minh regime in Indochina would "gravely impair Franco-Soviet relations."

France said in the protest that the recognition of the Moscow-trained Ho Chi-Minh's guerrilla government was a violation of international law.

The only legal government of the three Vietnam states of Indochina, France contends, is that of former Emperor Bao Dai, who was installed by the French.

French troops have been fighting a jungle war with Ho Chi-Minh's forces in Indochina for three years.

Ho Chi-Minh's regime has been recognized by the Chinese communist government of Mao Tze-Tung, and has been accused by the nationalist Chinese of receiving active military aid from the communists.

Coal Strikes Before Court

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—John L. Lewis sat down with northern and western coal operators today to renew contract talks broken off three months ago.

At the very moment their conference began at the Hotel Statler, an attorney for Lewis was arguing to a federal judge that the talks were reason enough to throw out an injunction suit against Lewis and the United Mine Workers.

Welly K. Hopkins, UMW attorney, said the mine workers always "stood ready and willing to negotiate in good faith."

In the case, Robert Denham, counsel for the national labor relations board, is asking for a court order for the miners to stop their production-delaying tactics. He accuses Lewis of refusing to bargain with the mine owners in good faith.

Neither Lewis nor George H. Love, spokesman for the mine owners, had any comment when they began negotiating at the Statler. They parried questions with reporters and greeted each other stiffly.

Denham's suit calls the three-day week and the current off-again, on-again strikes in coal "unfair labor practices."

President Truman has said that Denham acted on his own, but had advised the White House of his intention.

Mr. Truman since has moved into the coal situation on his own, but along far different lines. He asked yesterday for a 70-day truce while fact-finders look into the dispute that had disrupted production for months.

Neither Lewis, nor the operators had yet replied to Mr. Truman's proposal. He asked an answer by 5 p.m. (EST) Saturday.

Dominick Manoli, counsel for the national labor relations board, opened the argument before Federal District Judge Richmond B. Keech in Denham's case.

Manoli started off by offering a score of exhibits. Heading the list was last week's report from James Boyd, director of the bureau of mines, stating that a national crisis exists or shortly will exist unless normal coal output is restored.

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Leonard Hewett who is active in the "March of Dimes" campaign for the Woodburn district. The drive will continue through mid-February due to cold weather during the past month.

Delay Hearing On PP&L Sale

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—The securities and exchange commission today granted a last-minute request of the American Power & Light company for another 24-hour postponement of a new hearing before the commission on the proposed sale by American of its \$77,000,000 subsidiary, Pacific Power & Light company.

The request, from Howard L. Aller, chairman and president of American Power & Light, was received by the SEC at 8:07 a.m., less than two hours before the scheduled start of the reconvened hearing.

Aller notified the commission that "we have received two proposals for the purchase of our Pacific stock, one of which is very complicated and requires time for analysis by executives and board members."

"The other requires work by counsel to eliminate certain uncertainties which we are confident can be clarified by Wednesday afternoon."

"We therefore request a postponement of the hearing until 10 o'clock, February 2, re our application for approval of sale of Pacific stock."

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