

EMERGENCY ACTION NEEDED?

U. S. Civilian Defense Plans May Get Rushed Ahead

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Congressional sources said today that Russia's ability to make A-bombs may force this country to put its civilian defense plans into high gear two years ahead of schedule.

"That is one of the purposes of our present hearings," said one member of the joint congressional atomic energy committee. "We want to find out whether action is necessary now."

The committee is holding public hearings to establish the state of the nation's civil defense against atomic attack.

Most "informed" estimates before Sept. 23, 1949, were that Russia would not have an A-bomb before 1952. But President Truman announced on that date that an atomic explosion had occurred somewhere in Siberia—and it was generally agreed that an atomic "explosion" meant the Soviets had the bomb.

One congressional source said the event has raised the question of forming at once a civil defense corps to be ready for any emergency. But he said the question cannot be answered without some "sounding" of public sentiment.

There is some fear, he said, that such a move at first would alarm people and later make them bored with the whole thing.

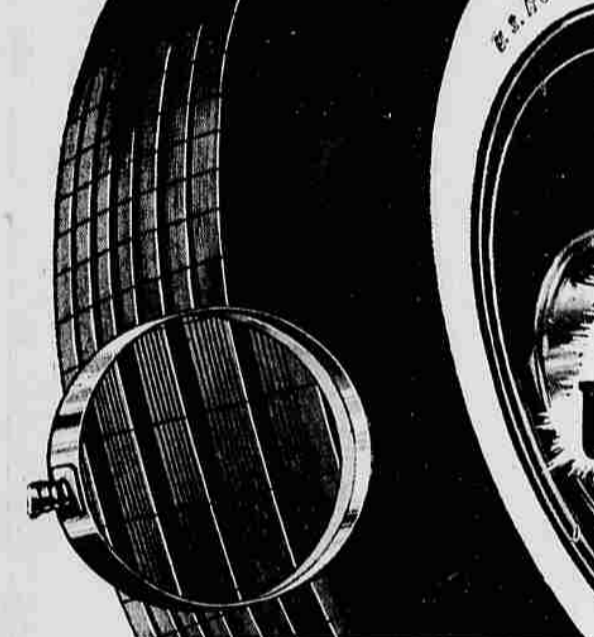
Two committeemen — Sens. John W. Bricker, R. O., and Eugene D. Millikin, R., Colo.—already have advocated formation of such a corps they believe it should train civilians in elementary first aid and warning measures.

But Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., another committee member believes the plans should be drafted and then put "in a closet" to be trotted out only when the danger of war is imminent.

The national security resources board, which has primary responsibility on civil defense, has expressed no direct opinion.

he will hold evangelistic services each night this week, except Saturday night at the church at 8 o'clock. Three services will be held Sunday, with a fellowship dinner at noon, until Easter.

Church Drive Opens
Hepwell—Rev. R. H. Horton, pastor of the Hopewell E.U.B. church announced Sunday that



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TINGLING OF THE FINGERS

Jungle Drink Effects Called 'Little Short of Miraculous'

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The Smithsonian institution claims it has found a drink that will make your fingers tingle but won't make you drunk.

"Some of its effects seem little short of miraculous," the Smithsonian said today.

The drink is yocco. It is made from the bark of a vine which flourishes in the Amazon jungles. So far only a few small Indian tribes of southeastern Colombia have tumbled to its powers.

Dr. Richard E. Schultes, an agriculture department plant explorer, has gathered specimens of the vine and sent them to the Smithsonian's national herbarium.

Schultes, who has drunk yocco in the jungle "on many occasions," said it has the effect of delaying fatigue and hunger for hours.

"A tingling of the fingers and a general feeling of well-being are noticeable 10 minutes after drinking," Schultes reported. "I have made long trips through the forests and, taking nothing but



Name Your Card—Magician Garrie Larsen spears pre-selected and shuffled cards with her sword as climax of a card trick performed for the camera at Hollywood, Calif.

PRESENT SHIPS 'OUTMODED'

Atomic-Age Navy Program Of Radical Designs Proposed

Atomic, March 21 (AP)—Chairman Carl Vinson of the house armed services committee introduced legislation today to start work on an atomic-age navy, including "new vessels of radical design."

The Georgia democrat said in a statement that the existing navy is outmoded.

He said it must be modernized to meet the threat of guided missiles, jet planes, and modern submarines.

"Moreover," he pointed out, "Russia is building and organizing a modern navy."

Vinson dropped in the house hopper a bill authorizing a \$500,000,000 start on a five-year program of modernization.

This would include he said, "Construction of some new vessels of radical design and the conversion of some old ones to new purposes."

The legislation not only would authorize the navy work, but

would "direct" the President to undertake it. This presumably would forestall any economy cuts in the program, in event it wins approval by congress.

"It is time we modernized our navy," said Vinson, former chairman of the old house naval affairs committee and a long-time navy supporter.

"The ships and planes we now have, both afloat and in moth balls, are the ships and planes of a by-gone age."

The famed Mormon tabernacle in Salt Lake City was completed in 1867.

Zito Will Manage Independence Mill

Independence—Fred Zito, assistant manager of the Independence lumber yard for the past several years, will be its new manager, due to the resignation of Wagly Harrison, who has been the manager for the past year.

Harrison has accepted a position with the American Lumber and Treating company, and will be working with the northwest district sales manager. He and his family will leave shortly for Portland, where they will make their home. Harrison will assume his new duties April 1.

Dean Meador of Corvallis began duties as salesman for the local yard this week. His time will be divided between the Willamette Valley Lumber company yards here, in Corvallis, and in Dallas during the spring and summer. Next fall he will shift to full-time work here.

Lerwick is the capital of the Shetland Islands, northernmost part of Great Britain.

Seychelles nuts resemble large coconuts.

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Sweetland Gives Talk
Lebanon—Monroe Sweetland, national democratic committeeman for Oregon, spoke at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Lebanon Kiwanis club in the Lebanon hotel banquet room. Sweetland's topic was the controversial Columbia River Valley authority proposal.

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