

FIRST CHAMPION



Doug Adams, Champion of Salem's first Soap Box Derby in 1952, wears his All-American Soap Box Derby uniform as he sits in racer in which he won the Salem Derby and raced in the All-American Derby at Akron, Ohio. A large framed copy of this picture will be on display this week along with a similar one of 1953 Salem Champion David Bell and dozens of trophies and prizes for Derby boys in the window of Bishop's Clothing store, 145 North Liberty street. (McEwan Photo)

Model Nuclear Engine Proves Success in Tests

WASHINGTON (AP)—The land-based model of the world's first nuclear submarine engine "has already produced more than enough power to send an atomic submarine around the world, fully submerged and at full speed."

The Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee said today in a report to the Senate and House recommending a series of changes in the basic Atomic Energy Act. The engine, a land-based "prototype" of the atomic engine now installed in the USS Nautilus, is located at the Atomic Energy Commission's testing site in eastern Idaho.

Speaking of prospects for economic atomic power for industry, however, the committee said only that such an objective "is on the horizon, though not within our immediate reach."

The legislation which the committee recommended would generally carry out President Eisenhower's recommendations for changes in the 1946 Atomic Act to allow exchange of some nuclear secrets, with Allied nations and permit private industry to enter the atomic power field.

The bill as a whole was unanimously approved by the 18-member committee, but some members expressed sharp dissents on some sections. The Senate may begin debate on the measure late today or tomorrow.

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Compromise Housing Bill for Slum Dwellers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Key members of the House Banking Committee were reported today to be considering a compromise public housing program only for families who lose their homes in the razings of slums.

A conference committee seeking to reconcile differences between Senate and House versions of housing legislation was due to turn to the controversial public housing question either today or tomorrow.

President Eisenhower asked Congress for authority to start 35,000 new public housing units a year for the next four years. The House refused to grant any new public housing authority, but the Senate voted to give Eisenhower what he wanted.

Scio Takes Honors At Gymnasium Show

SCIO — Scio Sokols brought five trophies back from the San Francisco Gymnasium Exhibition which was held July 9-11.

Top performer and trophy winner was Bill Bartram of Scio. A first place trophy went to boys group 10-13 years of age. Scio girls teams each brought home third place trophies. Boys beginners won a third place trophy. Individual awards went to Kenny Cunningham, Paulette Newcomb, Shirley Rorer, Mike Mays received a special medal for placing second in individual points.

Jolly Krossman who represented Oregon in the Queen Contest placed third and received a wrist watch and ten dollars in cash.

Chaperones were Mrs. Jim Krossman, Eddie Krossman and Mrs. K. Cunningham.

A special meeting was held Sunday when all the winners were given special recognition.

Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.), chairman of the House Banking Committee, said in an interview he might go along with a public housing program with "restrictions." He declined to spell these out. Wolcott long has been a foe of low-rent public housing.

Other persons close to the conference committee said public housing opponents may offer to back a one-year continuation of the program—provided new units are restricted to families displaced by slum clearance.

Senate advocates of public housing said this kind of a restriction would cut the heart out of the program.

Another point of difference is a Senate provision designed to guard against the possibility of future "windfall" profits by builders operating with government-insured loans. The House bill contains no such section because allegedly widespread housing irregularities did not come to light until after the House finished work on the housing program.

Windfall profits are defined as the margin between a builder's actual costs and the value of a government-insured loan based on an inflated estimate of construction and other expenses.

Airforce Needs Billions For Global Air Bases

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force says now it needs \$7,600,000,000 to build a global system of air bases for its strategic bombers, a cut of nearly two billion dollars from earlier estimates.

James H. Douglas, under secretary of the Air Force, said in testimony made public today that minimum operational requirements for a 137-wing Air Force should be completed by the end of 1957. A wing ranges from 30 to 75 planes.

He told a House Appropriations subcommittee that "closer figuring" had cut nearly two billions off the 9½-billion-dollar estimate given Congress a little over two years ago.

Maj. Gen. L. D. Washbourne, assistant Air Force chief of staff, testified that the 137-wing Air Force now projected and former President Truman's onetime goal of 143 same "over-all combat potential."

Douglas said air strength now is 115 wings and he added:

"Some of these have highly inadequate base facilities, and these inadequacies must be corrected."

The committee was told that to accommodate 137 wings new bases must be built overseas and some World War II bases must be put back into service.

The Air Force asked the subcommittee for 218 million dollars to continue construction at a number of overseas airfields. This is part of a \$1,100,000,000 budget for military construction in all three services for the year ending in mid-1955 which is being studied by the subcommittee.

Overseas requests included 48 million dollars for four airfields in Spain and the same amount for 31 bases now used by the Strategic Air Command in Great Britain. The Spanish figure was in addition to 40 million dollars appropriated earlier.

TESTIFIES AGAINST PARENTS



Celia Sanchez, 9, testifies in a Los Angeles court July 9 that she was beaten and maimed by both her mother and stepfather, during trial of her mother, Mrs. Trinidad Vera, on charges of child beating. After the girl's testimony her stepfather, Jose Cruz Vera, also was ordered arrested on charges of felonious assault. Women jurors wept as the child, still wearing cast on one arm, told of being beaten, crippled, knifed and half blinded in one eye. She was hospitalized for several weeks. (AP Wirephoto)

Jury Convicts Cruel Mother

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A young mother of eight children has been convicted of prolonged brutality against a 9-year-old daughter.

Mrs. Trinidad Vera, 28, was convicted by a jury yesterday of six felony counts, including four of assault, one of mayhem and one of assault with a deadly weapon. That makes her liable for a prison term of from 6 to 64 years.

She had pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity. Trial of the sanity plea begins Thursday.

During the trial the child, Celia Sanchez, and other witnesses testified that two years of mistreatment resulted in permanent damage to her vision, two skull fractures, many broken arms, loss of teeth and other injuries. Her thrice-broken left arm still is in a cast despite extensive treatment that started in April when her plight was discovered.

Celia's stepfather, Jose Cruz Vera, 43, an ex-convict, was charged during the trial with four counts of felonious assault against Celia and one count of child molestation. He was jailed in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

The Veras have six children of their own. Celia and a sister were Mrs. Vera's children by a previous marriage. Juvenile authorities said the mother told them she could give no reason for the beatings. Investigation indicated the other children were not mistreated.

Cherry Harvest Well on Way

The harvest of a bumper 1954 cherry crop is proceeding in an orderly manner and barring interruption on the part of the weather, it is expected most of the fruit will be off the trees within another 10 days or two weeks.

At the Willamette Cherry Growers plant, it was stated that the fruit was of exceptional quality and that no harm was done by the showers of a week ago. There has been no shortage of help, either in the orchards or at the various processing plants where the cherries are either going into barrels for brining or into cans.

The Salem office of the state employment service reports a surplus of cherry pickers, although strawberry growers in the Silverton Hills area have been unable to get all the help that is needed.

With an additional 800 acres of land planted to beans this year as compared with last season, growers and employment officials are beginning to worry slightly over the possibility of a shortage of pickers. This area has 800 acres in beans this season and it is expected harvest will begin early in August.

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