

U. S. Going Ahead With A-Tests; Foreign Yips Bring Tone-Down

By ELTON C. FAY
 WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is going ahead this spring with more atomic weapons tests in the Pacific. Apparently heeding outcries from abroad, however, it will tone down the nuclear blasts.

In what amounted to an official rejection at this time of demands that all the big powers quit testing nuclear weapons, the Atomic Energy Commission and Defense Department announced last night:

1. Preparations are under way for a series of nuclear tests to begin this spring at the Eniwetok proving grounds in the Marshall Islands of the mid-Pacific.
2. Because there are no "effective international agreements" in effect to limit or control armaments, the United States must

continually endeavor "to maintain the most modern, efficient military strength for the purposes of peace."

3. The tests will involve use of weapons for which the power will be "substantially below that of the maximum 1954 test." This reference, in a supplementary statement by AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss, was to the superpowerful blast of March 1, 1954.

That explosion, unofficially estimated to have been equal to energy released by the detonation of about 37 million tons of conventional TNT, brought trouble. Radioactive material falling out from the bomb cloud drifted outside the proclaimed safety zone. It descended on a Japanese fishing boat. The Japanese said the crewmen developed radiation sickness. One died. In nations like India and even in some aligned in common defense with the United States, including England, there were protests against further tests.

The joint AEC-Defense Department announcement said that one important purpose of the new series, while using only "weapons generally smaller" than that of the 1954 test shot, still will be powerful. Only weapons too big for safe use at the continental test site in Nevada are used at the Pacific proving ground.

Resigned ICC Chief Admits Indiscretions

Denies Using Office to Swing Rail Contract For Friend

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hugh W. Cross, resigned chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was quoted in testimony released today as admitting some "indiscreet" actions in connection with a Chicago contract.

But he denied that he used his office to help swing the contract to a friend, John L. Keeshin of Chicago, and declared that whatever stigma might fall on him personally, "the pain I never can survive would be any reflection" on the ICC because of anything he did.

"I have never had a finger or whisper of suspicion pointed at me before," he said. "... I cannot believe that my action in any way affected those contracts."

The Senate Investigations subcommittee made public the testimony given by Cross and others in a closed door hearing last Nov. 15.

The subcommittee's Democratic majority overrode protests from its Republican member in releasing the transcript. Sen. Bender (R-Ohio), one of the members, denounced the release as "grossly unfair to Mr. Cross" without hearing more witnesses. Further hearings were abandoned after Cross resigned Nov. 23.

There was no immediate statement from Cross. He wrote to President Eisenhower in resigning that he had been the target of "baseless charges" which nevertheless would impair his service on the commission.

Cross, a Republican and former lieutenant governor of Illinois, was originally appointed to the ICC by former President Truman.

The inquiry revolved about the role Cross played in negotiations last summer which shifted to Keeshin's Railroad Transfer Service, Inc., a contract to haul train passengers by bus between railway had been held for more than a century by the Parmelee Co. of Chicago.

Cross said he had "received what I consider to be threats" from Lee Freeman, whom he described as counsel for Parmelee. He said Freeman had told him "I am warning you, because you are going to hear about this for a long, long time." Cross said he thought the Parmelee group had spread a story that he influenced the contract award in return for a promise of a job.

"I say now that I was indiscreet, and I should not have done it," Cross said of his acknowledged talks about the contract with presidents of three railroads who had a voice in awarding it.

He named them as Wayne A. Johnston, president of the Illinois Central Railroad; Paul E. Feucht, president of the Chicago Northwestern Railway Co.; and Howard E. Simpson, president of the Baltimore Ohio Railroad Co.



BOSTON—Henry Baker, 49, of Natick (left center) and Vincent J. Costa, 41, of Rembroke (right center) arrested in Brinks \$1,218,211 robbery, leave U. S. Marshall's office here last night handcuffed and manacled together accompanied by FBI officers. U. S. Commissioner Francis H. Farrell continued their cases for two weeks for hearing. He set bail at \$110,000. (AP Photofax)

Texan Kills Rival, Weds on Same Day

Shooting Occurs As Car Forced To Curb

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—A Fort Worth girl and a 28-year-old draftsman who earlier in the day shot and killed her jilted suitor were married last night behind the locked doors of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Serious and unsmiling, Frankie J. Wilcoxon was wed to Miss Janice McKee, 18, in rites attended by only seven persons. Five uninvited guests—a reporter, photographer, and three small boys—watched the ceremony through the glass windows of the locked doors.

Wilcoxon's wedding day started shortly after midnight when he shot and killed John Hoyt Blythe, 23, a railroad employe and a student at Arlington State College.

Wilcoxon told police his car was curbed by an automobile driven by Blythe.

"If you're not man enough to get out, I'll drag you out," Wilcoxon quoted Blythe as saying.

The draftsman said he had a pistol in the car and when Blythe grabbed the keys to his car, he pointed the weapon at him.

"He made a grab for it and it went off," Wilcoxon said. The bullet struck Blythe in the forehead. He died a short time later in a hospital.

Wilcoxon said Blythe had once dated Miss McKee and more recently had been "bothering" her. The mother of the slain man, Mrs. Virginia Blythe, refused to believe Wilcoxon's version of the shooting. "Hoyt was decoyed to the scene. He will never be able to tell his side," she said.

Wilcoxon was charged with carrying a pistol and released on \$1,000 bond. Asst. Dist. Atty. Randall Riley said the case will be presented to the grand jury.

Speaker



Clarence Bruce Stephenson, president of the First National Bank of Portland, who will speak at the Salem Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday.

Business Talk Slated Monday

Clarence Bruce Stephenson, president of the First National Bank of Portland, will be the Chamber of Commerce speaker Monday at the Marion hotel, and his subject will be "Can Business Hold the Pace in '56?"

For some years Stephenson has been speaking each year before the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and he is considered an authority on present and future business conditions in the state.

He is a lawyer as well as a business man, having graduated from the University of Oregon in 1917 with Bachelor of Laws degree, and he did graduate work at Harvard in 1921 and 1922. He was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1920.

Stephenson is director or trustee of many organizations and institutions, and his list of past presidencies includes City club of Portland, Matson Memorial hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Multnomah Athletic club, Portland Community Chest and Rotary club.

He was Portland's Senior First Citizen in 1935.

Wyatt Terms Morse Record 'Ineffective'

HILLSBORO (UP)—State Republican Chairman Wendell Wyatt says Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore) has "one of the poorest records in the United States Senate for effectiveness."

Wyatt told the Washington County Republican Central Committee Wednesday night that "recent information" showed that in 1952 Morse's name appeared on 41 bills as sponsor or co-sponsor and that one bill became law. In 1953, Wyatt said, his name appeared on 83 bills and one became law.

He said that "in the first nine years that he sat in the Senate his name appeared on 488 bills, of which 24 became law."

Godfrey's Talent Director to Quit

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul Blaufox, Arthur Godfrey's chief talent scout, says he is planning to leave the Godfrey troupe—but not because of any trouble with the red-haired TV star.

In an interview last night, Blaufox, with Godfrey the past five years, said:

"I'm quitting because I want to do something better. I want to produce. I will stay with Godfrey until I find something else—and that might take two weeks or two months. Godfrey's been a swell guy to me, but I'm capable of something better than fishing out talent in night clubs."

Acheson Calls For Review of Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson called last night for a revitalized foreign policy, imaginatively and vigorously pursued, and cautioned against conducting foreign affairs by "hucksterism."

The evil of hucksterism, the Truman administration secretary of state said, is that it glamorizes a product while obscuring the fact that there is no product at all.

"This is the era of the huckster," he told some 200 hearers at a dinner given in his honor by the Woman's National Democratic Club. "If we go on as we have been doing we'll come to the ultimate slogan of 'weakness is strength.'"

Acheson said it might be well for this country to reappraise its whole foreign policy in view of a Russian shift in emphasis from political to economic methods of waging the cold war, and what he called the increased attention to uncommitted countries from North Africa across the Middle East to Indochina.

Cold and Wet In East Areas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 The freakish weather pattern over the eastern third of the nation the past several days showed little change today.

Although the deep storm center off the Atlantic coast moved northward, unseasonable cold weather continued in much of the Southeast. More rain, freezing rain and snow fell in Northern areas.

Temperature changes in the past 24 hours were minor, with readings 3 to 4 degrees lower in most of the Eastern and Southern sections. There was a little warming in Florida, which has reported millions of dollars damage to growing vegetables from the near-freezing weather.

The wet belt extended over New England southwestward into Ohio and the Virginias.

Below-freezing temperatures were reported from northern New England southwestward along the Appalachians into Mississippi and Louisiana and Northwestward into Colorado and western Montana.

Yesterday was the fifth straight cold day in the Southeast. High readings were near freezing in northern parts of Mississippi. The top at Tampa, Fla., was 50. The maximum at Miami was 62 but this morning the mercury had dropped to 45 compared to 41 degrees 24 hours earlier.

Fresh meat can be kept in cold storage or in the deep freeze longer by treating with certain harmless chemicals, according to University of California food scientists.

Two Accused of Dismembering Body of N.Y. Abortion Victim

NEW YORK (AP)—Police say the mystery of missing Jacqueline Smith has been solved with the arrest of two men on charges of homicide. But authorities must now go through the gruesome process of finding the 20-year-old girl's body.

Held without bail yesterday for hearing next Thursday were Thomas G. Daniel, 24, the pretty blonde's boy friend, and Leo P. James, 46, accused of performing a fatal abortion. Both assertedly admitted they dissected the girl's body and dumped the dismembered parts in trash containers.

The case broke wide open with the questioning of a young Mexican doctor, Ramiro Morales, who said he was called in during the course of the alleged abortion in Daniel's Manhattan apartment, pronounced the girl dead and left.

Police said Morales, only recently arrived in this country, did not know it was the law to report the death himself.

Morales technically was placed under \$25,000 bond last night and released to custody of police so long as he cooperated in the investigation.

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Court Stingy, Club to Give Boys Reward

PORTLAND (UP)—Three young boys who found \$2100 in 1952 but were denied the money by the State Supreme Court this week are going to receive a reward anyway.

The Northwest Kiwanis Club said today it would undertake to establish an educational trust fund for the boys, Myron Whitcomb, 12; Melvin Weaver, 14, and Lynn Hill, 10.

The boys found the money in May of 1952 in an abandoned fish pond. It was turned over to the sheriff while a friendly suit was filed to establish their right to the money. A Circuit Court ruling gave it to them but the State Supreme Court Wednesday reversed this and said it belonged to the estate of James Stevens, 71, who owned the property and died a few days before the money was found.

Stevens had no heirs so the money will go to the state land fund.

Veterinary scientists at Purdue University warn that brood sows should be checked for brucellosis before breeding.

FBI Completed Roundup of Six Brinks Suspects in 90 Minutes

BOSTON (AP)—The roundup Thursday of six Brinks' robbery suspects was completed by a crew of 30 FBI agents in 90 minutes.

None of the six men was armed, and only one—Adolph "Jazz" Maffie—offered any resistance.

When apprehended by two agents, Maffie tried to push them away with the comment: "I'm not going with you."

"Oh yes you are," said one of the agents as he slapped handcuffs on Maffie's wrists. He was arrested at his North Quincy home.

When the federal men arrived Maffie's son called police to try to keep the FBI agents from taking his father away.

The boy telephoned that someone was trying to put handcuffs on his daddy.

A police cruiser sped to the Maffie home and the FBI agents had to show credentials before they could take their map away.

Anthony Pino, 48, who successfully fought deportation to Italy, and Vincent J. Costa, 47, of Milton, was arrested on the Boston waterfront while he was at work as a longshoreman.

Joseph McGinnis, 52, was checking the stock in his liquor store at Eggleston Square, Roxbury district, when two FBI men quietly led him to their car.

Henry Baker, 49, was finishing lunch at his home when he was arrested.

The FBI apparently had been watching the moves of every man before the arrests. The agents knew exactly where to find them when the order for arrests was issued.

Death Toll 71 In Ship Blaze

SEOUL (AP)—The death toll in a fire aboard a Korean passenger ship rose to 71 Friday in the latest National Police count.

The victims included 42 men, 22 women and 7 children.

Fire swept through the 130-ton coastal passenger ship Taishin-Ho Thursday after cabin boy Park Chong Chul, 20, dropped a kerosene lamp on straw mats.

Park and the shipmaster, Capt. Kim Han Suk, were held on suspicion of negligence.

Arrested in Brinks Robbery

What Robbers Looked Like



A newsman wears a rubber mask similar to that worn by seven bandits who robbed Brink's armored car firm in Boston, Jan. 17, 1950. Today in Washington in announcing solution of the nation's biggest cash robbery, the FBI said the seven men had worn Halloween-type masks. (AP Photofax)

Dairymen Told Soil Bank Not Farm Solution

OSC Economist Labels Plan 'Sort of Vacation With Pay'

EUGENE (AP)—The soil bank plan is a sort of "vacation with pay for agriculture," but it will not solve all of the farm problem, G. Burton Wood said here Thursday.

The Oregon State College agricultural economist and member of the national Agricultural Advisory Commission, told the Oregon Dairymen's Assn. that it may take up to five years to find a farm solution.

He urged dairymen to help find the answer, not as Republicans or Democrats, "but as plain, old American citizens."

"The farmer has not shared in the general prosperity that others have had during 1955," Wood said, describing the year as the poorest in some time for the farmer but the best since 1950 for city dwellers and business in general.

Dairymen at the closing session of the three-day meeting elected George Hostetter, Reedmond, president; Louis Weltstein, Ontario, vice president; Lawrence Geraghty, Merrill, second vice president; Harold P. Ewalt, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

R. M. Lyon of Junction City, Vernon DeLong of La Grande, Hans Leuthold of Tillamook and A. L. Guerber of Corvallis were named to the board of directors.

Delegates endorsed the soil bank proposal in principle, but said in a resolution that retired acres should not be harvested or used for pasture.

They also urged a state dairy products usage audit law. They suggested that until such a law is passed that an audit system be started on a voluntary basis, with producers paying costs.

They tabled a resolution for establishment of a state beef products marketing commission as proposed by the Oregon Cattlemen's Assn.

None of Brinks Loot Recovered

BOSTON (AP)—Authorities said not a penny of the \$1,218,211 Brink's loot has been recovered.

Serial numbers of \$98,900 in bills were circulated throughout the country, but investigators say the robbers might have destroyed those bills.

U.S. Atty. Anthony Julian made a brief mention of the loot during the arraignment of six of the men Thursday.

In asking for high bail, he said: "I don't want these men to be given an opportunity to use this money to buy their way to freedom."

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