

U.S. Finds Way To Concentrate H-Bomb Power

AEC Report Says 1956 Eniwetok Tests Aid To Efficiency

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States indicated today it has found a way to develop more efficient hydrogen bombs.

The Atomic Energy Commission, in its 21st semiannual report to Congress, disclosed that last year's tests at Eniwetok "gave important information relating to new design principles, which will lead to more efficient weapons that can be more effectively employed."

The commission declined to amplify but presumably it meant that ways had been found to get more explosive material from a given amount of bomb material than heretofore—to make more of the bomb's ingredients take part in the explosion before the bomb flies apart.

Outside AEC there has been scientific speculation in the past that changes in the geometry of design—that is, the arrangement of bomb ingredients—might lead to more efficient use of material. Obviously, such an achievement would mean smaller-sized bombs for a given amount of energy release.

The AEC report said "substantial progress" was made in the last six months of 1956 "in expanding the peaceful uses of atomic energy as well as in the basic production of nuclear materials and the development of essential applications for defense purposes."

The report contained a special six-chapter section on "Radiation Safety in Atomic Energy Activities" in which the AEC detailed the procedures that are designed to protect atomic workers and the general public from over-exposure to radiation resulting from work in atomic plants or from testing bombs.

Credit Agency Cuts Mortgage Interest Price

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government's home mortgage buying agency Thursday lowered the price it will pay for government-insured home mortgages bearing 4½ per cent interest.

The action was interpreted as a further tightening of available home mortgage money and as putting a damper on expansion of home construction.

The Federal National Mortgage Assn. (Fannie Mae) announced a one-half point drop in prices it will pay for 4½ per cent mortgages insured by either the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or the Veterans Administration (VA).

Purchase prices, effective at once, will range from 95½ to 93½ points—that is \$95.50 to \$93.50 for each \$100 of the mortgage. The range has been 96 to 94.

Gov. Rosellini Asks High Dam

OLYMPIA (AP)—Federal construction of a high level dam in the Hells Canyon area of the Snake River was endorsed by Gov. Rosellini Wednesday and it appeared the state Senate would follow suit.

The governor, reversing the stand taken by former Republican Gov. Langlie, threw the state officially behind the high dam proposal.

He asked the attorney general to prepare a brief for submission to the U. S. Supreme Court which would give the state's backing to efforts by the National Hells Canyon Assn. to obtain federal development of the Snake River damsite.

Boeing Drops Missile Plant In California

SEATTLE (AP)—The Boeing Airplane Co. apparently has abandoned plans to build Bomarc guided missile plant in California.

A company spokesman said yesterday Boeing had allowed an option obtained on the Ford Motor Co. plant at Richmond, Calif., to expire, and that Boeing does not plan to exercise options now held on two land tracts near Pleasanton, Calif.

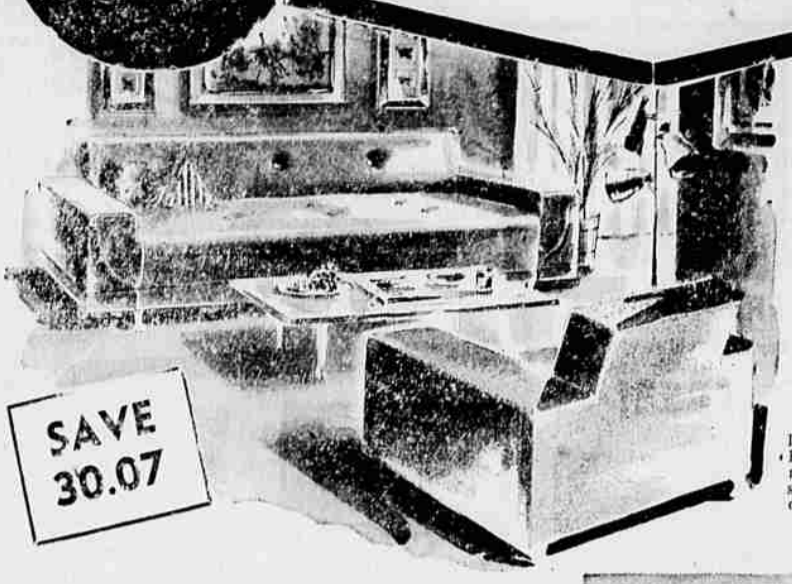
The Seattle Times commented the announcement means that Boeing will build Bomarc guided missiles in existing facilities here and at Wichita, Kan.

The Times went on to say the Air Force is expected in order production of the ground-to-air missile interception missiles with in the next few weeks and that already about 5,000 employees are believed to be working on the project here.

ONLY GREEN OPPOSED
WASHINGTON (AP)—Oregon's Democratic Rep. Edith Green was the only Pacific Northwest congressman who voted Wednesday against the resolution approving President Eisenhower's Middle East policy.

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