

H-Bomb Seen Within Year; Statement To UN Suggested

Atomic Experts Claim America Ahead Of Russia

Carriers To Limit Power Of Explosives

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Atomic experts predicted today that this country will produce and test its first hydrogen super-bomb within the year.

Officials said, however, that it will not be ready for proving at the new atomic tests scheduled for this spring at Eniwetok island in the Pacific Ocean.

Ahead Of Russia
Still, they asserted, this country is far ahead of Russia in the atomic arms race.

Physicists said the first "crude" H-bomb will be two to 10 times as powerful as today's best plutonium bomb, itself the equivalent of nearly 200,000 tons of TNT.

But the power of later "refined" models will be limited mostly, they said, by the capacity of the airplanes or missiles built to deliver them. Bombs of the future conceivably could "fly" the largest city on earth in a matter of seconds.

Officials familiar with nuclear developments said President Truman's order of yesterday that H-bomb production "be carried forward" came in time to assure United States atomic supremacy for the present at least.

But they emphasized that Russia knows the scientific theory involved in the H-bomb and can be expected to go all out to catch up.

Mr. Truman's order said in effect that the atomic energy commission must now take the hydrogen bomb off the drawing board—where it has been perfected in theory—and put it into the engineering mill at the AEC's bomb production laboratory in Sandia, N. M.

Sandia is where the new weapon will be changed from theory into fact. Scientists said the first test bomb should be ready in something under a year.

Weyerhaeuser Plans Expansion Of Mill

Portland, Ore., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Weyerhaeuser Timber company will increase capacity at its Springfield, Ore., sawmill 30 to 40 per cent in an immediate expansion program, according to an announcement by John R. Tilcomb, manager of the company's timber division at Springfield.

Cost of the enlargement was estimated at \$100,000 by Tilcomb for installation of a second head saw rig, and another edger and trimmer.

Expansion of the sawmill will yield more waste material for use by the expanded pulp mill and container board mill at Springfield.

The Weyerhaeuser pulp mill and container board plant will be expanded to provide 30 per cent more production at a cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

More Details Needed For Building Project

A three-man committee set up to screen contractors and builders interested in building a Medford branch office for the secretary of state met without concrete result yesterday.

Seven contractors, six from Medford and one from Central Point, met with the committee, composed of Mayor D. L. Flynn, Walter Jones and Otto Bohnert, but had so many structural and legal questions for which the committee had no answers that the meeting had to be postponed until Friday.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry was called at the Salem office and is expected to furnish the committee with further details about lease agreements, heating facilities, rental arrangements, and other questions.

SEEKS RE-ELECTION
Salem, Ore., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Sprague H. Carter of Pendleton filed his candidacy with the state election bureau here Tuesday for re-election as state representative from Umatilla county. He will seek the republican nomination at the May 19 primary election.

Temperature to Moderate; Snow Makes Park Record

Fair and slowly moderating temperatures were forecast for the Rogue valley today, after the mercury dropped to near zero for the second day in a row, this morning. The minimum temperature was six above, registered between 8 and 8:30 a.m. today.

Four pipes which had burst as the result of freezing were reported to the Medford water department up to noon today, but Manager Robert Duff said there undoubtedly would be more noted when temperatures get high enough for ice-clogged pipes to thaw out. Many householders took care of frozen pipes themselves, or waited hopefully for them to thaw.

The temperature did not rise above the freezing mark yesterday, and the maximum was 28. Some thawing of snow and ice was noted, however, where the sun struck them directly. A



Gov. Warren Bids For Third Term In California

Sacramento, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Earl Warren made a bid today for an unprecedented third term as governor of California.

Warren, a republican and the party's vice presidential nominee in 1948, announced his re-election campaign in a formal statement. He said he again would seek both republican and democratic nominations, as allowed by California law, in the state's June 6 primary.

Opposed By Roosevelt
His main opponent apparently will be Democrat James Roosevelt, oldest son of the late president. Roosevelt already has announced his candidacy.

The California governor's announcement said he would distinguish between social progress and socialism.

"If government is to truly serve the people," he said, "we must continually make social progress. I will shoulder every responsibility to make such progress, but never to advance socialism, to which I am opposed."

Wants To Finish Work
His announcement pointed out that he had been governor "during the period of California's greatest growth and development." He said some of the state's problems had been solved during his administration, but said he wanted "to complete the work that has been undertaken."

Warren's candidacy for a third four-year term as governor was seen also as a bid to stay in the national political picture. He was keynote speaker and a "favorite son" candidate for the presidential nomination at the 1944 republican national convention.

Death Of Elk Creek Rancher Said Suicide

Cleveland Hitchcock Storrs, Elk Creek rancher of this state, killed himself at about 7 p.m. yesterday with a .38 caliber automatic pistol, it was reported today by County Coroner Carlos Morris. Morris said Storrs had been despondent and in ill health.

Storrs, 49, retired from the army after World War II, during which he served in the intelligence service as a major. He also was a veteran of the first World War.

He moved to the Elk Creek ranch, where he raised hereford cattle and chickens, in April of 1948, from Pasadena, Cal. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, and a son, Cleveland, three months old. An older daughter by a previous marriage also survives.

Conner-Morris funeral home is in charge of funeral arrangements, which will be announced later.

Road Conditions

Traffic was moving over the Siskiyou and Greensprings mountain passes today without chain, state police said. Packed snow on the routes was well sanded. Highway 99 north to Roseburg and the Redwood highway were said to be in good condition.

Snow still covered many Oregon highways, according to United Press, which said motorists should carry chains.

House Fire Early Today
A house fire early today was attributed to use of a blow torch in an attempt to thaw pipes.

Snow Breaks Record
Snowfall at Crater Lake during January broke all-time records, Park Superintendent E. P. Leavitt said this morning. Total fall for the month was 313 inches of snow with a water content of 19.94 inches. Melting and thawing has left a total snow depth at the park today of 128 inches.

Only a trace of snow fell in the park yesterday and the temperature at 8:30 a.m. today stood at four degrees. Maximum temperature reading during the past 24 hours was 15, minimum was one degree.

Roads are in good condition in the park but chains are required, according to radio reports received at headquarters here this morning.

Vandenberg Plan Would Halt Work If Bomb Outlawed

Ruthless Aggression Said Loose In World

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.) suggested today that President Truman inform the United Nations that this nation will suspend all work on the hydrogen bomb "the first moment the use of these weapons can be dependably outlawed."

He noted that Russia so far has blocked all our proposals for international control of atomic weapons.

Aggression Loose
The GOP foreign policy spokesman told a reporter that Mr. Truman's go-ahead order on the H-bomb was "unavoidable" because ruthless aggression is loose in the world.

Congress responded to Mr. Truman's decision to produce the H-bomb with almost unanimous support. But Vandenberg and some others expressed grave concern lest the U.S. foreclose further negotiations for effective world safeguards.

"In view of the fact that ruthless aggression is loose in the world, I should say that the president's decision was unavoidable," Vandenberg said.

"Obviously it is subject to congressional referendum in respect to the appropriations involved."

Reliance Prevented
"I wish the president, however, would immediately notify the United Nations of our intent and purpose to suspend all of our activities in respect to mass destruction of the first moment the use of these weapons can be dependably outlawed."

"Unfortunately the Moscow attitude has thus far prevented this reliance," Vandenberg said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) said that Mr. Truman's decision to go ahead with the H-bomb puts the United States "on a knife-edge of history" between peace and war.

Jackson, a member of the congressional atomic energy committee, urged world statesmen to agree now on controlling atomic weapons, saying: "This may be our last chance to avoid a third world war."

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Portland Construction Hits All-Time High

Portland, Ore., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Two large apartment building permits during January pushed Portland's construction activity for the month to an all-time high, a survey of the month's business activity showed today.

However, cold and snowy weather appeared to have affected the city's bank clearings for the month. Only \$547,904,432.43 was noted, the lowest figure since February 1949. By comparison, the January, 1949, bank clearings total was \$605,468,298.03.

Construction of the Park Plaza and Lone Plaza apartment buildings pushed the January building permit to \$6,359,370, as compared with December's total of \$3,398,345, and January, 1949, \$1,181,595.

The large apartment projects will cost about \$4,208,000.

100 Million Fewer Chinese Seen Aim

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The Moscow meeting of Russian and Chinese communist leaders may produce a plan for "reducing" Chinese population by 100 million, a report reaching here said today.

The report, relayed from Asia, is part of a growing pattern of rumors and whispers about the secret Kremlin conference. From them United States officials hope to fathom the truth.

This particular report said Russia had suggested that China's 500 million population must be "reduced" by 100 million. The Soviet contention was said to be based on a simple economic conclusion that China's population could not be supported on the resources currently available.

One United States expert on the Far East, while inclined to credit the idea of Russia "reducing" China's population, said he thought the 100,000,000 figure was "too high."

Cold January Chills Romance In Multnomah

Portland, Ore., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The Multnomah county clerk today said the coldest January on record had all but frozen romance.

Only 170 marriage licenses were issued compared to 223 last January. It was the lowest number since January, 1941, when 128 licenses were granted.

Coulee Dam, Wash., Feb. 1—Grand Coulee Dam is the first dam in the world to produce more than one billion kilowatt hours of electricity in a single month, the bureau of reclamation reported here today.

Oswego, Ore., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The home of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Weber was destroyed here today by fire that broke out short after 7:30 a.m. Origin of the fire was unknown.

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40 Klamath County Doctors Grossed \$800,000 In 1948

Anti-Trust Suit Hears Defense Testimony

Portland, Ore., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—A defense witness in the government anti-trust suit today testified that 40 of 41 Klamath county doctors grossed \$800,000 in 1948.

Dr. Charles V. Rugh was called to the stand after Dr. Ralph W. Stearns, Klamath Falls eye, ear and nose specialist, testified as one of the founders of the Klamath Falls Physicians' bureau.

One-Third of Take
The government is suing the Oregon Physicians Service, Oregon Medical Society, eight county medical societies and eight doctors for alleged anti-trust violations.

Dr. Rugh, under questioning by Federal Judge Claude McCulloch, said the \$800,000 was about "one-third of the bureau's income."

Yesterday Dr. Max E. Hemingway of the Bend, Ore., Hemingway Memorial clinic testified that the National Hospital association had substantial fees compared with the Oregon Physicians' Service.

Dr. Hemingway added that the NHA did not always pay doctors what the doctors thought they should have received.

Did Not Remember
Other Oregon doctors told the court they accepted tickets from patients belonging to commercial hospital associations and did not remember any coercive influence by medical groups to refuse such tickets.

In cross-examination, the Bend doctor was asked if questions arising in coverage under the NHA's contract created payment failures by the commercial hospital association.

"I'm going to practice medicine," Dr. Hemingway answered. "I can't spend my time reading a lot of silly contracts. I let my office girl do that."

Dr. Cecil W. McCain, Portland, formerly of Hood River and president for two terms of the mid-Columbia Medical society, said he did not know of any medical society attempts to persuade doctors in his area not to accept commercial hospital association tickets.

Carol Paight Insane, Psychiatrist Claims

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—A psychiatrist testified today that blonde Carol Ann Paight was insane when she killed her father because he was dying of cancer.

Dr. Clifford E. Moore was the big gun of the defense in its attempt to prove that the 21-year-old college senior was driven by love of her father into a temporary insanity which impelled her to give him a quick death with a bullet rather than let him endure a slow one of pain.

If the state cannot prove she was sane at the time the jury of nine mothers and three fathers must acquit her of a charge of second degree murder.

Moore testified that the girl was in an "anxiety state" caused by a "cancer phobia."

Retrial Sought For Alleged Slayer

Los Angeles, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Attorney John D. Gray filed a petition today for retrial of murder charges against Fred Stroble, 67-year-old grandfather convicted of the sex slaying of six-year old Linda Joyce Glucoft.

Superior Judge Charles W. Fricke set arguments on the retrial motion for 9 a.m. Monday, February 6.

Gray, who took over Stroble's defense from the public defender's office after he was convicted of first degree murder, based his retrial plea on his contention that Stroble did not know what he was doing when he waived jury trial on his insanity plea.

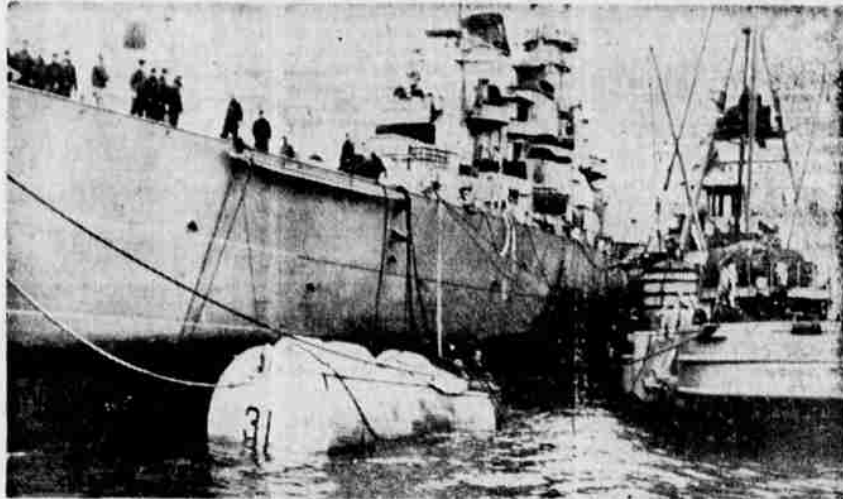
Judge Fricke heard the sanity issue and ruled that Stroble was sane when he brutally killed the girl November 14.

Chinese President To Stay In This Country

Taipei, Formosa, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Acting President Li Tsung-Jen notified the Chinese nationalist government today that he will remain in the United States and would not return to Formosa in the immediate future.

The presidential offices released the text of a cable from Li saying he was discussing with U. S. officials American aid to nationalist China and that he was not needed in Formosa.

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—President Truman may campaign in Illinois this fall.



THEY GOT HER LOOSE—The U.S.S. Missouri, the navy's mightiest battleship, was pulled loose today from a sand bar in Hampton Roads where she has been stuck since January 17. Submarine pontoons are shown above lashed to the side of Big Mo to help during floating operations.

Mighty Mo Freed From Sand Bar

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The U.S.S. Missouri, the navy's mightiest battleship, was wrenched free today from a sand bar where she had hung captive for

15 days as impotent as a row-boat.

Sailors Cheer
A great cheer "she's free!" went up from a thousand sailors as scores of salvage vessels and tugs pulled the 45,000-ton battleship from Thimble shoals.

Despite driving winds which threatened during a hectic hour's operations to push her aground again, the vessel was pulled by the stern to the channel only 1,000 feet from where she had been stuck in the sand and mud.

Three times before the navy had failed to free the mighty Mo from its embarrassing predicament.

But today, aided by a 150-foot wide channel especially dredged, the giant ship was successfully

lorn loose from the sand bar and guided into the regular Hampton Roads channel from which she strayed on January 17.

Then the tugs began towing the vessel eight miles down the bay into the Norfolk navy yard for repairs. The navy wants a good look at her bottom. There were fears that it might have been damaged by a rock.

The ship, lightened of thousands of tons of oil, ammunition and other gear, floated high and skittish as she hit the deep water.

A thousand salvage workers had labored through the night to prepare her for the big effort this morning. At 5:30 a.m. EST, the effort got underway. Tugs took their places.

At a signal they began pulling fore and aft. The Missouri, pride of the navy and on which the Japanese surrender was signed in Tokyo bay, began to rock.

Vessel Moves
Just as the eastern sky was beginning to brighten with the dawn, from deep within her bowels came a giant gurgling sound.

"It sounded like a big rock was rolling around inside the Mo," one salvage worker said.

The vessel moved slightly. That did it. The suction which had held the battleship fast was broken. The mighty Mo moved out—stern foremost—toward the channel.

Second Big Hotel Fire Strikes Dakota City

Dickinson, N. D., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The second big hotel fire here in 13 months destroyed the St. Charles hotel today.

The blaze raged 81 guests, most of them still in night clothes as firemen battled the flames in below-zero weather.

All but one of the guests were believed to have reached the street safely.

The fire followed by a year and 10 days a blaze which destroyed this western North Dakota town's Villard hotel.

Firemen confined the blaze to the hotel building, although officials feared it would spread to an adjoining recreation parlor, theater and filling station.

Junior, Senior High Pupils Enjoy Vacation

Junior and senior high school students of Medford are vacationing today, Thursday and Friday, while teachers grade mid-term examination papers and prepare for the new semester which commences Monday.

The city school office reported. There will be no classes for grade youngsters Friday but all students will pick up their report cards that afternoon.

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The senate has confirmed unanimously the nomination of Edward W. Barrett of Connecticut to be assistant secretary of state.

Longshoremen Eligible For Hospital Benefits

San Francisco, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—CIO longshoremen on the west coast today became eligible for hospital and surgical benefits under an insurance plan, the first of seven such welfare plans for west coast maritime union.

The longshoremen each pay one per cent of their total wages and the Pacific Maritime association contributes three cents per man hour to a joint fund.

The PMA said it was discussing similar hospital plans with six other coastwise unions.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—E. B. MacNaughton, chairman of the board of the First National bank, today said investments tomorrow may become doughnuts to spend on the nation's deficit spending program continues.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Charles K. McColloch of Baker today filed his candidacy for state representative from Baker county.

Senate Approves Electoral Changes

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The senate today approved a proposed constitutional amendment to make drastic changes in the 162-year-old electoral college system of electing the president.

To become effective, the amendment still must be approved by two-thirds of the house and must be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

The amendment, requiring a two-thirds senate vote, was approved despite fears among some republicans that it would weaken the GOP in presidential elections.

The senate vote was 84 to 27, three more than the needed two-thirds majority.

While retaining the present system giving each state one electoral vote for each senator and representative, the amendment would divide each state's electoral vote among candidates in proportion to the popular vote. A state's entire electoral vote now goes to the leading candidate in that state.

Russia Proposes Trial Of Japanese Emperor

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—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. Panysushkin handed Secretary of State Dean Acheson at a seven-minute conference at the state department.

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

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

Fire Consultant To Arrive Here Today

City officials said today that Senior Captain Leo Weidner of the Portland fire department is scheduled to arrive in Medford this afternoon to assume his duties as fire consultant and acting fire chief.

His services were arranged for by the Medford city council after negotiations with the Portland council. He is assistant drill master and instructor for the Portland department.

Hearings Slated On Cotton Quota Measure

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The senate agricultural committee today scheduled immediate hearings on a house approved bill to add 1,400,000 acres to the nation's cotton quota.

Chairman Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.) announced that senate hearings will begin tomorrow with testimony from department of agriculture spokesmen. The hearings, Thomas said, will be concluded as quickly as possible.

Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Rescue crews today reached the bodies of two miners killed under a slate fall in the Puritan Coal company mine 10 miles east of here and reported that there was "no hope" that the third trapped miner was alive.

Trial Of Bridges Hears Character Recommendation

San Francisco, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—A Catholic priest gave accused communist Harry Bridges a character recommendation today.

Father Paul Meincke of Eureka, Nev., testifying as a defense witness at the CIO longshore union leader's perjury conspiracy trial, said he "knew" Bridges was not a communist.

Accused Of Lying
Bridges is accused of lying at his naturalization hearing in 1945 when he denied he was or ever had been a communist.

Thirteen government witnesses placed Bridges in the party over a 10-year period beginning in 1933.

There is a great difference between a militant trade unionist and a communist," the priest said. "Over the years, I knew Bridges as a militant trade unionist—he is not a communist."

Asked if he was able to recognize a communist, Meincke

Doubt Expressed That Report Came From Lost Craft

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Faint radio signal on the distress frequency today centered the far-flung six-day hunt for a missing 5-54 transport in the Smith River-Fort Nelson, B.C., area 300 miles southeast of here.

Three search planes from Fort Nelson and seven from Whitehorse were ordered into the sector again, although "considerable doubt" was expressed that the signal came from the lost plane. Forty-four persons were aboard the aircraft.

Could Be From Boat
Wing Commander Donald R. Miller of the RCAF said the radio signal "could possibly have been from a small fishing vessel far away."

No report had been received at noon (PST) from the planes searching the area since 9 a.m. At the same time, a squadron of B-29 bombers was to search the towering peaks of St. Elias range, 175 miles west of here.

Officers said today was ideal for search operations and a maximum number of scanners would be in the air.

The signal, uncoded and of short duration, was heard in an area extending along the eastern end of the British Columbia-Yukon border. That sector straddles the route the lost C154 was taking on its ill-fated flight from Anchorage, Alaska, to Great Falls, Mont.

Doubt Expressed
However, RCAF Air Commander M. Costello who is coordinator of the two-nation search, expressed doubt that the signal came from the missing plane.

"Let me point out," he said, "that the signal was weak but clear, of very short duration and not coded as it would have been if it had come from an automatic signal sent by a Gibson Girl type emergency radio transmitter."

Costello said the report was "one of fifty we have received and of course must check thoroughly."

Documents To Support Coal Order Request

Washington, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—The government submitted a pile of documents today to support its charges that John L. Lewis' contract demands are illegal, and asked federal court to order the coal miners back to full production.

United Mine Workers President Lewis was conspicuously absent in Federal Judge Richmond B. Keach's court as the national labor relations board's general counsel asked for the court order.

Lewis was preparing to meet with northern and western coal producers this afternoon in the first bargaining conference in two months.

Russia Rejects French Indo-China Protest

Paris, Feb. 1—(U.P.)—Russia today rejected a French protest against Soviet recognition of the rebel regime in French Indo-China.

The Soviet embassy returned the protest to the foreign office with a note saying that the Soviet Union "considers it impossible to receive a note of this sort."

The abrupt Soviet note took the foreign office by surprise. It had delivered the protest to the Russian embassy only last night.

Radio Highlights

Radio Station KWJN (1400 kc) will broadcast the amateur boxing matches from the armory between 9 and 10 o'clock tonight.

Character Recommendation

said, "not by seeing him, but let me talk to him, not an hour or a day but over a long period, and I can tell."

"(Bridges) never slipped. He never said anything which showed he was a communist."

"If I had the slightest notion Bridges was a communist I wouldn't testify for him."

Said Truthful
Asked what was Bridges' reputation for truth and honesty, the priest said:

"I'll give you my personal opinion. It was the best. Not only was he a truthful, upright man, he was more... I don't consider myself smarter than others, but you know as a priest that I wouldn't associate myself with Bridges if I had the slightest doubt about him."

Father Meincke said he was an intimate acquaintance of Bridges for 10 years.