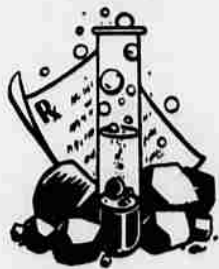


Don't Be Too Sure America Can Build Hydrogen Bomb, Senate Committee Told

Washington, Feb. 10—(UPI)—Dr. Vannevar Bush told senators today not to be cocksure that this country or any other can produce a hydrogen bomb. Bush, former chairman of the government's research and development board, indicated chances of making the H-bomb are not much better than "50-50."

Problems Cited
He testified at a closed session



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MIGHTY MO INQUIRY—Comdr. John R. Millett, operations officer of the battleship Missouri, testifies in Norfolk, Va., before a Navy court of inquiry investigating the grounding of the Mighty Mo. He told the court he heard the navigator tell the skipper twice "we must come right" just before the ship ran aground. Millett is co-defendant in the inquiry with the ship's skipper, Capt. William D. Brown, and the navigator, Lt. Comdr. Frank G. Morris Jr.

of the senate armed services committee. Senators said he cited serious problems in connection with developing a container for the weapon and aircraft able to transport it.

Bush said the Russians undoubtedly are working on hydrogen plans of their own. But he expressed confidence that American scientists, backed by a democracy's facilities, are ahead of Soviet scientists in research.

It was understood that Bush voiced doubts as to whether any hydrogen bomb "secrets" of value were handed the Russians by Dr. K. E. J. Fuchs, British scientist close on spy charges in London.

Bush said the only real defense against hydrogen or uranium bombs is to knock out the enemy's production centers and bomb carriers.

"You can't defend against an atomic bomb any more than you can defend against any other type of bomb," he told newsmen

Center Members Entertain At Legion Meeting

Five acts of comedy and music by domiciliary center members entertained a large turnout of Legionnaires and auxiliary members at the armory Wednesday night. John Kelly, chief of special services at Camp White, was master of ceremonies and producer of the show.

The program opened with close harmony by the "Four Discords," the new Camp White quartet. Lon Presnell, George Parker, Franklin Girard and Kelly sang several comedy numbers.

Bill Earhardt, from Leavenworth, Kan., an old-time piano player, entertained with his own composition and several other ragtime numbers. He then played the "Red Rose Rag," blindfolded, and with a sheet spread over the keyboard.

Figurines Shown
Kelly presented his "Plywood Timber Ticklers." He invented, manufactured and operates the small wooden figures which do a professional job of tap dancing to music. Franklin "Senator Claghorn" Girard, as the "Mountain Boy," brought forth a long round of applause at the end of the fourth act.

The show closed with "Sick Call," a one-act laugh producer that brought back memories to every ex-serviceman. Victor G. Smith, Bill Earhardt, George Parker and Girard were in the sick lineup. Lafa Moe was the nurse with the "new look," and Kelly was the "physician."

Chief Asks Aid

At the business meeting of the post, which preceded the entertainment, Senior Capt. Leo Weidner, acting chief of the Medford fire department, told the Legionnaires they could aid him by helping to revitalize and reactivate the volunteer fireman organization. He said that Medford needs more volunteers and they must be men who are willing to go to school one night a week. He said the volunteers will get something out of the training which will be worth while both in their work with the department and in private life. Weidner said that the cooperation of Medford citizens so far has been very gratifying.

Post 15 voted to cooperate with other organizations that are making plans to raise funds for the furnishing of the armory meeting and dining rooms. Earl Sterigere and Charles Gould represent the Legion on the armory committee. The Legionnaires also voted to hold all of their meetings at the armory from now on.

Money Raised
Commander Harry Gould announced that the Legion and 40 et 8 have collected \$480 for the March of Dimes.

The diamond past commander of the late Walter Reinke was presented to the post by his wife, Mrs. LaMure Reinke, to be handed down to the immediate past commander each year. The pin was presented to Past Commander Roy Stoy to

after a closed door meeting with the senate armed services committee.

Best Defense
Bush said the best defense against the atomic bomb is to keep it from being dropped. He indicated that defense efforts could be concentrated on that. Sen. Glen T. Taylor (D., Ida.) said he had it on "good authority" that bacteriological warfare could be a greater killer than the hydrogen bomb. He said the United States should help organize a world government to head off "the possible extinction of mankind."

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