



U. S. Said Proceeding With Plans For Radioactive Gas Development

Washington, Feb. 18—(U.P.)—Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R. Pa.) said today that this country is going ahead with development of radioactive poison gas and other atomic weapons in addition to A-bombs.

Van Zandt, a member of the joint congressional atomic energy committee, told a meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars last night that:

"We are now in the general field of atomic weapons outside the bomb alone."

Details Withheld
He withheld details for security reasons. But today, reminding of cryptic statements in the Smyth report on the A-bomb and in the recent seventh semi-annual report of the atomic energy commission, Van Zandt told the United Press:

"That is exactly what I had in mind."

The Smyth report, published in 1945, said that fission products from splitting uranium nuclei in a chain-reacting atomic pile might have military use.

"Since they differ chemically from the uranium, it should be possible to extract them and use them like a particularly vicious form of poison gas," the report says.

Not Recommended
The report added that scientists concluded fission products produced in one day's run of a 10,000-kilowatt pile "might be sufficient to make a large area uninhabitable."

The scientists did not recommend then that this country use radioactive poisons in war. But, the report says, "serious consideration was given to the possibility that the Germans might make surprise use of radioactive poisons."

Presumably similarly "serious consideration" is now being given to the possibility that the Russians might be developing atomic poison gas.

Very Wide Field

Plane Manufacturer Glenn L. Martin said at the capital a couple of years ago that the air force was working on the idea of "radioactive clouds" with which a hostile area could be blanketed from the air.

Van Zandt said that was one possibility but added, "it is a very wide field."

In its recent semi-annual report to congress, the AEC mentioned research on "the utilization of fissionable and radioactive materials for military purposes."

Local Humane Society Branch Makes Reports On 1949 Handled Cases

Mrs. Sidney W. Richardson, secretary-manager of the Medford branch of the Oregon State Humane society, yesterday released her annual report of cases handled here during 1949.

She reported 50 cruelty cases investigated during the year that involved mistreatment of cows, horses, calves, pigs, goats, cats, dogs, and birds.

The society humanely destroyed 393 cats and 97 dogs, and veterinary service was rendered to 87 animals. One case of cruelty was taken to court. Out of 473 lost dogs reported to the society, 188 were found and returned to their owners and 52 other dogs were placed in good homes.

NOT SO BRIGHT

Omaha—(U.P.)—Four youths accused a passing motorist of failing to dim his lights as they approached in their car, turned around, chased him and broke a window in his car. Later, in court, they apologized, paid the damages.

BIG SANTA FOR SANTA

Indianapolis—(U.P.)—The world's largest Santa Claus may be moved to Santa Claus, Ind., by Christmas of 1950. The 54-foot Santa, erected at Indianapolis Union station the past Christmas, would give the famous little Hoosier town additional tradition.

French Camp, established by Hudson's Bay company trappers in the early 1800's, was the first white settlement in central California.

Sunday, February 19, 1950

Donald Thompson Bound Over For Jury Action

Donald Steele Thompson, 22, Rogue River, was arraigned in county justice court Saturday morning on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. State police have accused him of attempting to crack the safe in the Homestead cafe in Rogue River some time Friday morning.

Thompson waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the sheriff in lieu of \$1,500 bail.

THIEF COPS RATTLED

Dothan, Ala.—(U.P.)—Grey Hodges reported to police that a live rattlesnake was stolen from him, along with the cage he kept it in. He said the snake had 14 rattles and a button. Police made a thorough, if cautious, search without luck.

Medford (Oregon) Mail Tribune—NINE

Hollywood, Feb. 18—(U.P.)—Film Actor Jack Carson and Singer Kay St. Germaine have signed a property settlement paving the way for a divorce action.

London, Feb. 18—(U.P.)—British Film Magnate J. Arthur Rank has closed his animated cartoon studios and will sell the equipment next month, it was disclosed today.

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ARMED FORCES TOTALS

Washington, Feb. 18—(U.P.)—The armed forces had a total numerical strength of 1,512,900 as of last January 31, the defense department reported today. By services the strength, army, 615,400; navy, 401,900; marine corps, 80,100 and air force 415,500.

PEPPER PUPS

East Lansing, Mich.—(U.P.)—Atom bomb research may result in pepper pups, two Michigan State college scientists believe. Drs. R. F. Borgman and E. P. Reineke said radioactive iodine fed to sluggish English bull pups activated their thyroids and made them friskier.

New York Railroad Accident Victim Praised As Being Bravest, Gamest

By John Kenneth Walsh
As Told to United Press

Rockville Centre, N. Y., Feb. 18—(U.P.)—I've got the blood of the gamest, bravest man I ever saw right here on my shirt sleeves.

I held his head while the doc sawed his legs off.

He said:

"Take it easy, doc. You're hurting me. I know you've got to do this to get me loose. But for God's sake, I take it easy."

Local Anesthetic

He was a brave one, all right. The doc could only give him a local—couldn't knock him out completely. He was caught under smashed steel and his legs were just as smashed as the steel was.

I had been riding in the last car—had just gotten on the train here at Rockville Centre. After the big smash, I jumped down to the ground and ran up front and there was my friend, Doc Bill Murphy of Rockville Centre here, perched up there on the wreckage and he called down to me:

"Hey, Jack. Climb up here and give a hand."

Wouldn't Want Repeat

I climbed up and I'm glad I did but I wouldn't want to have to do it again even if I had to.

After the doc got through

BUSY AS MOUNTIE

Miami, Fla.—(U.P.)—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have nothing on Constable O. D. Henderson of Miami, who gets his men at the rate of more than seven a day. Henderson served 2,637 warrants, writs, subpoenas and civil papers during 1949. He traveled 40,000 miles in the process.

Seattle, Feb. 18—(U.P.)—Fred Dorst, 84, Seattle, died yesterday of injuries suffered February 2 when he collided with another pedestrian.



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