

## Aerial Drop Opens New Series of Atomic Tests

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—An atomic bomb dropped from a high flying U. S. Air Force bomber over Frenchman's Flats proving grounds 75 miles north of here exploded and gently shook this resort city Tuesday just as merchants were opening doors for the city's business.

The air drop was confirmed by atomic energy officials charged with a new series of A-tests which got under way with Tuesday morning's detonation. They would not reveal the type of bomber or the height from which it was dropped.

**No Troops Involved**  
No troops or animals participated in the test, the AEC said. The AEC said the test was the first held at Frenchman's Flats since early in 1951. The last series of "shots" detonated last fall, were held on Yucca Flat, bordering Frenchman's Flats, and included atomic troop maneuvers.

Tuesday's blast was barely visible and was not audible to observers here. It was several minutes before the usual after-effect, the mushrooming atomic

cloud, rose above the bank of cumulus clouds on the north horizon.

Light shock waves shook the city minutes after the blast. No reports of damage were received. The AEC announced that two high explosive shots preceded the actual bomb drop to check shock wave direction.

The blast was the 14th nuclear explosion within the continental U. S. and the 25th, including the two bombs the U. S. dropped during the Pacific war in the summer of 1945.

There was no immediate official confirmation of the blast from the Atomic Energy Commission headquarters here.

Eight shock waves shook the city minutes after the blast.

Thousands of curious tourists flooded the streets and were packed sardine-like on rooftops, all eyes focused north to witness the blast. Most of them were disappointed, expecting a much more spectacular show.

Tippoff that the blast might be an air drop came when the Civil Aeronautics Administration is-

sued a special bulletin shortly before midnight, warning flyers to stay clear of the air route between Las Vegas and Kirtland Air Force base at Albuquerque, N. M.

When blasts were scheduled as ground detonations no CAA warning has been forthcoming. In past air drops, bombers carrying the missiles have taken off from the New Mexico base and have made their drop from the 12,000 to 14,000 foot level.

**Steel Towers Said Built**  
It was reported four steel towers 100 feet or more high have been built at the Yucca Flat proving grounds 80 miles north of here.

There also were reports the Atomic Energy Commission has built a launching platform at the desert test site. But an informed source discredited the report.

A launching platform would probably be used for a guided atomic missile or an A-shell. The towers, in addition to their use as mounts for atomic charges, also are used for mounting cameras and instruments.

## Break Seen Today In Mill Strike Situation Here

Company and Union To Issue Statement

A break in the strike situation which has hampered operations at the Southern Oregon Planing Mill in Central Point for more than five weeks was expected here early this afternoon.

An official of the company and a spokesman for Local 3030, Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, AFL, said that a joint statement setting forth the developments would be issued today. They gave no indications as to what the developments were—whether the strike has been called off or whether negotiations to end it have resumed.

**First Word in Court**  
The first public indication that the company and union may be nearing an end of their dispute was given in circuit court here today.

Circuit Judge O. J. Millard has been presiding at a hearing on the company's suit for a temporary injunction against picketing and other practices. Yesterday, Judge Millard said the evidence indicated that the positions of the two parties were not unresolvable, and suggested a recess for them to discuss their differences. He was informed by the parties this morning that a continuation of the hearing would not be necessary, according to circuit court sources.

Neither Gene Tedrick, business agent of the union, nor A. W. Lingas, secretary of the planing mill company, would comment on the contents of the joint statement until it had been finally approved and issued.

The dispute between the company and the union has been under way since February 18, when the union seniority status of a former foreman led to the walkout.

**School District Bond Vote Saturday**  
Central Point—Patrons of consolidated school District 6 will vote on a \$195,000 bond issue here Saturday.

The bond issued is needed to complete the classroom wing at the new Crater high school and the shop building there, and to build four new rooms at the junior high school, according to school board members.

Polls will be located in the Gold Hill school and at the junior high school in Central Point. They will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

The rapid increase in school enrollment has made the work necessary, school board members said.

**Flatbush Corporal 100,000th Returnee**  
Seattle—(U.P.)—A corporal from Flatbush was crowned King of Seattle Tuesday when he walked down the gangplank of a Navy transport and became the 100,000th war veteran to arrive here from Korea on rotation furlough.

Cpl. Casper C. De Angelis, 24, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was draped in a brilliant red cape and a crown was placed on his head when he reached the dock from the vessel, the Pvt. Joe P. Martinez.

The Andrews sisters singing trio planted big kisses on his cheeks and actor Edward G. Robinson shook his hand. Then he was introduced to pretty Fray Hager, 18-year-old Seattle Port of Embarkation secretary, who was named queen for the day.

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**FAR FROM HOME**—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower rests an arm on the globe during an informal talk with the new United States ambassador to France, James C. Dunn. Ambassador Dunn visited the general at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe at Rocquencourt, France.

## Taft's Hopes Hinge On Wisconsin Primary; Nebraska Vote Heavy

Milwaukee—(U.P.)—The presidential hopes of Sen. Robert A. Taft may be decided Tuesday when nearly 1,000,000 voters cast their ballots in the Wisconsin primary, a "graveyard" for many presidential hopefuls in the past.

Despite a forecast of cloudy with some rain, a record vote was expected to climax the campaigns here of Taft and his foremost opponents, Harold E. Stassen and Gov. Earl Warren of California.

**Past Primaries Cited**  
Political observers pointed to Wisconsin primaries of the past in gauging the outcome of Tuesday's balloting. The late Wendell Willkie said his 1944 bid for the GOP nomination would stand or fall on the result of the Dairy state's primary. He did not get a delegate and it fell.

In 1948, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York entered the primary and was defeated. He lost the November general election.

The missing factor on the Republican ballot was the name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The firm stand of election officials against any write-in votes ruled out any chance that he might make a showing.

On the Democratic side, Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee was opposed by two stand-ins for President Truman—Jerome Fox and Charles Broughton.

But the announcement by Mr. Truman that he would not run in November sapped the Democratic race of most of its vitality and Kefauver was expected to defeat Fox and Broughton without difficulty—or so his backers said.

**23 Communist MIGs Destroyed, Damaged**  
Seoul—(U.P.)—American Sabrejets destroyed or damaged 23 Communist MIG-15s Tuesday, setting a record for the most number of Red jets hit in a single day of dogfighting in the Korean war.

Sabrejets shot down 10 MIGs, probably destroyed three and crippled 10 others, inflicting the second largest number of "kills" since December 13, when 13 Communist jets were downed.

However, on December 13, only two MIGs were probably destroyed and only one damaged for a total of 16 MIGs hit by UN bullets.

## BULLETINS

Washington—(U.P.)—Vice President Alben W. Barkley said Tuesday he is giving "careful consideration" to the possibility of seeking the Democratic presidential nomination.

Leaving the White House after a talk with President Truman, Barkley said, however, he did not know when he would announce any decision.

Albuquerque, N. M.—(U.P.)—Two Air Force F-86 Sabrejet fighter planes collided in flight 15 miles south of Kirtland field here Tuesday, but both pilots survived the crash.

Washington—(U.P.)—Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, target of a congressional inquiry, informed House investigators Tuesday he will not be able to testify Wednesday because he has an appointment with President Truman.

## Wilson Says Fate Of Dollar Hangs On Steel Dispute

Washington—(U.P.)—Charles E. Wilson packed up to "go fishing" Tuesday with a final warning that the fate of the U.S. dollar hangs on President Truman's solution of the steel wage-price dispute.

Wilson officially threw up his job as defense mobilizer Monday night rather than go along with Mr. Truman in sanctioning a steel wage raise without a compensating increase in steel prices.

The 65-year-old industrialist, who has helped rearm America in two national emergencies, bowed out with an angry blast at the President and a reassuring word to the nation as a whole that the mobilization job he undertook in the dark days after Korea is two-thirds completed.

**Fast Overtaking Russia On War Production**

"I believe that we are fast overtaking Russia in the quantity of production of war materials," he announced to a hurriedly-summoned news conference just an hour before his resignation became effective.

"In quality of production, I believe that we already have passed them."

"We and our allies, in view of the way production is rolling, now have the balance of world power."

The outgoing mobilizer was less optimistic about the future of the wage-price stabilization program.

He told newsmen he still believes the steel pay raises of 26 cents an hour, recommended by the Wage Stabilization board and approved by Mr. Truman over his objections, are a serious threat to the stability of the American economy.

"I haven't changed my mind one bit on that," he said emphatically.

Wilson, who gave up a \$175,000-a-year job as president of General Electric company to become defense mobilizer, said he has no plans to return to private business.

"I haven't any more plans than a baby, except to go fishing," he said.

Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman took over as acting defense mobilizer and called immediate conferences with Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam and Price Controller Ellis Arnall to search for a way out of the steel dilemma, which threatens to erupt in a nationwide strike April 8.

**Paving Contracts Planned by Council**  
Eleven street paving contracts will be awarded at a meeting of the Medford city council at 7:30 p.m. today. Bids for the contracts were opened last Friday.

Streets to be surfaced are South Peach from Eleventh to Twelfth, and from Twelfth to Thirteenth; Murray from South Peach to Hamilton; Lincoln from Main to Eleventh; Pine from Maple to Jackson; Beckman, end of pavement to end of street; Madison place, from Jackson to Reddy; Pennsylvania from Rose to Peach; Pennsylvania from Summit to Rose; West Thirteenth from Peach to Newton; and Maple from Central to Riverside.

**To Receive Petitions**  
Councilmen also expect to receive petitions for paving on a number of other city streets at tonight's meeting, and also on the agenda is the adoption of plans and specifications for paving of still another group of streets. Hearings will be set on these projects.

Hearings will be held tonight on the proposed paving of Washington street between West Main and West 10th streets, and Fifth street between Oakdale avenue and Grape street.

**Weather Bureau Plans New Balloon Station**  
The weather bureau plans to construct a new, temporary balloon inflation station at the airport, it was learned today. The bureau's application will be considered by the Medford city council tonight.

Plans call for a 20 foot square building with concrete floor and steel beam construction, with the direction-finding equipment located on the roof. A \$4,000 contract has been awarded to E. J. Hepp, according to weather bureau spokesmen, who said the bureau has "outgrown" its present inflation facilities, located on Biddle lane.

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## Russia as Neutral Inspector Placed Before Superiors

Panmunjom—(U.P.)—Allied and Communist staff officers, unable to agree on naming Russia as a "neutral" truce inspector, turned the problem over to their superiors Tuesday.

The Communists last Sunday had proposed referring the matter to a higher level. The United Nations officers submitted the Communist suggestion to Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief UN negotiator, and relayed his agreement Tuesday.

**To Talk Minor Details**  
The staff officers, ranking as colonels, will hold one more meeting Wednesday to iron out several minor details of truce supervision. Then admirals and generals in the sub-delegations will meet on the Russian issue for the first time Thursday.

The Communists insist that Russia be one of the six neutral nations policing the armistice. The demand was rejected by the Allies. Along with prisoner exchange and the Red demands for rebuilding North Korean airfields, it is one of the major blocks to peace in Korea.

**Name To Be Discussed**  
Among the minor issues on Wednesday's agenda is expected to be what name to use for Korea in the Korean language version of the armistice. The Reds want to call Korea Chosen, while the UN prefers Han Kuk, the name used by the South Korean government. The UN has suggested it be written both ways.

## Youngster Injured When Hit by Auto

Eight-year-old Edwin LeRoy Andren, son of Bernard Andren, 1037 Maple Park drive suffered fractures of both legs and his right arm yesterday when he was hit by a car.

He was taken to Community hospital by Conger-Morris ambulance, and hospital reports this morning said he was in "fair" condition after spending a good night.

Accident reports from state and city police and from ambulance men said the youngster was going home from a store after buying a Popsicle at about 5:30 p.m. yesterday when he was struck by a car driven by Arnold John Fein, 7 1/2 Chestnut street. The accident occurred in front of the driveway at 1813 West Main street, near Western avenue.

Witnesses to the accident said the boy apparently was blinded by the sun and walked in front of the car. Fein was not cited.

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## New Copco Unit On Umpqua River Now in Operation

Toketee Falls—The Soda Springs generating plant, most recently completed of the eight planned in the Toketee development of the California Oregon Power company, went into partial operation last week.

The new unit which, when completed, will add some 11,250 kilowatts of power to Copco's system, was tested early last week, and began limited service on Thursday. It is the third unit to begin operation in the Toketee area. Others were Toketee itself, and the Slide creek unit.

**Regulating Dam**  
Built at a cost of some \$3,500,000, the newest power unit includes a regulating dam downstream from Toketee, but above Slide creek. Water from the upstream plants is collected by the Soda Springs dam, and is then released in a steady flow, permitting the uninterrupted generation of water downstream.

The next unit to be completed will be the Fish Creek plant, which will add another 6,000 kilowatts to the project's power potential. It will cost some \$1,000,000, and is above the Slide Creek and Soda Springs plants. It may be in operation by June.

**Two Others Started**  
Preliminary construction has been started on Clearwater No. 1 and No. 2 plants. No. 1 is scheduled for completion early in 1953. Other construction this year will include transmission line additions.

The three completed units—Toketee, Slide Creek and Soda Springs—have added some 71,750 kilowatts to the Copco system. With the completion of Fish Creek, the two Clearwater plants, and two contemplated units near Lemolo Falls, a total of 145,000 kilowatts will be available from the entire North Umpqua river project.

## Weather

**FORECAST:** Cloudy and mild through Wednesday. Occasional light showers Wednesday. Low tonight 38. High Wednesday 55-58.

Highest Yesterday 55  
Lowest this Morning 38

## Bonus Applications Hike To More Than 1,000 Daily

Salem—(U.P.)—Since the federal government gave the green light to state bonus bond issues a week ago, applications have mushroomed from a low of less than 100 to a crest of more than 1,000 at the bonus division of the Oregon state Department of Veterans' Affairs here.

**Dwindled to 75**  
Hub Saalfeld, director of the bonus division disclosed Tuesday that the applications received at the downtown Salem headquarters had dwindled to 75 the day before President Truman announced he had directed federal officials to lift the restriction on state and local government bond issues, including bonus bonds.

The reaction was immediate. The next day the total of applications rose to 281; then, last

## Flaming Tentacles Shoot From Atomic Bomb in Experiment

Mt. Charleston, Nev.—(U.P.)—Nuclear scientists pulled another atomic "device" Tuesday from their growing bag of weapons and exploded it in an air drop that shot out flaming tentacles unlike the photo-bulb flash of earlier A-bomb weapons.

It was the initial blast in the 1952 spring atomic weapons tests at the Frenchman's Flats nuclear proving grounds.

**Fingers Whirl From Core**  
The fiery fingers, surrounding the nucleus of a flash of medium intensity and taking the brief appearance of a "rising sun," whirled out from the core of the explosion, lasting three to five seconds on impact of the air-dropped missile at 9 a.m. (PST).

The tentacles were hundreds of feet long, like the fingers

shooting out from a phosphorus bomb explosion and indicated the Atomic Energy commission had pulled a new trick out of its sleeve.

When the fingers folded, the tell-tale after effect of the atomic cloud boiled upwards, a dirty brown slender stalk with a small mushroom head, almost miniature compared to some of the large detonations of the past.

The slowness of the stalk and its head indicated the "device" probably was of the baby A-bomb family.

**Head Breaks Off**

The mushroom head broke off quickly and assumed the shape of a giant purple squid, with tentacles dangling in the sky only a few thousands of feet up. Other blasts have shot a boiling smoke column to 40,000 feet in a few minutes.

When the head broke away, a black streak showed in the center of the stem, coming up from the ground. The head began to dissipate 10 minutes later. It took the shape of a giant eagle with wings outstretched.

An hour after the test the cloud still hung in the sky 10,000 to 15,000 feet high.

**Montana Residents Flee Flash Flood**

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**Mrs. Maud Kubli Taken By Death**

Mrs. Maud Kubli, a member of one of Jackson county's best known pioneer families, passed away at a local hospital at noon today. Mrs. Kubli, who made her home with her son Ed Kubli of the Applegate, had lived in this region since her birth on September 24, 1870.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m., at the Perl funeral home and interment will be in the IOOF cemetery at Jacksonville.

**Pendleton Firm Sues Revenue Collector**

Portland—(U.P.)—Gillanders & Burroughs, Inc., Pendleton real estate and wholesale grocery firm, has sued the internal revenue collector for a refund of \$32,321 in income taxes.

The suit, filed here Monday, charged the firm's claim for the refund had been filed July 27, 1951, with Collector Hugh H. Earle but had not been answered.

The amount was paid "unwillingly" in two installments in December, 1950, and January, 1951, the suit asserted, on the "arbitrary assertion" by the government that the Pendleton firm had improperly accumulated surplus funds in the years 1947-49.

**ACCIDENTS REPORTED**

Two accidents were reported to state police today. One occurred at Voorhies crossing, on Highway 99 south, this morning, and the other was reported from the Siskiyou near the California line, officers said. No details were available on either, since the investigating officers were still out, but the police officer here said no calls for ambulances were made to either accident.

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## Turmoil Over Hiring Japanese-American Was Misunderstanding, Governor Says

Salem—(U.P.)—Controversy over hiring of a Japanese-American by the State Tax commission has proved to be a matter of misunderstanding, Gov. Douglas McKay said Tuesday.

**No Discrimination**  
The governor said that after conferring with the tax commissioners, it was indicated no discrimination was made because of race, religion, color or national origin.

The governor issued this statement that said in part:

"During the past few days considerable publicity has been

given to an alleged discrimination to the employment of Sagie Nishioka, and as a result I called a meeting of the Board of Control and the tax commission to review the circumstances.

**Not Commission Policy**  
"It has been found that it has not been the policy of the State Tax commission to discriminate against anyone because of race, religion, color or national origin."

In reviewing the facts, the Board of Control learned that Nishioka's application was for a

junior accountant, and not as an income tax auditor. At the present time there is a vacancy in the classification of junior accountant, and the tax commission asked for a list of eligibles from the state civil service commission.

**Position Available**  
The list was received Monday and Nishioka's name was the first of three certified. Nishioka was advised by letter that the position is available to him if he wants to accept it.

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