

U.S. Keeps Hands Free To Use Atomic Weapons for Defenses

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Washington—(U.P.)—The United States is keeping its hands free to use atomic weapons against an aggressor.

That fact is clear today although virtually nothing is more secret than American atomic strategy.

Such strategy has been highlighted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Paris where Western leaders agreed that civilian governments, not their military arms must control the trigger of atomic warfare.

Will Consult Allies

Official informants here said that the United States, in the atomic age, cannot make hard and fast deals spelling out precisely how it will react in a future emergency. But this country will consult with its allies whenever possible before atomic weapons are unleashed.

That is a cardinal point in American policy because situations may develop which would require action before consultation.

Experts say it should be remembered that one of the main purposes of atomic strategy is not to fight a war but to deter one. Therefore, American policy is summed up this way:

Mobility must be maintained. If deterrent measures are so restricted that an enemy could feel confident the United States would be subject to political delays, that deterrent power would be lost and therefore ineffective.

Potential aggressors must be kept aware that atomic retaliation is something that will work and work quickly.

Would Lose Main Purpose

If the ability to retaliate quickly is snarled in political machinery which would cause long delays, then the main purpose—not to fight a war but to prevent it—is lost.

It is difficult to visualize development of a situation pointing toward general war without the United States having consultations with its allies before acting with atomic weapons.

But there is fear that in this atomic age, the President or the Secretary of State might not have the facilities or time to telephone London or Paris for approval of the use of atomic weapons. That is particularly true in the event of an attack on the United States, telephone and other communications might be knocked out.

As far as the United States is concerned, the decision on use of atomic weapons would be made by President Eisenhower acting upon what facts he had at hand. It is understood the President has not delegated this authority to any subordinate. Nor does he intend to.

No Advance Decision

Experts say it is not possible to make an advance decision as to just when atomic weapons will be used and whether they will be used for tactical purposes, that is, on the battlefield, or for strategic purposes—cities and other such other targets.

The experts say it is impossible to make political decisions between governments today which would be binding on some future, unknown date on what should be done.

"Circumstances" . . . "Events" . . . "developments" are familiar words used by people who deal in atomic strategy at the highest levels.

Because of those uncertain factors, they said, it is under-

Six Oregon Veterans To Arrive from Asia

Seattle, Wash.—(U.P.)—Six Oregon men are scheduled to arrive at Seattle, Wash., tomorrow aboard two military transports from the Far East.

Included on the Gen. M. M. Patrick are Sgt. David H. Yee, Portland; Sgt. Donald L. Watson, Toledo; Sgt. Robert M. Beattie, Sandy; Cpl. Carl E. Nielsen, Troutdale, and Pfc. Byron C. Horstman, LaGrande.

Cpl. William D. Stark, Sherwood, was scheduled to arrive on the Gen. H. B. Freeman.

standable that the NATO nations did not set any rigid formula for reaction even though they do place final responsibility in civilian hands rather than the military.



FINAL STAGES—Dr. Samuel Sheppard (right) talks with Rev. Alfred C. Kreke, pastor of the Bay Methodist Church, of which Dr. Sam is a member. A few moments later Judge Edward Blythin charged the jury that will decide Dr. Sam's innocence or guilt of the July 4 murder of his wife, Marilyn.

Flags That Have Been Used At Capitol Available for \$6.70, Letter to Congress

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Washington—(U.P.)—Congress is going to hate me for telling you, but for \$6.70 a 3-cent stamp and a letter to your congressman you, too, can have a flag that has flown over the Capitol.

You can, that is, if your congressman cooperates and this dispatch doesn't louse up the deal. Your 5-by-3 foot emblem, as good as new, will arrive along with a letter to certify that it has indeed fluttered over the heads of the lawmakers.

Capitol officials moan that too many requests could wreck the machinery. Already, on some days, it creaks. Sometimes it takes Capitol Police Pvt. Dix C. Boone an hour or more to hoist and, immediately, haul down a single day's flag supply.

Started Long Ago
The thing got started so long ago nobody can remember when. Originally it was a matter of passing along to some worthy group the tattered and presumably historic remains of the big 8-by-12 ensigns that fly night and day from east and west fronts of the Capitol.

These were out at a rate of about 18 a year. But that wasn't enough to meet the demand. So some bright member, who probably lived to wish he hadn't, came up with a gimmick. He went around to the House stationery store, bought himself a flag, and took it to the people in charge of raising and lowering.

"Fly it for me a minute or so," he said approximately, "and give me a letter to prove that you did."

Then Word Got Around
Then he boxed up the flag and shipped it off, with the letter, to an important constituent or registered voter. This lucky fellow must have been duly impressed. Anyway, the word started getting around, and the flag-flying business has been picking up steadily since.

Total flyings this year probably will run about 1000. Some times, on special occasions like Veterans Day and July 4, there are as many as 40 or 50 banners hauled up the Capitol stairs, out on the roof, and to the flag staff on the west front overlooking the mall.

Pvt. Boone, from Asheville, N. C., has had the chore for about a year. He hauls down the regular ensign and goes to

On The Side

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What is the quaintest announcement you ever heard over a loudspeaker at a sports event? Once at a race track in Phoenix, Ariz., the announcer said, "the man who lost his false teeth, upper and lower, will find them at the lost and found department."

Friend of mine said that at a football game he heard the announcer broadcast the following: "Joseph Martin, your mother-in-law is waiting for you at Gate 3." Have also heard that at some auto races the announcer said, "Quiet, please. Quiet! Is Mr. John Hill present? If so, will he please hurry home? His wife has just given birth to triplets."

Get It Right

The surname of George M. Cohan, greatest song and dance man of all time, is frequently mispronounced. His grandfather's name was Keohane, pronounced Ca-han. This developed into Cohan pronounced Co-han. Referring to George's name inspires comment on that of his first wife, Ethel Levey. Ethel was born in San Francisco of Scotch-Irish parentage. Her real surname was Fowler and so it appeared on her marriage license. Professionally she used the name of her stepfather, Sol Levey.

Asides
Discerning smokers of long experience usually favor cigars having "natural color" wrappers . . . cats outnumber dogs 5 to 3 in the United States. It's about time pet cats were required to have licenses same as pet dogs. Why the discrimination? . . . Will Rogers' mother was 40 when he was born. The records indicate that the intelligence of

poets.

If you haven't got \$6.70 there is a smaller flag, 3 feet by 5. you can have on the same deal for \$3.50. Most people seem to prefer the bigger one.

One more thing, don't tell Congress I told you all this.

children born of mothers of 40 or thereabouts is above average.

Five Footers

There are many clubs for tall young people such as the Tip Toppers, Stardusters, Stratoliners, Skyscrapers, etc. However, the only club for petite females of the cute, little trick type I ever heard of was one in Santa Barbara, Calif., called "The Five Footers." It was an all feminine club. No small men were eligible. Seems the Five Footers didn't care for small men. They preferred six footers for escorts, dance partners and husbands.

Among the Married

Women born under the sign of Scorpio (October 23-November 22) are very likely to throw things at their loving husbands during domestic quarrels. However, after they cool down and are in the mood for kissing and making up the Scorpio girls claim that when they started throwing things they were just

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so angry they didn't know what they were doing. However, it has been noticed that when women toss things at their spouses they never throw anything that will break—that is, they throw books, brushes, shoes, etc. So their claim that when throwing things they do not know what they are doing must be viewed with suspicion.

When a husband is angry he will throw the first thing he can put his hands on, whether it will break or not. Even a goldfish bowl.

Empty salt containers with metal spouts can be converted for use as glass jar covers. Cut off the top of the salt box and carefully fit it into a jar ring. Makes a pouring spout for rice, bread crumbs, or flour.

NO HANDICAP

Akron, O.—(U.P.)—Bruce Thomas is a successful television salesman and recently sold one of the first color sets in this vicinity. Unusual? Rather. Thomas, 45, is totally blind. He has never seen a movie or a TV show and sells on points he has learned from others.

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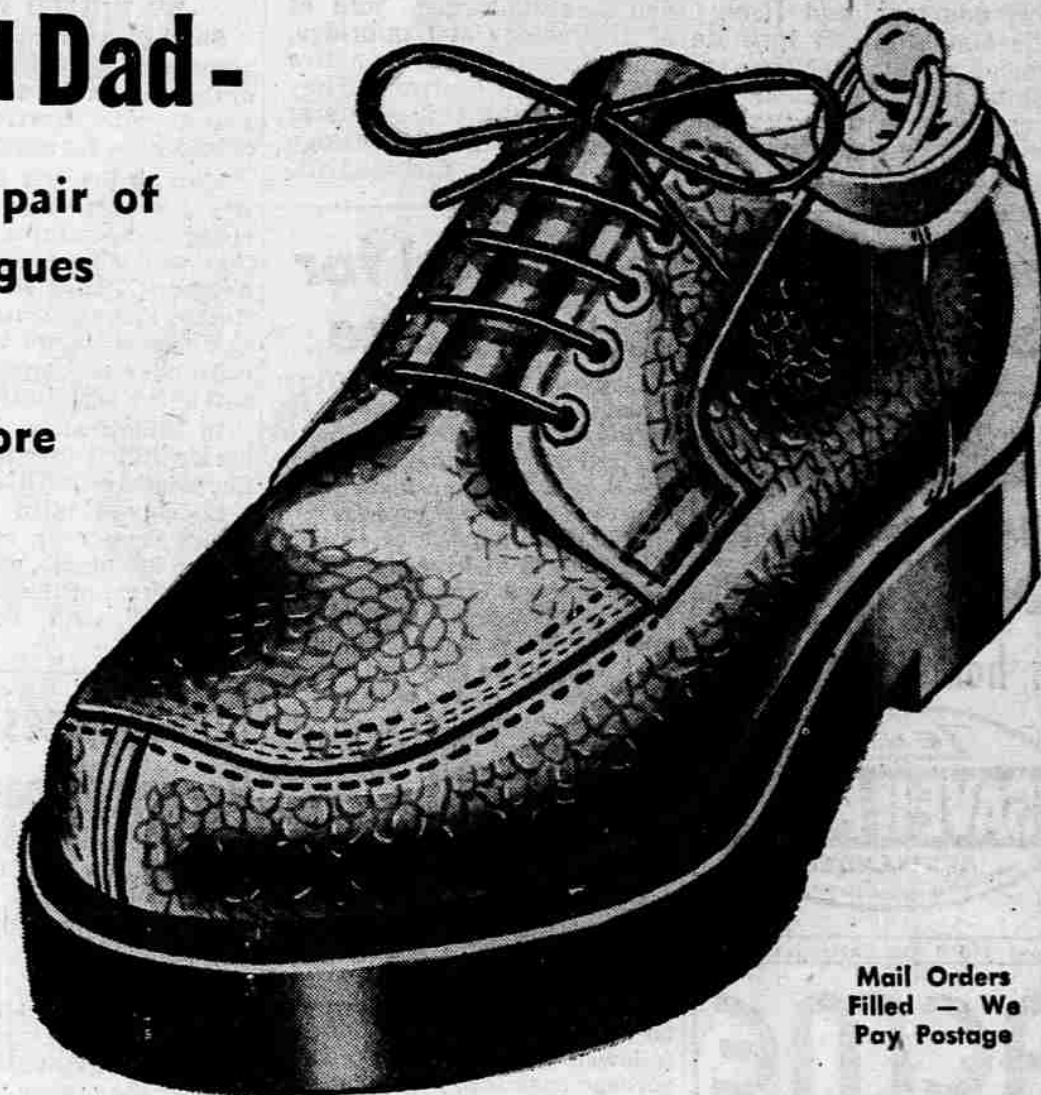
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