

Russian Stockpile of Superbombs, Means of Delivery Undoubted

Vern Thorpe Accepts Post On Traffic Study Committee

Vernon Thorpe, 123 Highland dr., Medford city public works director, has accepted an invitation to serve on a subcommittee of the National Committee on Urban Transportation, he said today.

Thorpe will represent cities of less than 100,000 population on the subcommittee, which is studying the level of existing auto and truck service.

The invitation for membership on the group came from Glenn C. Richards, commissioner of public works for the city of Detroit, Mich., who is chairman of the national committee. Thorpe's name was suggested for the post by Leo G. Wilkie, Cook county, Ill., chairman of the subcommittee.

Honor for Medford

In accepting the invitation, Thorpe stated he believes it is an honor for the city of Medford to be able to help with the program.

Other members of the subcommittee are Roger T. Chandler,

Providence, R.I.; H. J. Hoose, Charlotte, N.C.; George W. Howie, Cincinnati, O.; Howard F. Ilgner, Milwaukee, Wis.; C. C. Robinson, Portland, Ore.; and T. T. Wiley, New York, N.Y.

Purpose of the national committee is to collect and analyze data on a comprehensive basis to allow municipalities to determine the deficiencies of their transportation systems; to plan realistic programs to overcome these deficiencies in an effort to bring about proper integration and balance among all forms of transportation, and to present clear statements of needs to legislative bodies and the public.

The National Committee on Urban Transportation was formed early in 1954 by six organizations interested in the urban field. These groups include American Municipal Association, American Public Works Association, American Society of Planning Officials, International City Managers Association, Municipal Finance Officers Association, and National Institute of Municipal Law Officers.

McLeod

McLeod — Mr. and Mrs. George Neary of Los Altos, Calif., spent a few days recently at their cabin on Butte Creek.

Wayne Vaughn of Prospect was an over-night guest at the home of his cousins, Jacqueline and Josephine Hume.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Phillips and family have moved here from Albuquerque, N.M., into the Killian place. Their two children are going to the Elk Trail school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dussenbury and family were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Householder and family at Ashland.

Mrs. Ann Hillman was hostess at a birthday dinner at her home on "Strawberry Hill" Saturday evening, Jan. 29, honoring her nephew, Jackie Darrohn. Present were Elvin Hawkins of Elk Creek, Jackie and Joy Hume of Butte Creek and Doris Darrohn.

The community extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Agnes Berry and Mrs. Gay Chamberlain in the death of their brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding Sr., who have been on a two months trip through Nevada and California, have returned to their home on Butte Creek.

Orin Train and Minnie Eastin who have both been confined to the hospital for several weeks are now at their respective homes and doing nicely.

Mr. Van de Mass is now in a sanitarium in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber have moved into their new home on Rogue river.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Tockstein Feb. 1 at their home on Butte Creek.

Carl Richardson recently cut his hand badly. It required several stitches.

Soviet Believed To Have Beaten US To Cheap Explosive

Washington — (U.P.) — The belief has long persisted in Washington quarters that Russia may have beaten this country to a cheap and efficient way to make hydrogen superbombs.

But American weaponeers recouped quickly, and the United States — so say its atomic officials — is well out front in the nuclear arms race.

Even so, no responsible government figure doubts that Russia has a stockpile of H-bombs and the means of delivering them.

Seen as Pugnacious Boast

Nevertheless, Tuesday's declaration by Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov that Russia is the No. 1 H-bomb power was greeted here as a pugnacious boast designed to scare the free world at a moment when Soviet stock needed boosting.

The Atomic Energy commission refused to comment officially on Molotov's boast. But AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss and Commissioner Thomas E. Murray often have declared America's atomic superiority.

And Strauss is known to believe that the U.S. superbomb stockpile is big enough by comparison with Russia's to offset the USSR's admitted superiority in armed manpower and to constitute the world's best insurance against all-out aggression by the East.

But neither Strauss nor others informed on the subject discount Russia's technical capabilities, and many a U.S. authority has warned that the Reds could some day forge ahead if this country ever slackened its atomic effort.

The world's first full-scale hydrogen explosion, so described by President Eisenhower, was detonated at Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands by the United States on Nov. 1, 1952. It wiped out the test island.

Some nine months later, on Aug. 12, 1953, the second hydrogen explosion in history was set off — by Russia.

First Blast 'Dwarfed'

Then on March 1, 1954, at Bikini in the Marshalls the United States began a new series of H-bomb tests with an explosion that dwarfed the curtain-raiser of 1952.

A highly qualified official source told the United Press that the main ingredient of the new superbomb was a material that cost "a matter of dollars a pound" whereas the prime mover of the 1952 device was "a substance that cost thousands of dollars an ounce."

This source said of the new

Zhukov, Others Watched for Clues To Future Struggles for Power in Russia

Washington — (U.P.) — Diplomats today watched Russian military leaders, particularly Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, for clues to possible future power struggles in the Soviet Union.

They were particularly anxious to know whether Zhukov, first deputy defense minister and one-time friendly associate of President Eisenhower, would succeed Premier Nikolai Bulganin in his old post of defense minister.

Smooth Alliance

Official sources credited Georgi Malenkov's downfall as Soviet Premier and Bulganin's succession to a smooth alliance between Russian politicians and professional soldiers of which Zhukov is one of the best known.

Opinion was divided on Zhukov's actual role in the alliance, but it was agreed that if he becomes defense minister there will be no doubt as to his great influence.

Struggle for Power?

The politico-military alliance appeared to be working smoothly with the politicians holding the big jobs and the professional military men content to go along. But there was speculation among well-informed officials in Washington as to how long the arrangement will last.

material that "we can assume the Russians know about it."

U.S. diplomatic officials said Molotov's H-bomb rattling may have been the Soviet answer to reported "major developments" on the U.S. atomic front.

In any event, the possibility that Russia might some day catch up in fact with the United States is always present in the minds of American officials.

An upset could set off another struggle for power in the Kremlin.

Diplomats said all available evidence shows that Soviet power is in several hands. Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party boss, has the tightest grip even though he shunned the premier's post at this time. Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's sharp-tongued anti-American speech Tuesday and his verbal brandishing of the hydrogen bomb shows he still is riding high in Red

councils, officials said.

To some experts, Bulganin's rise symbolized mounting power of the military even though Bulganin is regarded as a man whose first loyalty is to the Communist Party rather than to the military. He is a politician who was given the military rank of Marshal and is regarded as a compromise and, perhaps, temporary choice.

Some authorities who believe Zhukov's star already is rising, said he and other military leaders undoubtedly supported Mal-

Tuberculosis Defeat Nearer Total Victory By Discovery of Drug

Atlanta — (U.P.) — Man's conquest over tuberculosis, the once-dreaded "white plague," moved an important step nearer total victory with discovery of a new antibiotic drug that has produced impressive improvements in severe cases of pulmonary TB, it has been announced.

The important medical disclosure was made at a conference of Army, Navy and Veterans administration doctors and administrators.

Known as Cycloserine

The new drug is known as cycloserine and will be sold under the trade name of Seromycin. It is the soil-mold product of the same type as streptomycin, another drug that has proved highly effective in treatment of tuberculosis.

Medical science in recent

years has been making deep inroads against the ravages of TB, a disease that took 194,400 lives per 100,000 population in the United States in 1900.

European Drug Prominent

Up to now, rest has been the No. 1 treatment. Streptomycin has been the leading drug used in this country since its discovery several years ago. In Europe, Africa and India a drug known as BCG has gained prominence in the anti-TB fight.

WRONG TIME TO FAIL

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — The brakes on Sterling Jackson's car picked the wrong time to fail when he pulled into the police parking lot and rammed into a car owned by veteran Police Lt. A. C. Twineham. Jackson was reporting to his first class as a police student.

TRUMAN WON'T EAT

Knoxville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Former President Harry S. Truman has accepted an invitation to attend the Cosby ramp festival April 25 but asked the sponsors not to feed him. Ramp is a wild mountain onion with a pungent odor which festival goers love to eat raw.

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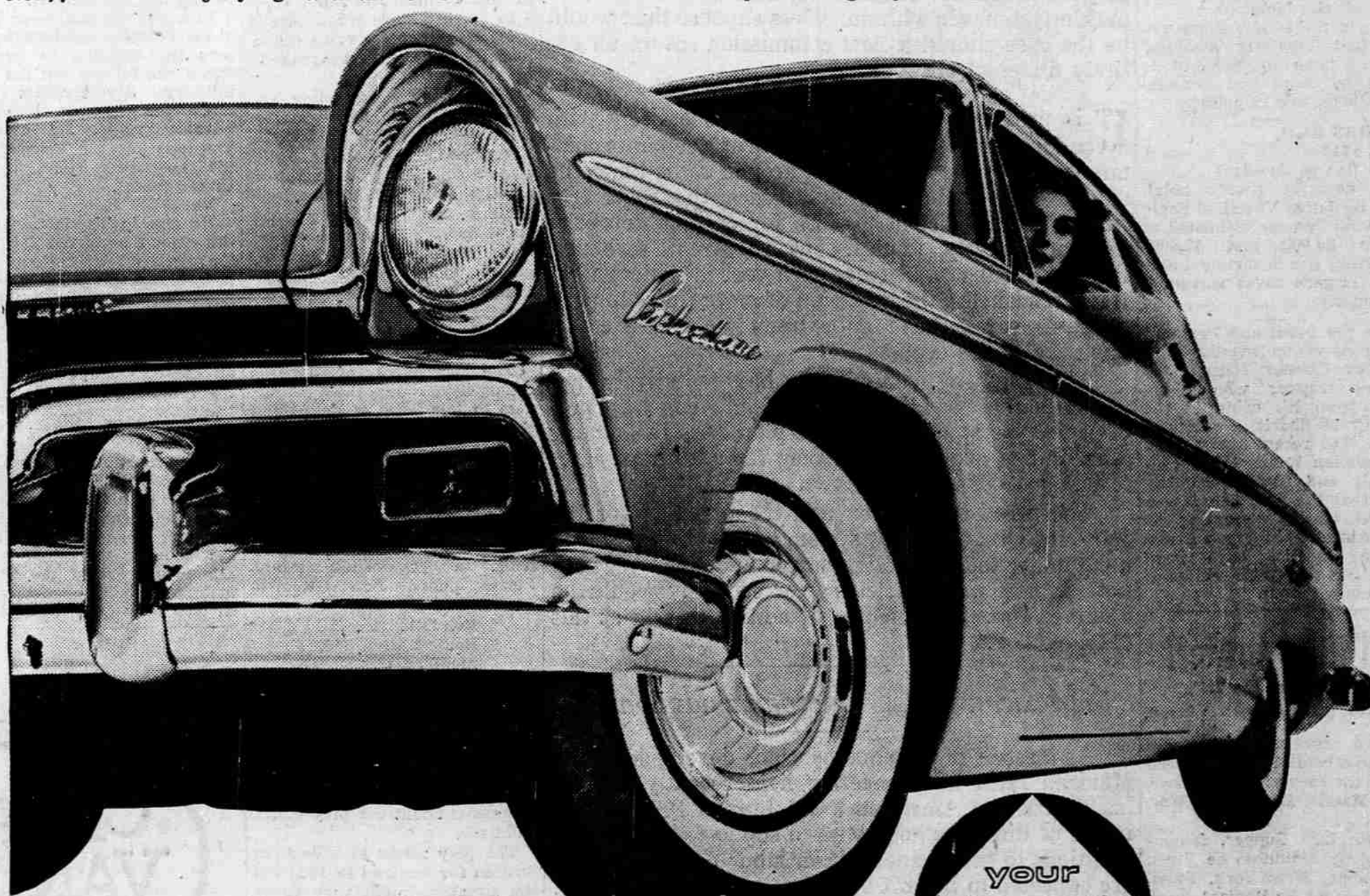
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Society

First Plans Made For Flower Show Of Three Groups

Rogue River — First plans for a flower show to be held jointly with the Evans Valley and Rogue River Garden clubs were made at the last meeting of Laurel Garden club. It was held February 2 at the country home of Mrs. Walter Kasworm, Highway 99 north. Mrs. James Whipple and Mrs. Hayden Williams were hostesses.

The show planned by the three clubs will be held in April. The club voted \$5 to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Bill White, conservation chairman, spoke on the use of saw dust as a fertilizer for all types of berries. Mrs. Walter Shock, program chairman, demonstrated methods of pruning shrubs, particularly roses.

A display of heather and a primrose was brought by Mrs. Whipple and Mrs. Shock displayed a primrose and two odd geraniums.

Mrs. Charles McLallen, president of Rogue River Garden club, was a guest and Mrs. Herb Brooks became a new member.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Announce Dinner For Secretaries

Rogue River chapter of the National Secretaries association will observe its annual membership night at a dinner meeting Thursday, February 10 at the Medford hotel. The dinner for members and prospective members will begin at 7 p.m.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be John O'Connor, sales representative of General America companies. Mrs. Katherine Thomas will explain the purposes of NSA and tell briefly of the Certified Professional Secretaries program. Mrs. Jean Brown, president, will be in charge of the meeting.