

Russia's Hydrogen Project Believed Comparable To America's

United States Believed Ahead in Quality, Quantity

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Washington—(U.P.)—U.S. officials believe Russia possesses an atomic-hydrogen project comparable in continental scope and technical complexity to America's.

But most of them also believe, along with Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, that this country is "out ahead" of Russia in both the quantity and quality of atomic weapons produced.

Direct intelligence of what goes on automatically behind the Iron Curtain consists in large part of tales told by the winds carrying atomized particles thrown into the atmosphere by Soviet nuclear tests.

Intelligence Reports Helpful

These particles reveal a great deal about the kind and efficiency of the tested weapons. Thus this country knows that Russia has tested both large and small A-bombs and big H-bombs.

That would be enough to make it clear that Russia must have a vast, and far-flung mining, processing, and fabricating operation, because that is what you need to have to make nuclear weapons.

But the United States has other ways of arriving at conclusions about Russia's atomic progress, actual and potential. These are the tedious methods of the intelligence art. They involve unremitting search for bits and pieces of information, relating them to other bits and pieces, and adding them up under skilled analysis to get an intelligence report.

So Wilson and other officials aren't exactly guessing when they say the United States so far is the world's top atomic power.

Don't Underestimate Reds
Rep. Melvin Price (D-Ill.), a member of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, estimated two years ago that Russia would have 400 atomic weapons by now. Checked today on his 1953 prediction, Price said that, if anything, he probably was too conservative two years ago.

"The biggest mistake we can make," he said, "is to underestimate Russia's capabilities."

Few American officials have erred in that direction since the fall of 1949 when Russia shot off a test A-bomb two to 20 years sooner than U.S. experts thought she could.

A high atomic authority told the United Press then that "nobody has any absolute knowledge on which to base any comparison" between the U.S. and Soviet atomic projects.

This same authority is confident now, however, that "we are far ahead."

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 8
Troop 8 held its regular meeting Tuesday. The meeting was conducted by Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Bob Frazer who had the boys work on advancements.

Troop 8 committee met in the main church building and all fathers of the boys of Troop 8 were asked to attend. There were 29 present.

Scoutmaster Red Stothers graduated Don Koozer from Cub Pack 6 into Troop 8.

Gene Harvey
Scribe

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Bills in Legislature

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill that would allow school board members to claim travel expenses in line with their work has survived an attack by opponents in the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

The bill was first tabled by a vote of 7 to 6 but then removed from the table for referral to the Senate Educational Committee.

A tabled bill is normally considered dead. Senate bill 79 was opposed by committee members who said there should at least be some restrictions on the distance school board members could travel at district expense. They said they feared there would be abuse by school directors traveling to distant parts of the country to inspect school buildings or to attend meetings.

Best Judges of Necessity

Proponents of the measure insisted that school directors should have the same right to claim travel expenses as school administrators and that they were the best judges of the necessity for travel. Sen. John Hounsell (R-Hood River) said "it's their own money" and school boards would have to justify their expenses to their own taxpayers. The decision should be left at the local level, he added.

Sen. Gene Brown (R-Grants Pass) told the committee that school boards charged with the control of school budgets often in excess of \$1,000,000 could well be trusted to use travel allowances with discretion. The joint committee also approved and sent to the floor of the Senate a bill that would permit removal of state seals from cars used by liquor commission inspectors and members of the State Parole Board.

Salem—(U.P.)—The House has defeated a bill that would leave to the discretion of county coroners whether they visited the scene of a death. Present law makes such visits mandatory on coroners and the House voted

A 1,572-foot television tower at Oklahoma City has taken the title of the world's tallest structure away from New York City's Empire State Building. Five years ago the Empire added 222 feet to its height by construction of a television tower. It now rises 1,472 feet.

More than 40,000 Americans, mostly military personnel, inhabit southern Okinawa. This new community for service families resembles a United States suburban development.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Lucille Dowling Hulbert, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Mary Alice Springer, parked on wrong side of street, \$2.50.
Clarence LeRoy Hickey, wrong way on one-way street, \$5.
California Oregon Power company, parked on wrong side of street, \$2.50.
Volney Byron Jones, no operator's license, \$5.
Gilbert Miller, no operator's license, \$5.
Josephine Lee Batzer, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Jerome Oden Viebig, leaving the scene of an accident, \$25.

DISTRICT COURT
James H. Nunes, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Frank M. Hixon, defective brakes, \$8.
Richard L. Zimmerlee, no overize permit, \$5.
Charles H. Ward, overload, \$455.
Edward E. Robinson, excessive overhang, \$10.
Gilbert C. Squakin, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Bron M. Oglesby, violation of basic rule, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Mary O. York vs. William Earnest York, divorce complaint.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Edgar Harrison Bailey, 38, Klamath Falls Star route, Box 80, Ashland, and Levona May Davis, 28, same route, Box 85.
John Enright, 45, Healdsburg, Calif., and Edna Eileen Clark, 34, same address.
Harry Arthur Newnam, 21, of 1127 Spring st., and Lois Ann Howsley, 19, route 2, box 288, Central Point.
Warren Dick Harding, 23, route 1, box 398C, Medford, and Lucille DeJores Jansen, 25, of 770 Oak St., Ashland.



STATES WARNING—Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai stated, during fifth anniversary of Sino-Soviet assistance treaty celebration, that if "U. S. circles dare launch aggressive attack against us, the Chinese peoples are determined to defeat them."

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood—(U.P.)—While Abigail Adams lay dead Sunday in her pink satin bedroom, a prediction of her death was downstairs in a green paper-covered manuscript.



Aline Mosby

The fore cast was written by the man who was her escort for 11 years, George Jessel, in his book about show business, "This Way, Miss," to be published in April.

I found the book in "Tommye" Adams' now quiet apartment, stacked on the dining room floor with scrapbooks of clippings and photographs about the two of them, her best claim to fame after 12 years in the tinsel city that ended in what police called "possible suicide."

In a chapter called "Beauty and Busts" Jessel tells about the

young, beautiful girls who crowd into Hollywood with stardust in their eyes.

"Yes, I was thinking of Abigail when I wrote it," Jessel said today, "and of girls like her."

In the book he calls them "very nice people who have gotten into a game that is a million-to-one against them . . . poor little baby peacocks—one may soon boast of beautifully colored feathers, most will soon be plucked of their tiny plumage."

Jessel tells in the book of a mythical "Mabel Zunza" who wins a free trip to Hollywood and a \$75-a-week studio contract. The studio drops her, but it is too late. Mabel doesn't want to go home.

"She refuses to take any job but acting . . . She's made up her mind that maybe the best way to get anywhere is to go anywhere . . . And before you know it, Mabel makes the rounds . . . Her name is in the movie columns, but that doesn't

help her career.

"There's an actor she's quite fond of. Sometimes the promising young ham does marry the little girl who misses, but not very often. She, Mabel gets the air and finally takes up with an older man who sees her once in a while . . ."

Pills and Vodka

"By this time Mabel has learned to drink pretty good. Also Mabel can't sleep, so she takes a sleeping pill and after a while one doesn't work so she takes two or three, which find her awfully groggy in the morning, so she takes a little vodka to wake her up."

"And so it goes. As long as Mabel can keep good-looking, it will continue for a few years, and Mabel will awaken every morning, sorry about the night before, then not give a dam and take all the pills."

Jessel concludes, "You can't blame Hollywood for this. The tiniest moth leaps at any possible opportunity for a try at the glamorous flame. Some are singing, most are burned."

In another chapter he writes

Abigail could have been a star

"If she'd gotten the right breaks at the beginning . . ."

Today, he said, "I guess when young people don't make the grade here they should go home, but hope shines eternal, particularly in the amusement world."

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