

American Forces in Pacific Area Equipped With Atomic Devices

Explosives Will Be Used in War, Nixon Declares

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Chicago — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon said today that U.S. forces in the Pacific "are now equipped with atomic explosives which can be and will be used on military targets with precision and effectiveness" in case of war.

Nixon told a luncheon meeting of the Executives Club, "the weapons which were used during the Korean war and World War II are obsolete."

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Situation Said Serious

Nixon warned that "no one should underestimate" the seriousness of the situation in the Formosa area.

"If the Communists act like reasonable men," he said "there will be no war."

"But dictatorial leaders of revolutionary movements are always unpredictable. They sometimes do unreasonable things. That is why we must be prepared for the worst, even though our policy is designed only to resist aggression, not to initiate it."

Earlier he had said at an airport news conference that the present foreign policy is the "only one we can follow" to avoid war and preserve honor.

Cold Continuing; Rogers Arrives

For the third day in a row, the minimum temperature today broke the previous record low for this date. The low temperature today was 22, and the previous record low for March 17 was 23 in 1951.

Record high for March 17 was 82 degrees, in 1947. Yesterday's high was 58 degrees, and the mean was 40, or 7 degrees below normal.

The frost warning service for Rogue valley orchardists is scheduled to start early this week, according to Don Berry, county agent for horticulture.

Roy Rogers, who has been in charge of the annual spring frost warning service in this area since 1931, arrived in Medford yesterday, and has set up his office in the county courthouse.

Local orchards are about 10 to 15 days behind normal development for this time of year, according to Berry. The county agent predicted that it will be about 10 days more before county orchards will have to be heated if temperatures reach a low danger point.

Sports Bulletin

Eugene — (U.P.) — Baker and Milwaukee advanced to the semi-finals of the consolation bracket in the Oregon Class A high school basketball tournament here today. Baker poured on the steam in the fourth quarter to lick Astoria 58 to 44 and Milwaukee had a breeze in downing Dallas by a score of 87 to 33.

Committee Classifies All Of County's Forest Lands

The Jackson County Forest Land Classification committee has classified all forest lands in Jackson county, according to A. A. Lausmann, Medford, chairman.

The committee conducted a public hearing on classification of lands this week. The classification puts 160,000 acres in the grazing category and 547,000 acres in the timber class.

Lausmann said the timber classification would pay the regular forest patrol assessments, while the grazing lands would come under the five cents per acre rate.

He added that the forest pa-



BACKYARD VOLCANO—Gobs of lava hurtle through the air from a volcanic cone that pushed its way up from the earth 50 feet from the home of Katsuto Hayashi near the town of Pahoa, Hawaii. The house, ablaze from the fiery lava, burned down within twenty minutes.

Poor Meat Dumped In Medford Area, Tracy Crum Says

Salem — (U.P.) — Southern Oregon has become a dumping ground for meat for the past several months, according to Tracy Crum, Medford, representing the Southern Oregon Meat Packers association.

Crum told a ways and means subcommittee studying a proposed meat inspection law that southern Oregon's proximity to California, which already has such a law, has made it a profitable market for meat animals rejected by California inspectors.

Sen. Charles Bingner (R-La Grande), chairman of the subcommittee, said most of the complaints about sales of unfit meat had come from Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass.

The meat inspection bill has been approved by the House Livestock committee but was referred to the joint committee on ways and means for a solution of the financing problem.

The State Department of Agriculture has estimated the inspection service would cost nearly \$900,000 per biennium. Some witnesses last night questioned that figure as too high, and others, including members of the meat packing industry, suggested that an increased license fee on the packers themselves could take care of part of the cost.

They admitted, however, that the fee would probably be passed on to the consumer.

Unfavorable Winds

Cancel Atomic Test

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission after a weather briefing today again postponed the sixth nuclear explosion in the 1955 test series because of unfavorable wind patterns. The test had been scheduled for tomorrow.

AEC spokesmen said another weather evaluation will be held tomorrow to determine whether the shot can be detonated before dawn Saturday.

Generally Optimistic Report Made on Hail Suppression Program

A generally optimistic report on the hail suppression cloud-seeding program conducted here last summer has been received here.

The report was prepared for the Water Resources Development Corporation, Denver, Colo., which conducted the cloud-seeding job for the Rogue River Valley Traffic association, which is composed of pear growers and shippers. The report was done by the American Institute of Aerological Research, the research subsidiary of the cloud-seeding firm of which Dr. Irving Krick is the head.

Conclusive evaluation of a hail suppression program is difficult to make, the report points out, since data are few and hail storms are largely local in effect. However, it stated that "probably the best testimony to the efficacy of cloud seeding operations is the fact that, except for one minor case, no damaging hail has occurred to date. . . in any one of the Water Resources Development Corporation's hail-suppression target areas, in spite of the many occasions when air-mass characteristics showed the hail threat to be severe."

Changes Recommended

Other conclusions involved recommending technical changes in the operational plan and improvement in electronic forecasting equipment, to improve the efficiency of the operation in the future.

The report lists in detail, in text and charts, the entire operation, showing locations of silver iodide ground generators and hail observers, describing equipment used in the project, and showing how the personnel functions.

One section is devoted to the storm of Aug. 13 and 14, when an extreme hail threat was encountered, accompanied by all the factors conducive to the production of damaging hail. And yet, the report said, no damage was received inside the target area.

The report's summary says: "A study of the frequency of occurrence of weather types producing hail prior to 1954 and also in 1954 shows that 1954 was by no means a favored year. There were many occasions when the hail threat was very grave indeed. One such was June 4, early in the season, before operational experience of the effectiveness of each generator site had been obtained."

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It added, "On the theoretical side, there is now a large measure of certainty that however high the silver iodide concentration, there can be no question of decreasing precipitation, due to the enormously high moisture content of the clouds in which hail forms."

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Food Air Dropped To Scout Groups At Lake O' Woods

First air drops of food to Boy Scouts and Explorers, now on "Operation Icicle" in the Lake O' Woods area, were made yesterday afternoon and this morning.

Gene Kooser, Medford pilot, and Fred McMullin, Grants Pass scout executive, flew over the lake at about 4:30 p.m. yesterday, and dropped food parcels to the group of Josephine county scouts who entered the area yesterday. The boys were in the area on schedule, Kooser reported. The drop was made on the lake itself, which is frozen over about three feet thick.

A second drop was made at about 6 a.m. today, and Kooser said the boys are now well provided with food. A shortage of parachutes has developed, and a Sno-Cat is going in today with additional supplies. An air drop will be made at about 4 p.m. today to the Jackson county group, which is going in via skis and snowshoes.

Flights will be made each day to keep in touch with the 34 boys and four adult leaders on the trip. They will remain in the snow-covered mountain area until this week end.

Difficulty in radio communications developed yesterday, apparently in the set on the ground used by the scouts. But the pilot is keeping in touch with the boys by dropping notes.

This is the third year of "Operation Icicle," which is a winter camping and training session for boys to familiarize them with snow conditions. They are camping at Camp McLoughlin, the scout camp at the lake, and in an area to the north near Mt. McLoughlin.

Automobile Show Set During Pear Festival

An automobile show will be held in conjunction with this year's Pear Blossom festival, it was announced today at a meeting of the festival general committee.

The festival will be held in Medford on Saturday, April 23. Plans for the auto show were presented at this morning's meeting by Floyd Courtwright and Dale Davis.

Plans for selection of a queen were outlined at today's meeting, and John Pletsch stated that Jackson County Savings and Loan association will present a savings account to each of the five finalists.

The finalists will be judged, and a queen selected, on April 21.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday with little change in temperature. Low tonight 25; high Friday 55-58.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	58
Lowest this Morning	22

423 FFA Delegates Attend Convention; Awards Night Set

Central Point Men Get Honors Awards

Central Point — A total of 423 delegates to the third annual Future Farmers of America state convention being held here had registered up to last night, but more than 500 persons are attending most of the sessions at Crater High school.

Tonight is awards night, when the top honors to be given out during the convention will be made. Among them is the Star Farmer of Oregon award, which will be given to the most outstanding of 71 boys who yesterday were elected as State Farmers. The Star Farmer will receive a \$100 cash award.

Others will be Star Dairy Farmer, \$100, and similar awards for soil and water management, rural electrification and farm mechanics, and a chapter safety award.

Get Honored Awards

Five adults last night were named "Honorary State Farmers" in recognition of their service to the FFA movement. Two of them, H. P. Jewett, superintendent of School District 6C, Central Point, and Arnold Bohner, Central Point, were honored for their part in organizing and promoting the Crater High FFA chapter, only one in this area.

Others thus honored included Charles Witte, Adrian, father of four State Farmer sons; Marshall Dunham, Lakeview, father of the state FFA president, and George Dewey, Salem, of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.

Three busloads and ten carloads of FFA delegates toured farms of the area yesterday afternoon, including the Bohnert properties near Central Point where grass is one of the principal crops.

Parliamentary Contest

Highlight of last night's convention session was the finale in the state parliamentary contest, where teams of six boys from competing chapters vied in showing their proficiency in parliamentary procedure. First place winner was McLoughlin High school, Milton-Freewater. Second to fifth places were taken by teams from Gervais High school, Tillamook High school, Halfway High school and Eddyville High school.

During the stunt night competition, Bob Jensen, Baker, was named first prize winner, with Bob Lazinka, Pendleton, as runner-up.

Seventy-one boys representing about 2 per cent of the statewide FFA membership, yesterday were named State Farmers for 1955, the highest rating FFA boys can receive on the state level. Judging is based 50 per cent on their supervised farming, 20 per cent on leadership, 20 per cent on the records they keep, and 10 per cent on a general information quiz.

Four members of the Crater FFA chapter were named for the honor. They are Donn Johnson, head of the chapter, Kenneth Bingham, Paul Lofland and Leon Branson.

Second Sanitation Study Meeting Today

The second in a series of meetings to study various phases of this area's sewage and sanitation problems will be held tonight.

The meeting, for a Public Health association committee and others interested, will be in the county health department office at 8 p.m. Mrs. A. C. Urdel is chairman of the committee and Mrs. Chester Guches is president of the sponsoring Jackson County Public Health association.

Tonight's meeting will be attended by City Manager Robert Duff and other Medford officials, who will discuss the city's viewpoint on the over-all problem. A plan of annexation for many of the areas involved was presented to the city council this week.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 405.23 up 2.09; 20 railroads 146.58 up 0.14; 15 utilities 63.26 up 0.24; and 65 stocks 151.03 up 0.56. Sales today were about 2,200,000 shares compared with 2,900,000 shares yesterday.

Dublin — (U.P.) — Prime Minister John A. Costello appealed to the great nations of the world in a St. Patrick's Day message today to "discharge faithfully their duties as trustees for humanity and civilization."

Yalta Document Proves Russians Given Good Deal

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today he expects the controversy over records of the Yalta conference which changed world history "to go on through the ages."

The Yalta papers made public last night proved the Crimea conference in 1945 to be a good deal for Communist Russia. At the conference the late President Roosevelt dealt the Reds into war against Japan.

The Russian armies struck in the east only five days before Japan accepted unconditional surrender.

Churchill Reacts With Annoyance

A political and diplomatic storm was blowing up around the long-suppressed records of the conference, and Dulles was touched by it—turning snappish at some questions about the documents.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, only survivor of the Yalta Big Three conference, reacted as the State Department anticipated, with annoyance.

At the White House, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Mr. Eisenhower had not seen the papers before their public release by the State Department. He said the release was entirely a State Department matter and the President was not consulted in advance.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), who wants the Yalta agreement repudiated, said the documents had been "censored" by the State Department. He said there is "much missing" and he thought the whole story might never be told.

Dulles' remarks on the papers were made to newsmen at National Airport as he prepared to leave on a good will visit to Canada.

Expects Controversy To Go On

Dulles was asked whether he anticipated that the State Department's publication of the Yalta papers will "still the furor over them." "I expect the controversy to go on through the ages," Dulles said.

Peter R. Clapper of the Columbia Broadcasting System asked him: "Mr. Secretary, why did you release the Yalta papers at this time?" Dulles, who apparently had expected to make only a statement about his visit to Canada, stiffened abruptly. "I'm not going to stand here at this time to make a statement about Canada and have a question like that shot at me," he snapped.

Angrily, the secretary then stalked straight to his plane, leaving the bewildered Canadian Ambassador Arnold Heeney behind him. Heeney then caught up with him.

Explains Release

Before Dulles cut off further questions on Yalta he was asked by reporters as he drove up to the airport why the papers were made public at this time.

"We sent word to Congress that they were ready three or four days ago," he said. "The general reaction in Congress was to publish them rather than to hold them on a restricted basis. This was the view of both Republicans and Democrats. They were offered to Congress because they were ready."

The State Department made the Yalta papers public Wednesday night in a hurry-up climax to a series of maneuvers which, like the Yalta record itself, was confusing and open to various interpretations. Also published were the records of the conference at Malta where the late President Roosevelt met Churchill and the two were Generalissimo Josef Stalin's guests.

There are shocks and some surprises for those at home and abroad in the Yalta documents. Germans may flinch to read of Mr. Roosevelt's "bloodthirsty" attitude toward them and the Yalta plan to dismember their nation.

Fears German Opposition to Papers

The State Department had delayed publication to avoid what was described as international complications. There was anxiety here and in Britain lest blunt Yalta references to Germany, as revealed today, might strengthen German political opposition to a military alliance with the West.

The papers becloud the time and place when Stalin first agreed to enter the war against Japan. Republican spokesmen long have insisted that Mr. Roosevelt sold out China to Communism when he traded the Soviet Union into the war in the East—even though he knew a month before he went to Yalta that the United States would have the A-bomb by Aug. 1. But Democrats have contended that Mr. Roosevelt was acting on urgent advice of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff to obtain speedy Russian entry. The dispute goes on.

France Dealt Out in Occupation

Public opinion in France may react to the agreement of Mr. Roosevelt and Stalin that France should have no part in post-war administration of occupied Germany—although France might, perhaps, have a zone of her own as a "kindness." Churchill demanded that France resume her place in post-war Europe. He said he had to think of the time when the Americans went home in "two years." FDR told him and Britain might need France again as a defense against Germany.

Publication of the Yalta papers promises some lively developments. The overall Yalta story, the commitments and results, long have been known. But the details were secret. Much will remain so because the documents published Wednesday night admittedly were not complete, although they were certified as giving the most definitive and comprehensive picture possible at this time. The State Department said it had deleted no matter of substance.

The documents cannot fail to whip again debate whether FDR was justified in making, at the expense of China, political and territorial concessions to persuade the Soviet Union to join the war against Japan.

They show that Mr. Roosevelt thought breaking Germany into five or seven different states would be "a good idea."

FDR Wanted Gesture for Poles

He was deeply concerned about Poland at the Yalta conference. The President told Churchill and Stalin that the Polish vote was big in the United States and he wanted at least "a gesture" to take back to the 6,000,000 Americans of Polish extraction. But Stalin and Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov finally beat down the British-American plan to have the Big Three ambassadors observe the post-war Polish elections to insure a free and honest ballot. Mr. Roosevelt backed down on that. The British protested to the last. Stalin also won on his demands for a slice of Eastern Poland.

Mr. Roosevelt told Stalin he had not discussed the concession matters with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, adding that "one of the difficulties involved in speaking to the Chinese was that anything said to them was known to the whole world in 24 hours." Stalin agreed and told the President he did not think the time had come to talk to the Chinese about the matters being discussed at Yalta.

Stalin's War Price Not Disclosed

Top revelation of the Yalta papers was the report of Averell Harriman dated Oct. 10, 1944 that he had obtained full agreement from Stalin for Russia to join all-out in the war against Japan. That report didn't give Stalin's price for making war on Japan. The price came later—in a Dec. 5 report from Harriman, then U. S. ambassador to the Soviet Union.

The Yalta conferees met in that Crimean village Feb. 4-11, 1945. On Feb. 8 Stalin put his demands for concessions to Mr. Roosevelt. The British were not present. Two days later Molotov gave Harriman a detailed, written outline of the Russian price for entering the war against Japan.

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Dick Applegate To Marry In Chicago Next Monday

New York — (U.P.) — Richard Applegate, 42, of Medford, Ore., one of three Americans captured by Chinese Communists and imprisoned in Red China, and Mrs. Barbara Hoerter, will be married Monday it was announced today.

The civil ceremony will be performed in Chicago where Applegate met Mrs. Hoerter, who acted as booking agent for his current lecture tour.

Applegate, now on leave of absence from the National Broadcasting company, was captured with two other Americans while cruising in his yacht in international waters between Portuguese Macao and Hong Kong.