

Navy Will Have Variety of Nuclear-Powered Warships Within 10 Years

Advanced Atomic Reactors for Large Ships Scheduled

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Washington—(U.P.)—The U.S. fleet will coast a "variety of types" of nuclear-powered warships within 10 years.

The Navy, already making "great progress" with nuclear submarines, now is "on the threshold of developing advanced atomic reactors for large surface ships."

Adm. Robert B. Carney, chief of naval operations, made those statements today to the United Press in written answers to questions. Questions were submitted following congressional criticism that the Navy was "dragging its feet" in converting to nuclear propulsion and was "a little slow" in developing new weapons for the Nautilus class of atomic submarine.

The criticisms came respectively from Sens. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.).

Carney said President Eisenhower's plan for a nuclear-powered merchant ship to roam the world in peaceful commerce "will also open the way for the application of nuclear power to military craft of comparable size and comparable speed."

Five Different Reactors
Other Navy officers disclosed that the Navy now has under development five different types of atomic reactors designed for both submarines and surface ships.

These officers said the Nautilus carries "all modern" weapons. But they refused to comment on whether they include missiles and atomic weapons. The Nautilus is understood to have six torpedo tubes which will fire a new type homing torpedo. However, delivery of this projectile to the Navy has been slow.

Carney said there still are "knotty technical problems" but he was confident "our scientists and engineers will whip those problems" and bring about nuclear-powered warships.

"No specific date can be fixed for a fleet in which nuclear power will be commonplace although, in the submarine field, we are making great progress now," Carney said. "I believe that in a decade from now there will be a variety of types of ships in the fleet operating with nuclear power."

Threshold of Feasibility
The Navy, he said, is "on the threshold of feasibility" with regard to nuclear-powered ships. He called such power "one of the great significant maritime developments" and said "we must press to master it and to harness it."

The Navy's spokesman did not identify the five types of atomic reactor under development.

Jackson, in criticizing alleged Navy slowness in shifting to atomic propulsion, said it was "regrettable" that five conventional submarines were sought in the fiscal 1956 budget. The Navy said those submarines "will not become obsolete during their normal life span." It said they were needed while nuclear-powered submarines are "still in the development stage."

Parking Facility Eyed On Morrison Bridge

Portland—(U.P.)—The Portland Retail Trade bureau voted yesterday to petition Multnomah county commissioners to provide necessary ramps and footings on construction of the new Morrison street bridge to take care of a 3000-car parking facility.

The five or six-level parking facility would be built on the west side of the Willamette river with private financing at a cost of between four million and five million dollars.

The bureau decided to petition the county commissioners after hearing a report by city traffic engineer Fred Fowler on the giant parking area. Fowler said footings and ramps for the facility would cost an estimated \$357,000.

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McKay's Formal Opposition To High Dam at Hells Canyon Told To Senate Subcommittee

Washington—(U.P.)—A Senate Interior Subcommittee considering a bill to authorize a high government dam in Hells Canyon was informed today Interior Secretary Douglas McKay formally opposes the project.

But it also took testimony from two Interior Department officials that the project is financially sound and that there will be enough water in the Snake river for the next 50 years to operate it.

The subcommittee received a letter from McKay noting that a "private corporation" has applied to the Federal Power Commission for permission to build three low dams in the canyon on the Idaho-Oregon border.

Boy Scouts' Camp Season Will Begin June 26 This Year

Camping season at the Boy Scouts' Camp McLoughlin at Lake O' Woods will open June 26 and will continue through August 14, it was announced last night at the monthly meeting of the Boy Scout executive committee.

The first week will be for explorers and other scouts aged 14 years or more, from June 26 to July 3. Regular camp periods for scouts of all ages will be from July 10 to Aug. 14. Scout Executive Cliff Hanson said that reservations for all periods are now being accepted, and should be accompanied by a registration fee of \$2 to June 1 and \$2.50 after June 1. Total cost for one week is \$13 plus registration.

Hanson also reported on a recent meeting in Salem which he and Gary Klever and James Bogit attended to plan for the "Citizens Now" project designed to develop a sense of responsibility in older scouts.

Reports on Events
N. H. Gladfelder, district commissioner, reported on the Camporee held April 23 and 24 on the Agate desert. He said it was the largest and most successful ever held in this area, with a majority of the troops in the council participating, and with 367 boys and adult scouters present.

He also announced that scouts will participate in a Memorial Day parade here, and requested a large turnout of boys, in uniform, if possible.

Council Training Chairman John Patton reported on the recent "Troop 491" overnighter for adult scout leaders held near Kirby. Seventy-five men attended. Council Chairman Bob Church reminded of an annual planning session to be held at Southern Oregon college June 12.

PTT Radio Relay System Approved

Portland—(U.P.)—Federal Communications commission approval has been granted a Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company application to build a \$4,812,000 radio relay system between Portland and San Francisco.

A company spokesman said today the Oregon leg of the system would cost about \$3,000,000. Construction of the nine relay stations from Portland to the California border would begin immediately.

The transmission system, besides being able to handle hundreds of long-distance calls simultaneously, would provide microwave channels for three network television stations and one standby channel.

The system would be hooked up with existing microwave systems between Portland and Seattle and Portland and Pasco, Wash.

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The application was filed by the Idaho Power Company.

Sen. Langer Demands Bill To End Polygamy

Short Creek, Ariz.—(U.P.)—Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) today demanded federal legislation to wipe out the practice of polygamy by a communal sect along the barren Utah-Arizona border.

Senator Langer's demand that the government restrict men of the "United Order" sect to one wife each was revealed after Langer had attempted to keep the hearing secret.

He expressed surprise when United Press correspondents met him here before he left for Las Vegas, Nev., to board a Washington bound airplane under an assumed name.

Enraged members of the Short Creek sect said the hearing violated their constitutional rights because they were simply following their religious beliefs. They also contested Langer's refusal to allow them counsel.

McKay said that the region should be "encouraged" to use non-federal financing in water resource development where the results will be "reasonably comparable" with federal financing.

Mrs. Ike Ordered To Take It Easy

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower said last night that Mrs. Eisenhower's doctor "has ordered her to take it easy for a while."

The President expressed to the nation's governors and their wives Mrs. Eisenhower's "deep regret that she couldn't come" to a banquet given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower at the Governors Conference.

The White House had announced Saturday that Mrs. Eisenhower would cancel her attendance at the banquet and all other social engagements this week because her physician felt she had not sufficiently recovered from her recent bout with the flu.

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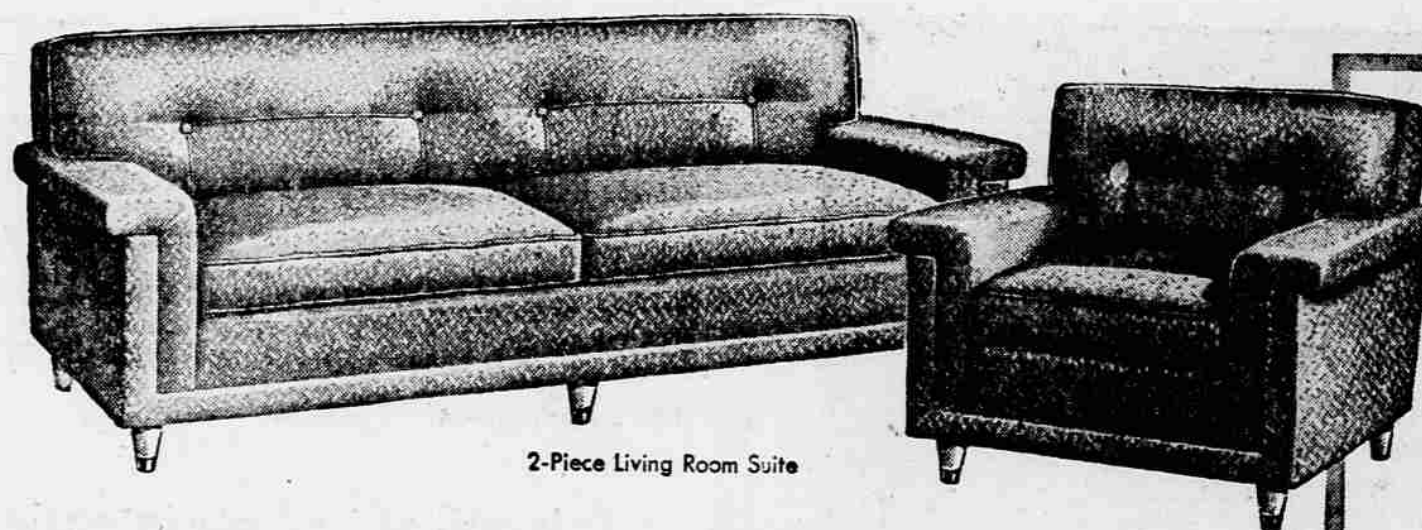
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