

Women's Ability To Withstand Shock of Atomic Blast Shown

Editor's Note: The following was written by Jean Wood Fuller, director of women's activities for the Civilian Defense Administration. Mrs. Fuller was one of the six women stationed in the 3500 yard trench, the closest any Caucasian woman have ever been to an atomic blast.

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Nevada Test Site — (U.P.) — My experience yesterday shows conclusively that women can stand the shock and strain of an atomic explosion just as well as men.

It also proved that with the proper precautions, entire communities can survive an atomic bombing, but only if the proper precautions are taken.

Excitement Prevails
Twenty-nine of us huddled at the bottom of a six-foot trench yesterday less than two miles from ground zero. Included in the group were five other women volunteers. The normal feminine excitement prevailed amongst us all, but I didn't feel that my life was in any danger. The greatest scare came when

the rocks came tumbling down on top of us. It's a very terrifying experience to feel the ground rumble and shake under you and feel the rocks and dirt bounce off your head and back. However, being a Californian, it reminded me of a good stiff earthquake, although a lot dirtier.

I felt no heat from the explosion, but was blinded by the dust that rose up around us in great clouds. Fortunately we were all wearing respirators.

Give Inspiring Sight
The sight of that tremendous cloud rearing itself high over our head was one of the most awe inspiring sights I or anyone else in that trench will ever see.

We women set a precedent this morning by being in the trench and the Civil Defense Administration can be proud of the way it handles our end of the show. The lessons we learned out there in the dust and dirt will enable us to expand our civil defense facilities and perhaps save additional thousands of lives should an atomic emergency ever occur.

Elks Convention May Bring Record Crowd to Ashland

Ashland — Heavy advance registrations indicate that the Oregon State Elks association convention may bring a record number of visitors to Ashland next month. The convention is slated for June 2 through 4.

New requests for housing are coming in daily, according to Roger Rath, chairman of the convention housing committee. Rath declared that hotels and motels in the Ashland-Talent vicinity are now practically filled, and reservations are being made in Medford for convention delegates.

Expect 3,000
Arrangements are being made to feed 3,000 guests at a buffalo barbecue to be held in the afternoon of June 4 at Ashland High school stadium. A parade is scheduled for the same afternoon, and eight bands have indicated they will take part in the event.

Other items on the program include golf, bowling and trap shoot tournaments, scenic tours of the area, special events for women, and evening floor shows and dancing at the Elks lounge. Full details of the convention program are now being completed.

The two separated sections of Pakistan have a combined area of more than 350,000 square miles.

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Back Stairs: Importance of Drugs Cited

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Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House:

The Salk polio vaccine brings to mind the importance that drug discoveries could have made in the lives of occupants of the White House in days past.

A pharmacist and editor of "The Prescriptionist," Edward P. Fleming wrote recently and movingly:

"To the couple looking down upon that small figure lying so still in the big bed, it must have seemed to have happened very quickly. The small boy coming in from the drenching rain, the next day the sore throat, then the horrible cough, the high fever, the succession of nurses and doctors, the never ending vigil by the bedside, the alternating hope and despair and, finally, the irrevocable end.

"Their son was dead. What mattered their position, their influence, their power, when all of it was unavailing to save their boy?

"No ordinary couple were Abraham and Mary Lincoln, yet death had entered the White House as devastatingly as though

it had been a hovel. Five dollars worth of antibiotics would have had Willie Lincoln playing out on the lawn within the week, but the word "antibiotic" had not yet been coined. Of course, that was 90 years ago."

Pharmacist Fleming also points out:

"Not so remote in time was the era of Calvin Colidge Jr. He had known automobiles from his earliest memories, he seldom glanced up when an airplane flew overhead, he enjoyed his radio as does every modern boy.

"Yet a heel was blistered on the tennis court, infection set in to be followed by the dread septicemia and once again death eluded every barrier to invade the White House and carry away a president's son. Two or three dozen sulfa tables would have been an effective barrier, but the Coolidges knew no more of sulfa than did the Lincolns of antibiotics."

Quite a reminder from Fleming. Possibly in similar knowledge, President Eisenhower has been insistent that no favors be granted, no privilege recognized

but need in the distribution of the new polio vaccine.

This sort of history also may help to explain why the Eisenhowerers were so shocked and even indignant when they heard that someone was trying to spread a lie that their grandchildren were given favored treatment and received the Salk vaccine months before other children. It just didn't happen, nor was this ever requested.

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Surplus of Brazil Coffee Not Expected To Affect Prices in United States

Rio De Janeiro — (U.P.) — Brazil is building up a big surplus of coffee this year but the U. S. housewife probably will go on paying as much as ever at her corner grocery.

Ordinarily the price of coffee might be expected to drop under the conditions shaping up in coffee production centers. But Brazil's price stabilization policy stands in the way of such a decline.

The new Brazilian coffee market begins July 1. At that time, stocks on hand are expected to exceed 6,000,000 sacks, the equivalent of about four months consumption in the United States.

Lot of Coffee
The new crop that will begin pouring into commercial pipelines July 1 is figured to provide more than 16,000,000 sacks for export. This is about 3,000,000 more than the current frost-blighted crop provided.

Adding the July 1 stocks to the new crop, the total is around 22,000,000 sacks.

That's a lot of coffee, even in Brazil.

Too much, in fact, and the Latin American coffee - growing nations have worked up a plan to keep part of their coffee off the market to prevent a price collapse.

A drop in prices, the producers claim, would not really sell any more coffee. What is needed, they say, is a slam-bang sales promotion campaign in the United States and Europe and even

an expansion of sales to Iron Curtain countries.

Meanwhile, the surplus would be taken care of by government stockpiling.

Brazilian Finance Minister
Jose Maria Whitaker, a hard-headed 77-year-old banker, has announced that the government will form a reserve of 3,000,000 sacks it has bought up from the current crop under the price support program.

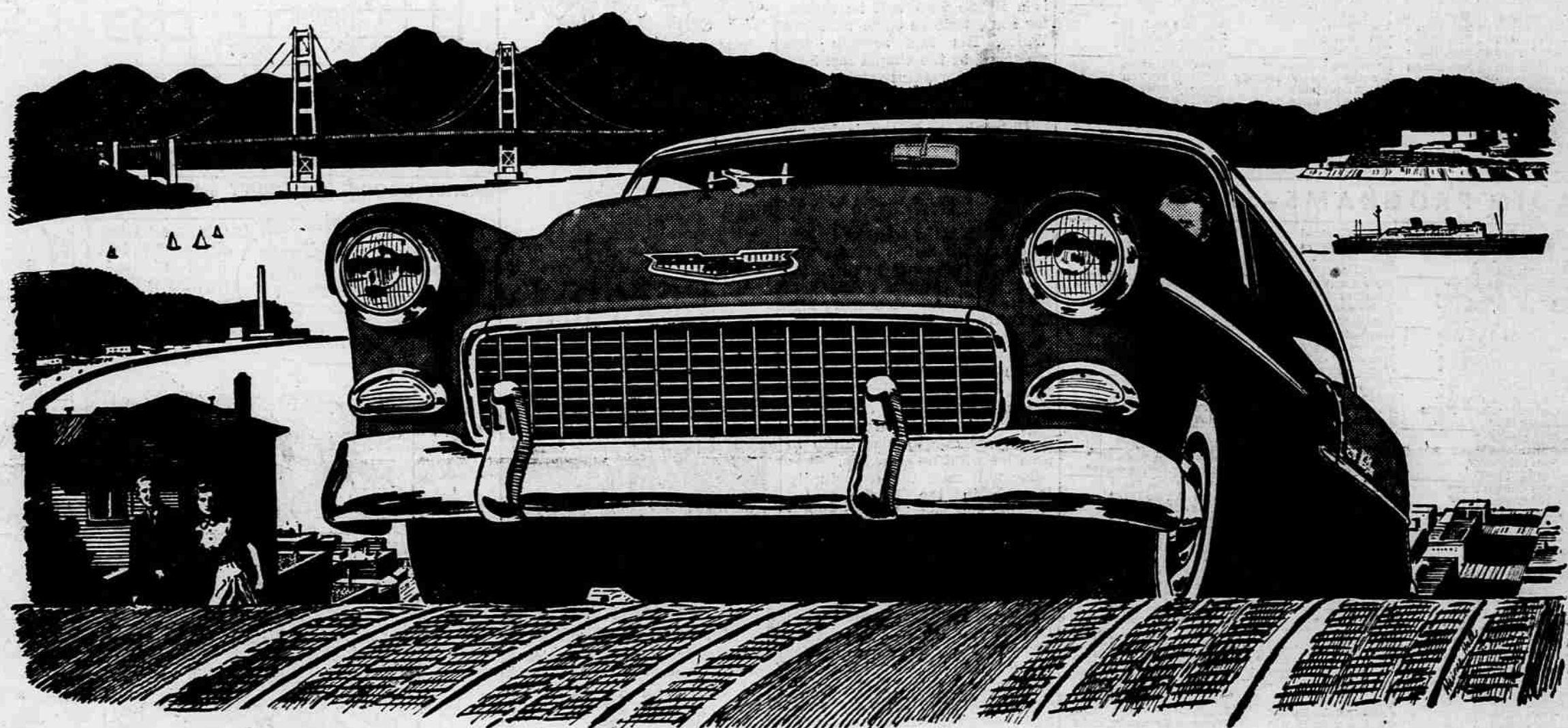
But at the same time he made it clear he wants Brazil's coffee interests to get out and sell what remains of the crop. He hopes to avoid any further stockpiling, which puts too much of a strain on Brazil's inflation-backed treasury.

To help Brazil sell coffee, a bill is now being passed by the Congress which would levy a tax of 25 U. S. cents on each sack of exported coffee to finance a sales promotional campaign in the United States and Europe by the Pan American Coffee Bureau.

Pendleton Student Gets Annapolis Bid

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Michael P. Bothwell, 17-year-old senior honor student here, has been tentatively accepted for admission to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Word of the acceptance was received here yesterday from Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.), who said final approval depended on Bothwell's final school term.



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