

Underwater Atomic Device Successfully Exploded in Pacific Test

Washington — (U.P.) — The government announced today it has "successfully completed" history's second underwater atomic test, presumably of a nuclear depth charge or other missile designed to destroy enemy submarines.

The first underwater atomic explosion was set off July 25, 1946, at Bikini in a test of nuclear weapons against naval ships. The new test was held to get information for developing a defense against submarine attack.

The Defense Department and the Atomic Energy commission said the new explosion, "a small nuclear device," was deton-

ated in the Eastern Pacific. It did not say when or just where. There have been guesses the test was carried out several hundred miles off Southern California.

The joint announcement said "the indications are that . . . the test involved no health hazard to mainland or island inhabitants or consumers of fish."

In an announcement May 9 the two agencies said the explosion would be set off "several hundred miles from the closest land area, off the West Coast of the United States and completely clear of fishing grounds and shipping lanes."

Despite this assurance, spokes-

men for the West Coast sardine fishing industry asked that the test be canceled. They expressed fear it would damage sardines during their spawning period. In trying to avoid doing any damage, the government followed recommendations of Scripps Institution of Oceanography ex-

perts on sea life and currents. Today's announcement said nothing further would be said "concerning the military results of the experiment."

It appeared likely that the weapon exploded ranged in energy yield from around 1000 tons of TNT equivalent to 5000

tons. It also seemed evident that it was in the form of a device that could be dropped or fired into the sea and exploded at the desired depth.

It has long been known the Atomic Energy Commission has perfected a family clear weapons range

mammoth city-killing H-bombs down to comparatively low yield warheads for rockets and torpedoes.

Conventional anti-submarine weapons also have undergone an evolution in form since the drum-shaped depth

charges of World War I.

Whether the atomic anti-submarine weapon takes the form of a guided missile, torpedo, depth charge, mine, or bomb was not disclosed.

Apparently it was something that could be dumped, like a depth charge, or fired from a surface ship or submarine. The distance from land appeared to preclude fixed firing from an anchored ship, as at Bikini in 1946, or from a vessel held in position by cables from shore.

It is certain that the weapon was not as powerful as the one exploded at Bikini. That was equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT.

The Bikini underwater shot hit the hulls of target ships with pressures of thousands of pounds per square inch at distances of a quarter to half a mile.

It ripped the hull of an obsolete battleship, sinking the craft in the twinkling of an eye, and sank seven other craft, including three submerged submarines.

It spewed nearly 1,000,000 tons of water 1 1/2 miles into the air creating a surge of radioactive spray that made many of the more distant target ships dangerously "hot" for months.

The new test was carried out by Joint Task Force Seven under the command of Rear Adm. C. B. Momsen.



QUITE A JOB—Telephone company repairmen are shown above involved in the complexities of repairing a coaxial cable which was cut in two by a ditching machine north of Medford yesterday morning. The mishap halted the flow of both United Press and Associated Press news to The Mail Tribune, Ashland Tidings and Grants Pass Courier, as well as to the radio and television stations, and in addition interrupted

network radio and TV broadcasts. The break was repaired by late afternoon, after the men above succeeded in splicing the hundreds of wires carried in the cable. Each had to be joined with the one it matches. Shown on the job in the Telephone company picture, are left rear, Edward A. Switzer, installer-repairman, and V. S. Kasser (right rear), R. R. Bates (left front) and Robert L. Glather (right front), cable splicers.

George Optimistic Over Outcome of Big 4 Conference

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Walter F. George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee expressed optimism today over Russia's attitude toward the coming Big Four conference.

He told reporters the Russians "seem to be willing to concentrate on the big problems ahead" of "softening tensions as much as possible." He also said the Soviets "seem not to have raised any collateral issues" which might become stumbling blocks at the meeting.

Dulles Appraisal Sought
The Georgia Democrat said Secretary of State John Foster Dulles probably would be asked for his appraisal of the Soviet attitude in his appearance before the committee today. The session was called to hear Dulles' report on his recent European trip.

George said that judging by reports from Vienna and Paris, Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov "seems to have agreed" generally with the ideas set forth by the U.S., Britain and France on main topics to be covered at Big Four talks. Time and place for the talks still must be arranged.

Reports To President

Dulles returned by air from Europe Monday and reported immediately to President Eisenhower. He later met in a closed door session with the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The secretary of state said the Big Four meeting "holds some promise of constructive accomplishment." He said his trip was "a very eventful week" during which "much good work has been done."

Neutralization of Germany Soviet Aim At Big Four Parley

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.) — Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov made it clear today that Russia will press for the neutralization of Germany when the Big Four heads of government meet this summer.

Molotov flew back to Moscow today to set the time and place of the meeting "at the summit" with Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin.

Pattern for Solution
Before leaving he told newsmen he hoped the signing of the Austrian state treaty would be "the pattern for the solution of other international problems."

The treaty establishes Austria as Europe's newest neutral, and his statement was regarded as a direct reference to Germany, the chief concern at the moment of Soviet policy in Europe.

"I am convinced that the conclusion of the treaty will contribute to peace in Europe and the world," Molotov said.

Molotov was the last of the Big Four foreign ministers to leave Vienna. He stayed behind and led a march on the West by holding surprise "friendship meetings" with high Austrian officials.

Serious Complication
During his visit he said "aggressive German militarism" had seriously complicated European affairs and forced the Soviet to form an Eastern military alliance—the "Red NATO" formed last week in Warsaw.

Western officials believed the Soviets would offer to barter the new Communist alliance for a neutralized Germany at the forthcoming meeting between President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Anthony Eden, Bulganin and French Premier Edgar Faure.

An official Soviet note proposing an exact time and place for the conference is expected within the next week or ten days.

Medford To Get KC Convention in 1956
Portland — (U.P.) — Michael J. Hine of Tigard has been named state deputy of the Knights of Columbus as the group closed its 47th annual convention here.

The 1956 convention will be held in Medford. Other new officers include Edward Bell, Stayton, secretary; Vincent Mertz, Salem, treasurer; Andrew Neterlin, Newport, advocate; Wilfred duBall, Lakeview, warden, and Rev. Edmond J. Murnane, Eugene, chaplain.

Seven Aircraft Due in City To Mark Armed Forces Day

Seven aircraft from two Air Force bases and the Civil Air patrol, and 10 pieces of military equipment will be displayed at municipal airport Sunday afternoon when Armed Forces Day will be observed in Medford.

In addition to the aircraft and equipment, several other displays will be on exhibit during the afternoon, when there will be a musical program by the Sixth Army Bagpipe band from San Francisco and the Medford High school band.

The displays will be exhibited in the area west of the municipal airport administrative building. Parking facilities will be available near the airport.

Three of the aircraft on display will be jets. They are the trainer version of the F-80, a

radar interceptor version of the F-80, and an all-weather radar interceptor. All three will be from McClelland Air Force base, Calif.

Military equipment will include various artillery and army vehicles from Oregon National Guard stations at Ashland and Medford. Fire fighting equipment will be displayed by the United States forest service, and a link trainer for the CAP will be on display.

The program will start at 1:40 p.m.

In addition to activities at municipal airport, several fighter interceptors Scorpion F-89 aircraft will fly over the Rogue valley Sunday about 9:30 a.m. The planes, however, will not land to be on display.

Sen. Morse Raps Oveta Culp Hobby For Vaccine Job

Bungling Charged By Oregon Senator

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne L. Morse, (D-Ore.), said today Health Secretary Oveta Culp Hobby "ought to be removed from her office for gross incompetence" in the handling of Salk polio vaccine.

He made the statement in a Senate floor debate with Sen. George H. Bender (R-O.), over whether administration officials have bungled the vaccination program.

Children Said Protected
Bender said Mrs. Hobby and Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele "are protecting the people of the United States, particularly the children, in handling this matter in the most professional way."

But Morse asserted that Mrs. Hobby and Scheele made a "horrendous mistake" in handling the vaccine. He said Mrs. Hobby particularly "has been guilty of bad administration that comes close to immorality."

He said both officials "have much to answer for." He said they should visit the hospital beds of children who, he said, contracted polio "because the Public Health Service hadn't properly tested" the vaccine.

Mrs. Hobby Leaves
Mrs. Hobby left here today for a four-day visit in her home town of Houston, Tex. A spokesman for her department said "she probably needs a little rest."

Mrs. Hobby accompanied her husband, former Gov. William P. Hobby of Texas. Hobby was hospitalized recently in New York.

"We test and inspect meat more carefully in packing plants . . . than we test this vaccine," Morse asserted in a Senate speech.

Washington — (U.P.) — Senator Wayne L. Morse, Oregon Democrat, said yesterday that President Eisenhower's anti-polio control program would only lead to more "uncertainty, frustration and chaos."

Morse said the new program "will do little to reduce the mounting confusion." Urging federal controls, the Oregon Democrat said the voluntary approach "has produced the current uncertainty, frustration and chaos," and the new recommended program would "merely provide for more of the same."

The program, Sen. Morse said, would bring about a system of "hundreds" of priorities "on a community by community basis."

City Tax Election Discussion Slated
Members of the city council tonight will discuss the proposed election to increase the city's tax base by \$65,000 annually and to amend the city charter to provide a higher limitation of property taxes.

At a special meeting recently, the council voted to go ahead with plans for an election, and authorized City Attorney Frank Farrell to draw the necessary documents.

The council also will hear recommendations on a revised milk quality ordinance, award bids on a pick-up and dump truck for the city, receive a report on the alley clean-up program, and call for hearings on annexation of property on Black Oak dr., and paving on East Jackson st.

Several other items also are on the agenda, including consideration for annexation of a portion of Laurelhurst addition which is not now within the city limits.

The meeting, at the city hall, will start at 7:30 p.m.

Phoenixville, Pa. — (U.P.) — Former U. S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, 80, died today at his home in nearby West Vincent Township.

Missing Elsie Boy Safe; Soldier Being Questioned

Chou Interested In Discussing US Troop Withdrawal

Premier Wants Yank Troops Out of Formosa

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai renewed his offer today to negotiate directly with the United States but made it clear he was interested chiefly in negotiating the withdrawal of U. S. armed forces from Formosa.

Chou, in a review of the Bandung African-Asian conference broadcast by Peiping Radio, emphasized Peiping's intention of "liberating" Formosa but said Communist China was willing to "liberate" it by negotiation rather than through military force.

Cease Fire Rejected
Chou rejected any idea of a cease fire for the Formosa Strait and said this was an impossibility because Formosa is an integral part of China and that it was a matter to be settled by the Peiping government and by no other authority.

Peiping Radio broadcast the 5500-word text of the report Chou made before the standing committee of the National Peoples Congress. He used the same "turn the other cheek" attitude he displayed at the Bandung conference but he did not budge an inch on the Formosa question.

Plane Said Sabotaged
He did retreat on one propaganda line. He said a plane which crashed en route to Bandung with Red Chinese aboard was sabotaged by Nationalist agents. He did not repeat Peiping's earlier charges the crash was plotted by Americans as well.

Chou said the "occupation" of Formosa by American forces was an international matter which has created tension in the Far East.

Burmese Exchange Students Arrive For Stay in Valley
Two Burmese men, in this country through the International Farm Youth Exchange program, arrived in Jackson county yesterday afternoon. They will be here until June 12 and will live with two local farm families.

The men, Maung Thein Nyun and Ko Tun Oo, same to Medford by car with Ken Hill, Corvallis, state extension service agent at large. Hill and Glenn Klein, Jackson county agent for 4-H club work, took the Burmese to the homes where they will be staying.

Nyun will live at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Minear, route 1, box 358, Medford. Oo will stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ousterhout, route 1, Eagle Point.

Will Get Acquainted
During their first few days in Jackson county, they will spend most of their time becoming acquainted with their hosts, Klein said. Saturday they will be at Gold Hill for the Rogue River Jersey Cattle Junior Dairy show to observe dairy judging and showmanship.

While in the county, Nyun and Oo plan to attend numerous 4-H club and Boy Scout activities and will be available for some talks, Klein said. Both speak English fairly fluently. Interested groups are asked to telephone Klein at the county agent's office in the courthouse.

Two other Burmese in this country through the IFYE program, Maung Nyl Nyl and Maung Thein Lwin, are staying with Josephine county families. They also came to southern Oregon yesterday with Hill.

Phoenix' First Sewer System Given Strong Approval by Voters

Phoenix — Voters of Phoenix yesterday approved, by a vote of about 4 to 1, two proposals which will give the city a sewer system and sewer disposal facilities for the first time in its more than 100 years.

Phoenix residents voted 156 for and 39 against issuing \$40,000 in general obligation bonds to provide for disposal of sewage, and voted 134 for and 36 against installing a city sewer system to be financed by assessments against property served.

The city council, in a special meeting last night, canvassed the votes and adopted an ordinance accepting the results of the special election.

Mayor Dan Adams said the council will go ahead with necessary legislation as soon as possible to push the project forward.

The vote will give the city of Phoenix a sewer system for the first time since the town was founded as Gasburg, more than a century ago. Septic tanks, which are now being used, are causing serious sanitary conditions throughout town, Adams said.

The \$40,000 in bonds, will go toward connecting with the Medford disposal plant through the South Bear Creek Sanitary district.

The city sewer assessment was estimated to be about \$3.65 per front foot, and may be paid in cash or in 20 semi-annual installments under the Bancroft act.

House connections will be paid by property owners.

Little Boy Drowns in Pond at Four Corners

The youngster who drowned at four corners this morning has been identified as Steve Silva, 3-year-old son of Mrs. Nonnah O. Silva, 215 North Ivy st., Medford. Sheriff's officers said the youngster was being cared for by a baby-sitter near there at the time of the accident.

A boy about 3 or 4 years of age drowned in a small deep pond behind the Midway Auction company barn at Midway four corners this morning. He was not immediately identified.

Efforts by Medford and Central Point rural fire departments, and sheriff deputies, using a rescuator loaned by the Jackson County Disaster car, failed to revive the boy.

Women Distracted
Sheriff's deputies who talked with the child's baby sitter said she was too distraught to talk coherently and was unable to give them information.

The boy apparently slipped into the pond, which is about 15 feet deep and about 25-by-40 feet, as he was playing on a dirt pile just west of the pond. Two other boys with him ran to a nearby house for help.

Immediately after Medford and Central Point rural fire departments were notified, about three men went to the scene and repeatedly dove in trying to locate the boy.

Central Point Police Chief Oran Chastain, using an oxygen tank and mask, failed to find the boy when he searched the muddy water.

Trucks Pump Water
Four pumper trucks, meanwhile, pumped water from the pond, which was more than half full of water.

The body was found about 12:20 p.m. after more than an hour in the pond, and after all but three feet of water had been pumped out.

The Jackson county coroner and an ambulance were called about 12:40 p.m.

Boundary Board Study Set on School Proposal

The Jackson county boundary board will consider changes in the boundaries of Ashland and Talent school districts Wednesday at 10 a.m., according to County Commissioner Chester Wendt.

The proposed change involves placing a small portion of the present Ashland district within the boundaries of the Talent district, Wendt said.

Youngster Seen Walking on Road Following Release

Boy Lured Away, Private Tells Police

Astoria — (U.P.) — William E. Kent, an Army private from Fort Campbell, Ky., today was charged with child stealing in connection with the two-day disappearance of a 7-year-old Elsie, Ore., boy.

Astoria — (U.P.) — Tommy Woodard, 7, missing since Sunday afternoon, was found safe about 6 a.m. today walking along the Sunset highway near Elsie.

A 19-year-old soldier, who state police said admitted holding the boy, was taken into custody and brought here by state police.

Tommy was taken home and put to bed. He was found walking along the highway by loggers who then found the soldier, Pvt. 2/c William E. Kent, Fort Campbell, Ky., and took him to a local tavern where state police were called.

In Trouble Before
State police who brought Kent to the sheriff's office here said the private told them he had been in trouble on a morals charge in Portland about five years ago.

Kent told state police he came to Elsie with the intention of staying there and living off the woods. He took a taxi from Portland Sunday, arriving about 3 p.m. He said he heard children's voices and lured Tommy away by shooting a cross bow he had with him.

Kent told officers he figured searchers were closing in on him and he felt he had better let the boy go.

Tommy was last reported seen Sunday afternoon chasing arrows for a young man. Search was organized Sunday night but efforts of bloodhounds and some 150 men failed to locate the boy in the heavy underbrush area.

Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woodard, Elsie. His father is a log truck driver.

The soldier entered the picture when searchers found several piles of new clothing and equipment believed to be his property. The clothing was traced to a Portland department store.

Liked Community
State police said Kent had pitched a pup tent near the Elsie cemetery. Kent told officers he had \$700 re-enlistment pay and had spent some \$300 on clothing and camping equipment. He said he had been through Elsie two years ago and liked it so well he decided to come back and live there.

Medford Armory Bids Are Called

A call for bids for construction of the new Jackson county armory building, to be located on the county fairgrounds south of Medford, was issued in Portland today. Bids will be opened June 8 at 2:30 p.m. in Salem.

This information was received here today from Lt. Col. Paul L. Kliever, of the Oregon Military department, by Medford Architect Robert J. Kenney, who with Medford Architect Jack Evans has been associated in planning of the building.

Estimated cost of construction of the new building is about \$348,000. Of this total, \$40,000 will come from city funds, \$60,000 from county funds, \$138,000 in federal funds, \$80,000 in state rehabilitation funds, and the balance from the sale of the old armory property on Bartlett st.

Medford Armory Bids Are Called

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday morning becoming cloudy with a few showers late Wednesday. Cooler tonight, low near 55. High Wednesday 68.

Highest Yesterday 56
Lowest this Morning 54
Prec. to 10:30 a.m. Today 48

Voters of County's School Districts OK Rural Board Budget Totalling \$1,599,895

Voters in 20 Jackson county second and third class school districts yesterday approved a rural school board budget calling for a levy of \$1,599,895.53.

Unofficial returns from 18 of the 20 districts showed a vote of 274 to 97 in favor of the budget. Voters in 13 of the 16 reporting districts favored approval of the budget.

Four Reports Missing
Those districts are not yet reporting are Rich, Dewey, Applegate and Pinehurst. Returns from those districts are not expected to change the final result.

The Jackson county rural board is expected to call a special meeting in the near future for an official canvass of the ballots cast in the election.

Vote on 5 Per Cent
Although, in effect, the results of the election gave approval to the proposed 1955-1956 rural school board budget, the question actually put to the voters was that of exceeding the 6 per cent limitation on budgetary increases by a total of \$1,276,374.89.

The election was needed because the rural school district levy base is only \$323,520.64. State law specifies that the levy base may be increased by only 6 per cent over the largest levy base during the previous three years, unless voters approve a

levy exceeding that amount. The 13 districts voting in favor of the budget, and the unofficial tally of votes, were: Jacksonville, 25 yes, 5 no; Griffin Creek, 41; Phoenix, 18-17; Eagle Point, 41-2; Lone Pine, 22-5; Talent, 81-1; Rogue River, 22-5; Elk-Trail, 27-12; Prospect, 13-0; Oak Grove, 3-0; Butte Falls, 27-0; Howard, 8-4, and Kenwood, 5-0.

Three Votes Against
Those voting against the budget, were Evans Valley, 2 yes and 4 no; Shady Cove, 14-18, and West Side, 5-23.

Operational costs listed in the budget, which is set at \$377,078.29, total \$2,023,896.26. Estimated receipts are \$775,250.73.