

Strauss Sees Peaceful World If Geneva Conference Atmosphere Can Be Retained

Denver — (U.P.) — Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission said Monday the world can look toward peace and a better life for its inhabitants if the friendly atmosphere of the recent Geneva atoms-for-peace conference continues to prevail.

But Strauss warned at a news conference that this is "not a time to be complacent" and "I don't think we can rest on our laurels."

Strauss flew to Denver immediately after returning from Switzerland and reported to President Eisenhower for more than an hour before his press conference.

The AEC chairman joined the President in a flight to Hartford, Conn., later Monday night to continue the atomic report.

Strauss said the Geneva meeting, which dealt only with peacetime atomic uses, was held in an atmosphere of friendliness and understanding. He said that if the "climate" of that conference can be "continued and preserved" the "cause of peace" and "the whole standard of living all over the world" can be advanced.

The United States is ahead of Russia in peacetime atom uses, Strauss said, only because "we

got started earlier" and plowed more money and personnel into the program. But he warned that this nation was not developing young scientists and engineers fast enough to meet the demands and threats to fall behind other countries.

Russian scientists "are as good as any in the world," Strauss said. He stressed that the Russians are "very competent scientists . . . they have done very fine work in the field of pure science."

He was elated that the meeting proved it was possible for scientists to communicate the peacetime aspects of atomic energy

"without violating security."

He said he found the Russian scientists "friendly, approachable and human . . . they were just like our fellows so far as I could see."

The AEC chief said the next few weeks or months might see the United States making public more information about its long-range experiments in the development of power from hydrogen.

Strauss emphasized that the most important aspect of the Aug. 8-20 conference was that it "solidly lined up the scientists pool of the world" behind the President's atoms-for-peace program.



LETTER FOR MARGARET—Group Capt. Peter Townsend drops letter for Britain's Princess Margaret into mail box in Brussels, Belgium. The princess reached her 25th birthday and is free to marry the 40-year-old Townsend without her sister's permission. (NEA Telephoto from Look Magazine)

Question Posed As Outgrowth of Alley Court Case

Washington — (U.P.) — Do the armed services have the legal authority to court martial servicemen accused of collaborating with the enemy in Korean prison camps? Or do such trials belong in federal courts before civilian juries?

This question confronted the military today as an outgrowth of the court martial of Maj. Ronald E. Alley, a tall, handsome, 34-year-old veteran officer from Bar Harbor, Me.

The armed services so far have obtained nine convictions on enemy collaboration charges. But Alley's attorneys, raising an admittedly "novel contention," argued yesterday that the Constitution forbids military trials for such an offense.

In a second motion to dismiss the case, they contended that a fair military trial may be impossible because the Army's so-called "tough policy" in dealing with repatriated prisoners of war as contrasted with the Air Force's "leniency."

Before Alley entered his expected plea of "not guilty," the court martial, in its first day, was ordered recessed until Friday. The Army's prosecutor requested the delay to give him time to prepare a formal reply. The government's reply may be set forth earlier in federal court.

BOYS WANTED

Middletown, Conn. — (U.P.) — Middlesex Memorial Hospital mails brief questionnaires to patients after their release. One of the questions: "Have you any suggestions for improving the hospital?" A mother of five girls replied: "Yes: Get more boys there."

Cosmic Radiation Dangers Believed Overestimated

Holloman, N.M. — (U.P.) — Dangers from cosmic radiation and other cosmic reactions at high altitudes may be overestimated, according to a report made here by Maj. Davis G. Simons, chief of the space biology branch.

Simons said large scale tests with animals sent as high as 120,000 feet showed the graying of hair was about the only consistent effect.

Apprehension Eliminated

Tests conducted by the space biology branch of the Aero Medical field laboratory here have eliminated "much apprehension connected with the exposure of crews in high flying aircraft to primary cosmic radiation," the report said.

Plastic balloons were used for the flights in the stratosphere. Some animals were sent to more than 90,000 feet and remained at that altitude for up to 35 hours in a series of tests conducted over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Workers Perform Normally

Monkeys used in the high altitude flights "performed normally" after two flights which exposed them to cosmic radiation.

"After watching the exposed animals for six months following the experiments, scientists tentatively concluded that cosmic particles may have been overestimated as hazards to the nerve system and that a traveler in the stratosphere should be able to perform duties in a normal manner with no serious after effects," the report continued.

One of the major "blocks" which scientists believed are in the path of flights at such altitudes is danger from cosmic radiation to humans.

A 12-state regional poultry breeding station located at Purdue University is testing hybrid, crossbred and purebred lines of chickens for ways of improving egg production.

Hamilton Man To Be Head of Klamath Base

Klamath Falls, Ore. — (U.P.) — Col. William Harris, deputy commander of Hamilton AFB, Calif., will be assigned as commanding officer of Klamath Falls AFB when the jet interceptor base is activated Jan. 1.

The Klamath Falls base will provide a defense link between Hamilton, near San Francisco, and Seattle, Wash.

School Enlargement Planned at Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland school board last night approved a \$5,000,000 building program to begin next year to provide quarters for the state's fastest growing school enrollment.

Superintendent J. W. Edwards said he expected the district to number 85,000 to 90,000 students by 1960. This year's enrollment was expected to increase by some 3,000 over last year's.

The pay-as-you-go building program would include a new 2,400-student high school in the northeast district, a new gymnasium for Grant high school and enlargement of several grade schools.

Edwards said the projects were the "most urgent" in the district and that numerous others had had to be postponed pending availability of more funds.

Future City Hall Damaged by Flames

Kennewick, Wash. — (U.P.) — Fire last night heavily damaged a building that was to have become the new city hall here.

Firemen battled the blaze for about half an hour. The building, constructed during World War II, formerly was the headquarters for the Federal Housing authority.

The city offices were to be transferred within the next 10 days because the present city hall has been condemned for safety reasons.

Patterson Sets Up Advisory Council On Employment

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson has again established a State Advisory Council on Employment and Unemployment Insurance.

The council is authorized by federal law but Oregon has not had such a council for several years.

With passage of the new Unemployment Compensation Commission law by the 1955 legislature, Gov. Patterson said:

To Study New Law

"It is my desire that an advisory council composed of labor, management and the public be created in order that they might study the operation of the new law, its administration and the effect of such law. They will then be in a very good position to make recommendations as to any changes that might be indicated from their present actual experience with the present law."

The council will hold its first meeting here Aug. 31.

Appointments Listed

Named to the committee are: Jesse A. Bell, President of the Oregon State Industrial Union Council, Portland; Anthony F. Vavrus, statistician, Portland Council of Teamsters No. 37, Portland; Henry E. Baldrige, in charge of logging operations for Publishers Paper Company, Portland; James G. Swindells, attorney, Portland; and Dr. Jessie M. Smith, University of Oregon, Eugene, representing women and the public.

Rubber Tube Houses Made for Air Force

Rome, N.Y. — (U.P.) — The Air Force has invented a new kind of house. You don't nail it, weld it, or glue it — you blow it up with an air pump.

Twenty-four rubber tubes placed side by side form the roof and walls of the house, which is bigger than a Quonset hut and is designed for the Arctic.

When the tubes are filled with two pounds of air, they rise and snap into an arch 16 feet above the floor. They keep standing even under 24 tons of snow.

Another set of 24 air tubes forms the floor of the shelter. They conform to the contour of the ground — even if it's snow or a swamp — and provide a level floor on which sectionalized plywood can be laid.

The whole thing can be carried in a standard truck or light transport plane, and can be assembled in two hours. It was developed (by B. F. Goodrich) for the Air Development Center here.

Revolving Doors Move At Entrant's Wishes

St. Paul — (U.P.) — The world's first two-speed automatically powered revolving doors have been installed at the Pioneer Building here.

The doors revolve constantly at three revolutions per minute but when the crossbar is touched, the motor speeds the revolution to nine revolutions per minute, normal walking speed. Doors can be adjusted to a maximum speed of 12 revolutions a minute.

According to the manufacturer, International Steel Company, Evansville, Ind., the two new entrances allow a maximum of 5,760 persons to enter the same number to leave the building each hour.

It's also possible to reverse direction of the door or to stop it with slight pressure.

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Puerifoy's Ashes To Be Flown To States

Bangkok — (U.P.) — The ashes of the late U. S. Ambassador to Thailand John E. Puerifoy and his young son will be flown to the United States some time Wednesday, an embassy official said today.

Potato Growers To Vote on Agreement

Portland — (U.P.) — Ballots have been mailed to most Oregon potato growers for voting on extending the Oregon-California potato marketing agreement, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

Malheur county in eastern Oregon, which has an agreement with Idaho, was the only potato-growing Oregon county not to receive ballots.

Producers will also vote on amendments to the agreement, which would authorize market research and development projects and enlarge the administrative committee by one grower and one handler.

Walter H. Leverette Named in Damage Suit

Edith M. (Mrs. Richard L.) Dorn, 778 Marshall ave., has filed a suit in circuit court for \$10,200 damages against Walter H. Leverette, south pacific highway.

The suit charges Leverette with carelessness in the injury of Richard L. Dorn in a highway accident Oct. 26, 1954. A pickup driven by Leverette allegedly struck Dorn who was standing by the highway and caused him permanent partial disability.

Mrs. Dorn asks \$10,000 general damages and \$200 special damages.

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