

Russians Must Have Super Bomb, Atomic Scientist Declares

Administration Fact Sheet Tells Farm Developments

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture department today distributed 3,000 copies of a fact sheet designed to acquaint farmers with developments affecting agriculture since the beginning of the Eisenhower administration.

Heading the list of 39 "facts important to farmers," is this paragraph: "There is peace."

The fact sheet from the "office of the secretary," bears the name of True D. Morse, under-secretary of agriculture and president of the Commodity Credit corporation.

Sent to Regular List

A department aide said the sheet was distributed to its regular mailing list. This includes persons who get copies of all department policy statements both within and out of the department; editors of farm papers and magazines; women's page editors; persons who get all releases on Commodity Credit corporation activities; state extension editors; radio farm directors and members of "two or three" advisory committees.

The aide said the regular mailing list also includes the Republican and Democratic national committees.

Record Business Activity

Fact No. 2 on the sheet reads: "There is record high business activity and income." Fact No. 3 states: "Farmers have not shared fully in the great prosperity of the nation. More farm products are being consumed because of high level incomes."

Fact No. 4 is a long paragraph quoting Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson. It reads, in part: "This administration is not content with the general level of farm prices today or with the present income of our people. We will seek earnestly, energetically, and constantly to do everything that is fair, right and economically sound to improve this situation . . ."

Siskiyou Timber Salvage Starts

Yreka—Salvage work on trees damaged during September forest fires in Siskiyou county is now well underway, according to A. K. Crebbin, information officer for Klamath National forest.

The forest service has started to advertise sales of salvage timber, offering to sell from 1,000,000 to 8,000,000 board feet a week.

Crebbin noted that the forest service plans to seed grass over some 900 acres of land hit by fire. The work is scheduled to be completed this year.

Reseeding and plant of young trees will get underway in the spring. Planting will be speeded up as soon as new young trees

Girl Scouts Get Help for Camp from Annual UMC Drive

(Editor's Note: This is another in a series of brief articles describing the agencies which benefit from the United Methodist Crusade fund drive, now under way. Material is supplied by the agencies themselves.)

During the four sessions this summer at Low Echo Girl Scout Camp more than 500 campers participated.

Hiking was one of the outstanding activities with Marriane Johnson from Sweden as visiting director. The treks to Lake Harriet and Mt. McLoughlin as well as being fun taught how Girl Guides in other countries hike with maps and compass.

Various crafts were taught and badges earned for boating and swimming. A balanced and nourishing diet is a part of the program and living and dining together is a never to be forgotten experience for scouts.

Fathers are directly and indirectly aiding with the camp too. The call went out last July for workers at Low Echo Camp and an enthusiastic group built shelters, assembled boats and readied the camp.

This year more than 615 girls attended day camp at the day camp site in June. They learned camping techniques and outdoor skills during the two week period. The Brownies are engaged in learning the true scout way and encouraging new recruits who will soon be joining their ranks.

The United Methodist Crusade helps make it possible for every Girl Scout to believe in, belong to and build this great organization.

Accident Details

Listed by Police

The positions of two of three cars involved in an accident on Highway 99 north of Talent yesterday morning were reversed in the first story of the mishap, state police reported today. The accident occurred at about 7:35 a.m.

Drivers of the cars were Gerald Leon Pawlowski, 23, of route 1, box 6, Jacksonville; Donald Dean Babbitt, 19, of 156½ Ashland st., Ashland, and Sturmon E. Peterson, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Police said Pawlowski and Peterson were southbound. Peterson swerved to miss a car which stopped suddenly in front of him, and Pawlowski was forced to swerve to miss Peterson's car.

The Pawlowski car sideswiped Babbitt's vehicle, which was northbound, and bounced into Peterson's car, police said. The Babbitt car was towed away by a wrecker, and damage to the other two vehicles was minor.

Water-soluble insecticides are being developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to control mosquitoes in irrigation water.

Something Extra Special in Series Of Tests Revealed

By JOSEPH L. MYLER

United Press Correspondent

Washington—(U.P.)—An atomic scientist said today that "Russia must have the Super."

He was referring to persistent reports, never officially confirmed, that there was "something extra special" about a series of Soviet nuclear tests revealed by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission a year ago this month.

By "the Super" this scientist meant the kind of weapon tested by the United States at Bikini in March, 1954. It also has been called the three-F or fission-fusion-fission bomb.

It achieved notoriety because, in addition to its destructive power nearly 1000 times greater than the ordinary A-bomb—it loosed enough radioactive fallout to poison an area of 7000 square miles.

This country maintains a monitoring network which tells it when the Russians stage nuclear tests, the latest of which got underway last summer and may be still going on.

Unspecified Weapons

But the commission seldom specifies the kind of weapons, whether fusion H-bombs or fission A-bombs, the Russians are testing. And it has never come right out and said whether there even is such a thing as the "Super" of whatever nationality.

It is known, however, that the Russians have exploded new varieties of their H-bomb since the last Soviet fusion test formally announced by the AEC in August, 1953. A high U.S. official told the United Press that they "have not been sitting on their bottoms."

Whether the Russians tested a super H-bomb last fall undoubtedly is known to this country if it was made anything like the U.S. Bikini bomb. Japanese scientists who analyzed fallout particles from the American weapon tipped off its apparent three-phase nature.

Their reports indicated it consisted of an atomic trigger, a fusion charge, and a jacket of normally inert uranium-238 fissioned by the fusion reaction.

In any event, the Russians have been testing nuclear weapons since 1949. Starting with a single-shot test program they have worked up in recent years to elaborate test series comparable, informed sources have said, to the multistage U. S. programs.

No Precise Score

It is impossible to keep a precise score because the AEC does not announce each individual shot of a series. The best guess appears to be that the Russians have set off between 20 and 30 nuclear explosions. The U. S. score is at least 65.

The number of weapons in the American nuclear stockpile has never been officially disclosed. Close observers of the atomic project reckon the total at a fat five figures. They guess the Russian at four figures.

AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss refused recently to discuss the significance of the latest Soviet test series, which started in late July or early August and was still going on as recently as Sept. 24. He said only that presumably the Russians were aiming at "improvement of their weapons stockpile."

But U.S. officials have learned to credit Russia with being scientifically on an atomic par with this country. As the scientist said, "Russia must have the super."

Mint Control Area For Three Counties

Salem—(U.P.)—A mint control area will be operative in Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes counties beginning Oct. 10, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

This means, the department said, that any planting stock going into that area from any other place in Oregon or from outside the state must be cleared by plant officials.

The control area order affects any mint grower in Oregon who expects to sell planting stock to central Oregon growers.

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Israel Tells US Of Need for Arms Help To Counter-Balance Egypt

Washington—(U.P.)—Israel has formally told the United States it needs new arms aid to counter-balance weapons Egypt will get from the Soviet bloc, it was learned today.

The notification came within the past week.

Israel did not request specific military equipment. But the action indicated the Israeli government will follow up its formal notification with a request for new military aid.

Diplomatic sources said Israel is convinced that only the United States would be in a position to supply it with enough arms aid to restore the balance of Middle Eastern power after a Czech offer of arms to Egypt is carried through.

Furthermore, Israel feels it would need so much military

help that the United States would have to supply such arms free or sell them on very liberal terms. In the past the United States has sold limited quantities of weapons for security purposes to Middle Eastern nations only on a strictly reimbursable basis.

Apparently Israel is waiting to learn details of the Czech-Egyptian arrangement before submitting a detailed request for weapons.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declined to tell a news conference Tuesday whether the United States would be willing to supply Israel with arms to balance Soviet bloc shipments to Arab nations. Officials said any decision most likely will depend on what kind of report Dulles gets when Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen

returns from his trouble-shooting mission to Egypt next week.

Allen rushed to Cairo last week for talks with Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser almost immediately after Egypt announced she would get arms from Czechoslovakia in exchange for cotton and rice.

Bakers Union Leaders Consider New Contracts

Portland—(U.P.)—A two-day conference of Pacific Coast leaders of the AFL Bakers Union ended here yesterday after delegates considered proposals for new employer contracts.

James G. Cross, international president of the union, said a pension plan was the major topic discussed.

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