

Nation Warned on Possibility of Missile Attack in Less Than 6 Years

U.S., Russia Soon To Have Vicious Hydrogen Bombs

Washington — (U.P.) — The nation received an official warning today that it could be attacked with intercontinental ballistic missiles in less than six years.

The warning was coupled with the prediction that both the United States and Russia soon will have H-bombs with the punch of 50,000,000 tons of TNT.

A top-level Civil Defense committee said development of the ICBM—sometimes described as the ultimate weapon—is expected within "six to 10 years at the most but possibly much sooner." It said the warning period of an attack by the intercontinental missiles would be "not more than 10 to 20 minutes."

Civil Defense Changes
The 13-man special committee included its warnings in a report to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson and Defense Mobilization Arthur S. Flemming. They immediately called for broad changes in the nation's civil defense program based on committee recommendations.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) warned the Russians are working on weapons "even more fantastic" than the ICBM. He declined to elaborate.

Jackson is chairman of the Atomic Energy Applications Subcommittee, which receives high-level secret briefings on atomic weapons development.

The Russians hinted only last week they have developed an ICBM. Defense department officials publicly doubted the hint.

Atomic Progress Review
The special committee headed by Gen. Otto L. Nelson Jr., reviewed atomic weapons progress since the so-called "Project East River Report" for civil defense planning was issued in 1952. The group called for widespread revisions to take into account the transition from the atomic bomb to the multi-megaton H-bomb.

"The time is close at hand," the committee's report said, "when the United States and its potential enemies" will have bombs rated at 50,000,000 tons of TNT destructive power.

The report said there has been considerable improvement in continental air defense. But it warned that gains will be offset by continuing increases in plane performance, both in speed and in bomb-carrying capacity.

Russia Said Working On 'Ultimate Weapon'

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) said today the Russians are working on weapons "even more fantastic" than the intercontinental ballistic missile.

He would not say what they are but the intercontinental ballistic missile would be a weapon of such deadliness and great range that it generally is referred to as "the ultimate weapon."

Receives Briefings
Jackson is chairman of the Atomic Energy Military Applications Subcommittee. He noted that, as such, he receives high-level, secret briefings on weapons developments in the atomic field.

Jackson said he is "inclined to

believe" the Russians already have a ballistic missile, possibly not one of full range but one of 1500-mile range. Even the shorter-range one, he said, "would be able to neutralize North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Europe and virtually all our Strategic Air Command bases."

High Degree of Accuracy
Jackson described a full-range ballistic missile as one which would be able to travel 5,000 miles in 30 minutes with "a high degree of accuracy, carrying an H-bomb warhead equivalent to millions of tons of TNT." U.S. development of a full-range missile is believed to be five years away although there have been recent encouraging technological advances.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington:

A lot of our leaders in the government were in a mellow mood over the holidays. Folks

were encouraged to take some of their annual leave. High officials were running from office to office without leaving word with their secretaries. A lot

of important luncheons started early and ran into go-home time. Reporters not only couldn't find many wheels, there hardly was a cog around.

One of our reporters was trying to smoke out the swine section of the Department of Agriculture on a little item. He was told his contact was on leave. Our snooper was asked to call back the next day and he did. The pig man had checked in and went straight away on leave again. A second lieutenant was recommended—the man with all the answers. That answer man was on leave, too. A third man was suggested and you-all can guess where he was. On leave. All our conscientious reporter wanted to know was whether a sow could, if she worked hard at it, have three litters of pigs a year. It was a good question.

Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey was at a party around yuletide and stopped a messenger boy and

said: "Haven't I seen you before, son?" The "boy" said, "Howdy, sir, you sure did." Turned out it was 30 years ago when Humphrey was a horse judge at Warrenton, Va. It was a nice reunion.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee gets all kinds of offers from the makers of coonskin hats, asking him to be mugged and put in the magazines. He turns all of them down. But he gets a lot of fan mail from the small fry, too young to cast a ballot—wanting to know where the hats with the tails attached can be bought. The senator answers every last one.

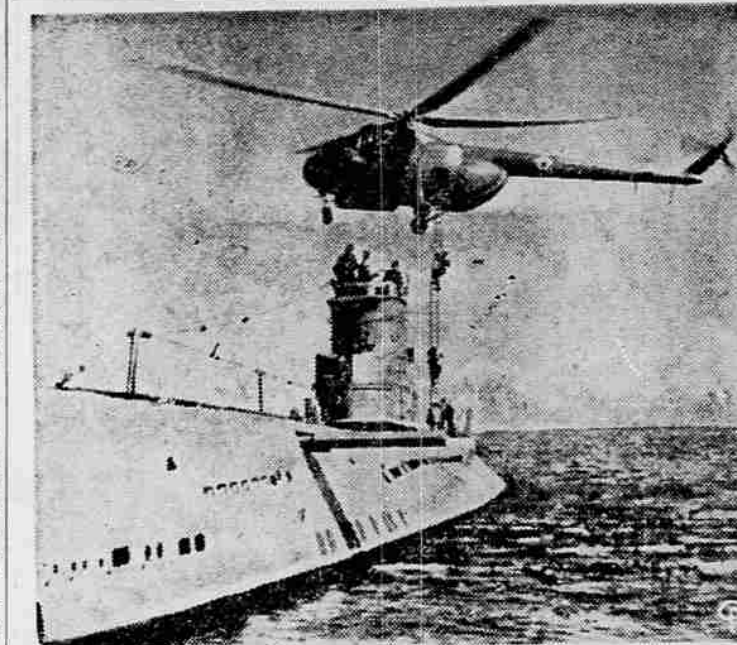
Harrison Wells McConnell almost became a victim of one of those "non-inflammable" Christmas trees over the holidays. The tree decided to violate its own rules and caught fire. The "judge" barely escaped without a singed hide. The local papers reported the incident, but nobody mentioned that McConnell, aged 70, was an assistant attorney general under both Presidents Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover.

The American Automobile association reports this one from its Detroit office. It actually happened. There was a collision between an automobile and a submarine. The submarine "Tambor" was tied up there. The brakes on the car failed and down the hill she went—wind-up practically on the deck of the submarine.

Dealers around the Washington area claim that they had more Christmas trees left over than any time in the oldest dealer's memory. They say it was a matter of a rumor about a poor crop from the West that prompted them to buy more than they needed from the North. Anyhow, trees were give-aways as early as the Friday before Christmas in a lot of places.

Redmond Logger Dies When Struck by Tree

The Dalles — (U.P.) — A 57-year-old Redmond logger was killed instantly yesterday when a 20-foot branch dropped on him as he was felling a dead pine tree. The victim was Albert Francis Nys. The accident occurred on the Warm Springs Indian reservation 11 miles north of Warm Springs junction.



TRANSFERRING PASSENGERS from W-class submarine, Soviet helicopter works with fleet during maneuvers. Glimpse of Russian air-sea activity is printed in January issue of Naval Aviation News, publication of U. S. Navy. (International)

Council Authorizes Sewer Repair Funds

The city council last night authorized expenditures not to exceed \$10,000 for repairing a flood-damaged sewer line. Funds will be from the Camp White sewage disposal construction and maintenance fund.

About 450 feet of 24 inch sewer line was washed out by flood waters in Bear creek east of the Coffee Pot, O.K. Market and Henry's Drive-In on North Riverside ave. Because the sewer break constituted an emergency, repair work started immediately.

The council also accepted, at Manager Robert Duff's recommendation that Army engineers be contacted for possible aid in channel work on Bear creek to prevent additional damage from future floods.

Rescinds Action
The council rescinded action taken at a meeting Dec. 31 to permit dancing on Sunday. It was brought to the attention of the council at the Dec. 31 meeting that under existing ordinance public dances are not permitted on Sundays.

On a vote to repeal the ordinance the council deadlocked, three members voting for the repeal and three against. Mayor Miller cast the deciding vote for the repeal, explaining his action by pointing out that if police were forced to close some 20 dances in the city New Year's eve that a serious, emergency situation might develop. He stated that he was not in favor of dancing on Sunday, but felt that in this case the action was necessary.

At last night's meeting the mayor asked that the action be rescinded, and that the ordinance be reviewed by the city attorney and the police committee to consider revisions to meet state standards.

Calls Hearing
The council called a public hearing Jan. 17 on a change of zone from single family to heavy industrial use of property at McAndrews rd. and Clark st.

About 25 people appeared to protest the change of zone. A petition signed by more than 80 residents protesting the change was presented to the council.

The property is located in the

westerly part of the Mingus subdivision, owned by Marrs Gibbons and Builders Supply company.

The council adopted a recommendation of the finance committee that property bordering the Eastwood-Capitol Hill sanitary sewer be assessed on a square foot basis rather than the usual frontage foot method. It was pointed out that because of irregular shape and large sized lots within the area the usual method of assessment did not appear equitable.

Provide Funds
In order to provide funds for the special annexation election Jan. 16, \$200 was transferred from the general administration fund.

The council granted a right of way through city property to the South Bear Creek sanitary district for construction of a trunk sewer line. They approved segregation of assessments on property where ownership is being divided. A request for parking privileges by Franklin Transfer and Storage was denied because it conflicted with an existing city ordinance.

A motion was adopted that in the case of the death of a city employee the council present relatives an official token of respect, not to cost more than \$5.

Peron Said Protecting Self Against Assassins

Milan, Italy — (U.P.) — Deposed Argentine dictator Juan D. Peron carries a gun to protect himself against "paid assassins," a Milan magazine quoted him today.

Peron, in an interview in Panama with the correspondent of "Tempo," charged political opponents are planning to murder him.

"I am not afraid," Peron said. "It is still to be seen who will be quicker on the trigger." A photograph accompanying the interview showed Peron with a revolver in his belt.

QUAKE IN PERU

Lima, Peru — (U.P.) — Hundreds of persons fled to the streets in their nightclothes when a slight earthquake hit this city early today. No casualties were reported.

Farmer Seeking To Pay Old Creditors Besieged With Potential Borrowers

Clatskanie, Ore. — (U.P.) — Farmer Dave Coons, 72, who advertised two weeks ago to find all his creditors, was besieged with letters today from people looking for a "sugar daddy."

Coons, to whom "a debt is forever, no matter what the law says," only heard from three or four creditors but has "received so many letters I have no time to do my work."

"These men that write want to borrow money," the conscientious farmer said. "These women want to borrow money or get married. It's a madhouse."

Owes Some \$23,000
Coons figured he owed some \$23,000 from business ventures that failed in 1927 and 1937 in California and Oregon. So he ran classified newspaper ads in December which said:

"WANTED, all of my creditors from 1930 to date. I am ready to pay."

The farmer, timber buyer and land speculator, who moved to the end of a dead-end road in the timberlands of sparsely settled Northwest Oregon, said he began "making it pretty good the past 10 years" in timber and land.

He said he recently found the man who sold him a fruit farm in California and would retire \$18,000 of the debt in one big chunk. Three or four smaller

creditors have also come forward to collect about \$1000.

Intends To Pay All
This leaves the elderly farmer with about \$4000 in debts which he is not required by law to pay, because of the statute of limitations. But he intends to pay them even if he has to "rustle them out."

After paying his debts?

"I plan to go somewhere and dry out for a year or so, maybe Arizona," he said. Then looking to his stack of unsolicited mail, "Who knows," he said, "Maybe I'll get married again."

PICTURE TUBES REJUVENATED

Is your picture tube dull and weak? Most picture tubes can be restored to original brightness at only a fraction of the cost of replacement. For further information CALL

Electronic Service
18 N. GRAPE PH. 3-1971

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Fastest service to

SAN FRANCISCO 1 3/4 hrs.
SEATTLE 3 1/2 hrs.
DENVER 6 1/4 hrs.
CHICAGO 10 1/2 hrs.
NEW YORK 13 3/4 hrs.

Airport terminal.
In Medford Call 3-3643
or an authorized travel agent.

McLEOD Butte Creek Flood Damaging

By MRS. CAROLINE L. HARDING
McLeod — The recent high water on Butte creek did some damage, but not as much as it did to the houses along Rogue river.

The cabin owned by Mr. and Mrs. Nate Edwards of Van Nuys had two feet of water running through the kitchen stove and refrigerator, and the same in the living room, but the only furniture in the house that could not be moved was the oil heater, electric stove and refrigerator. Neighbors had gone into the house when the creek started to rise and put all the furniture upstairs so none of it was damaged. The summer table and chairs which were in the patio went down the creek.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Knudson, Medford, whose summer cabin is on the creek, found it was not damaged at all as the water only came to within four feet of their cabin. Dr. Roberts' summer place was under water and considerable damage was done. Mrs. Neary, who lives in Los Altos, Calif., had two feet of water running through her house, which is completely furnished. Harding Paradise was not in the line of the water, which only took out their swinging bridge and then, with the county bridge over Butte creek out, there are five families who have to walk out to the highway until a better road is accessible.

Rogue Woods motel on Crater Lake highway got considerable high water and Mr. Berrys tool shed with all tools floated down Rogue river.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Anderton had to take shelter with a neighbor when Rogue river started to

come through their bedroom windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vaughn entertained with a Christmas eve supper at their home their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, and Mrs. Donald Vaughn's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume and twin daughters.

The community extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Thelma Reining in the loss of her husband. Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denninger on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume and twin daughters Jacqueline and Josephine. Mrs. Denninger and Mr. Hume are sister and brother.

Grant Hubbell is laid up with a broken ankle, due to cleaning up his cabins on "Sunset on the Rogue" after the flood. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casey are now living in the Fred Kindschi cottage on the hill at McLeod, as their house went down in Rogue river.

Two Women Escape Exploding Trailer

Hermiston — (U.P.) — Two women escaped from their trailer home here yesterday only a second before it exploded and was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Bill Thomas and Mrs. Beckey Ivey told officers they were asleep in the trailer when Mrs. Thomas awakened and smelled smoke. They said they "just got out the door" before the explosion occurred. Cause of the blast was not known.

NOTICE!!

Beginning January 1, 1956, and until the completion of our new building THE MEDFORD FEED & SEED will do business temporarily in the old Co-op building at the corner of 4th and Fir streets. Across 4th Street from where we are now located.

The telephone number will remain the same
Geo. C. Barr, Mgr.
Medford Feed & Seed

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT

COMMERCIAL TRANSFER

New Manager — Dave M. Franklin

NEW LOCATION 340 North Fir Street

NEW PHONE NUMBER 2-6279

NOW AGENT FOR MAYFLOWER TRANSIT CO.

LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE MOVING STORAGE — PACKING AND CRATING

MERCY FLIGHTS NEEDS YOU! DO YOU NEED MERCY FLIGHTS?

Anyone in Southern Oregon — at any time — may find himself in immediate need of the services of Mercy Flights. Ask any of the more than 430 patients who learned this from experience.

Yet — without the subscriber system — Mercy Flights could not keep their planes available to meet the urgent requests. It's a fact. Mercy Flights planes are operated at a yearly loss of more than \$10,000 and this loss is covered by the subscriber fees of \$4 a year per family. However, those subscribers who do have need of a flight, more than get their money's worth. In a medical emergency, they can be taken anywhere within a 400-mile radius of Medford, and still not have to pay a cent.

We urge every family in Southern Oregon and Northern California, within a 150-mile radius of Medford, to join Mercy Flights now. We believe it is safe to say that there is not a resident in this area who does not know someone who has been flown as a patient by Mercy Flights.

If you want to say "thanks" for that service, and at the same time protect yourself and loved ones, join today. Mercy Flights, Inc. is a non-profit corporation serving you. Simply send your name, address, and \$4 to

Mercy Flights, Inc.

P. O. Box 522 — Medford, Oregon

Your subscriber card, good for one year, will be sent to you.