

# Plans for 1956 H-Bomb Tests in Pacific Expected To Be Told Soon

## Continuation of Nuclear Weapons Work Made Clear

Washington—(U.P.)—Look for an official announcement soon that the United States will stage new H-bomb tests in the Pacific this year.

President Eisenhower made it clear Thursday that this country will not be duped by foreign propaganda into calling the tests off.

Atomic sources saw in his State of the Union message assurance that the United States will continue to perfect nuclear weapons for defense of the free world.

A congressional authority said the new tests will be held this spring at the Eniwetok-Bikini proving ground in the Marshall Islands. The last tests there, in the spring of 1954, were of "super H-bombs" comparable in violence to 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 tons of TNT.

"This year," the congressional authority said, "we are thinking in terms of 400,000,000 to 500,000,000 tons."

**Message Mentions Atom**  
In Thursday's message Mr. Eisenhower mentioned the atom in 10 different paragraphs. Five of the references were to peace-time uses.

The President spoke of U.S. efforts "to harness the atom for the betterment of mankind." He said "nuclear war would be an intolerable disaster." And he added that this country will keep trying to get Russia to accept a perfidy-proof system of arms control.

But he also noted that Soviet leaders so far have refused "to create the indispensable conditions" for a secure peace.

That being the case, the United States is beefing up its power to deter or repulse aggression by "making operational new weapons and by integrating the latest scientific developments, including new atomic weapons, into our military plans." You can't do any of that without field experiments to prove the fruits of research.

**Others Oppose Tests**  
So the 1956 tests will go on as scheduled — despite political pressure from the Communist world, from India, and from British Laborite circles for an East-West agreement to ban further H-bomb development.

Preparation for this year's tests have been under way a long time. The test organization, Joint Task Force Seven, is a semi-permanent agency.

President Eisenhower is understood to have given his final okay for this year's tests to AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss shortly before his pre-Christmas return from Gettysburg.

**By UNITED PRESS**  
Background on A-Bomb—On Jan. 31, 1950, President Truman ordered development of a hydrogen bomb until a "satisfactory plan" for international control of atomic energy could be achieved.

World diplomats still have not agreed on such a plan.

On Nov. 16, 1952, the Atomic Energy commission announced it had staged successful H-bomb "experiments" at its Eniwetok proving ground in the Pacific. The disclosure was made after a flood of letters from task force members told of being aboard ships 30 to 35 miles away when a tremendous explosion was set off on Nov. 1, 1952.

**Fallout on Japanese**  
A series of hydrogen bomb explosions were set off during March and April of 1954. During one of the series—the March 1 shot—a sudden change of wind caused radioactive fallout to dust a boatload of Japanese fishermen and nearly 300 Marshall Islanders and U.S. servicemen. Many countries asked that the H-bomb tests be stopped.

Russia set off an H-bomb on Nov. 22, 1955. British nuclear tests in Australia this year are expected to include detonation of the first British H-bomb.

## Northwest Gas Pipeline Arrives at Hermiston

Hermiston—(U.P.)—Eighty-eight flatcars loaded with more than 19 miles of 20-inch pipe for the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation's natural gas line into the Northwest have arrived here.

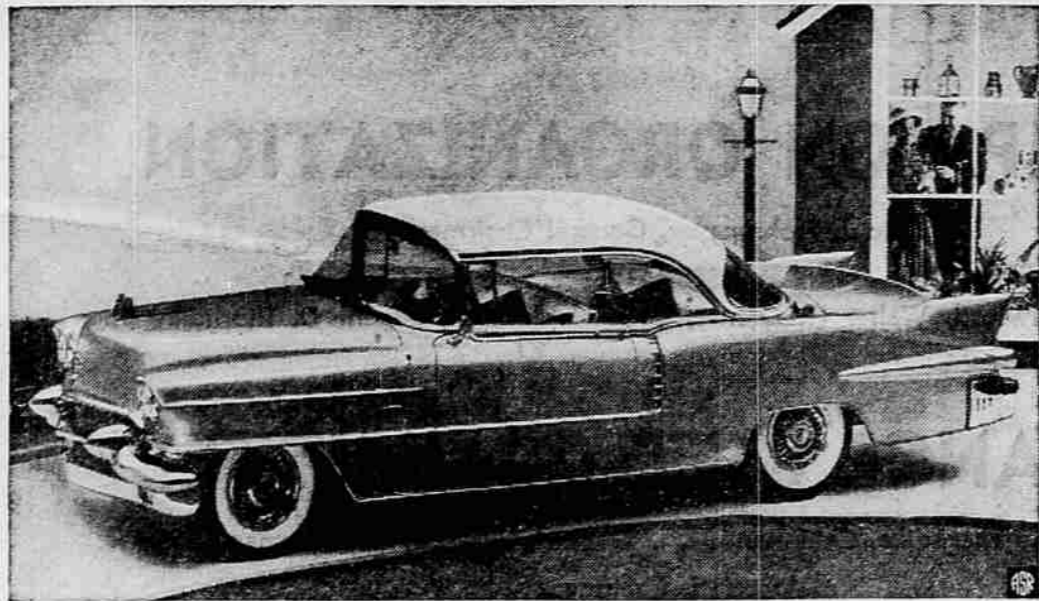
Company officials said the pipe would be used on sections in northern Oregon and southern Washington.

## Court Records

**DISTRICT COURT**  
William E. Brooks, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
Harold L. Fitzsimmons, improper load, \$10.  
Thomas C. Griggs, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
Augustine F. Lewis, overload, \$56.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Genevieve Christine Wright vs. William Harrison Wright, divorce complaint.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
James Willford Cureton, Austin, Nev., and Lana June Moore, route 1, box 26, Central Point.  
Roy Allen Swim and Marie Julie Jacobson, both Ashland.



ON DISPLAY—The 1956 Cadillac Eldorado Seville, above, is now on display at Skinner's Garage, 143 South Riverside ave. The Seville is powered by a newly developed 305 horsepower engine and features Cadillac's "controlled coupling" hydramatic transmission. The car's tailored roof panel, custom trimmed in padded Vicodec material, blends with characteristic Eldorado swept back fin effect and new oval exhaust ports.

## Is That So?

The week's mail. "Why does a moth fly into a flame?" asks P.D.B.

"Do animals get sick with human diseases?" writes John M. "What is the shortest and what is the longest living animal in the world?" asks S.O.M. "And what about birds, insects, fish?"

**Moth and Flame:** Man of course is constantly searching for human parallels in the animal kingdom. Pairing for life. Mother love. And suicide. Off-



hand, this may seem like the latter — self-destruction. But the moth cannot help himself. When light falls upon its eyes, its wings beat faster. When the light falls more strongly on one eye than on the other, the wings on one side beat faster than those on the other. As a result, his flight curves toward the source of light and if he reaches an open flame, he sings his wings or dies.

Of course, this drive for the burning candle must have developed millions of years before man came on earth and learned to use a flame. (Maybe it was directed to a night-blooming flower, which are usually white to attract moths for pollination.) And now, the helpless moth pays with its life for this development.

Fish, too, are sometimes attracted to light at night — in fishing with cormorants, the Japanese have employed this knowledge for a long time. Deer, too, will stand in the rays of a strong light and fall to the fire of illegal hunters.

But as for the moth—hasn't it pointed the way to many a moral?

**Animals Get Ailments**  
Animal diseases: Yes, animals get many of the ailments from which humans suffer and die. Bacteria, viruses get into animals just as they do into humans with the same effects.

As for malaria, yes indeed, mammals are subject to malaria. So are birds, toads and even snakes. You see, malaria-bearing mosquitoes bite birds and toads and snakes and deer and thus transmit the disease from bloodstream to bloodstream.

Animals also get tumors and cancers. They get infections and impacted teeth. Skin disorders and heart ailments. An epidemic may sweep through a migrating flock and decimate it. Even trout get sunburned.

But even so, the great majority of animals die by violence—a rabbit is killed by an owl, or by natural mishaps—a deer may break a leg in leaping over a log, or by violence — by freezing and starving. But mostly, being caught and eaten by another animal.

**Shrew Shortest Lived**  
Longevity: Restricting the subject first to mammals, the shortest lived is perhaps the shrew, which is also the smallest, with perhaps a life-span of three years. Most of course die much before this maximum age.

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

The longest lived is the elephant, reaching perhaps 100 if all goes well.

As for insects, the shortest-lived perhaps include the May flies. Their adult life is reckoned in hours, some even in minutes! With them, adult life is so short that they aren't even equipped with mouths to feed with.

As for fish, a carp has been credited with reaching a century—I doubt if any official record would go beyond 75. As for the shortest lived fish, that honor would appear to go to the white goby, the course of whose life is run in a single year. This is perhaps the only backboneed animal that runs its lifespan within a year.

The parrot, owl, eagle and ostrich may outlive a human—and it is said that an ostrich may possibly attain 100 years.

Including all animals, quite likely the giant tortoise has the over-all life expectancy record! A few venerable members may have attained 150 years, possibly 250. And claims are made for 300.

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## P-I Group Plans To Stay in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—R. L. Clark, president of the Pacific International Livestock Association, said today the group intends to keep its livestock show here although it apparently has been left out in the city's proposed new \$8,000,000 exposition-recreation center.

There have been reports that the show might be switched to Spokane or some other city. The association has said that it could not show at the South Auditorium site near downtown Portland which was chosen yesterday as the location for the voter-approved center. No provision was made for a separate facility for the livestock show.

Clark said the Pacific International has "grown continuously into one of the great shows of our country and one of Portland's biggest assets. We fully expect to continue it and we expect to continue it here."

## Moro Woman Announces Republican Candidacy

Moro, Ore.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Collis P. Moore, of Moro, Sherman county Republican chairman, announced today that she would be a candidate for Republican national committeewoman for Oregon.

The present committeewoman, Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett of Klamath Falls, recently announced that she would not seek reelection.

## Henry Kaiser Returns Home From Hospital

Honolulu—(U.P.)—Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser returned home from Queens hospital last night after a three-day treatment for "aches and pains" suffered in a pre-Christmas fall.

His son, Edgar, rushed here from Oakland, Calif., Tuesday with three prominent California physicians. He said his 73-year-old father was eager to resume work on his plans to enlarge tourist trade in the islands.

## Seasonal Layoffs Increase Number Of Oregon Jobless

Salem—(U.P.)—New seasonal layoffs, mainly in lumbering and construction, added 9100 to Oregon's unemployed during December, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said yesterday.

The year-end total of 46,800 active jobseekers was 6400 under last year and slightly below the postwar average.

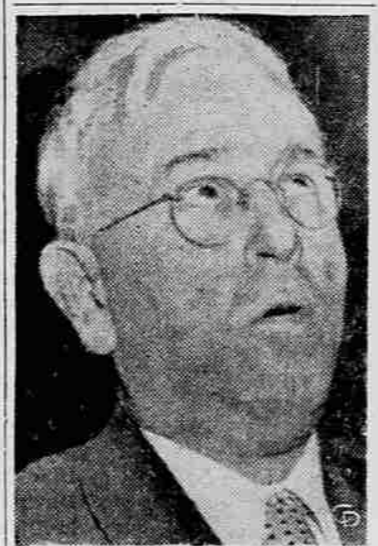
Lumber, construction and food processing accounted for more than two-thirds of the claims for compensation, which

reached 24,507 for the last week of 1955, highest since last March. Initial claims also rose sharply to 7456, indicating new layoffs during the holiday period.

**Number Slightly Higher**  
Downstate offices of the commission in western Oregon reported two-thirds of the newly unemployed, with the number slightly higher than last winter. The total was lower east of the

mountains. At The Dalles, dam workers being returned to jobs more than offset seasonal losses. The Portland area, including most of four counties, counted only 16,200 unemployed as against 22,400 a year ago.

Payments to insured workers last month were \$1,684,830, nearly double the November figure of \$883,574.



TESTIFYING before Senate probers in Washington, James Glaser, ex-editor of New York Communist Daily Worker, says Reds once tried to ruin small businessmen. (International)

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