

# Thermonuclear Test in Pacific Should Concern Every Person

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Washington — (U.P.) — Inescapably, the news on today's thermonuclear test in the Pacific is a "local" story.

Every American should read it as such.

On the surface, the story is one of devastating power leashed in a fraction of a second. It is a challenge.

It is a challenge, first of all, to those of us in the federal government, and in the press, radio, television and motion picture fields who share the responsibility of giving to the American people the facts and significance of tests such as took place today.

It is our joint responsibility to do a job of "balanced reporting" giving not only the dimensions of the threat as we know them, but also the defenses which have been developed against them. Otherwise we risk contributing to the very apathy and defeatism we seek at all costs to avoid.

**Face Real Threat**

Today's "shot" was in the megaton range, many times more powerful than the weapons that ended World War II. Today's test affirms again that we are living in an atomic era, and that our future as a free nation depends on how thoroughly we comprehend the nature of that fact.

The threat we face is real and sobering. Its only absolute solution is permanent world peace. But we cannot rely on perfect answers to problems posed by imperfect man. Nor can we allow the awesome size of the threat to bury us in hopeless despair, or to force upon us the feeling that the danger is too remote to worry about now. There are many things we can and must do, and there is much we can learn.

We must know more about the tremendous forces that some day could be used against us. Tests such as today's "Operation Redwing" in the Pacific advance our knowledge.

**Concerned with Defense**

We must know more about defensive measures that can be taken to protect our people, industry and other resources from the effects of such forces. We in civil defense are particularly concerned with this aspect and will spend much time carefully studying data which, as in previous tests, will be made available to us by the Atomic Energy commission and the Department of Defense.

Although the Federal Civil Defense Administration was not directly involved in today's test, we are vitally interested in several aspects of it. We expect to learn, for example, more about radioactive fallout and defensive measures against it. In that connection we are particularly interested in tests of measuring radiation intensity with special radiation-equipped aircraft, and different methods for the decontamination of materials that have been exposed to radiation. "Redwing" also will increase our knowledge on the effects of nuclear blast and heat on structures—information that is essential to civil defense planning.

**Defense Plans Change**

The fundamental defenses against the blast, fire and radiation effects of these super-bombs—distance and shielding—have been known for some time and do not change.

What does change is the application of these elements, because the manner in which they are used is directly affected by such factors as probable warning times of an attack, type of attack, geographical and population characteristics. These factors are different for every community, and for that reason FCDA is conducting a growing number of survival plan studies to help critical target cities and their support areas plan civil defense measures based on the factors peculiar to the locale.

**Know Value of Tests**

We in civil defense know the value of nuclear tests. Our concept of mass evacuation was born in a Pacific test, as was our concern with, and preparation for, defense against radioactive fallout. In fact, a considerable amount of civil defense planning and programming may be traced directly to information gained from nuclear tests.

The knowledge we gain from the tests and the manner and speed with which we apply it may have a direct bearing on the future of every American home.

That's why "Redwing" is a "local" story of concern to every citizen. Despite its picture of power and devastation, if we act on its message to prepare now, we can profit by the lessons it has brought home.

The carrying of a flask may be nothing worse than an immature gesture. It is not necessarily a sign of drunkenness or depravity, for hard drinkers are able to consume plenty of alcohol without having a flask on the hip at all times.

Daisy is probably very much mistaken in her appraisal of the problem. The judgment of the parents may be good enough, but they seem to have failed badly in omitting to teach their daughter to understand people. Evidently, she was not prepared to encounter a young man who possessed some fine qualities yet was prone to forget himself with a girl.

A girl should be highly pleased that her young man puts himself out to make a good impression on her parents, and the parents have every reason to hold that in his favor. She should learn how to see through the self-conscious attitudes of young men and how to slow them down when they forget themselves.

Daisy should not be afraid to tell her parents about her problems; she needs pointers they could give her. They will not be astonished or shocked, for they must have been through such problems themselves.

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## Train-Auto Crash Leaves Eight Dead

Elyria, O. — (U.P.) — Eight Akron residents returning home from a church meeting here on Sunday night died when the New York Central Railroad's crack Pacemaker No. 2 crashed into their car.

Lorain County Sheriff Carl Finegan said the car was going south along the city's outskirts when the 13-car Chicago-to-New York train smashed into it. The wreckage was carried for three-quarters of a mile and pieces were strewn along the track.

The sheriff said five of the dead were in the car and three other bodies were thrown out by the impact. They were identified as:

Millward Martin, 37; Augusta Martin, 33; Timothy Martin, 3; Sharlene Martin, 9; David Martin, 13; Donald Martin, 15; Warren Edwards, 46, and Mary Edwards, 45.

There were no survivors.

Corn borers, known to exist in 44 of North Dakota's 53 counties, ate their way through 193,000 bushels of corn in the state last year, according to the North Dakota Agricultural College.

## Rhee Concedes Defeat Of Running Mate

Seoul — (U.P.) — President Syngman Rhee conceded defeat Saturday for his vice-presidential running mate.

Opposition candidate John M. Chang, Korea's first ambassador to the United States and a former Prime Minister, had piled up a lead of 87,986 votes over Lee Ki Poong of Rhee's Liberal party.

Chang needed only the returns from three districts in the opposition stronghold of Taegu to win when ballot counting stopped Friday amid charges of vote irregularities.

Rhee issued an official statement saying he viewed Chang as elected, although he was disappointed at the prospect of having a President and Vice-President from different parties.

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Mrs. B. L.—Our girl prefers worthless boys.

Daisy — Their choice is no paragon.

Mrs. B. L.—My daughter Daisy is 18 and going out with a young man of 20, but she came home the other night and said she would never go out with him again. My husband and I are disturbed about this because the young man in question seems to be a very fine young man in every way.

Previously, Daisy had gone out with a succession of young men, all of whom seemed shallow and worthless to us, and we were very happy when she began going out with Fred. He seems mature for his age, intelligent, kindly and responsible. Daisy seems unwilling to discuss her difficulties with Fred.

Daisy—Fred is, of course, always on his good behavior when he calls for me and wants to make an impression on my parents. It irks me very much to think my parents have been so wrong about all my boy friends. They objected violently to boys who were much nicer than Fred. I had to go out with him because they cut me off from all the others, and I did not want to stay home every night of the year.

Fred may be a model of behavior in the parlor when my parents are present, but it is quite different in a car or a taxi. My parents cannot see that he usually carries a flask of whiskey.

I am afraid to tell them all of this because they are difficult enough as it is about my dating and I do not want them to put every boy I bring home through a cross-examination. I am terribly disappointed in their lack of understanding.

The Council: The lack of understanding is not confined to the parents in this situation. Daisy obviously does not understand that it is possible for Fred to be as "intelligent, kindly and responsible" as he seems to the parents, and still be over-ardent in a car or taxi. It is the girl's problem to check this tendency and maintain a proper relationship.

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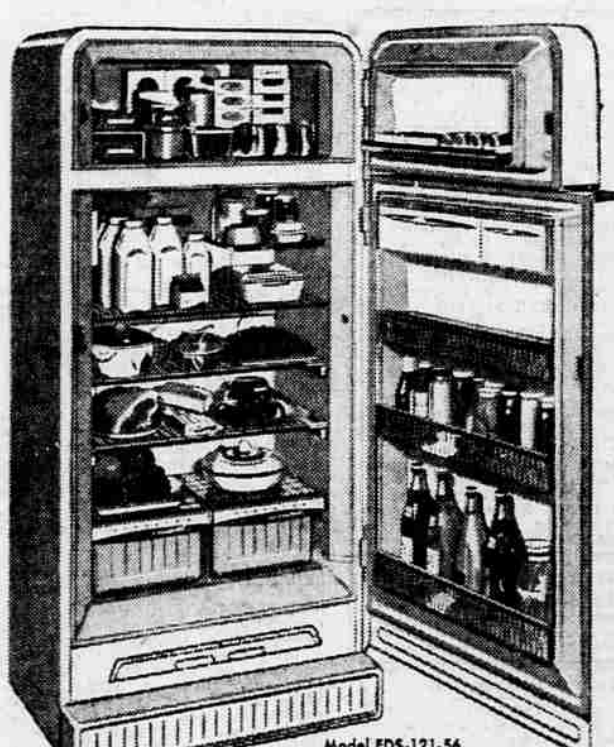
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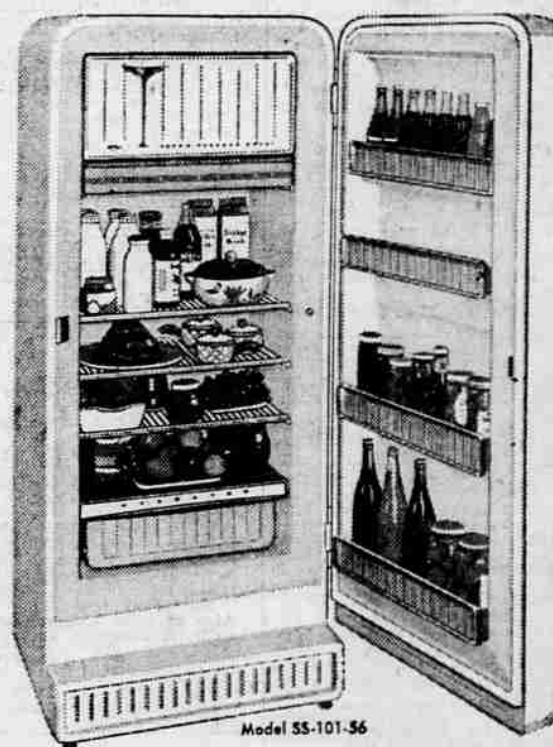
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