

Subcommittee Says Witnesses Favor Ending Atomic Bomb Tests

Washington — (U.P.) — A Senate subcommittee on disarmament reported Saturday that 75 witnesses who appeared at its hearings favored ending atomic and hydrogen bomb tests through international agreement.

The non-government witnesses also agreed generally that "all weapons of mass destruction should be eliminated and prohibited." They also would extend the international ban on weapons to testing of inter-continental ballistic missiles and development of new "surprise" weapons.

The witnesses, many of whom represented private organizations, testified here and at Cambridge, Mass., and Minneapolis, Minn., last April and June.

The organizations included the Federation of American Scientists, the National Council of Churches of Christ, Amvets, the American Veterans Committee, United World Federalists, the Board of World Peace of the Methodist Church, the Cooperative League of the United States, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the National Farmers Union.

The subcommittee reported their stand in an interim report. President Eisenhower has held it would be foolhardy to stop testing atomic and hydrogen weapons in the absence of some general agreement on disarmament. And Republican leaders have attacked Democratic Presidential Candidate Adlai E. Stevenson for proposing that this government give consideration to halting such tests.

The witnesses endorsed Mr. Eisenhower's plan for mutual aerial inspection to prevent a surprise attack and recommended that it be carried out by the United Nations. They agreed with administration witnesses that stockpile nuclear weapons cannot be detected by any inspection system now known.

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.) said developments in mass-destruction weapons have both hindered and helped disarmament methods.

"At best, nations would be far less able to devise agreements to insure that a nation was in fact living up to its disarmament commitments and not instead secretly preparing for war," the report said.

But, it added, "These develop-

ments probably account for the increased efforts for disarmament in 1955." The year 1955 was called "an important milestone in disarmament efforts because this country and Russia then "recognized that neither na-

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel is Searched For Lobby Bomb

New York — (U.P.) — The busy main lobby and Peacock Alley bar at the swank Waldorf-Astoria hotel were cleared for more than two hours Saturday while police searched for a bomb that an anonymous telephone caller said would explode before 5:30 p.m.

Police ended their search at 5:45 p.m. without finding a trace of a bomb and the hotel's activity returned to normal.

The caller telephoned at 3:20 p.m. that a bomb would go off in the lobby by 5:30 p.m.

Police cleared more than 200 persons from the lobby and bar and a makeshift registration desk was set up at the Waldorf drugstore on the street-level floor, below the lobby.

While guests registered in the drugstore, police searched couches, chairs, offices, cigaret and news stands and other facilities on the huge lobby floor of the hotel, which covers an entire city block.

Robert Stone, assistant manager of the hotel, said a man telephoned at 3:20 p.m. EDT, with the latest in a long series of bomb threats that have harassed New York police.

"I have a big surprise for you," he said. "It is to go off in two hours. Some people will get hurt."

Police immediately were summoned. Patrolmen were stationed at all entrances to the lobby and stairways from the street level up one flight to the lobby were closed off.

The Waldorf, scene of several small fires a few weeks ago, is the home of some of the nation's most prominent citizens. Among those living in the Waldorf Towers are former President Herbert Hoover, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Composer Cole Porter and Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

tion could emerge unscathed from a war waged with nuclear weapons."

The United States and Russia have not been able to agree on any disarmament proposals so far.

The subcommittee added that administration policy "is not clearly fixed" on whether conventional armaments can be reduced without accompanying limitations on nuclear weapons.

Queries Flood Police In Portland of Red 'Fireball' In Sky

Portland — (U.P.) — Hundreds of queries flooded police agencies and local newspapers concerning a mysterious red "fireball" sighted over Portland for about 15 minutes Friday night.

Experts today ascribed the phenomenon to a combination of smoke in Portland and the visiting planet Mars. The planet came within 35 million miles of the earth this week, the closest since 1924.

The red ball was described by some residents as high in the southern sky, while others said it was only a few miles up and small.

Smoke from the city combined with brief atmospheric conditions to create the illusion that Mars was a nearby fireball, according to observers at the Portland airport tower.

Hemingways Face Newsmen in France

Le Havre, France — (U.P.) — American author Ernest Hemingway came to France Saturday to "get away from the crowds," he said. "It is to go off in two hours. Some people will get hurt."

The Hemingways arrived here aboard the liner Ile De France for a visit to France and Italy.

Hemingway told reporters that he and Mrs. Hemingway had no particular plans except to travel and visit with old friends, including Pablo Picasso.

The white-bearded author said he would first visit Mont Saint Michel "for at least a day," then go on to Paris Sunday.



IKE'S THOUGHTS — President Eisenhower lashes back at Democratic charges that the West has been losing the cold war with Russia since he became President. He also told newsmen that the Federal Government should not act to put down riots against school integration unless local authorities show an inability or refusal to grapple with the problem.

Boys Lead Police On River Chase

Kingston, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Three land-weary but adventurous boys led police on a hair-raising chase down the Hudson river Saturday in stolen high powered motor boats.

Police chased the boys, aged 12 to 16, in six commandeered boats, but it took them three hours to run down the trio, who stole a total of three boats before they were caught.

The weekend calm of the Hudson river valley was broken when the three roared off in two motor boats about 1 p.m. Police took off in pursuit in commandeered craft. Other police stationed along the shore as lookouts blew whistles as the boys whizzed past.

One boat was halted some 70 miles down river from Kingston, at Piermont, N.Y. The other turned around and headed back north from Piermont. Somewhere along the line, it was traded for another boat, which roared north before it, too was stopped.

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Two Hurt at Paper Strike at Chester

Chester Pa. — (U.P.) — A pretty blonde photographer and a young printer were injured Saturday in skirmishes as the American Newspaper Guild began a strike against the Chester Times newspaper.

A \$2,500 motion picture camera was destroyed in another of the altercations which took place while more than 50 pickets paraded around the newspaper plant during the first few hours of the strike.

Later, however, the guild and management reached an agreement to end mass picketing and scheduled a return to negotiations Sunday morning on a contract dispute over job security.

Mrs. Doris Kobel, Grayville, Pa., a 25-year-old blonde photographer who was selected "Page One Queen" at the Union's Greater Philadelphia ball two years ago, was knocked down and bruised as fellow pickets rushed toward the business office to prevent four executives from entering. Mrs. Kobel was taken to Chester hospital by police where she was treated for body bruises.

Francis Reblus, 21, of Ridley Park, Pa., was injured by two men while standing across the street from the plant with four other mechanical department employees observing the picket lines.

Morse Urges Relief For Potato Farmers

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) Saturday asked the Agriculture Department to give some relief to Oregon potato farmers to avoid a threatened drop in prices.

More wired Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson that "Potato growers of Oregon advise me that a serious drop in potato prices threatened for 1956 crop unless prompt action is taken by the Department of Agriculture to remedy the situation."

The Oregon senator, running for reelection, urged Benson "to exercise your authority to purchase or otherwise divert for non-food uses low grade and small-size potatoes" with use of federal funds provided for such purposes.

London — (U.P.) — Charles Burgess Fry, England's "grand old man of cricket" as well as a diplomat, journalist and educator, died Friday at the age of 84.

Kefauver Accuses GOP Administration Of Wrecking REA

Crewe, Va. — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver Saturday accused the Eisenhower administration of trying to wreck the rural electrification program which he said brought cheap power to most of the nation's farm families during 20 years of Democratic rule.

The Democratic vice presidential candidate assailed Republican power policies in a prepared speech before the South Side Rural Electrification administration cooperative here. It was Kefauver's first campaign invasion of Virginia a traditionally Democratic state that went for President Eisenhower in 1952.

Kefauver said the Republicans haven't had "the nerve" to risk the wrath of millions of farmers by making a direct attack on the REA system. But he said they have "launched an insidious flanking attack" on power co-ops.

"They have sought to cut off the very life blood of the systems — their sources of abundant, low-cost power," he said. "In this last Congress it was White House pressure which defeated Hells canyon and Niagara and the bill speeding up atomic energy development and providing some federal yardsticks on cost. It was White House pressure which put over the Dixon-Yates deal in an attempt to destroy TVA from which 52 co-operatives get their power."

"The construction of new and multiple-purpose river projects has virtually been stopped. And where new power comes on the line this administration has made every effort to contract away as much as possible to private power companies so that preference customers could not buy it," he said.

14 Arrested in Raid On Portland Gambling

Portland — (U.P.) — Fourteen persons were arrested at a Northeast Welder street establishment here early yesterday in what authorities called a gambling raid.

Two of the 14 arrested were charged with selling liquor illegally and for conducting a gambling game. The others were booked for frequenting the establishment.

Crosby Denies Report He Plans to Marry

Hayden Lake, Idaho — (U.P.) — Bing Crosby would have nothing to do Saturday with newsmen trying to confirm reports that he may marry Hollywood starlet Kathryn Grant.

Crosby ordered a United Press photographer off his property here Friday when he was asked for a picture, telling the photographer to "take a walk."

Earlier Crosby had denied the report of a pending marriage.

There was no sign of Miss Grant, who is Crosby's junior

ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

Portland — (U.P.) — Rose City Transit company has announced the election of R. L. Clark of Portland as new head of the firm to succeed Gordon G. Steele who retired last month after 45 years of service in the mass transit field in Portland.

by 30 years, at the plush lake home.

Earlier in the day Crosby drove away with the starlet, but he returned to his home alone a few hours later.

The rumors of possible wedding bells between Crosby and the dark-haired Miss Grant originated with a studio executive in Hollywood.

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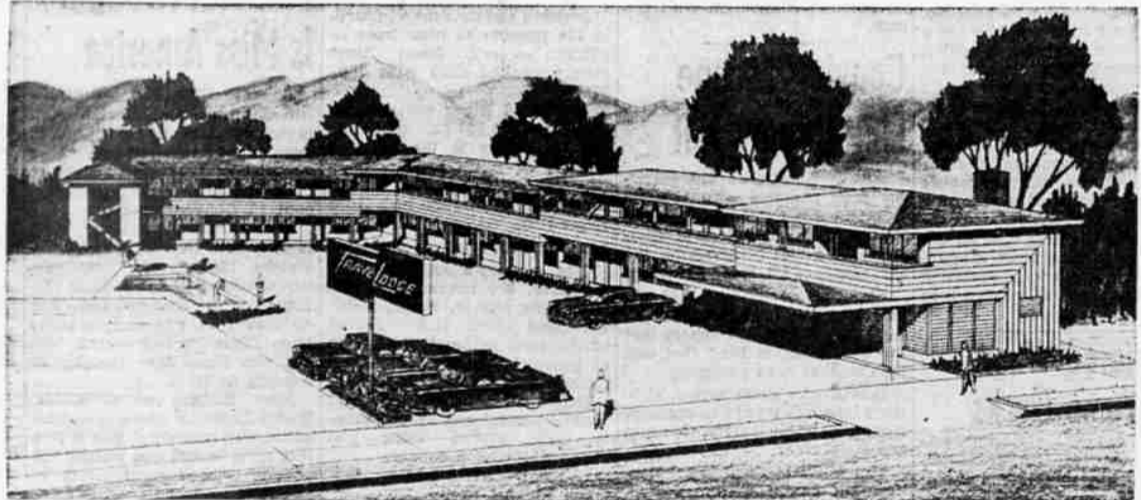
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