

# British Announcement Of H-Bomb Test Stirs Hawaii and Japanese

Honolulu, T.H.—(U.P.)—Britain is scheduled to set off at least five hydrogen bombs just 1,200 miles south of Honolulu starting this month.

This is less than two hours away by jet plane.

The House of Representatives of the Territorial Legislature has passed a resolution requesting the U. S. government to ask Britain to halt the tests.

Japan formally asked the British government to cancel the tests, which will be conducted off Christmas Island, south of Hawaii. The Japanese fear that "fall-out" might drift thousands of miles westward to their homeland, the original target of the nuclear age.

**So What Attitude**  
Despite the legislative resolution, introduced by a freshman

woman lawmaker, the residents of Honolulu are not alarmed by the tests. Here they remember Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, and have taken a "so-what" attitude toward explosions 1,200 miles away.

British Counsel John W. S. Corbett announced recently that his government's H bomb tests "will not involve any heavy fall out. All safety precautions will be taken."

"There is no question," he assured islanders, "of Hawaii being in the slightest danger. Firing will not take place under conditions in which inhabited islands might be affected by radioactive material."

However, Francis Woo, chief of the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene of the Territorial Board of Health, says the danger would depend entirely on the wind and meteorological conditions at the time of the blasts.

**Monitor Fallout**  
"There's a problem there," he said, "as we don't know what the wind conditions will be from March 1 to August 1. If winds blow toward Honolulu we'll get some fall-out."

Woo's staff will monitor radioactivity during the tests as it did for the U. S. atomic tests at Eniwetok last year, when a few traces of atomic dust were recorded.

During the 1954 tests in the Marshall Islands, a Japanese fishing vessel, the *Fortunate Dragon*, was "dusted" with radioactivity from an explosion 80 miles away. Twenty three crew members were injured and one later died.

These will be the first H bomb the British have exploded.

## Oregon Democrat Sold by Sweetland

Milwaukie, Ore. — (U.P.) — Monroe Sweetland, state senator and publisher of the Oregon Democrat here, sold the publication yesterday to John R. Churchill, a Portland business consultant and research economist.

Sweetland said "There is a new era in Oregon and we transfer the Oregon Democrat to its energetic new owners confident that it will be greatly expanded to meet the different needs of the Democratic era we are entering."

Associated with Churchill in publication of the bi-weekly Democrat will be Phil Frost, former editor of the Bend Mid-Stater; Bruce Bishop, president of Oregon Young Democrats, and Gordon Allen, Salem and Willamette valley radio executive.



DESCRIBED as world's largest diamond, this gem has just been put on display by Harry Winston, New York jeweler. (International)

## Labor Council Dodges Rackets Probe Stand

Portland—(U.P.)—The Portland Central Labor Council last night rejected a suggestion by City Commissioner Stanley Earl that it take a stand regarding the Senate's labor rackets investigations.

Earl was quoted as saying it was time the Portland organization took some affirmative action in support of the national AFL-CIO. He said "They are falling in their duty if they sit idly back without giving some expression of distaste to a corrupt, rotten mess."

The council last night issued a statement which said it was waiting until all the facts were available.

## Portland Bus Service May Continue Running

Portland—(U.P.)—A settlement of Portland's bus crisis was in the making today indicating there would be no halt of service March 22.

City Commissioners Nathan Boody and Ormond Bean said they reached a tentative agreement with Rose City Transit company which would be presented to the council. The agreement would give Rose City a fare increase by raising weekly passes from \$2.75 to \$3 and eliminating bargain token purchases. Single 20-cent adult fares would be unchanged.

The company earlier threatened to halt service March 22.

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**GIVES IN**—Actress Bette Davis has finally tackled television and says, "It's wonderful." Remembering her days in the movies, Bette adds, "I must admit I am intrigued by TV and playing a character in three days is certainly a nice change from playing the same person for six or eight weeks."

## Thornton Reopens Portland Vice Probe

Portland—(U.P.)—The continuing grand jury probe into vice conditions in Portland reopened yesterday under the direction of Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

Two indictments against James B. Elkins charging an attempted get-rich-quick scheme in selling a proposed site for the Exposition-Recreation center were dismissed.

One of the indictments came at the request of Thornton who explained it was necessary so that Elkins could be subpoenaed to testify in a further investigation of the charge.

About 96 million tons of iron ore passed through the Soo canal in 1953.



**PRIME MINISTER**—Nobusuke Kishi (above), 60, has been elected Japan's eighth post-war prime minister by the Parliament in Tokyo. He supports co-operation with the West.

## HORN BROOK Women Make Baby Clothes

My MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN  
Hornbrook — The Women's Society of the Hornbrook Community Methodist church held an all day meeting Thursday, Feb. 28, at the home of Mrs. Henley Clawson.

A large number of baby clothes was made. These will be sent to a missionary at Datel, N.M., for distribution to needy members of the Navajo Indian tribe.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. Clarence Gowing, president of the society, Mrs. Ernest Adams, Mrs. Ardon Burns, Mrs. Bertha Bradley, Mrs. Minnie Bloomingcamp, Mrs. S. D. Harworth, Mrs. Mary Taggart, Mrs. Clarence Gosney, Mrs. Elmer Rue, Mrs. Laura Swinnerton, Mrs. Clara Howard, Mrs. Harry Chapman, Mrs. Lewis Manning, and the hostess.

The next meeting will be held March 14 at Katherine Chapman's. April 11 has been chosen as the date for the annual Spring Bonnet party at the church. All women of the community are invited to attend, and are asked to bring an "original creation" of a hat.

Mrs. Bertha Bradley, accompanied by Mrs. Grace Quigley, Mrs. Clara Howard, and Mrs. Laura Swinnerton, drove to Klamath river last Sunday where they attended a dinner at the home of Mrs. Bradley's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers. The occasion marked the observance of Rogers' Feb. 22 birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Connor of Napa, Calif., were overnight guests Friday at the home of Mrs. Bertha Bradley. They left Saturday morning for Yoncalla, Ore., to visit other relatives.

The hostess, Mrs. Henley Clawson, took high school when the Auction Bridge club met at her home on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Taking second place was Mrs. Bertha Bradley. Other members playing were Mrs. Will Rogers of Klamath river, Mrs. Frank Ohlund, Mrs. Grace Quigley, Mrs. Marshall Horn, Mrs. Lester Nye, and Mrs. Roy Kettlewell.

Mrs. Luella Hislop, of Grants Pass, Ore., is visiting at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis A. Manning.

The February birthdays of Mrs. Kay Kettlewell and Mrs. Harry Chapman were observed on Tuesday when Mrs. James Hodge entertained the Sewing club at her home. Helping the honored guests to celebrate were Mrs. L. C. Walsh, Mrs. Lawrence Breceda, Mrs. Marshall Horn, and Mrs. S. D. Harworth.

Bobby, Ray and Janie Seaman, children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seaman of Yreka, spent the week end at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henley Clawson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lucas of Tillamook, Ore., were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burns. They were en route home after spending the winter in Santa Barbara, Calif. Other week end guests were the Burns' daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stickney of Medford.

The T. D. Killingsworth family have moved here recently from Hilt. They have purchased the large house on Henley lane, recently vacated by the Whitten family.

Lauran Paine was honored at a birthday dinner given by Mrs. Paine at their home on Feb. 23. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Paine and their sons Bob and Lauran, Jr., guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gene French and daughter Nancy, of Yreka, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gregory, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walsh.

The Yreka High school annual spring band concert was presented at the gym Thursday evening, Feb. 28. Members of the band from Hornbrook who participated were Linda Rawhouser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mason, who plays the cymbals, and Barbara Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ardon Burns, who plays drums.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, and daughter Dorothy and son Bob, drove to Orland, where they spent the week end at the home of their son and brother and his family, Dr. and Mrs. Edward M. Smith and son Mike.

Mrs. Martha Collister has returned for a visit with her son and his family, Mr. and Tom Collister and Tommy. She has Sacramento.

The SP depot here, built about 1887 or '88 at the time the railroad first went through has been undergoing a bit of modernization with the installation of fluorescent lighting. This is believed to be an improvement, but it does tend to accent the antiquity of the structure.

**Copco News**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Trullinger and children spent last week end at Glendale, Grants Pass and Medford, visiting friends and relatives.

Relatives from Nebraska are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson.

Mrs. Fritzie Camp of Jacksonville, Ore., spent several days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morrie Chapple and sons.

The Don Brain and Bill Deardorf families were visited by their mother, Mrs. Poke, from Mt. Shasta.

A farewell party was given last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pike.

The measles bug is an unwelcome visitor in Copco. Currently playing host to the "lethal varmint" are Mrs. Mike Friday, Mrs. Bobbie Wilson, and the two little Chappel boys, Morrie and Stanley, and more are expected to be added to the list.

Ricky and Rex Trullinger have each received an accordion pin as their first award for accordion lessons.

## Police School Set Wednesday Afternoon

The first class in the Oregon regional police school will be held Wednesday afternoon in the council chambers in the Medford city hall.

Chief of Police Charles Champlin will conduct the class on "Police Approach to Human Relations" that will be attended by law enforcement officials from the county.

Lt. Clyde Fichtner, Medford police, taught the same class Friday in Coos Bay. Today the lesson was held in Roseburg.

During the month five other classes will be held.

The first railway horsecars were started in Scotland in about 1812.



**NEW SECRETARY**—Thomas S. Gates Jr. is shown in Washington after learning he had been nominated by President Eisenhower to be the new Secretary of the Navy. Gates will take over the job after Secretary Charles S. Thomas' resignation becomes effective April 1.

## Gill's Objection To Message by Governor Starts Tiff in Senate

Salem — (U.P.) — One of the few flare-ups so far in this legislative session sizzled briefly in the Oregon Senate yesterday afternoon when Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican, said the governor "should quit interfering in our business, particularly when he is completely out in left field."

His remarks came after a message had been read from Gov. Robert D. Holmes in the morning session, urging the Legislature to "introduce and enact" immediately legislation to suspend any district attorney under indictment.

Sen. Gill said: "This is another example of incompetence and confusion in the state's highest office today."

**Message Said Uncalled For**  
He said that Senate bill 319, introduced Feb. 19, called for just such legislation and the governor's message was uncalled for.

Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland Democrat, immediately arose and said "I understand that it is in our rules that we do not at-

tack any member of this Senate. We should be glad to have the suggestions of our governor, just as we are glad to have suggestions of our constituents back home."

Her reference to "any member of this Senate" was to the fact that before he became governor, Holmes was a member of the Senate.

But Sen. Carl Francis, Dayton Republican, noted that Sen. Gill had mentioned no one by name and he said the governor "is not a member of this body."

Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles Democrat, said he was glad that "we at last have a governor with enough intestinal fortitude not to be afraid to act." He said previous recent governors—Republicans all—had been too timid to act and he declared he was glad that at last "we have a good governor."

At this point, Sen. Phil Brady of Portland moved for adjournment. It was quickly adopted, and the brief flare-up was stemmed before it developed into a full-dress donnybrook.

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