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TEXAS TWISTER CAUGHT IN THE ACT—Tornado funnel is caught by the camera from a Dallas skyscraper as it moves northeastward through the industrial area as it dipped into the city. Tornado death tolls in the southwest have been at least 16 with 800 others injured. More than a dozen twisters raked Texas and Oklahoma.

Nevada Atomic Tests To Prove Bombs May Be Stored Near Cities

Washington—(U.P.)—A major purpose of tests starting in Nevada next Wednesday is to prove that atomic air defense weapons may be safely stockpiled next door to every large American city.

The Defense Department and Atomic Energy Commission already are convinced, on the basis of past tests, that it is next to impossible to explode such weapons accidentally.

But they are taking no chances. The new safety tests, starting April 10 and continuing intermittently into next fall, are designed to make assurance doubly sure.

In addition to these handling and storage tests, which do not involve atomic explosions, the AEC also will stage its sixth series of atomic weapons experiments at the Nevada proving ground. It announced Wednesday that the new atomic tests will start about May 15 and continue at intervals through the summer.

Blast Plans
Close observers of atomic developments expect the nuclear explosions to:

—Lead to development of 7 1/4-inch atomic artillery shells, the smallest yet attempted, and of tiny but potent tactical A-bombs for delivery by high-speed, low-level fighter-bombers.

—Provide new data on the "quake effect" of subsurface atomic explosions. There is reason to believe this effect can accomplish destruction greater than would be inflicted by air blast alone.

—Supply information now lacking on the feasibility of mass shelters against atomic violence. The AEC has confirmed that the Nevada program will have civil defense aspects.

—Prove that atomic tests can be carried out under circumstances which make detection by other countries impossible.

The quake effect, shelter, and detection data would come from explosions the AEC plans to stage in tunnels dug in the rock under the proving ground. Such shots would transmit practically all of their violence through the earth rather than the air. Their radio-activities would not escape into the air for other countries.

Danger Vanishing
Gen. Nathan F. Twining, air chief of staff, has said the possibility of such accidental explosions is vanishingly small.

The new tests are calculated to allay fears anyone may have about stockpiling such weapons near target cities. In this connection, a key member of the congressional Atomic Energy Committee, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), told the United Press:

"Every large city in the country will be defended by atomic stockpiles supporting our surface-to-air defense missiles.

"We now have to have atomic warheads in the environs of our large cities. We have to learn to live side by side with the military atom if we are going to have adequate military defense."

As for the nuclear tests starting in mid-May, the first explosion of the new series will be the 46th in Nevada and at least the 76th in U.S. atomic history. The AEC is making great efforts to keep radioactive fallout near the proving ground lower than it ever has been.

Governor Accepts Picnic Invitation

Cave Junction—Governor Robert Holmes has accepted an invitation to attend the Illinois Valley Democratic club's annual picnic at Grayback Forest Camp July 14.

Announcement of the date was made at the club's meeting this week.

Members voted to send a resolution to Salem asking the State Legislature to expedite in every way possible the construction of the proposed tunnel through Oregon mountains.

Although the tunnel would eliminate hazardous curves on the California section of the Redwood highway, a good road leading from the coast would also be of benefit to Oregon, they stated.

A new human finger nail will usually grow out in about 160 days.

Aspirin Tablet Poisoning Sends Many Youngsters To Hospitals

Washington—(U.P.)—More children are poisoned by aspirin than by any other substance.

The "harmless" white tablets, a familiar fixture in every medicine cabinet, send more than 100,000 toddlers to hospital emergency rooms each year.

They are responsible for more poisonings than lye, ammonia, roach powder, cleaning fluids, shoe polish and laundry bleach combined.

These facts are well-known to doctors. They apparently are not so well known to parents, who persist in leaving bottles of aspirin on the shelf next to the tooth paste, within easy reach of small fry.

Doctors who attended the spring meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics here this week listed aspirin poisoning as one of the major remaining menaces to childhood health. Academy leaders urged all pediatricians and the press to join in a campaign to warn parents of the danger.

"If you have a child under four in your home," said Dr. Harold Jacobziner, assistant health commissioner of New York City, "you should treat aspirin like a deadly poison.

Lock It Up
"Don't put it on the top shelf of the medicine closet. Lock it up."

Jacobziner said small children seem to have a natural penchant for eating aspirin by the handful. "They apparently like the taste of ordinary aspirin tablets, which most adults find bitter, as well as the flavored aspirin which are put up especially for children," he said.

Highway Marker Would Honor West

Salem—(U.P.)—The House Highways Committee Thursday passed favorably on a joint resolution which provides for erecting a marker in honor of Former Gov. Oswald West somewhere on the Oregon Coast highway.

Gov. West during his administration had the state's beaches declared public highways to protect the public's free access to the shore.

The committee amended House bill 408 calling for the motto "Scenic Oregon" on the state's license plates, but it balked at reflectorizing the plates at an estimated cost of \$800,000.

A majority of the committee appeared to favor turning the bill over to the interim highway committee for further study with actual changes in the plates to be made in 1960 when new plates will be issued. No final action was taken on the bill.

Rogue River Man Named Chairman of Board

Chester W. Jensen, Rogue River, was appointed chairman of the Rogue Soil Conservation district board of directors at a meeting Wednesday night.

Delmar Smith, Central Point, was named vice chairman; Don Wines, Medford, treasurer, and W. D. Sacker, secretary.

Fire Prevention Campaign Scheduled

Cave Junction—A plan to enlist fifth and sixth graders in a campaign of fire prevention in the Illinois Valley got underway Tuesday at the joint fire drill for Cave Junction, O'Brien and Selma volunteers.

Firs Chief Herb Falkenhayn suggested that each child be given fire prevention score cards to be filled out by families and neighbors. The cards are to list fire hazards around the home and the steps taken to eliminate them.

The child bringing in the highest score will be made honorary Fire Chief for a day, and will preside over the fire truck at the Illinois Valley Labor Day Jubilee parade.

More than 30 volunteers attended the fire drill at the Eagles hall in Kerby. A picture on fire prevention was shown.

Municipal Workers in Buenos Aires Strike

Buenos Aires—(U.P.)—A flash strike of municipal employees paralyzed the city administration for the second successive day today.

Skeleton crews operated hospitals, cemeteries and the zoo. The city chartered 140 private trucks for garbage disposal.

Mayor Edwards Bergalli said the walkout, which did not have the backing of union leaders, came as a surprise to him. The strikers are scheduled to return to work Saturday. They walked out Thursday for higher wages.

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