

Nuclear Weapons To Be Tested From Balloon High Over Nevada

Washington — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy commission announced today that at least two of the bigger explosions in this spring's weapons tests will be detonated from captive balloons high over the Nevada desert.

The explosions will yield violence greater than that of 20,000 tons of TNT, the AEC said. The bomb that destroyed Hiroshima in August, 1945, was equivalent to 15,000 tons of TNT.

The Nevada tests start May 15 and will continue through the summer. The AEC said that newsmen and about 60 civil defense officials will be permitted to witness nine of the shots. No "uncleared persons" will be permitted to observe the others.

Of the nine "public" explosions six will be under 20,000 tons of TNT in energy yield and three will be above. All of the

smaller weapons and one of the larger will be exploded from steel towers.

Although the three larger weapons will be city-wreckers by Hiroshima standards, the AEC said all the explosions this year "will be low yield detonations of fission devices."

"The tests, in addition to contributing to the development of weapons for the military defense of the United States and the Free World, are designed to provide important data contributing to a sound and effective system of civil defense," the commission said.

Tunnel Use Considered

The AEC also is studying the feasibility of detonating some shots in tunnels dug in the rock under the proving ground. Today's announcement, however, said nothing about them, and AEC officials have refused to discuss the purpose of such shots. Being completely underground, they presumably would be undetectable by foreign countries.

The two balloon shots announced today will be staged, weather and other conditions permitting, on June 27 and July 25. Weather delays in past test programs have run as long as several weeks.

The balloons will be several hundred to 2,000 feet high. The idea is to reduce radioactive fallout in the vicinity of the test proving ground. Such local fallout is intensified if the hot atomic fireball touches the ground and sucks up large quantities of dust.

Other Tower Shots

The other of the three larger explosions will be a tower shot Aug. 19. The other tower shots which newsmen and civil defense workers may witness are

scheduled for May 15, June 25, July 9 and 15, Aug. 8 and Sept. 1.

The AEC did not say how many tests there will be in all. There were 14 in the last Nevada test program in 1955. The first shot of the new series will be the 46th in Nevada.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In a thoughtful and well reasoned discussion of Oregon's tax and industrial problems, the Portland Oregonian says in a recent issue:

"The central theme of business executives who appeared before the taxation committee of the Oregon house of representatives was that for the welfare of the state's citizens as well as business should be COMPETITIVE with those of other states—particularly neighboring Washington and California.

"States should compete for investment capital (these business leaders argued) just as individual business compete for sales."

IT SO happens that in the state of Oregon there is a peculiarly revealing example of what the Oregonian is talking about.

Some years ago, the state of Oregon had within its boundaries—and within its TAXING JURISDICTION—some what more than a dozen breweries. These breweries provided payrolls for Oregon workers and markets for Oregon raw materials, such as hops and barley. In addition to special taxes, they paid property taxes on their physical establishments, thus helping to spread out the tax burden in the localities in which they operated.

THEN—

As so often before and since—

There came a tax pinch in Oregon. The legislature, looking around for new sources of revenue and bearing in mind the ancient maxim that the best tax is the one that gets the most feathers from the goose with the least squawking, decided to increase the barrelage tax on Oregon-brewed beer.

The increase was sharp one—something like a third more than Washington's and approximately double California's barrelage tax.

WHAT was the result?

It can be told in a few words. The bulk of Oregon's breweries (all but one, as I recall it) moved out of Oregon into Washington and California.

THE memory of that incident is peculiarly distinct down here in Southern Oregon.

We were then negotiating with several large breweries that were considering establishment of Western branch plants to serve the growing market provided by the eleven Western states. For several reasons, we wanted a big brewery. We grow a lot of brewing barley down here, and it seemed a good idea to have a large local market for it.

But that wasn't our only objective. We produce a lot of cattle in this area. We sell too many of them off grass. We need to furnish feed more of them. In order to finish our cattle out, we need a feed that will be competitive with corn or cottonseed.

The residual material from breweries is an outstanding livestock feed. So, it seemed to us, a big brewery would be a splendid asset. Not only would it provide new payrolls and a local market for a local raw material and pay local taxes.

It would also provide us with a new source of highly efficient livestock feed.

WHAT happened?

Again the story can be told in a few words. When the brewery concerns with which we were negotiating heard of the sharp increase in the Oregon tax on beer, they dropped us like a hot potato.

That was the end of our brewery promotion.

THE moral, I think, is clear.

If states want industry, they must so tailor their tax structures that—as the Oregonian says—the taxes they levy on business will be COMPETITIVE with the taxes levied on business by NEIGHBORING states.

First Woman Press Secretary To Begin Task on Wednesday

Washington—(U.P.)—The first woman ever to serve as associate presidential press secretary is "all set" to start work at the White House Wednesday morning.

She is handsome, gray-haired Mrs. Annie Wheaton, a matronly woman who admits she is "over 60."

The move will bring some changes to the previously all-male aspects of the job.

Fresh from a Florida vacation, timed to coincide with the President's sojourn in Augusta, Ga., Mrs. Wheaton still finds it hard to believe she will be working in the White House. She has worked many years to put Republican presidential candidates in the White House, but didn't expect to wind up there herself.

Fraught From All

But after pats on the back from everyone from Eisenhower on down, she is prepared to "do the very best I can" in the "challenging" new job.

The presidential compliments were contained in a note Eisenhower sent to a recent party honoring Mrs. Wheaton's appointment. In the note, the President also conceded that Mrs. Wheaton's arrival will bring a "new look" to the White House press office. She succeeds Murray Snyder, who is now assistant secretary of defense. At the White House, Snyder's title was assistant press secretary. Mrs. Wheaton's title will be associate

secretary, but with much the same duties.

The "new look" has been carefully thought out before she was picked for the job.

Won't Go Fishing

For example, would a woman press secretary accompany the President on stag fishing and hunting trips? The answer is no.

On occasions when Press Secretary James C. Hagerty does not accompany the President on such out-of-town excursions, White House Records Chief Wayne Hawks will do so. Hawks, who often has filled in at the press office in emergencies, has done some traveling with the president in the past even when the assistant press secretary was a man.

Mrs. Wheaton—affectionately called "Annie" by scores of Washington officials and newsmen and women—has not found her sex a handicap at the Republican National Committee, or in her years of newspaper and public relations work. Few think it will be a problem in her new job.

Assistant to the director of publicity of the Republican National Committee for the past 17 years, Mrs. Wheaton began her political training early. Her father, John Williams, as New York state labor commissioner under five governors. Annie has attended every National Republican Convention since 1924.

Langley Sentencing Scheduled Thursday

Portland — (U.P.) — Sentencing of District Attorney William Langley, who faces removal from office because of a neglect of duty conviction, was postponed Monday until Thursday.

Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan denied Langley's motion for a new trial. But he asked defense and state attorneys to bring citations before him to argue the question of whether an appeal should stay punishment in the case.

Langley was convicted April 13 on a misdemeanor charge of failing to prosecute a gambling law violation.

Langley's attorney, K. C. Tanner, argued that removal from office constitutes legal punishment. He said that under another more general law punishment is stayed during the period of appeal.

Pakistan Storm Kills 17; 100 Others Hurt

Lahore, Pakistan—(U.P.)—A vicious tropical storm carrying hail stones larger than eggs killed at least 17 persons and severely injured about 100 others in West Pakistan Sunday, according to reports reaching here today.

The storm ravaged 40 villages in the Gujerat district, killing hundreds of birds and animals.

HOPE ON FLYPAPER

Cincinnati, Ohio — (U.P.)—Zoo keepers pinned their hopes on flypaper today after doped bananas failed to lure two escaped monkeys from a tree.

Shady Cove-Trail Plans New Playhouse

Shady Cove—Plans have been formulated by the residents of Shady Cove-Trail for building a new community club called the Country Playhouse.

Land for the building has been leased from the Elk Lumber company. The site is about 7 miles up Elk Creek rd.

Officers of the project include Oscar Hanson, president; Adolph Larson, vice president; Mrs. Howard Ash, secretary; and Mrs. Hanson, treasurer.

The community club will be used by the communities for all group activities, according to Mrs. Hanson. The original club building burned in 1954.

New York—(U.P.)—Some 200 honey bees succeeded where sleet, snow and gloom of night usually fail. The bees, in transit, broke out of a portable hive and went on a rampage in the basement of the general Post Office Monday, disrupting mail operations for 15 minutes until felled by a DDT bomb.

The average lifetime mileage of a U. S. passenger automobile has increased from 25,000 in 1925 to about 125,000 now.



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Republicans Can't Define Modern Republicanism

Washington—(U.P.)—Six of 37 prominent Republicans taking part in a magazine poll said they don't know what President Eisenhower means by "modern Republicanism."

Two others blasted it as New Dealism.

The party's own national chairman, Meade Alcorn, said it was easier to describe than to define. His description ran about 300 words.

The 37 Republicans were asked to give their views in a copyrighted article in U.S. News & World Report, a weekly news magazine.

The definitions varied, but most agreed that "modern Republicanism" was the Republican Party undergoing change because of changing national and international conditions.

Reps. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.) and A. L. Miller (R-Neb.) associated the term with New Dealism. Hoffman called a modern Republican "a New Deal internationalist."

Miller said "I would define a 'modern Republican' as a free wheeling free spender who has surrendered his constructive conservatism to ride the current New Deal band wagon."

McCarthy's Definition

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin said he could not define the term. But he said perhaps the best definition he has heard was: "Someone who is now in the administration but who wasn't a Republican prior to 1952."

Republicans interviewed who said they couldn't define the term included Sens. Styles Bridges (N.H.) John W. Bricker (Ohio), McCarthy, Barry Goldwater (Ariz.), Irving M. Ives (N.Y.) and Reps. John Taber (N.Y.)

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT

Ray Willfred Vaughn, disorderly conduct, \$25.

Mrs. Imogene Leota Vaughn, disorderly conduct, \$25.

Harry Baker Clark, drunk in public, \$20.

Martha Adams, drunk in public, \$10.

Lawrence James Manning, drunk in public, \$10.

Clarence Fred Farleigh, drunk in public, \$10.

Raymond Winter Fernlund, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.

Bobby Lewis Krous, excessive noise, \$10.

Lynn Rod Johnston, excessive noise \$10.

John Pasqual Younza, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Bryce Leslie Phillips, violation of basic rule, \$10.

George Rummels Wayman, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.

John Willard Morgan, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.

William Benton Smith, violation of basic rule, \$10.

William George Werner, no tail lights, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT

Robert Leo Burton, one license plate on motor vehicle, \$6.

James Oliver Hansen, no turn signal device, \$10, bail forfeited.

Kenneth Luther Wilbur, failure to stop, \$10, bail forfeited.

Leonard Jack Burns, no mud guards, \$10, bail forfeited.

Myron Earl Corcoran, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Helen Erickson Tweedy, violation basic rule, \$15.

Monty Louis Riddell, engaging in a race on public highway, \$30.

Joan Bordien Read, improperly changing lanes on a highway, \$15.

Dallas Barrington Knowlton, no operator's license, \$6.

William George Carter, violation basic rule, \$15.

Ally Clark Sheldon, no operator's license, \$6.

James Walter Trueblood, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Glenn Russell Spriguel, Etna, Calif. and Doreen Louise Phillips, Ashland, Ore.

Maurice Duane Cobbs, Grants Pass, and Janice Ilean Couch, route 1, box 14A, Jacksonville.

Floyd O. McClanahan, 2304 Spring st., Medford, and Lila Mae Viebig, Butte Falls.

ADD: MIDDLEWEIGHT — 12 Spts.

THE SCHEDULE

Tuesday: Miami Beach — Clarence Hinnant vs. Eddie DeMars and Gale Kerwin vs. Rocky Randall; Wilkes-Barre-Rocky Castellani vs. Ernie Durando; Montreal—Cherif Hamia vs. Bobby Bell; Hollywood—Ernesto Parra vs. Vince Delgado; Houston—Roy Harris vs. Bob Baker; Hartford—Wayne Betha vs. Bert Whitehurst.

Wednesday: Chicago — Gene Fullmer vs. Ray Robinson, middleweight championship, 15 rounds; Albuquerque — Neal Rivers vs. Rocky Caballero; Essen, Germany—Archie Moore vs. Hans Kalich.

Thursday: Revere, Mass.—Bobby King vs. Charles Howe; Julian Velazquez vs. Frankie Campos.

Friday: Louisville — Eddie Machen vs. Joe Maxim; Boise—Arthur Persley vs. Richie Kid Howard.

Saturday: Hollywood — Tommy Tibbs vs. Mickey Northrup; Paterson — Stefan Redi vs. Al Rocky Milone; Arnold, Pa.—Garvin Sawyer vs. Henry Hall; Johannesburg, S.A.—Jimmy Elliott vs. Pat McAteer.

McLeod Faces Quiz By Democrat Critics

Washington — (U.P.) — Democratic critics of Scott McLeod's nomination as ambassador to Ireland lined up their ammunition today for a thorough questioning of the State Department security chief.

McLeod and another controversial nominee, Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen, were called to appear this morning before a closed door meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations committee. Prospects were that both will be confirmed eventually by the Senate.

The committee also was set to question two other nominees—radio commentator Henry J. Taylor as ambassador to Switzerland and Roy R. Rubottom as assistant secretary of state for Latin-American affairs.

Boatman's Union Members Vote Strike

Portland — (U.P.) — A member of the Inland Boatmen's union Monday night said union members have voted to walk off their jobs unless a satisfactory agreement is reached with employers.

The union has 250 members. A strike could tie up watercrafts in Portland and Columbia river ports.

Grant E. Williamson, union delegate, told the Portland Central Labor Council that the present contract expires at midnight tonight.

Edith Green Tells Of Reelection Plans

Portland — (U.P.) — Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) said Monday night she plans to seek reelection next year.

Mrs. Green told the Portland Central Labor Council that Roy Hill of the Painters Union would again be her campaign chairman.

"I suppose that could be taken as a formal announcement of my intention to run again," she said.

Crosby Brings Another Suit Against Oregonian

Portland — (U.P.) — Clyde C. Crosby, international Teamsters union representative for Oregon, Monday brought another libel suit against the Oregonian, seeking \$510,000 damages. The suit was based on an editorial published last June.

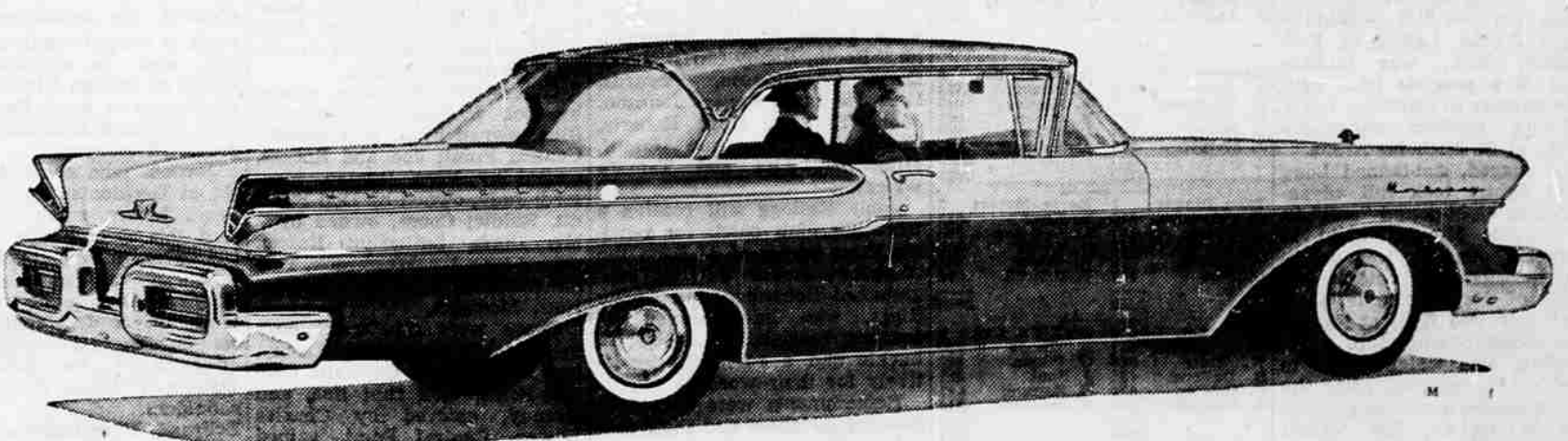
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