

Ike Says Scientists Can Build 'Clean' Bomb If Tests Continued

Washington—President Eisenhower said today that American scientists have told him they can produce nuclear bombs with absolutely no fallout if nuclear tests are continued for another four to five years.

Despite the scientific arguments in favor of continuing tests, Eisenhower told his news conference that U.S. proposals to suspend nuclear tests as part of a first step disarmament agreement still stand.

As of now, the President said

the world's fears require the U.S. to go right ahead with a conditional offer to suspend tests. This government, he declared, has no intention of withdrawing its proposal to suspend nuclear tests.

The President at the same time spoke out anew against a war in the nuclear age. He said there can be no such thing as a victorious power in a global war of the future.

The President said scientists Ernest O. Lawrence and Edward Teller have told him they

are producing bombs with 96 per cent less fallout than that of the so-called "dirty" H-bomb of 1954.

Eisenhower said the scientists asked for four or five years to test each stage of development and they will produce an absolutely clean bomb, the President said.

This would mean, he added, that there would be no radioactive fallout to injure civilians outside the heat and blast area around a military target.

No Clean Bomb Now

The President's remarks made it clear that there is no such thing now as an absolutely clean H-bomb. The Atomic Energy Commission's top test official, Dr. Alvin C. Graves of the Los Alamos, N. M., bomb laboratory, told a congressional subcommittee recently that the absolutely clean H-bomb is impossible because it still requires an A-bomb trigger, and A-bombs are inherently dirty.

A reporter asked the President what possibility there is that Russia might make a so-called "clean bomb."

Eisenhower said this is an excellent question which he asks himself. He expressed hope that the Russians would learn how to make clean bombs and know how to use them. Then, he said, these weapons would be used for specific purposes and not for mass destruction.



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Nickerson's Court Martial Hears German Rocket Expert

Huntsville, Ala.—Col. John C. Nickerson's court martial spent all morning today questioning a former German rocketry expert behind closed doors as he presumably related intimate details of America's missile program.

German-born Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger, who Tuesday praised Nickerson in open court as one of the three top men of the Army intermediate range missile team at Redstone Arsenal here, presumably was being specific for public knowledge in today's locked door testimony.

Careless With Secrets

Nickerson was found guilty, after his own confession, Tuesday of being careless with the nation's missile secrets. The Army dropped charges of espionage and perjury against him.

The court is hearing defense witnesses so as to determine how severely to punish Nickerson. He could get either a reprimand or up to 30 years imprisonment.

Stuhlinger was led along classified channels by special civilian defense counsel Ray H. Jenkins who planned to put on the stand next Dr. Werner von Braun, head of the German scientific group at the Redstone base.

Nickerson pleaded guilty to a 15-count charge of violation of Army regulations Tuesday after the Army had withdrawn a charge involving espionage and perjury.

Light Sentence Sought

The much decorated veteran of World War II could be sentenced to anything from a reprimand to 30 years in prison, heavy fines and dismissal. The defense hopes to keep the sentence to a minimum by showing that Nickerson acted out of loyalty to the Army and the country.

Stuhlinger said the Redstone team working with the Army Ballistics Missiles Agency never

would have had a chance to develop the Jupiter missile without Nickerson's plugging.

He rated the colonel, chief coordinator of the ABMA, with Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, agency commander, and Dr. Werner Von Braun, the top scientist, as the three axes of the team.

Secret Testimony Given

Jenkins told reporters later that Stuhlinger was even more impressive in his defense testimony in a closed session, dealing with secret details, than in his open court appearance.

Stuhlinger admitted in open court cross-examination that Nickerson had used bad judgment in sending memos and secret defense documents to outside individuals to support the Army's case for intermediate missile development.

The colonel acted after Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson last November ordered the Air Force to take charge of weapons of that class.

Mental Escapee Arrested by Police

Spokane—Otto Rheinford, 43, a convicted slayer who escaped from Eastern State Hospital at Medical Lake near here Tuesday morning was apprehended by State Patrol officers later in the day.

Officers said Rheinford was taken into custody as he was walking along the highway about one mile west of here. He offered no resistance. Officer Harold Murphy said, and he was returned to the hospital where authorities questioned him.

Rheinford was convicted of slaying his wife and 11-year-old son at Seattle in 1954 and was later declared criminally insane.

Another inmate who escaped Tuesday morning, Luther Baker, 42, alias Lawrence Austin, was still at large, the State Patrol said.

He was committed in 1942 from Chelan county.

Handcuffed Youth, 16, Escapes Portland Police

Portland—A handcuffed, 16-year-old youth escaped from a moving police car late Tuesday and was still at large today, police reported.

The youth, not identified, was picked up by police at a dice game in Dawson park in north Portland. Officers said that the boy jumped from the car and escaped about a block from the park as the police car was coming to a stop.

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Red Chinese Premier Leaves No Doubt Of Gigantic Blood Bath

Tokyo—Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai said today one out of every six persons accused of "counter revolutionary" activities by the Peiping government had been executed.

Chou did not mention the number actually executed but he left no doubt it was one of the largest blood baths in history. Western sources have placed the number of executions in the millions.

Chou also disclosed that Red China had been hit during the past year by the "worst natural calamities" in several decades.

Reports reaching the outside world told of mighty floods on the Yellow river and the Yangtze and of widespread famine, but today was the first official admission of the extent of the calamity.

Chou spoke at the opening session of the Chinese National Peoples Congress in Peiping. The congress theoretically is the highest body in the Red Chinese government.

Chou, who also holds the post of foreign minister, said that the

international situation "had been developing in general along lines beneficial to world peace and against war."

Peace Threatened

"But the peace has been constantly threatened by the imperialist policy of arms expansion and war preparations under the U.S. leadership," Chou asserted. Chou pledged Peiping's full support for a conference of states concerned to settle the Korean question which he said was proposed June 21 by Communist North Korea.

Fishing Man Feared Drowned in Nehalem

Tillamook, Ore.—Morris S. Reeves, about 55, was feared drowned Tuesday after a wave capsize the 15-foot skiff in which he and his wife, Dorothy, were fishing.

Mrs. Reeves managed to reach shore by swimming and hanging onto the skiff.

The accident occurred as they came into the Nehalem river following an hour's fishing. Mr. Reeves was owner-operator of the Jetty Fishery south of Wheeler.

Suppression Crews Attend Fire School

Eighty members of the Rogue River National Forest fire suppression force underwent a three-day training session last week at forest camp No. 2, about 10 miles east of Butte Falls.

Attending the session, which was held June 19-21, were guards, lookouts, suppression crews and other project crews who will also aid in fire suppression work. Fifteen foresters from all five districts of the Rogue River National forest were instructors.

Instruction included detection or discovery of the fire by the lookout, smoke chasing or finding a fire by suppression crews, and actual fire suppression.

Small demonstration fires were set at the camp and extinguished by the trainees, using two methods. One method involves use of water and the other is "dry mop-up." In which no water is used but various types of tools are used to put the fire out. Lecture sessions were also held.

After the school, trainees returned to their individual districts and received their assignments for the season. S. T. (Tenny) Moore, fire control officer for the Rogue River National forest, said he considered this year's training session to be a "highly successful school." It is held annually.

CP Rural Firemen Called To Blazes

Central Point—Central Point rural firemen were called to a fire in grass and brush back of the Harold Twedell residence on Wilson road about noon yesterday.

Firemen said that the blaze covered about three acres and was caused by two small boys playing with matches. Three rural department vehicles were sent to the fire and state forestry department vehicle and crew also came to the scene. Firemen were on the blaze for about 1 hour and 45 minutes.

The rural department was summoned when a car fire occurred about 1:50 p.m. yesterday at the Tolo Junction. Firemen stated that a hot emergency brake caused the fire which did no damage. The car belonged to Al Bishop, Central Point.

A grass fire of about one-half acre also was reported about 8:30 p.m. yesterday on Corey rd.

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