

# America Shows Decadence Signs, Winner of Nobel Prize Declares

Chicago—Dr. Harold C. Urey, noted pioneer in nuclear chemistry, contends that America is showing signs of decadence.

Urey, who won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of heavy water, made these other points in an interview:

—The nation's school system needs overhauling, and it must be done through the federal government.

—The missile program might not be lagging as it is if the government had not fired scientists J. Robert Oppenheimer and Edward U. Condon as security risks.

—The American people need a "blood, sweat and tears" lec-

ture by a top government leader, but will get "nothing more than soothing syrup" from President Eisenhower.

Urey said "tail fins and big, gaudy cars" are signs of American decadence.

"These over-powered gas-eaters are an idiotic waste," he said. "Some day we'll wake up in a serious conflict with our left-handed friend behind the Iron Curtain and we won't be able to get it out of the Middle East. Maybe then we'll regret the waste of our resources on useless horsepower."

"And just think of the money, materials and engineering talent that go into retooling for model changes to make last year's car obsolete and hasten it to the junk pile."

Urey said Oppenheimer and Condon are "two of this country's most brilliant scientists." He said he knows Oppenheimer mostly by reputation, but he knows Condon "quite well, and there's no more honorable, upright man in the country," he said.

"McCarthyism is dying," he said.

As for the schools, Urey said the nation's education budget "must be doubled."

"We need a thorough overhauling of the primary and secondary schools," he said, "and it can't be done except through the federal government because of the enormous number of hurdles in the way."

**Local Pressure Groups**

"A lot of people are suspicious of 'government meddling,' but what would be the government do that would be so terrible? It might interfere with local pressure groups whose children have finished school and who want to cut education costs."

Urey said the schools have suffered at the hands of "professional educators, most of whom didn't do too well in school themselves."

"A lot of them have little background in language, science, mathematics or literature," he said, "but they've got a lot of theories about education."

He said more emphasis must be put on grouping students so the brightest can move ahead.

Urey said his own projects at the University of Chicago's Enrico Fermi Institute are staffed by teams made up in substantial part by foreign graduate students.

"A country of 170 million people should be able to produce more of its own scientists," he said.



MISSING and believed victim of kidnaper is Maria Ridolph, 7, lured from near Sycamore, Ill., home by man who offered her and playmate "a nice piggy-back ride." (International)

# Atlas Missile Believed Without Nose Cone in Tuesday Test Firing

Washington—Testimony before a Senate hearing on the U.S. missile-satellite lag indicated today that the Atlas continental missile fired successfully Tuesday was sent up without its nose cone.

Maj. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Air Force ballistic missile chief, told the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee a complete Atlas was not used in Tuesday's test firing or in either of the two earlier unsuccessful tries.

His statement further indicated that the major problem connected with the cone is to prevent it from burning up when it reenters the earth's atmosphere.

"Except for a full-scale, all-the-way test—which is proof of the pudding—we are fully confident that we have the nose cone problem in hand," Schriever testified.

**Call To Unity**

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson called upon Americans today to unite and work as they did after Pearl Harbor to put the U.S. ahead of Russia in the missile race.

"We have to spend our days and nights trying to get ahead," the Texas Democrat said.

The second round of Johnson's subcommittee hearings wound up in a spat of dour warnings, bright forecasts and more frenzied activity at the Cape Can-

veral, Fla., missile test range.

**New Atlas Readied**

Technicians began readying another Atlas 5,000-mile intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) following Tuesday's successful Atlas test amid these developments:

—Air Force Chief of Staff Thomas D. White predicted interstellar travel within 25 years.

—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle said that by the year 2,000, men will have travelled to Mars or Venus.

The sharpest warning of the need for an all-out U.S. weapons effort came Tuesday at the preparedness hearings from Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, Air Force vice chief of staff.

"Unless we do something very radical," Lemay said, "we will become inferior to the Russians militarily in a very short time."

The subcommittee, which concluded its second round of public hearings Tuesday night, will resume Jan. 6 with at least another week of hearings scheduled.

# Portland May Get Special Treatment

Portland—Increasing unemployment that could qualify Portland for special treatment from the federal government in awarding contracts was reported here today by the Portland office of the Oregon Employment Service.

The office said its latest tabulations showed 22,900 out of work and seeking jobs in the Portland metropolitan area as of Nov. 15 for an increase of 6,600 over the Oct. 15 figure.

That would mean 7 per cent of Portland's total work force was out of jobs. In order to qualify as an area with a "substantial labor surplus" an area must have 6 per cent of its work force idle. The city is now classed as one with simply a "surplus" of labor.

Ray Anderson, labor market analyst for the employment service, said he would stick with his earlier prediction that unemployment in Portland would reach 30,000 by mid-January. He asserted that the situation would get worse before it gets better, exceeding last winter's unemployment by 35 to 40 per cent.

# Proper Sleeping Bag Suggested for Season

Los Angeles—A lot of boys may spend their camping trips shivering because well-meaning parents give them warm-weather sleeping bags unsuited for chilly nights.

Percy Friedman, president of Canvas Specialty Manufacturing Co., shakes his head over such a prospect, although he emphasizes the well-meaning parent doesn't know what he's letting his boy in for.

Friedman said "the average parent wouldn't dream of sending his boy on a mountain hike in sneakers, yet will buy his boy a summerweight sleeping bag and send him out to shiver on the cold ground."

His advice to parents who want to buy their sons such equipment includes the recommendation to decide first where it will be used and at what season.

Another suggestion is to avoid sleeping bags that are too small. Most youngsters will outgrow the child's size in one season, and really need a full-size.

The best covering for wind and moisture-resistance is closely woven fabric such as poplin, army duck or nylon-cotton, treated to make them water repellent. Cotton flannel is the most popular lining, although another recommended is Milium, or some other insulator fabric.

A warm filling, such as duck or goose down, or DuPont Dacron fiber-fill, also is important.

# Ike, Dulles May Address Nation

Paris—President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles probably will make a television and radio report to the American people shortly after their return to the United States from the NATO council meeting here, it was announced today.

The council will wind up its summit meetings Thursday and the President will take off for Washington at 6 p.m., arriving early Friday morning.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters "considerable thought is being given" to an Eisenhower-Dulles report to the nation but it would not come before early next week.

The last such Eisenhower-Dulles report to the American people concerned U.S. policy in the Middle East and came at the time of the Suez Canal crisis.

# Wash and Wear Suits Developed in Florida

Miami Beach—If hubby is the type who splashes gravy or soup on his suit, here's good news.

The Florida fashion industry has come up with wash and wear suits—even washable dinner jackets.

The "wash 'n' wear" theme highlights more than 350 lines of resort fashions shown by the Men's Apparel Club of Florida at its eighth annual international premiere.

Rudofker, manufacturer of the washable tuxedo, claims the fully-lined jacket will dry wrinkle-free after a complete cycle in an automatic washer.

Also prominent are multiple-piece matching beach and swim sets. An example is a five-piece outfit by Arrow which includes a zippered jacket, shirt, swim and walk-length shorts and a cap, all done in multi-colored ivy-league stripes.

Another carry-over from women's fashions are the father and son outfits with matching beach jackets, shorts and sport shirts.

Colors of sport shirts are as wild as ever—loud prints and geometrical designs. The most popular colors in the conservative lines are gray and canary yellow.

For the dandy, the Florida designers have come up with just about everything except lace.

One sport shirt has a fancy piping of gold lurex. There's also a line of "bandanna" shirts with unusual kerchief collars. Fabrics are more feminine, including silks and satins.

# Warm Springs Man Victim of Stabbing

Portland—Leonard Norman Starr, 41, Warm Springs, was in serious condition in a local hospital today with a stab wound.

Sheriff Joe Shobe of Clackamas county said Jimmie Spino, 22, Warm Springs, Starr's stepson, was being held on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Ben Palmer, 45, also of Warm Springs, was held as a material witness. Shobe said the car the three men were in ran into a ditch near Sunday Monday night and that Starr was stabbed after an argument.

# Elizabeth Taylor Resting Comfortably

Hollywood—Actress Elizabeth Taylor was reported resting comfortably at Cedars of Lebanon hospital today where she is recovering from an appendectomy.

The lovely wife of producer Mike Todd underwent the operation Tuesday. She suffered an appendicitis attack while in the Orient recently.

# MOTHERS ASK AID

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—A grief-stricken mother Tuesday asked federal authorities to prosecute her 17-year-old son for stealing \$65 from a letter in her mailbox. Mrs. Louis Bragg said her son, Jesse, is "incorrigible" and she feels legal punishment might help him.

# Ex-Cottage Grove Mayor Fined \$70

Eugene—Warren A. Edwards, former mayor of Cottage Grove, was fined \$70 in district court here Tuesday. He had pleaded guilty to a charge of circulating an anonymous pamphlet before the Dec. 3 city charter election in Cottage Grove.

District Judge William Beckett said it was unfortunate that newsmen were present because Edwards had cooperated fully with authorities and had violated the election law unwittingly. But Judge Beckett said he assessed the fine as a deterrent to others who might violate it maliciously.

# Governor Forms Farm Labor Group

Salem—An inter-agency committee on agricultural labor was formed by Gov. Robert D. Holmes today in an effort to solve Oregon's chronic farm labor problems.

The governor named Mrs. Cecilia P. Galey, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, as first chairman of the committee. Robert J. Stewart, agriculture director, was named vice chairman and Joseph Wilson, state employment service, was named secretary.

Agriculture workers constitute almost 12 per cent of the state's total civilian labor force with 117,000 persons working full or part time on farms. This includes some 16,000 workers who migrate from other states and Mexico to assist in seasonal farm work, the governor said.

# Ontario Police in Traffic Crack-Down

Ontario, Ore.—Motorists using Ontario streets are finding out that local police have taken Gov. Robert D. Holmes' traffic-violation crackdown edict to heart.

Some 50 citations have been issued since the drive started last Friday. For the past few days, an officer said, police have concentrated on the high school area, citing around 25 youthful drivers. Ontario police are working overtime without compensation during the governor's drive to enforce local traffic laws, officials said.

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# Dimick Will Seek Circuit Judgeship

Roseburg—State Sen. Dan Dimick, a Democrat, said today he would seek in the May primary the Circuit Judge position now held by Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Dimick was elected to the Senate in 1956 and was a supporter of Gov. Robert D. Holmes in legislation.

He is a World War II Navy veteran and a 1937 graduate of the University of Oregon law school.

# NEW AERIAL VENTURE

Southport, N. C.—Helicopters were to try a new kind of job today—hoisting a 1,740-pound lantern to the top of a new 150-foot coast guard lighthouse on nearby Oak Island.



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