

# Porter Will Test Convictions At Eniwetok Atomic Test Site

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Washington — It may be that a first-term Congressman from southwestern Oregon can't do much to change the Administration's nuclear weapons policies, but I intend to keep trying.

Tomorrow at 7 a.m. (EST) I board a plane here with a group of observers to fly to the Eniwetok atoll in the Gilbert Islands of the South Pacific. The trip each way takes two and a half days. I intend to stay three or four days, then return whether or not a bomb has been exploded.

Why am I going? I'm not on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and I'm certainly no expert in nuclear physics or tactics. Here are my reasons:

## Wants First-Hand Lesson

First, I want to learn first-hand about these nuclear weapons tests and the men in charge of them, and present for discussion to these men certain convictions of mine.

Second, even though I have been and am sharply critical of its policies and methods including its insistence on holding these tests, the Atomic Energy commission wants me to go.

Third, my able friend and respected colleague, Chet Hoffield of California, Chairman of the Radiation Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and an experienced nuclear test observer, assures me that I will learn much of great value to me as a legislator in the atomic age.

Fourth, I believe mankind today teeters on the brink of doom thanks to the nuclear weapons inventions and I believe that, as a U. S. Representative, I have both the duty and the opportunity to do whatever I can, however little, to help us survive as a free nation in a free world.

Chance to Talk to Experts  
As I have an opportunity on the way to and at Eniwetok to talk with experts in nuclear weapons, I intend to see how these firmly-held convictions of mine stand up:

(A)—We don't need any more or better nuclear war-

heads for national security because we have more than enough now to deter intentional attack.

(B)—Why go to a lot of trouble to develop a "clean" bomb when we have no assurance the Soviets would use such a weapon in war and the concept of a "limited" atomic war is a delusion based on wishful thinking.

(C)—The 20 megaton bomb, for example, fits easily into our superatomic bombers and has an explosive power equal to all the explosions in World War II, so why be concerned about a smaller bomb, especially when we have maximum deterrence now?

(D)—Peace-time uses for atomic explosions, the final reason for the tests after development of "clean" and smaller bombs, should be done underground to avoid fall-out and should be carried out under international supervision.

## Sales Tax Killed By Youthful Solons

Salem—A controversial 2 per cent sales tax bill was killed in the House of Representatives at the annual YMCA Youth Legislature here Saturday.

A bill abolishing the closed shop in Oregon sailed through both houses unanimously with little discussion. However, the bill was amended to exclude the union shop from being abolished along with the closed shop.

Among late bills through the Legislature was one regulating billboards on freeways. They would not be built within 600 feet of freeways so the state would qualify for approximately \$38 million in additional federal aid.

The more than 200 delegates also turned down a proposal for a vote of the people on capital punishment abolition in Oregon.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes addressed the closing session. On an average day, some 100,000,000 Americans (12 years old and over) read a daily newspaper.

(E)—Fall-out from these tests, however small and innocent, and there is a real dispute among scientists about this, is both a trespass on other countries and an assault on all people, under Anglo-Saxon Common Law doctrines. We have no right to infringe on another's person and property even a little bit.

## Accidental War Possible

(F)—The real danger today is from an accidental or unauthorized nuclear explosion triggering the all-out war. Thousands of nuclear warheads exist, most ready for instant detonation and all in the hands of frail, error-prone human beings such as you and I. It would be extremely difficult, in these tense times, to distinguish between an authorized and an unauthorized nuclear explosion and to determine the nature of the other nation's alert following such an explosion—whether it was defensive or offensive.

(G)—Stopping the tests is only a first step toward effective disarmament and real peace. The mutual inspection procedures should be expanded as soon as possible to include conversion of nuclear warheads to peaceful uses and to the cut-back of nuclear weapons production. Hard to do? Yes, but a lot easier than rebuilding the world after a "massive exchange" of nuclear warheads! Trust the Soviets? Of course not, but recognize their self-interest in survival.

Experts Concerned, Too  
My companions and hosts on this trip will be military men and scientists. They have had much to do with our nuclear weapons policies, too much in my opinion. However, like me and like you, they are sincerely concerned with their country's welfare in a tense and troubled world.

Like me and like you, these men would like to have more assurance that their children will have a chance to grow up and to look upon nuclear energy as a shining promise for a better life for all instead of a black threat of universal destruction and death.

# Space Project Priority Hit By Scientist

Washington — Space scientist William H. Pickering charges that giving military space projects priority over civilian development is putting "the cart before the horse."

Pickering, director of the Army's jet propulsion laboratory at Berkeley, Calif. — said man does not know enough about space yet for development of military space weapons.

"You've got to find out what you're dealing with first," he said to the United Press. "Otherwise you're just guessing."

Pickering's statement Friday came after the House Space Committee heard:

Lee A. Dubridge, President of California Institute of Technology, warned that the "military capture of the moon" by any nation could lead to nuclear war. He urged the internationalization of space for peaceful purposes.

Committee members make clear they favored creation of a strong civilian space agency with broad powers. House Democratic leader John M. McCormack (D-Mass.), said he favors "as strong a bill and as strong an agency as possible" consistent with military needs.

Pickering openly clashed with military leaders who contend the Pentagon's space development projects must have priority over purely scientific exploration of space.

At present, all of the nation's space programs are under the direction of the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency. However, President Eisenhower has proposed creation of a civilian space agency to direct space programs not primarily military.

# Logger Loses Homestead; Fails To Grow Johnnycorn

Narragansett, R. L. — Failure to grow a peck of johnnycorn each year has cost an Oregon logger ownership of the old homestead farm here.

Instead, the 24-acre farm and two and one-half story house became the property of the University of Rhode Island.

That was the interpretation given Friday by the Rhode Island Supreme Court to the will of Harry Knowles of Brooklyn and Narragansett. Knowles died in 1955 at the age of 75.

Knowles stipulated in the will that his nephew, Earl J. Knowles of Mt. Or., be required among other things to:

... Reside on Homestead farm for not less than three months of each year and grow or have grown at least a peck of Indian maize or Rhode Island johnnycorn each year.

Knowles, 44, has come east

# Berlitz Gets Medals As Language Coach

By DOC QUIGG  
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New York — How's your Urdu?

If you're going to Pakistan, you'd better brush up on it, because that's the national language. On the other hand, if you're going to Africa, a little Zulu, or maybe Afrikaans, would come in handy.

Down the Pacific coast of South America, you can get along famously with the natives if you side up to them and babble a bit of Quechua, the old imperial language of the Inca empire.

These and a gaudy variety of other languages can be had in the handy package form of an outfit that is getting ready for an anniversary.

Three weeks from Monday, it will be exactly 80 years since grandpa Maximilian Delphinus Berlitz opened his first school in Providence, R. I., and started giving the world the gift of tongues. And on the upcoming four-score birthday the celebration in the famous school system bearing his name will be world-wide.

The Berlitz "method," 80 years later, is giving the right word to students in 175 schools scattered over 34 countries. On an average, there are around 125,000 Berlitz students yakking away

## Officers Halt Search For Oak Grove Boy

Oak Grove, Ore. — Sheriff's officers Sunday night halted the search for the body of Steven Phillips, 5, after dragging operations in the Willamette river failed to disclose a trace of the lad. The boy has been missing since last Tuesday afternoon and was presumed drowned. He had been playing along the river.

LATE!  
London — Puzzled rail officials wondered today how a freight car loaded with Christmas parcels got onto a remote siding last December and stayed there four months. The car was part of a train that left Manchester Dec. 23. It was found recently on a siding at Leeds, after the Post Office paid out hundreds of claims on lost packages.

every day at learning a new language. The 80 years have been studied with adventure and big names. Among Berlitz teachers, there has been no less a literary light than James Joyce and no less a revolutionary brain than Leon Trotsky.

Trotsky taught right here in New York back in 1916 under his real name, Bronstein. One of the earliest memories of Charles Berlitz, grandson of the founder and now a vice president of the organization, is of his uncle Victor Berlitz opening the paper in 1920 and saying:

"This Trotsky who's causing all the trouble, he looks a lot like Bronstein, our old teacher."

Decorated by Royalty  
Grandpa Berlitz was decorated by many royal states: King Alfonso XIII of Spain (he studied German), Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany (French, naturally), Czar Nicholas of Russia (Italian), the Sultan of Morocco (advanced French). Woodrow Wilson studied French but gave no medals.

Other students have included the Duke of Windsor (10 years of Spanish), Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt (Spanish), Clare Boothe Luce (a crash program of Italian), and right now, a platoon of chefs from a big American soup company who are going to Italy to study cooking methods.

Hearings Start on Humane Slaughter Bill  
Washington — The Senate committee on agriculture today begins four days of hearings on a Humane Slaughter bill. The measure, which would encourage meat packing firms to use humane methods of killing meat animals, has already been passed by the house. The bill (S-1497) was sponsored by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (O-Ore.) among others.

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## Allies To Debate On Attack Threat

United Nations, N. Y. — The Western allies will challenge Russian to debate measures against a surprise Arctic attack in the United Nations Security Council next week, informed sources said.

The decision was taken by ambassadors of Britain, Canada and France in a meeting with U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in Washington Friday, the sources said.

The move marks a change from previous Western insistence on keeping all disarmament proposals in a single package. Russia rejected the package last year.

It was understood the new proposal would call for the Security Council to set up a study group to discuss measures to guard against surprise attack in the Arctic area alone.

The Western powers planned to use Russia's own charge that U. S. nuclear bombers over the Arctic pose the threat of war as the basis for reopening disarmament discussions in the United Nations.

## Prisoner Causes Space Problem

LaGrange, Ind. — There is a space problem at the LaGrange county jail, all because of one prisoner.

The prisoner, Robert Park, 33, of Baltimore, is 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs 380 pounds.

Sheriff Myron Walker said his troubles began when Park was arrested Thursday. Park, who is wanted in Madison, Wis., on a bad check charge, offered no resistance when arrested on a bus. He didn't have to.

Officers had to sweat and strain, however, to squeeze him down the bus aisle and out the door.

Park was then taken to the county jail where, Walker said, his assigned bunk is straining under the load. The sheriff said he is considering "bedding" his prisoner on the floor to ease the strain.

## Servicemen's Rates Under Fire By CAB

Washington — The 10 per cent discount the airlines give servicemen for official trips came under fire from a Civil Aeronautics board hearing examiner Friday as "unjustly discriminatory" and illegal.

Examiner Edward T. Stodola advised the CAB to eliminate the discount. It would cost the government an additional five million dollars a year in increased fares.

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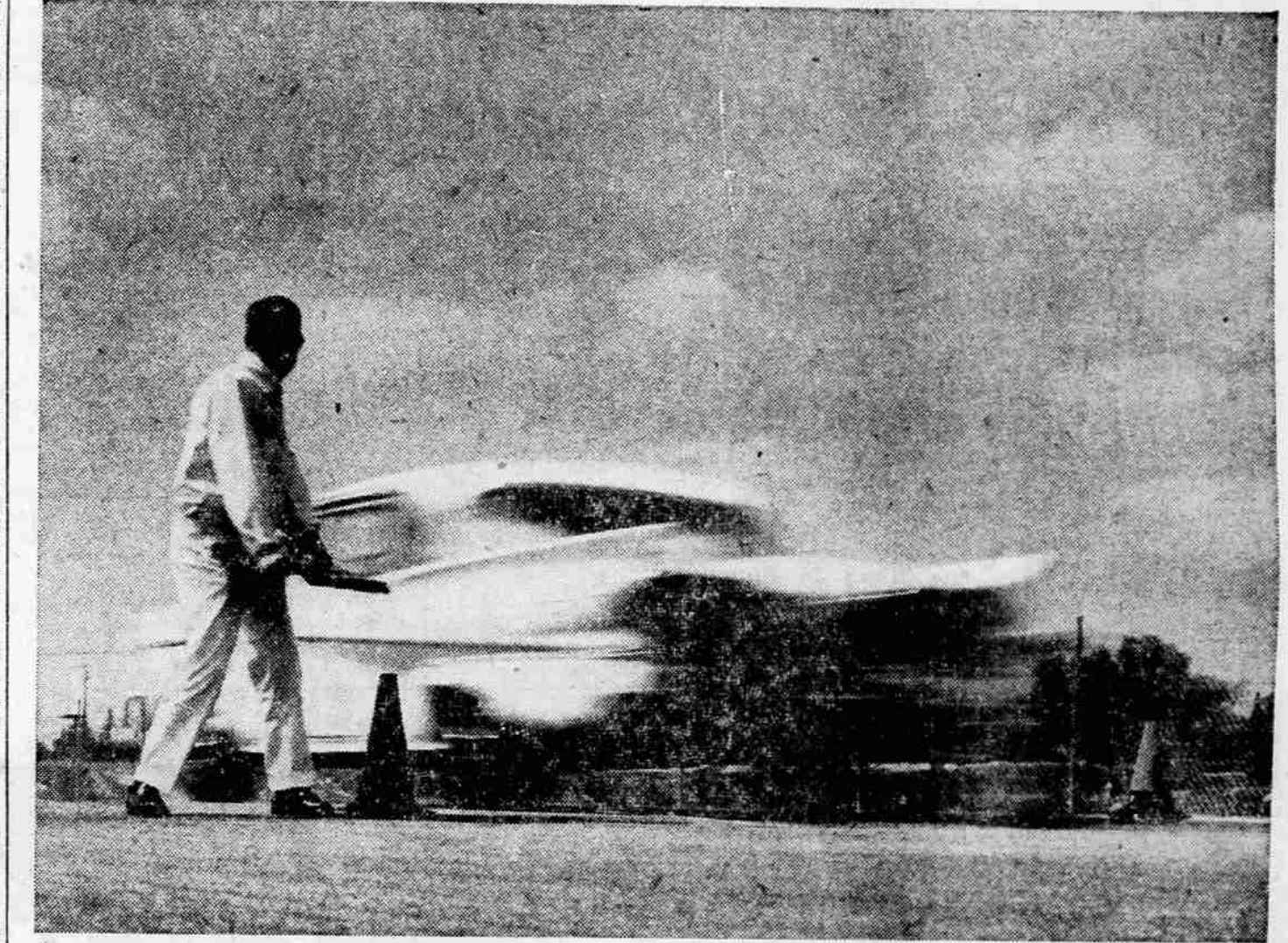
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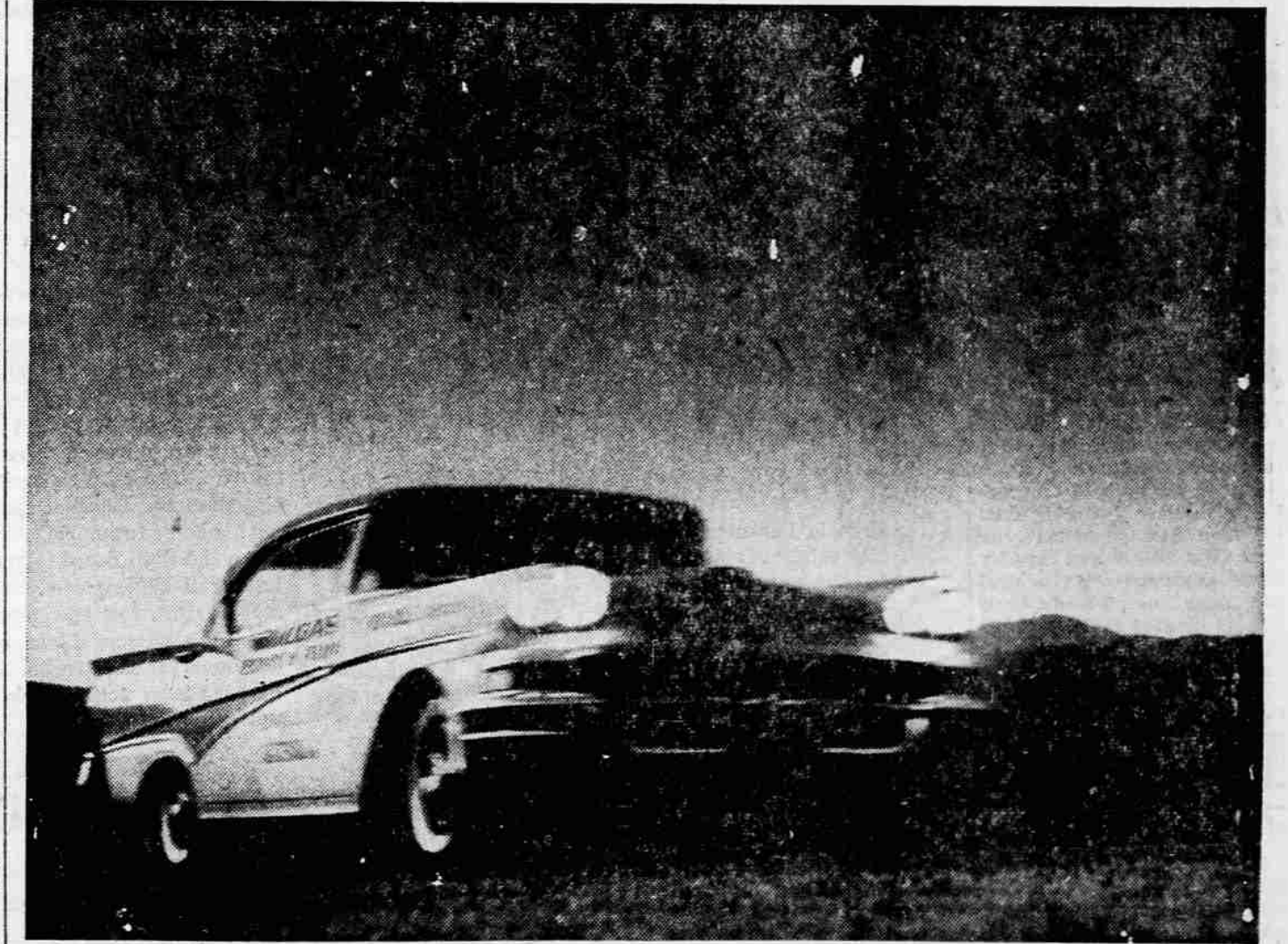
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