

Philosopher Sees Only 50-50 Chance of Human Survival in Event of Atomic War

By KINGSBURY SMITH

Mineford, Wales—(UPI)—A practical world peace plan that could be considered at a United Nations General Assembly meeting, or at a summit conference if one is ever held, has been outlined by Lord Bertrand Russell, Britain's most famous philosopher.

In an exclusive interview with this correspondent, the 86-year-old intellectual genius, who wrote a masterpiece on mathematics and won the Nobel Prize for literature, warned that time is running out for the adoption of effective measures to prevent a nuclear war that is likely to destroy the human race.

"The chances at present seem to me to be about 50-50 whether there will be a human being left in the world 40 years hence," he said. "If present policies continue to be pursued, the chances will be very much less than that."

Agreements 'in Principle'

The plan outlined by Lord Russell envisaged agreements "in principle" with Russia which he felt could pave the way for permanent peace and a "paradise" on earth for mankind.

The renowned and highly controversial "free-thinker" developed the points of his peace plan in response to questions put to him by this correspondent who traveled over 200 miles from London to a picturesque hillside in Wales to interview the man who is generally recognized as possessing one of the world's greatest minds.

Since the Middle East situation involves a danger to world peace, Lord Russell felt that any U.N. General Assembly or summit meeting on that subject should consider the broader issue of how to prevent a nuclear war. If agreement could be reached on that question, he is confident such problems as those of the Middle East would be much easier to solve than

they are likely to be otherwise.

He thinks it would be a good idea to have two outstanding personalities who are not closely associated with either the East or West blocs attend the opening session of a General Assembly or summit conference on the Middle East problem and address the meeting as the "representative of mankind" on the dangers of nuclear war and unrestricted atomic tests.

Names Albert Schweitzer

He suggested that Albert Schweitzer, the noted philosopher and humanist, would be a good man to be one of them. Asked whether he himself, as a recognized spokesman for those who fear the effects of nuclear explosions, would be willing to address such a meeting, he invited to do so, Lord Russell replied:

"I would go like a shot. It would be an opportunity in a thousand. I doubt, however, that I would be invited. Both sides suspect me to be sympathetic to the opposite bloc. The Communists have been after me recently because I denounced the Soviets for the execution of the Hungarian revolt leaders. If I did address the summit meeting on the dangers facing the human race, I would like to have Premier Nehru of India also speak of the same subject. The Russians might pay more attention to him than they to me."

The mild-mannered though mentally vigorous humanist remarked:

"That is a large question indeed. I think I would say first of all we must recognize a nuclear war means an irreparable disaster; that neither side would survive, and therefore we must agree that we are going to rule out war. Recognition of that fact must be the major axiom of our discussion."

"Having ruled out war by both sides, I would say that nuclear weapons are useless.

That would be the No. 2 proposal.

Proposes Disengagement

"The No. 3 proposition would be that since both sides are equally strong in terms of destruction, we should seek a disarmament agreement that will leave them equally strong. There should be no net advantage to either side from a disarmament agreement. The fault with disarmament proposals that have been put forward by both sides since 1945 is that they are designed to leave the other side in a weaker position."

"It has been said on the Western side that abolition of nuclear weapons would leave the Communist world superior in ground forces. That is a valid argument unless you can get an effective agreement to limit the ground forces so that there would continue to be an equal balance of military power. It would be difficult, but it could be done."

"I would then propose a disengagement in Central Europe. I would suggest that alien forces be withdrawn everywhere. That would be a sacrifice for the American system of security, but it would be a sacrifice for the Russians, because it would have to include the withdrawal of Soviet military forces from the satellite states. Once the Russians withdrew, those states would revert to the West. However, the agreed area of withdrawal on either side should be such as to leave the present balance of power unaffected."

Favorable Atmosphere

"I would propose that this disengagement apply in the beginning to all of Germany, Poland and Hungary. The military neutralization and defense of those states would be guaranteed by the big powers."

"I would point out that if such measures as these could be taken, it would make it much more difficult for either side to resort to war and it would create a favorable atmosphere for the negotiations of an effective international system for the inspection and control of nuclear weapons."

"I would say that if these principles could be agreed upon at the summit meeting, then both sides could proceed to conclude the necessary agreements to implement them."

Lord Russell said he would also propose that all nations be called upon to reaffirm their willingness to submit all disputes among them to international arbitration, and that the big powers undertake to apply an economic blockade against any nation that refused to abide by the verdict. He said he would further advocate establishment of a permanent United Nations police force to safeguard the smaller nations from direct or indirect aggression.

"I would," he added, "say to both sides: 'If you do not want war, this is the way to go about preventing it.' I would emphasize that if there is a nuclear war, nobody and nobody's system will be left."

What Is The Law?

This column is prepared as a public service by the College of Law, Willamette University, Salem, to explain basic legal principles, not to provide legal advice. The reader is cautioned not to apply these cases to his own problems without an attorney's advice, for differing facts may change the outcome.

Restaurant Not Responsible For Loss of Customer's Coat

Jim Unger entered Fielder's Coffee Shoppe to eat. He went to a booth, removed his overcoat which the waiter hung on a hook near the booth. Unger ate as he read the evening paper. When he got up to leave, he discovered that the coat was not there.

He immediately reported the facts to the owner and requested return of the coat. The restaurant owner was surprised and thought it was only a mistake, that the coat would be returned when the mistake was discovered by the one who took it. Unger went back several times to learn whether the coat had been returned. Finally he demanded that the owner pay for it. This demand was refused.

Will the restaurant owner have to pay for the coat?

Not Legally Liable

Mr. Fielder would not be legally liable for the loss of the coat.

Certainly it would not be expected that the owner or one of his employees stand

guard over coats hung in various places around the restaurant.

The waiter's help in hanging the coat up was only a courtesy done in the hope that the good will generated would motivate a greater generosity when Unger reached in his pocket for a tip.

For Fielder to be legally bound to pay for it there would have to be a delivery of the coat into his possession for the benefit of one or both of the parties and under a contract either expressed or implied. There would have to be an obligation to return the coat upon demand. This was not the situation here.

Under some circumstances the restaurant owner might have to pay for a coat that would be missing. For instance, had the customer given the coat to a check girl who took possession of it as the agent of the owner, it would obviously be for the benefit of both the owner and the customer.

Contract Implied

It would be the same as though the owner had said, "If you come to my restaurant to eat, I promise that should you deliver your coat to the check girl we will protect it and return it to you." The acts of the parties imply such a contract which is just as effective as though the words had been spoken.

On the other hand, Fielder could not knowingly watch a thief deliberately take the coat and leave with it. He owes it to the public not to permit thieves to prey upon the customers, if he, as a reasonable man, would have cause to believe such a practice were going on. And, of course, he could not conspire with thieves for the theft of property from the clients without being liable for the cost of the property.

Khrushchev Hails As Victory Dam Built on Volga

Kuibyshev, U.S.S.R. — (UPI) — Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev hailed as a "great victory" Sunday the construction of the world's largest hydroelectric power station by the Soviets in one-third the time taken by Americans to build the Grand Coulee dam.

Khrushchev spoke at ceremonies opening the Kuibyshev dam on the Volga river 500 miles east of Moscow. He referred only briefly to the situation in the Middle East where he said the threat of war is "still very acute."

The Soviet premier taunted the United States for the length of time it took to build Grand Coulee in the state of Washington. He said it took 20 years to build Grand Coulee — "the most famous American station" — while the Kuibyshev station took only seven years.

Speedy Construction

He said the speedy construction of the Kuibyshev dam — which measures almost 3½ miles across and backs up a 2,502 square mile artificial lake — was a "great victory" for Soviet technicians, scientists and workers.

But, he added, future dams would have to be built even faster to enable "our industry to develop quicker, so that our industry may produce many valuable consumer goods."

In Washington, Federal Reclamation Commissioner W. A. Drexler said "any time we are given a full program and the money we can build dams just as fast or faster than they can." Drexler said it took only seven years to complete the original Grand Coulee program laid out by the reclamation bureau.

He said "the rest went in as needed, and we didn't anticipate that much power would be needed at first."

Khrushchev said the dam put Russia in "first place in Europe and second in the world" in electric power production.

A decree of the Supreme Soviet announced the new power station would be known as the "Vladimir Ilyich Lenin" station.

Pace of Traffic Becomes Too Much

Grand Rapids, Mich. — (UPI) — The pace of today's traffic has prompted an 80-year-old Grand Rapids motorist to surrender his driver's license and give the keys of his 17-year-old car to a son-in-law.

Emil R. Kuenzel received only one traffic ticket during his 40 years of driving — for an illegal turn.

Kuenzel's voluntary surrender of his license was brought to the attention of Michigan Secretary of State James M. Hare who wrote him:

"Your fine attitude shows common sense and good citizenship. We in the department of state would be thankful if more men and women of advanced age with delayed reactions would decide for themselves that they are not qualified to cope with present-day traffic."

The Toyoko department store in Tokyo has under its roof six railway and subway stations as well as a streetcar terminal.

Radioactive Water Grows Strawberries

Peveragno, Italy — (UPI) — Radioactive water that is unfit to drink is growing strawberries as big as tomatoes in this northern Italian town. Two of Peveragno's strawberries weighed close to one pound.

Peveragno claims that its strawberries are so big because of highly radioactive

water in the district. The water comes from a small river about two miles away and passes through the heart of a uranium lode by means of man-made tunnels.

It was only after the tunnels had been completed that experts discovered the high radioactive content of the water. Health authorities at once stopped domestic usage, but allowed the water to be used for irrigating the Peveragno strawberry beds.

The strawberries thrive on it, and authorities saw no dan-

ger to health because the radioactivity disappears 48 hours after passing through the uranium.

Sexes The Same In Dentist Chair

Washington — (UPI) — Dr. William Wells, assistant professor of psychology at Rutgers University, decided to get an answer to the question: Are men or women "bigger sissies" in the dentist's chair?

He made a survey which resulted in the disclosure that one sex is just about as good or bad as the other in this respect, except that women were found to be more honest in admitting they are nervous or afraid.

Dr. Wells, author of numerous papers on social psychology, systematically queried 50 dentists in the Newark, N.J., area as to whether a man or a woman is worse as a patient. Many replied that men are more tense and anxious and less cooperative.

Then on questioning patients waiting in five separate dental offices for their turn in "the chair," Dr. Wells found that most of them were unable to conceal their jitters, but that women patients would more readily admit to being afraid.

A vodka-producer found that only 1.4 per cent of the men and 1.1 per cent of the women questioned in a survey said they drank whiskey because they liked the taste.

Phone SP 3-3613

SELBY GLASS CO.

303 North Bartlett

building a home? remember...

electric heat

is

Sunshine Warm.

For full information, at no cost to you, on the modern efficient way to heat your home, simply call the Home Service Department of the nearest COPCO office.

THE CALIFORNIA OREGON POWER COMPANY



Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS

Ranger-Naturalist

Baghdad — In a city becoming as modernized as Baghdad it is difficult to account for the large number of goafs. The bridges are good. There are plenty of modern watercraft. So why should there be so many of this goofy type of boat?

It is round, woven with willows and coated with pitch. The diameter is from six feet up, and it is used to transport just about any form of freight.

One that I saw yesterday was hauling a coffin. The reason was probably tradition, and also certainly tradition is the real reason for the persistence of this strange craft whose sole virtues are low construction cost and a built-in resistance to collision damage.

As for the coffin, called that for lack of a better name, and its occupant, they were on their way to the holy city of Nedjef, the Mecca of the Shia Moslems, five days to the southwest by camel. They had already come a long way, from a place near the Iranian border, and as is the case with some, they may even have been smuggled into the country from Iran.

For centuries one of the chief articles of transit through Baghdad has been the bodies of the dead on their way to the burying grounds at either Nedjef or the almost equally holy and somewhat nearer city of Kerbala. The remains of any Shia Moslem, from king to peasant, who could afford it were on the final journey that might take months to complete.

According to some accounts, the number making this final journey is so great that over 25,000,000 people are now said to be buried in and around Nedjef.

Why that city is so holy is that it marks the spot where Ali, nephew of the prophet Mohammed, is said to have died after being fatally stabbed in a mosque, according to the story, he ordered that his body should be buried where it was found, then walked away into the desert to die.

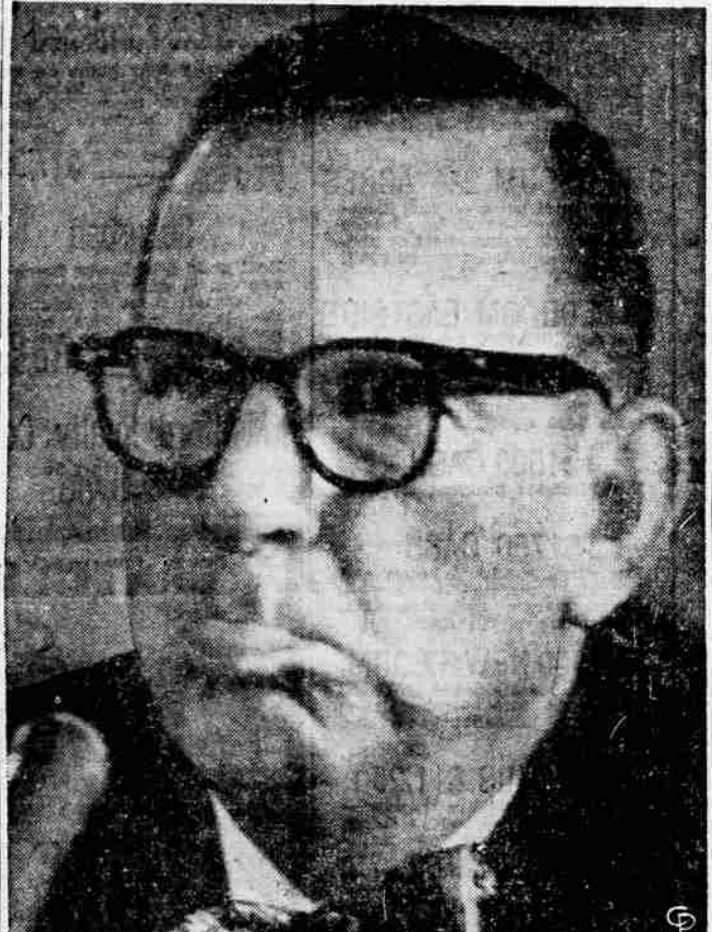
The body was found some centuries later by the fabulous Haroun el-Raschid, ruler of Baghdad, while on a hunting trip. He knew it was the holy man's body by its remarkable state of preservation plus various other signs.

In obedience to the saint's request, he promptly set about the task of building an appropriate tomb. No expense was spared. The dome, which rises above the desert like a great golden bubble, was sheathed in gold.

As its fame spread, those who could come there to die. The less fortunate, unable to leave home before death, afterward. Thus the spot grew into what must be the largest cemetery of the world.

(Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

Free: By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best true-life nature adventure, the best nature observation, or the best question on nature and wildlife, a 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your letter to: Is That So? c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 1069, San Francisco, Calif.



TAKING FIFTH AMENDMENT, Teamster Union Vice President Bert Brennan refuses to tell Senate probes whether a boxer he managed drew \$75 weekly salary from teamster's welfare fund. Boxer E. Davidson says he did.

Long-Standing Obligation Ended

Buffalo, N. Y. — (UPI) — Army Sgt. 1/C Lawrence H. Erb has happily discharged what he considered to be a 13-year-old obligation.

In 1945, Erb appeared in

City Court with a \$10 speeding ticket. When he reached for his wallet, he found he had left it at home. But an attorney, William B. Mahoney, stepped up and handed the teen-age soldier the money for the fine.

Ever since, Erb had tried unsuccessfully to contact the lawyer to repay the \$10. When he finally got to see Mahoney this year, the attorney smilingly refused the money.

Undaunted, the sergeant went to City Court with the view of finding someone in trouble. He got his man when George Spiers, 16, was assessed \$15 for speeding but had no money to pay the fine.

Like benefactor Mahoney 13 years ago, Erb stepped up with the money and saved Spiers from a jail sentence.

Swiss Officials Reject Soviet Statement

Bern, Switzerland — (UPI) — Angry Swiss officials Saturday rejected a Soviet statement accusing the Swiss government of abandoning neutrality by deciding to equip its armed forces with nuclear weapons.

Official sources said the government has "merely ordered a study of the subject" and that "no final decision" has been reached.

More than 100,000 new mobile homes are built in the U.S. each year.

IF YOU AREN'T TRADING AT THE GROCETERIA YOU'RE PAYING TOO MUCH

Head Lettuce 2 heads 19¢

For Cool, Crisp Salad

GROCETERIA

6TH AND GRAPE

GROCETERIA Will Close At 5:30 Tuesday For Employees Picnic

RED CROSS BLOOD

BILL McCORKLE

YOUR BLOOD IS PRECIOUS



... whether you need it in the form of a transfusion ... or whether you are a blood donor.

Your Red Cross

distributes blood to everyone ... AT NO CHARGE.

Won't YOU help us keep ample supplies of blood on hand?

The Bloodmobile WILL BE AT THE RED CROSS BUILDING

60 Hawthorne St.

Tues., Aug. 12 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.

The quota for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile has been increased 50 per cent because of the steady increase in the use of blood in Jackson County. The quota is 290 pints, for which 350 donors will be required. The need HERE is urgent. Help your neighbor — maybe YOURSELF.

Phone SP 3-3813

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MAKE A "DATE" NOW!