

Truman Would Be Surprised if Russians Accepted Lloyd Proposal

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Cattle Die as Barn Destroyed

Lafayette, Ore. (UPI) — A huge barn owned by Hugh E. Williams two miles north of this Yamhill county community burned late Friday killing 18 head of cattle and destroying 2,000 bales of straw and 50 tons of baled alfalfa. Total loss was estimated at \$15,000.

The barn was part of the Oak Springs Dairy, operated by Williams and his father. The blaze was noticed by a boy delivering newspapers and Williams was summoned. Flames had already burned telephone lines and he had to drive to Lafayette to notify firemen.

The structure was engulfed in flames when McMinnville and Carlton firemen arrived. The nearby home of Hugh Williams was saved.

The cattle were all registered and included 11 heifers and seven cows. They and the hay were not insured but the barn was, Williams said. Firemen said the fire may have started in some wiring.

La Grande Vetoes Sewage Proposal

La Grande (UPI) — La Grande voters Friday overwhelmingly turned down a hot \$360,000 bond issue for a proposed lagoon-type sewage disposal system. The vote was 1,156 to 211.

An order issued by the State Sanitation Authority to provide better sewage facilities stirred up a subsequent storm of controversy.

The site of the proposed plant, a second choice, was within an area in which federal and state air zoning laws apply. The plant was to have been built between La Grande and Island City. The first proposed site also turned out to be in the forbidden area.

City officials are expected to present another bond issue to the voters within 30 to 60 days.

The new measure will provide for a \$480,000 bond issue for construction of a mechanical sewage disposal plant.

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We would all be pleasantly surprised if the Soviet Union ever accepted such a proposal as that made by Mr. Lloyd. But I see no reason why our policy should be decided on assumptions or expectations of what the Soviet Union will eventually agree to do. Let us not be lulled into holding up our own progress at this critical phase of international trends.

I cannot easily forget that we lost a decade in which we might have concentrated entirely on the peaceful use of the atom instead of diverting the creative efforts of men to the making of terrible weapons.

The Soviet Union is responsible for this lost decade. Because at a time when we had the exclusive possession of the atomic weapon, I thought that in keeping with the needs of mankind, the United States should propose to internationalize control and possession of nuclear production.

And we did offer officially to place the means of production of atomic devices within the jurisdiction of the United Nations for the benefit of all peoples. Under this proposal the making of atomic weapons would have stopped and the world could have devoted its energies to the peaceful development of the atom.

I keep bringing up these facts from time to time to remind some statesmen and those people who are now so alarmed about the danger of fallout that none of this would be disturbing us if the Soviet Union had not brutally rejected this extraordinary offer by the one government which had complete control at the time. In history there is no precedent for that action.

We of the United States who had the bomb, the know-how and the facilities were willing to submit to the necessary international inspection. But the Kremlin, intent on its program of world domination, would not agree to inspection and thus vetoed and destroyed a great opportunity for international cooperation and peace.

No Choice

Thus today, since other nations are in a position to make nuclear tests at will, we have no choice but to continue our experiments. Let us not be maneuvered into a false position by propaganda that attempts to picture us as a weapon-conscious and military-minded people. There is

Thief Gets \$1,500 At Portland Hotel

Portland (UPI) — Police here were searching for a neatly dressed gunman who held up the Congress hotel early Saturday and escaped with \$1,500.

Officers said the man displayed a revolver and forced the manager of the hotel to open the safe. He then herded the manager and several employees into the basement before he made his getaway.

An auto rental firm at Portland International Airport said the gunman's description corresponded to that of a man who rented a car about 10 p.m. Friday after supposedly arriving by air from California.

no need to appease these false accusers by depriving ourselves of the necessary and continuing experiments in the nuclear field so that we can expand our knowledge.

You can never freeze any discovery. You must go on experimenting. There can be no improvement without continuous experiments and tests. We know that from what we see and have today in our everyday life. It was not too long ago that Edison produced the first electric light bulb and the phonograph and a great many of us still remember the first automobile. And look at what we have already achieved in the field of nuclear science. And we must never discourage the pursuit of pure science in its quest for knowledge.

The problems of expanding, harnessing a new vast difficulties and entail certain dangers. But how are we going to get the answers to many questions unless we allow our scientists full sway to experiment and explore?

Underground Experiments

And now that we can continue such experiments underground without damage to the atmosphere we should get on with it. I hope that in the future we can do this cooperatively with other nations.

I have been questioned about a recently published statement quoting General Marshall to the effect that at the time of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki we used the only two atomic bombs in our possession and that we had no others in reserve.

I feel that General Marshall may have been misunderstood or he may have wished to withhold further information at the time he was questioned.

For years I have urged General Marshall to set down in his own words the story of his life and the many great contributions he made to the nation and the world.

Had he written his own full account, I think he would undoubtedly have recorded that the manufacture of additional A-bombs was continuing at the same rate at which the first two had been produced after the original atomic explosion took place at Alamogordo, N.M., on the 16th of July, 1945. The bomb over Hiroshima exploded Aug. 6 and the one over Nagasaki Aug. 9.

Bombs in Production

There were other A-bombs in the course of production in varying stages of completion awaiting only the results of how the first bombs worked. And we soon had a substantial reserve of A-bombs in our stockpile.

I have also been asked whether it would be possible for any nuclear bomb to be set off as a result of false alarm that the enemy had attacked us, or by some irresponsible person.

I can make the categorical statement that no nuclear bomb can be triggered by any one person regardless of rank without the expressed and personal order of the President of the United States.

No one person is ever in a position to put together a nuclear bomb to be ready for action without involving a group of men who are required for this purpose. The precautions taken are fully adequate against any rash act. I cannot, of course, be sure of the circumstances surrounding the steps necessary to be taken under a totalitarian government. If some dictator should become involved in circumstances which might threaten his personal rule, there is no way of knowing whether or not he might not in a mad moment resort to a nuclear bomb.

We would all feel a lot better if there were some assurance that the world would never be subjected to such a madness. That is why we ought to control internationally all such weapons to assure the nation that no rash act by a power mad dictator could plunge the world into disaster.



MOBILE ARTILLERY—The Soviet Union to the west. Above, mobile artillery moves Saturday celebrated the 42nd anniversary past high portrait of Lenin mounted in Red of the Bolshevik revolution emphasizing peace, prosperity, progress and a warning

Advance Filing for Benefits Is Urged

Advance filing of claims for social security benefits is being encouraged, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford social security district office.

He said that early filing of applications for retirement benefits will result in prompt receipt of the first check. "Inquire before you retire," is a theme the Social Security Administration has been emphasizing in an effort to ensure speedy delivery of the first benefit check, Jacobson said.

He added that retiring workers would do well to call at their social security office two to three months ahead of their retirement date and submit applications.

He explained that benefit claims require considerable processing before they can be certified to the treasury department for payment. The worker's earnings record and evidence of his age must be obtained. Filing an application ahead of retirements will allow time for completion of necessary details, and the first social security check will arrive at the end of the first month of retirement.

"Generally speaking, some proof of age and an earnings statement or a copy of last year's Federal income tax return should be brought along when applying for your social security," he said. Other documents may be necessary in some cases. An appointment is not necessary. The Medford office, located at 1005 East Main st., is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Steel Strike Slows Portland Firm

Portland (UPI) — The nation's prolonged steel strike has resulted in curtailment of production at a Portland manufacturing firm.

Fowler Manufacturing company, which makes water heaters, has put production workers on a four-day week because of material shortages. Company president Fred Fowler said about 75 employees were affected by the cut-back.

Both hot and cold rolled steel are used by the firm in construction of water tanks.

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The special collection has been set up by Montgomery Ward to promote the store's own sale of diamonds.

Included is one ring containing an 11 1/2 carat diamond, valued at nearly \$90,000.

A Pinkerton guard, who admits he is nervous, hovers over the display.

STUDENTS PROTEST

Brussels — (UPI) — About 150 Brussels University students demonstrated last week against the sending of conscripts to fight native uprisings in the Belgian Congo. The demonstration took place while a troop ship with 170 reinforcements left Ostend for the Congo. Among the troops were both conscripts and regular army men, but the government said all were volunteers.

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Drunken Drivers Said Increasing

Portland (UPI) — Vern Hill, head of the Oregon Motor Vehicle Department, told the Legislature Interim Committee on Education Friday that the number of persons caught in the state driving while intoxicated is increasing.

The committee told Hill it would study a system to facilitate citing motorists for the violation.

H. G. Mason, state police superintendent, has said that officers are hampered by a requirement that the policeman must see the violator actually driving his car before a drunken driving citation can be issued.

In other business, State Parks Superintendent C. H. Armstrong argued that a suggested raising of time restrictions for night camping in state parks would result in an added prohibitive cost to the state. The committee also took under advisement complaints on an application of weight taxes on trucks making short hauls of potatoes.

RAIN HALTS GOLF
Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower tried to play golf Friday afternoon, but rain sent him hurrying in from the links.

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