

Administration in Squeeze on Nuclear Tests, Rearming Issue

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Washington—(UPI)—The Eisenhower administration is in a tight squeeze on two fronts in the nuclear field—resumption of test blasts and the question of arming trusted allies with atomic weapons.

No Way Found To Prevent Suicide Plane Bombings

Washington—(UPI)—Federal Aviation Chief Elwood R. Quesada said he has found no sure simple way of preventing suicide bombings on commercial airliners.

Quesada said the Federal Aviation agency is "trying to cope with this tendency of humans to destroy themselves and to attract attention to themselves in a spectacular way."

"I have to say frankly it is very frustrating but we are trying to find means of coping with it. We don't want to create more problems than we solve," he said.

Possibility Explored
His remarks followed Senate hearings which explored the possibility that bombings may have been responsible for two recent airline crashes, one in North Carolina and the other one over the Gulf of Mexico.

Quesada pointed out that these cases have not been definitely attributed to bombings. He added that during the last 10 years, only two air crashes definitely had been connected with bombings.

"So we mustn't exaggerate these occurrences," he said. "Nevertheless, two is a lot. If anybody has an assured solution, I wish they would give it to me."

The FAA chief said more than half of all airline accidents are attributable to human mistakes.

Weakest Link
"The human is the weakest link in our system," he said. "About 52 per cent of our accidents are due to human error, and it is in this area that we are bearing down hard."

Quesada linked this effort with a recent FAA regulation banning airline pilots over 60 years old.

He said the agency felt that as a person "passes 45 and goes to 50 and 55 and 60 and 65, the probability of human error and human failure, physical failure, increases at a very marked rate."

Prison Escapee Has Brief Fling

Portland—(UPI)—A 28-year-old Portland man who escaped from the Washington state prison in Walla Walla was picked up Tuesday night here less than eight hours after he made his way to freedom.

A Portland patrol car picked up Lloyd Enfield near the northeast city limits in a stolen pickup truck.

Police said Enfield escaped about 3 p.m. from the minimum security building at the prison. Prison officials notified state and local authorities to be on the lookout for Enfield because his family lives here.

Arresting officers said he offered no resistance when picked up and told them he took the truck when he found it parked with the motor running.

Ice Cream Flavors Nationality Matter

Chicago—(UPI)—Ice cream flavor preferences are more a matter of nationality than taste, a recently completed study indicates.

A large ice cream company made the study. It showed that Italians prefer spicy flavors, such as cinnamon, rum and spumoni, while Swedes almost invariably settle for strawberry or coffee.

Dark chocolate ice cream, the darker the better, registered best in Jewish neighborhoods, while, in German areas, the company found Dutch apple to be the favorite.

and politically explosive decisions will have to be made within the next few months.

Rearming Vital
High military officials say it is vital to find some way to arm Britain, and possibly other "qualified" allies, with nuclear warheads to permit them to participate more effectively in joint defense.

The Defense Department is particularly anxious to equip British fighter planes, which escort American strategic bombers, with new air-to-air nuclear weapons.

The military pressure was behind the President's Wednesday declaration that he favored liberalizing the Atomic Energy Act to permit this sort of thing. The act at present forbids giving any nuclear weapons to anybody, although a 1958 amendment makes it possible to give Britain some information and materials. The President said it did not make sense to deny the Allies weapons and information the Russians already had.

His statement came after administration officials had been slapped down by the joint congressional atomic committee when they suggested the objective might be accomplished by "interpreting" the act more liberally, instead of amending it.

Amendment Necessary
Key congressmen told the administration flatly that the act would have to be amended. And they made it clear this might be most difficult in an election year.

A number of influential groups are strongly opposed to giving A-weapons to the Allies under any terms. They contend this will spread nuclear know-how and eventually lead to an H-bomb holocaust. The Federation of American Scientists said such a move would be "catastrophic folly."

Some congressmen fear that if the United States arms its allies, Russia may do the same for its bloc-including Communist China.

The question of resuming nuclear weapons tests—suspended by the United States more than 15 months ago—also finds the President under pressure from two directions.

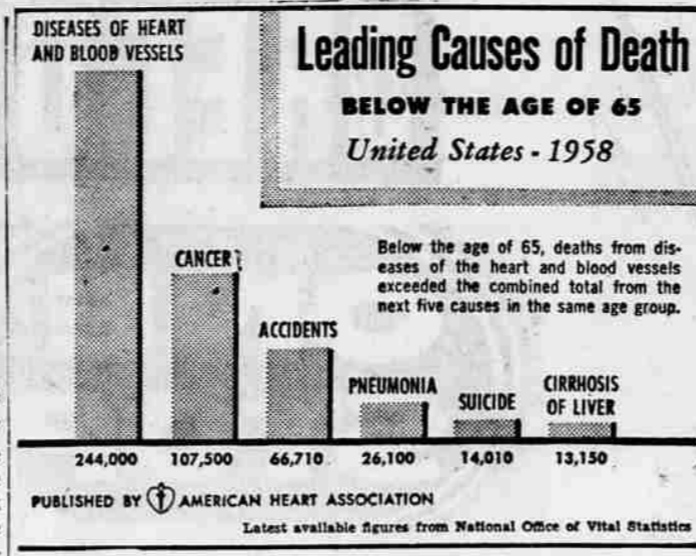
Military and atomic energy officials claim underground tests must be resumed by midsummer, unless Russia agrees by that time to a really enforceable ban, which is considered unlikely. Otherwise, military officials say, the American defense program will suffer seriously.

Ike Aware of Need
They need the tests to perfect the Army's small tactical nuclear bomb, refine the warheads for the Polaris and Minuteman missiles, and get along with work on the "anti-missile missile," the basic weapon against nuclear attack.

Eisenhower is aware of the urgent need to proceed with tests from a defense stand-

point. But he also is aware that world opinion is likely to be sharply critical of the nation which first breaks the tacit suspension agreement which Britain, Russia and the United States have been observing for more than a year during negotiations for a permanent ban.

The diplomatic consequences are emphasized by Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, who warns of the psychological reaction to resumed testing. However, indications are that the underground tests will be resumed if the current Geneva negotiations fail to produce an iron-clad suspension agreement.



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FOREIGN STUDENTS
New York—Foreign students engaged in study or research in the U.S. now represent 129 of the world's nations.

SOCIAL PROBLEM
Washington—About 15 per cent of all U.S. families with both of the parents working have children under the age of 6.

Care of Mental Patients Better; Still Inadequate

New York—(Science Service)—State and county-operated mental hospitals, which care for 85 per cent of the nation's mental patients, offered better care in 1958 than they did in previous years despite a slight budget cut.

These hospitals spent nearly a dollar a day more on each patient in 1958 than in 1957. More Physicians
The number of physicians in these institutions also increased, but the total number in 1958 was still only 57 per cent of the number needed. Staff employees rose from 27 per 100 patients in 1956 to 31 per 100 patients in 1958. Lawrence J. Linck, executive vice president of the National Association for Mental Health here, said that the association's findings are good but warned against too much optimism. Linck said there is still only about one doctor where two are needed, and

that almost half of the patients are not even getting minimum psychiatric care. He stated further that the \$4.06 now being spent daily on each patient is only a little more than a third of what the Veterans Administration mental hospitals spend, and one-seventh of what is spent in general hospitals. The average state government spends a little over three per cent of its total budget on maintenance of mental hospitals. State and local governments, considered together, spend less than two per cent,

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