

Split Develops Over Need for Budget Cuts or New Taxes

Incomplete Tests Alleged on SAC's Nuclear Weapons

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gen. Thomas S. Power, head of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and an outspoken opponent of the nuclear test ban treaty, has disclosed that the United States has "never completely tested any of the nuclear weapons in SAC's arsenal."

In closed-door testimony of Aug. 19, released Friday by the Senate preparedness subcommittee, Power said none of the different nuclear weapons in his control "have been tested operationally from stockpile to detonation."

"I think this is a mistake," he said. "I think they should be tested. The only way you can prove a weapon system is to take it out of the stockpile in a random pattern and let the tactical unit take it out and detonate it. . . . We have not tested any of the operational warheads in our inventory. That includes the missiles and the bombs."

Hatfield to Head Group to Salvage State's Tax Bill

(Continued from Page 1) Dr. Minear said this would lead to higher local property taxes, and more half-day school programs.

Hatfield is now awaiting a ruling from Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton on whether he has authority to reduce the basic school allotment.

Chancellor of Higher Education Roy L'Heuvelien said the Board of Higher Education has decided to try to maintain quality if the tax bill is defeated.

He said this could mean a \$10 million cutback in college building programs, freezing enrollments through higher entrance requirements, reductions in department - administered hospitals, and tuition increases of from 30 to 35 per cent.

Drop Program
It was indicated the needed \$57.7 million could be cut from the state's \$404 million general fund budget by dropping the capital construction program, and enforcing an 11 per cent across the board cut of every expenditure, including Basic School Support.

Hatfield said the results would be:
—3,000 youths would be unable to enter college.
—Welfare programs would be reduced.
—Rehabilitation programs would be slashed.
—Mental health program would be cut back.
—Property tax increases would result.

—Fire and insect control programs in forests would be reduced.
—Funds for community colleges would be reduced.
—The mining and commercial fishing industry would suffer.

—Insurance and real estate programs would be denied proper supervision.
—School standards would suffer.

Hatfield said, "The people are asking what will happen if the tax measure is defeated. They have a right to know."

Power's judgment that the limited test ban treaty is "not in the best interest of the United States" and that it should be rejected was made public at the time of his appearance.

But in the testimony released Friday he made it clear that he would oppose the treaty even if test readiness safeguards urged by the Joint Chiefs of Staff are provided. The Joint Chiefs endorsed the pact on this condition. Power is the only top current military leader to take a firm stand against the treaty.

Power also testified that: —The "surest way to cause a war, nuclear war or any war, is to disarm."

—It is not true that the United States accomplished as much as Russia did in atmospheric nuclear tests. Power said: "I don't agree with that statement. We discovered things, but one of the most important things I think we discovered is the great void in our knowledge."

Lose Advantage
—He thinks the nuclear balance would shift in Russia's favor if only underground testing is permitted. The United States would lose its advantage in low-yield weapons, and could not "catch up" with the Soviets in high-yield weapons.

—The reason there has been no war is "disgustingly simple" —U.S. military superiority. Power said this country has maintained its position "not because people like us. . . . They are afraid to attack us. . . . This is a worthwhile position to maintain."

—There are, in his opinion, "too many unknowns" about the survivability of a Minute man a missile silo — hence his plea for freedom to test in the atmosphere.

—People who claim the United States has an "overkill" power in nuclear weapons now "do not necessarily know what they are talking about." Power stressed: "Not every bomb is going to arrive at the target. Many of them will be destroyed on the ground before they are launched. Many will be destroyed by enemy action. Some will be dud."

—He is not convinced that the Soviet-China split is a persuasive reason for the treaty. "It could be, but I believe the differences between China and Russia are more or less like the arguments that gangsters have, and they have strong differences even leading to shooting," he said. "But that doesn't necessarily mean they are going to fall out."

Lewiston Roundup Will Conclude Today
LEWISTON, Idaho (UPI) — 29th annual Lewiston Roundup opened Friday night with 91 cowboys competing for \$9,180 in rodeo prize money.

In the first round of competition the winners were: Saddle bronc riding, Wayne Bold, Alberta, Canada, 190 points.

Horseback riding, Jack Carson, Lewiston, 179.

Calif roping, Don Posey, Mount Vernon, Wash., 14.9 seconds.

Bull riding, Kenny Stanton, Sisters, Ore., 174 points.

Bulldogging, John W. Jones, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The roundup ends today.



MISS CONGENIALITY — The tallest girl ever to compete in the Miss America pageant, North Carolina's 6 foot 2 inch Jeanne Swaggar, receives the adulation of the other Miss America hopefuls after they selected her "Miss Congeniality" Saturday in Atlantic City, N. J. (UPI)

Soviet Fishing Fleet Sighted In Inland Water Near Alaska

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Chairman Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) of the Senate Commerce has stated the United States might be forced to extend its exclusive fishing rights beyond the present three-mile limit since Russian and Japanese trawlers are edging closer to shore.

The crewmen of an American fishing vessel, the Mercator out of Kodiak, reported seeing the Soviet vessels in the strait. Gear Ruined

The Mercator crewmen were also reported to have said that between \$8,000 and \$9,000 worth of American crab fishing gear was ruined by the Russian vessels, which are also believed to be crabbers.

Shelikof Strait is a body of water about 100 miles long. It is 18 miles wide at its narrowest point and 31 miles at its widest point.

Both distances are well beyond the three-mile limit, but Alaska claims the strait, since it separates two large parts of the state.

Since the incident in April, 1962, Japanese vessels have stayed out of the disputed waters.

BUSY LOCKS
SAULT STE. MARIE—During the past 100 years an estimated four billion tons of freight has passed through the Sault Ste Marie locks linking the Great lakes.

SALEM (UPI) — Legislative leaders appeared split today over whether budget cuts or new taxes should be enacted if voters defeat the \$60 million tax hike at the Oct. 15 referendum election, and a special legislative session is called.

Senate President Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) told United Press International a defeat of the tax bill "would be a mandate from the people, we couldn't kick the people in the teeth with new taxes."

House Speaker Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) told UPI a special session "should combine some budget cuts with some new taxes. If the tax bill is killed will it mean people oppose any tax increases? A \$60 million cut would be tough to do."

Musa said "I'm getting letters from people who say the state has to live within its budget, just like the people do at home."

He showed a letter from a constituent which suggested abolishing all income taxes and replacing them with a state sales tax.

Barton said he has received mail suggesting a cigarette tax be adopted.

When asked if their different view indicated a fight would develop between the House and Senate at a special session, Barton said "there will be no Senate-House fight."

Musa commented "We'd have to work it out."

Asked if they believed Gov. Mark Hatfield should call a special session if the tax bill is defeated, or attempt to make the cuts himself, both Barton and Musa said that decision would be up to the governor.

Barton added "If the governor calls a special session it means he couldn't find a way to cut back that much."

Both Barton and Musa said the public doesn't realize the state began the 1963-65 biennium without a carryover surplus.

They pointed out there was more than \$30 million in sur-

plus available to the 1961 Legislature.

Barton said "We've dipped into the surplus for years, but this year there was no surplus. The legislature didn't increase spending so much, but the increased taxes were needed because there wasn't any surplus to help pay the bill."

Barton added, "Taxes in Oregon are lower than they are in California and Washington, Idaho has lower taxes, but that's a low service state."

Yank Defector Returns to West, Claims Mistake

HONG KONG (UPI) — Scott L. Rush, 31, a former American Army sergeant who spent a dozen years in Communist China following the Korean War, returned to the West Saturday and said he had made a mistake.

Rush, formerly of Marietta, Ohio, showed up at the Hong Kong border shortly after noon accompanied by his Chinese wife, Helen, and their 14-month-old daughter, Betty Jean.

Rush, who was 18 when he refused repatriation as a prisoner of war, said he had made a "foolish decision," but now was "anxious as hell" to get back home to the United States.

Disillusioned
The turncoat told a news conference at a Hong Kong hotel that he had become disillusioned with communism. He also said there was growing hatred for Russia within Red China. Asked why he chose to stay behind the Bamboo Curtain after being captured, Rush said:

"I made a mistake. I was too young. It was a foolish decision."

The former combat photographer said his mother was now living in Tucson, Ariz.

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