

# Submarine Gains New Prominence As Prime Naval Weapon Under Impetus Of Possibility Of Atomic Warfare

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Atomic warfare, if it ever comes, may find the submarine ranking with her carrier-borne airplane as a prime naval weapon.

This likelihood shaped up today as the result of a series of navy expressions hinting at the trend of future planning as well as the ripping away the secrecy from some high policies of the past war.

In the latter connection was the disclosure that this country's sea arm went along with the total war philosophy of the axis by issuing an order in the first days after Pearl Harbor for "unrestricted air and submarine warfare against Japan." The wisdom of this, the navy reasoned, was shown in the fact that Japan's supply lines to her conquered empire were cut, 270,000 Japanese killed and 1944 ships sunk by allied submarines.

The final decision on the submarine's role in the atom age is expected to evolve from the forthcoming atom-bomb tests against warships at Bikini atoll.

**Mounting Importance**

But even now the mounting importance of the undersea fleet gives added significance to current proposals for United States acquisition or control of former Japanese-held islands in the Pacific and other far-off shore bases. Such bases would have high operational value for watching trouble spots of the world by means of submarines.

From Vice Adm. Charles A. Lockwood, who is leaving command of submarine forces in the Pacific to become the navy's inspector general, comes some highly interesting thoughts about navy planning. He told a week-end news conference that:

The navy is "very much interested" in the possibilities of rocket carrying submarines.

There would seem to be no reason why a submarine could not carry and launch an airplane bearing an atomic bomb or, even better, a buzz bomb with an atomic warhead because "then you don't have to get the plane and pilot back."

"Yes, he believed the submarine could survive the atomic threat. The three atomic bombs exploded so far showed no crater effect, so it could be presumed the blast and pressure would not reach a submerged undersea boat. (The three bombs, however, have exploded in the air. The new tests will include one at surface and one under-surface detonation as well as the initial experiment of a burst several hundred feet above the anchored target ships.)"

The discovery of nuclear fission may in itself aid the submarine. If a way is found to harness atomic energy to machinery, it could mean a faster submarine with great space-saving in propulsion machinery and a corresponding increase in range and weapons.

Close study is being made of the best features of captured Japanese and German submarines and data. Three huge Japanese submarines—two of 5500 tons each and one of 3000 tons—are under study by the navy at Pearl Harbor. Capable of carrying four aircraft in the case of the larger subs and two in the smaller ship, the Japanese built the submarines for the specific mission of attempting an air attack on the Panama canal.

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## Matrimonial Ventures Pile Up On Rocks Twice As Fast As Wedding Bells Ring Out

Klamath county matrimonial ventures piled up on the reef almost twice as fast as newly-married couples were launched during the month of January, a perusal of the daily courthouse records reveals.

During the month 42 couples purchased wedding licenses at the courthouse and 60 others asked for divorce or annulments.

The marriage license records show an almost complete reversal of the situation which has prevailed in the county for more than two years as 36 of the 42 certificates went to civilian couples.

Three went to marines, a

couple to soldiers and one to a sailor. There is no record of how many of the civilians are fresh out of the service, however.

Unhappy wives applied for 32 of the divorces and husbands asked for 26. Two couples asked for annulments, giving for cause that one of the parties was still bound by a former marriage.

Cruel and inhuman treatment, the legal phrase which in Oregon covers everything from failure to answer letters to outright physical beatings, was given as the cause in 51 of the divorce complaints and desertion for a period of over a year was listed in seven others.

The county divorce mill ground out 33 final decrees during the month, awarding 20 to wives and 13 to husbands.

## NAMED EDITOR

PORTLAND, Feb. 4 (AP)—Albert Arrist has been named associate editor of the Timberman, lumber trade journal. He is a 1931 graduate of Oregon State college and has served with the U. S. Forest and Soil Conservation services.

Injured in the collision south of here Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Golly and daughters, Kathryn and Mary Ann, of Bellingham, Wash., in one car, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson of Coos Bay, Ore., in the other. Mrs. Robinson, with both legs fractured, was the most seriously injured. Mr. and Mrs. Golly, both with fractured bones, were treated in the hotel.

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Nine women with their help will take part in the workshop classes for making coats and suits which will be conducted in Klamath Falls on February 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12 at Roosevelt school.

Luce Lane, clothing specialist from Oregon State college and Mrs. Winnifred K. Gillen, Klamath county home demonstration agent will conduct the tailoring class which will be attended by Mrs. R. E. Benoit, Mrs. T. J. O'Hara, Mrs. Kenneth Samson, Mrs. Wilbur Telford, Mrs. Jack Eichendorf, Mrs. Hans Frei, Mrs. Bill Jones, all of Klamath Falls, and E. E. Kilpatrick of Malin, and Mrs. Earl Mack of Henley.

The workshop will be conducted each of the five days from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. at Roosevelt school and women attending will bring sack lunches.

A similar workshop will be held for women of the Fort Klamath vicinity at the Civic Improvement club there on February 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15. Any women interested may attend the meeting to observe the procedure.

## Morfitt Raps VA Breakdown

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 4 (AP)—American Legion State Commander Neil Morfitt told representatives of 23 Southern Oregon Legion posts meeting here yesterday there has been a "tragic breakdown" in the veterans' administration in Oregon.

Members of the department's rehabilitation commission, led by Morfitt and other state department leaders, conferred with post commanders of the fourth district at the meeting.

The commission made detailed reports on the VA affairs in Oregon. Commander Morfitt reported. He said the specific issues in the discussions were charges of inefficient handling of veterans' problems made in a recent resolution by the Oregon department's executive committee.

Grants Pass Post Commander Floyd J. Smith announced after the district meeting he had called a special post meeting for tonight to discuss the reports.

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## Ice, Snow Reported On State Roads

SALEM, Feb. 4 (AP)—The Oregon Coast highway was blocked today by a slide north of Manzanita junction, while ice and snow were reported on sections of other major routes, including the Columbia River, the Dalles-California, Pacific and the Trans-Cascade highways, the state highway commission said.

The daily road report: Government Camp—Snowing lightly, 100 inches total snow, 10 degrees. Packed snow and ice throughout district.

Santiam Junction—Overcast, 20 degrees, 4 inches new snow. Total snow at summit 120 inches, at junction 71 inches. Packed snow on road throughout. Sanding underway, chains advised.

Odell Lake—Broken clouds, 10 degrees, 2 inches new snow. Total snow at summit 137 inches. Packed snow east of milepost 51. Sanding crews operating, chains advised. One-way traffic above Oakridge.

Siskiyou Summit—Packed snow and ice on Pacific highway. Chains required. Ice prevails from Talent to Siskiyou summit.

**Snowing Lightly**

Klamath Falls—On Sun mountain, snowing lightly, 2 degrees, total snow 107 inches. On Green springs, 3 degrees, overcast, roads sanded. On Quartz mountain, 3 below zero, foggy. Snowing lightly, roads sanded.

Grants Pass—Ice on Sexton mountain on Pacific highway north of Grants Pass. Astoria—Detour on Columbia highway at east city limits of Astoria. One-way traffic on Columbia highway at milepost 57. Oregon Coast highway now completely blocked a half-mile north of Manzanita as fill has slid out. Detour available through Necanicum and Wolf Creek highway.

Coquille—Half inch of snow. Most of road bare.

The Dalles—Pavement frosty but sanded.

Pendleton—Pavement normal. Meacham—10 below zero, packed snow over summit between La Grande and Pendleton.

La Grande—Light fog, pavement mostly bare.

Austin—Clear, 19 below zero.

Burns—Temperature 1 degree, packed snow at higher altitudes.

## Nationally Known Gourmet Passes

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4 (AP)—Arthur H. Deane, 57, a native of Oregon City, Ore., president of a Baltimore Brewing company and a nationally-known gourmet, died late Saturday at his home here.

He was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers.

## Driver Denied Jobless Pay

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 4 (AP)—A bus driver for the strike-bound Overland Greyhound Lines has been denied unemployment pay in a test case heard by Aubrey S. Tussing, appeals referee for the state unemployment compensation commission.

The referee ruled the unemployment of Harold W. Holston, a bus driver, was "directly due" to a labor-management disagreement which ended in a work stoppage of about 200 drivers of the company's northern division October 1.

Attorneys for Holston had argued the Overland tie-up was a "legal dispute" and not a strike.

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## Sleuths Probe Chinese Death

PORTLAND, Feb. 4 (AP)—Detectives today were investigating the death of Edward Howe, 56, Chinese, who died of a fractured skull at Vanport hospital yesterday.

He was found sitting on a curb Friday night and was booked at city jail as drunk. Saturday afternoon he was removed to a hospital where he died.

Howe's nephew, Gilbert Lee, told police that his uncle was sober and was carrying at least \$75 when he left his home at 10 p. m. Friday. Less than two hours later, when taken to the jail, Howe had only a few silver dollars in his pockets, police reported.

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