

Congress Greet Byrnes A-Bomb Message With Cry Of "Guard It Well"

By ALEX H. SINGLETON
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes' assurance that the know-how of atomic bomb production remains an exclusive United States secret brought a renewed Capitol hill cry today of "guard it well."

In the wake of Canadian disclosures of arrests to break up a foreign spy ring, the congressional reaction to Byrnes' statement was a mixture of relief and admonition to make sure it can't happen here.

Typical of that reaction were these comments to a reporter: Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the

house military committee—"I only hope that is correct. We should preserve the secrecy of the atom bomb until positively assured of an effective United Nations agreement not to utilize it for war."

Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee—"I am glad we still keep it."

Gratifying

Rep. Mundt (R-S.D.), member of the house foreign affairs committee—"Mr. Byrnes' assurances are both surprising and gratifying. I think that the atomic bomb secret should be kept until we are assured of proper control. In the meantime, the FBI should be given a green light from the White House to clean out every last vestige of a spy ring in this country regardless of the country concerned."

Rep. Herbert (D-La.), member of the house naval committee—"His (Byrnes') statement is reassuring. Nevertheless, we should not relax our effort until assured without doubt that the weapon cannot be turned against us."

Graduated Tax On Co-Op Farm Work Proposed

HILLSBOR, Feb. 20 (AP)—A graduated tax on corporation farm operation was proposed at the Oregon Farmers' Union convention, which began second day sessions today.

Delegates and members yesterday were told by Wendell Barnett, vice president, that unless corporate farming of large acreage was restricted the traditional family size farm would be ruined in market competition.

The union officers also urged changes in veterans' legislation to permit farmers to aid the government in assisting servicemen seeking farm employment and ownership.

Morton Tompkins, state grange master, said Oregon farmers must prepare to help feed the world this year. Arthur Bone, editor of the Farmers' Union newspaper, told assembly groups yesterday they should make greater use of their "home town newspapers."

Members of the junior farmers' group elected Lloyd Butler, Salem, president; Russell Hicks, Salem, vice president; and Viola Perlich, Salem, secretary-treasurer.

Lt. Carlton Griebner, Seattle, was the principal speaker at last night's session, talking on the subject of handicapped war veterans and how the farmers may assist veterans of their own communities to return to civilian life.

Blast Breaks Main Telephone Cable

ALBANY, Feb. 20 (AP)—A main Portland-San Francisco telephone cable was broken yesterday by a blast which a farmer set off to divert water in a drainage ditch.

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But, says Amateur Radioman Vincent, the Eskimos don't believe it.

RECONVERSION
OXNARD, Calif., Feb. 20 (AP)—The navy has a new peacetime target—it's going to bomb crows. County Agricultural Commissioner Chester Barrett says the navy base here has promised to enter the "war against crows" and use its planes and personnel in dynamiting a nearby willow grove where thousands of crows roost.

TINY PROBLEMS
CENTRALIA, Ill., Feb. 20 (AP)—The stork has been overly-busy at St. Mary's hospital and arrivals of 21 babies in eight days over-taxed the maternity ward's facilities.

But sisters at the hospital said that three of the newly-born infants were bedded temporarily in dresser drawers. All were doing nicely, they said.

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Toastmasters Club Success

Klamath Toastmasters club's course in "speechcraft" has proved so successful that Donald Nelson, district governor of

Toastmasters International, has sent out a bulletin to all district clubs on the local effort.

The local club gave an instruction course in speaking, and membership of the club climbed from 15 to 33 as a result of this program. The Klamath club went up from cellar position to district leader.

George Kunzman, chairman of the education committee of

the local club, was in charge of the speechcraft course, and was invited to Portland early this month to speak on the local effort.

As a result of this enterprise, the Klamath club is in the running for "club of the year" in Toastmasters International.

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Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1946
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Liner Passengers**
ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 20 (AP)—Planes have been ordered to Seward today to meet the liner Columbia and fly 112 passengers to Anchorage, since 900 feet of track of the Alaska

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railroad between here and Seward was buried by two snow-slides. Trains will be blocked at least until Friday by the huge slides.

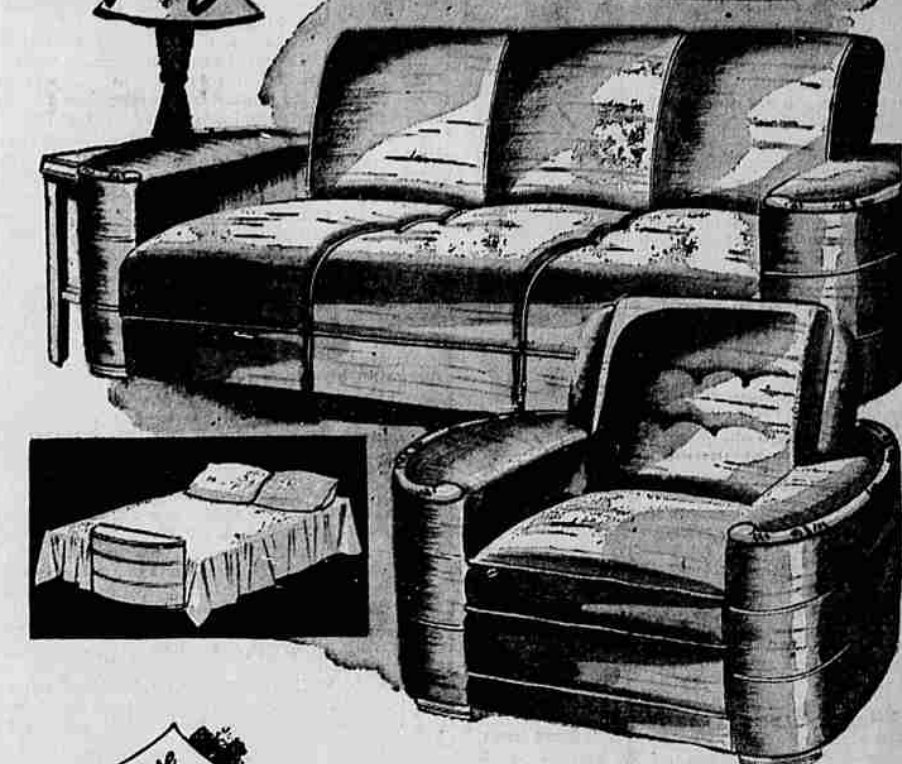
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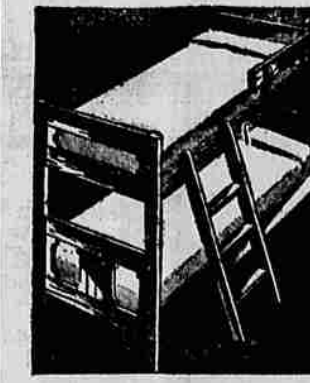
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