

Commodore Not Worried Over A-Bomb Test Results In Marshall Islands; Says We're Lucky To Be Part Of It

By DON WHITEHEAD
KWAJALEIN, Feb. 21 (AP)—Commodore Ben Wyatt isn't worried about what will happen when the Marshall Islands when the atomic bomb tests this spring.

None of his men mention the possibility of a tidal wave sweeping the island, he snorts derisively.

Well, we're right in the middle of one of the greatest experiments of our times. Let's look at the good that might result from this experiment, and then we are lucky to be part of it.

Commodore Wyatt, Williamsburg, Ky., is having a big party for his friends who fell sick for him when he was asked to command the Kwajalein base. He now has one of the navy's choice assignments—leading preliminaries for the atomic tests.

There are supply problems in the Marshall Islands, even though the population of the islands is 135 miles away; Douglas is countless army-navy preliminaries and research tasks are the big day comes.

Helihole
Kwajalein, known as "The Helihole of the Pacific" when it took command in June, is being changed today. Some of the soldiers and airmen are stationed here. Top-ranking officers come and go almost as preparations for the atomic test move forward.

Wyatt had a small, private war of his own when he took over command. There were some 30,000 Japanese still in the Marshall Islands, even though the fighting had moved on.

When the surrender came, it was busy accepting surrenders throughout the atolls. The war had turned into an opera stuff, but accepting surrenders was a chore that had to be done.

For a time it looked like he would relax, Wyatt chuckled. Then came the "Cross-Operation," (code name for atomic bomb test), dumped his goodstep.

Friends of the commodore are superstitious about him. They believe that if anyone is to be where things are going to happen, then it's a good idea to stick with "Batling."

Flashes Of Life
REALISTIC
LAMBRA, Calif., Feb. 21—Police here can personally attest to the effectiveness of tear gas.

During a tear gas demonstration in the police station, the gas jammed and the operator quickly turned the sprayer and an open window.

But the wind was wrong and tear gas blew back in, routing every policeman in the line.

BOTANIST
SEATTLE, Feb. 21 (AP)—The coast guard begs, try to convert a sea mine.

One of the lethal globes floated up on the Washington shore just as an unidentified man leading his find onto a truck, authorities intervened, probably saving his life.

The coast guard reported the man said he planned to take it and convert it into a flower.

PARALYZED
POCATELLO, Idaho, Feb. 21—Llewellyn Jacobs, 17-year-old Pullman porter, told police he was wakened in an idle railroad car, fastened him with a blackjack and took \$71 from him.

Then, said Jacobs, the robber told him to hold the blackjack while he counted his money.

Well, didn't you hit him with the officers asked.

"Hit him?" said Jacobs. "I didn't move I was so scared!"

GENERAL FAVORITE
BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 21—The army recruiting office is to take down its sign for repairs.

It was necessary to remove an accumulation of lipstick women deposited on the portrait of Dwight D. Eisenhower, which adorns the poster.

The Law Takes A Hand



William Santora, 27, a picket at the Western Electric plant in New York City, is forcibly restrained by a policeman and a detective during a picket-line clash. (AP Wirephoto).

Japanese Bow In Silence As Hirohito Views Ruins

By DUANE HENNESSY
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Unguarded except for American military policemen in two jeeps, Hirohito motored in a five-car convoy through miles of industrial and residential areas burned by American fire raids last spring. His own scant palace motorcycle escort was unarmed.

The emperor bumped along rough, muddy roads that fell into disrepair during the costly years of war. He passed the gaunt crumbling skeletons of once-teeming factories. He saw mile after mile of crude rusty tin huts in which his subjects seek to ward off the harsh cold of winter.

In all those miles of grim reminder of Japan's futile war, Hirohito found nothing but a downcast people and a wrecked industry. He saw only unpainted, chill barracks as a pitiful haven for war sufferers.

Hirohito looked like any top-flight Japanese businessman in his dark gray herringbone suit, gray overcoat and hat to match. He was wearing a white shirt and the collar bulged just a little over the conservative blue tie with a ribbon stripe of red and white. His shoes were a well-polished tan.

It wasn't like prewar days, when everyone was cleared

Vancouver May Be Plane Plant Site

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Vancouver, Wash., may be the home of Republic Seabee airplanes west coast sub-assembly plant, Tex Rankin, west coast manager and distributor for the company, said today.

Rankin said he was considering a plant site adjoining the Vancouver airfield for the plant, which would employ about 100 persons.

C Of C Set Up In Alturas

ALTURAS, Feb. 21—The Alturas chamber of commerce which has been inactive for some time has started functioning again and in the future will be known as the Modoc County chamber of commerce.

Directors picked from different parts of the county have been named: A. B. Hood of Canby, Chester Edgerton of Adin, Stuart Waite of Cedarville, Dr. Edward Conwell, Robert Ebenhack, Leo Gloster, Dr. Phillip McKenney, Uel Marr, Stanley Decious, James Southard and Jay Noviack of Alturas.

Dr. Conwell was elected to act as president, Lee Gloster, vice president and Uel Marr, treasurer. A full-time secretary will be named soon and office space secured.

It is planned to use the office as a public information bureau and "trading post." A bulletin board will be put up where farmers and businessmen and others may list ranches and stock for sale or trade.

Prison Jolts Meted Fins

HELSINKI, Feb. 21 (AP)—Former President Risto Ryti was sentenced today to 10 years at hard labor. A special tribunal convicted him of leading Finland into war with Russia.

Seven other defendants were sentenced to imprisonment as follows: Former Minister of Finance Vaino Tanner and former Premier Edwin Linkomies, five years and six months.

Former Premier Jukka Rangell, six years. The former minister to Berlin, Toivo Mikael Kivimäki, five years. Former Foreign Minister Sir

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Rose Poole Will Seek Reelection

SALEM, Feb. 21 (AP)—State Rep. Rose M. Pool, Klamath Falls republican, filed her candidacy today for reelection. She is one of the two women state representatives. The other,

HERALD AND NEWS—THREE
Rep. Anna M. Ellis of Garibaldi, also filed for reelection this week.

Commercial petroleum production began in China in 1939, yet oil and gas were known and produced in that country 2000 years ago.

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