

# ATOMIC SHIPS EYED

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The navy formally announced today it is setting up a special section to try to develop atomic powered warships.

Part of a developing program which is expected to alter the whole concept of naval warfare, the section will be a part of the bureau of ships along with two other new ones:

1. Radiological, to devise means of protecting crews from atomic explosions and their ships from radiological contamination.

2. Atomic warfare, to investigate protection of ships from atomic weapons and continue studies of the Bikini tests held last year.

The announcement followed a statement yesterday by W. John Kenney, assistant secretary of the navy, that future ships of the fleet may go into action so "buttoned up" against atomic radiation that not a man will be in sight.

At the same time there were signs that the navy of the future will take the shape of a force for blasting enemy cities and land bases rather than opposing fleets.

Navy men say the battleship may vanish in favor of a guided missile ship, strongly armored for taking heavy punishment, which can move up to foreign coasts and pound inland cities and industrial centers with huge rockets. The department is already converting two large craft for firing guided missiles.

Cruisers may bow out in favor of fast raiders which can bombard coastal installations with rockets. The carrier may give way to speedy interceptor ships bearing pilotless aircraft which can knock down enemy guided missiles aimed at the United States.

An "attack-killer" class, with terrific fire power and loaded with anti-submarine devices, is expected to supersede today's destroyers.

Submarines are expected to take on new functions in scouting, atom-weapon launching and the carrying of cargo. The navy announced last

week plans to use undersea craft for cargo, troops and reconnaissance missions in arctic waters.

Kenney said yesterday the navy will send a small force to the arctic for weather observations this summer.

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## Pastor Shot And Killed In Home

LIMA, O., May 7 (AP)—The Rev. Lewis Whitaker, 76, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God at near-by West Newton, was shot to death in the bedroom of his home early Tuesday and his 44-year-old daughter was wounded critically, Allen County Sheriff Ray Bailey reported.

The sheriff said that Lester Nichols, 42, estranged husband of the clergyman's daughter, Nora Nichols, 44, would be questioned in connection with the shooting.

Nichols, the sheriff said, was suffering with self-inflicted wounds which were not serious.

## Livestock Show In Second Day

SPOKANE, May 7 (AP)—Jim Stiller of Walla Walla held major honors today as the 12th annual Spokane junior livestock show, largest junior event in the west, went into its second day.

Stiller was named grand champion Future Farmers of America showman last night, and, in addition, walked away with first place in the FFA showing and fitting of beef.

Gladwin Bellamy of Goldendale won the FFA swine contest and Virgil Stiller of Walla Walla was first in lamb fitting and showing.

As the four-day show progressed here, a Seattle announcement disclosed that city's meat dealers have chartered two planes to leave Thursday for the concluding auction sale of prize animals.

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TIMBER SALE  
PORTLAND, May 7 (AP)—An auction sale of 32,500,000 feet of timber in the Umpqua national forest has been set for June 2 by the U. S. Forest service. The sale will be held in Eugene, instead of Roseburg, Regional Forester H. J. Andrews reported. The tract has been appraised at \$280,300.

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