

# Navy Says Atom Ships Still Unsafe

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—Ten months after the Bikini atom bomb tests, the target ships still are "unsafe for permanent occupancy."

The navy so reported today in announcing that most of the big vessels which survived the twin blasts last year will be towed without crews to Hawaii and the West coast this summer for study.

Officials emphasized, however, that the heavy radioactive contamination will not endanger the populations of either Pearl Harbor, San Francisco, or Bremerton, Wash., where the studies will be carried on.

They are part of the navy's intensive research program which already has resulted in drastic changes in ship design theories.

A battleship, a cruiser, two submarines and two transports already have made the long voyage from Kwajalein in the Central Pacific, where the target ships have been anchored since last fall.

The announcement said the decontamination study is one of the navy's most important projects in preparing against atomic warfare.

The heavy cruiser Salt Lake City and the destroyer Hughes will go to Bremerton. The heavy cruiser Pensacola recently arrived at the naval shipyard there.

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# State Penal System Gets Lambasting From Speaker

Oregon's penal and correction system was lambasted in vigorous terms in a talk before the Kiwanis club here yesterday by Mrs. Claire A. Argow, executive secretary of the Oregon Prison association.

She charged that Oregon's system is not correctional in any real sense of the term, but it's making confirmed criminals out of youths and men who could be saved through a proper program.

The blast of criticism fired by Mrs. Argow began at the county jail level and included the Woodburn training school and the state prison.

She urged citizens to support a movement for new and improved prison facilities, more probation, and an adequate child welfare program. She said the movement for prison reform was set back by failure of several important bills in the last legislature, and proposed that pressure be brought on legislators before the next session to prevent a recurrence of that failure.

Klamath's county jail, she reminded her listeners, didn't fare very well in the ratings by the National Prison association recently announced. She said there is need for a full-time matron for women prisoners in the county jails, and that efforts should be made throughout the penal system to provide prisoners with opportunity for daily work.

She described the effect of solitary confinement on youths in the training school at Woodburn, and asserted there is need for more wholesome recreation for the boys there. "I don't see how we can expect youngsters to go through adolescence without baseball," she commented.

Mrs. Argow also told of the "hole," which is the synonym for solitary confinement at the state prison. She described insanitary conditions at the prison, and of restrictions there that she said tend to make men into animals instead of humans.

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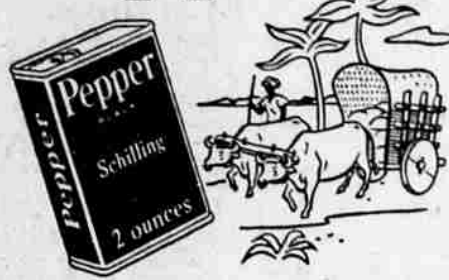
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