

# US Now In Possession Of Vastly Improved Atomic Weapons After Research

By DOUG LOVELAKE  
HONOLULU, May 20 (AP)—The United States has atomic weapons vastly improved over the wartime Hiroshima and Nagasaki types. Aside from this startling "peek" under secrecy's curtain, the details are hidden.

This was the gist of a news conference Tuesday by top military and scientific directors of a joint task force upon their return from "Operation Sandstone" on isolated, well-guarded Eniwetok in the mid-Pacific.

There they conducted the latest series of atomic tests during the past 45 days. Three weapons of improved design were tested. There was no undersea test, nor any dropped from the air. Whether guided missiles were used can't, for security reasons, be answered.

Leaders of task force seven evaded all questions attempting to pinpoint

the latest U. S. strides in atomic weapons.

But Lt. Gen. John E. Hull, task force commander, pointedly commented: "We got our answers. We liked the answers."

"These answers," said he, "belong to the United States government and, naturally, are not for publication. It can be said, however, that the bombs worked. We have proved the weapon development work done by the Los Alamos (New Mexico) scientific laboratory during the past two years."

Navy Capt. James S. Russell, deputy director of the atomic energy commission's division of military application, pointed out that the bombs exploded at Alamogordo, N. Mex., Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the two tested at Bikini in 1946 "were wartime weapons—designed under extreme pressure."

Single Goal

"During the period of wartime development of atomic energy, one goal relentlessly pursued was the creation of an atomic bomb which would work in time to be effective in World War II," he said. "It had only to work; it needed not be too efficient."

Dr. Karol K. Foman, scientific director of the task force, said the tests confirmed "a large body of ideas, theories and methods which have grown out of the Los Alamos scientific laboratory."

Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner of the air forces affirmed there was no airplane drop of a weapon, nor an underwater test. He said it was not necessary to remove personnel from Eniwetok for any of the three tests.

No light was shed on the speculation that such information prompted.

## Draft Cost Estimated At \$17 Billion

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Chairman Andrews (R-N.Y.) estimated Wednesday that the full cost of military draft bill approved by his house armed services committee will be approximately \$17,500,000,000 a year.

Andrews gave the first definite cost estimate to the house rules committee which resumed hearings on the measure. The rules group must clear the bill before it can go to the house floor.

The proposed bill calls for registration of men 18 through 30 years with a two-year draft of men from 19 through 25.

It would authorize the armed forces to build up a total strength of 2,000,000 men, compared with approximately 1,384,000 now. It would provide manpower for a 70-group air force, and ground and sea forces to support that air power.

Senators, meanwhile, wrestled in an effort to compromise the touchy racial issue raised in connection with their version of a draft bill.

Senator Russell (D-Ga.) told a reporter he cannot go along. Russell is leader of a band of Southern democrats who insist that no white man drafted for the armed services should have to serve alongside a man of another race if he doesn't want to.

## Grandma Slides Banister—Again

SCRANTON, Pa., May 20 (AP)—Miss Florence Dolph celebrated her 101st birthday Wednesday by sliding down the banister to breakfast.

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and did not seem in as good health as a year ago when she observed slide, once for custom and again for photographers.

Miss Dolph, nevertheless, was in gay spirits and extended hearty greetings to the friends and relatives who called to wish her well.

The Pennsylvania Medical society presented a plaque to Miss Dolph today in recognition of her age.

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—An amendment to the flood control bill, filed Wednesday by Senator Morse (R-Ore.), would set aside \$40,000 for use on McNary dam, near Umatilla, Ore.

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## Alaska Faces Flood Threat

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 20 (AP)—Aiready pressed on one side by the flooding Tanana river, Fairbanks faced a new flood threat Wednesday as heavy spring runoffs forced the Chena river to its highest level in nine years.

Cutting through the heart of the city, the Chena has risen 11 feet from the level of the ice surface before the break-up eight days ago. Riverside cabins and business houses already are drawing water on their ground floors. Basements are flooded.

The U. S. geological survey said the river's rise was slackening and reported the crest of the runoff would soon appear.

The Tanana river, which overran its banks south of the city last week, has advanced within a mile of the city limits.

The flooding waters have made impassable the Alaska highway between here and Eielson field, 26 miles away. A 200-foot stretch of railroad track was washed out.

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## Meet In Honor Of Dewey Planned

SPOKANE, May 20 (AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York will be honored at a public reception Friday after his luncheon speech at noon. Attorney Frank P. Weaver, Dewey's Eastern Washington vice chairman, said Wednesday.

There will be no smoke-filled room with hand-picked people meeting the governor," Weaver said. "The reception line will be open to everyone."

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## Byrd Predicts Big Deficit

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Senator Byrd (D-Va.) Wednesday predicted a federal budget deficit close to \$10,000,000,000 by 1950. He told the senate this "will mean an increase in taxes which will shake the private enterprise system to its very foundations."

Byrd said also there will be a deficit for the fiscal year starting July 1, but he did not estimate it. He forecast a deficit of from \$7,000,000,000 to \$8,000,000,000 between cash expenditures and cash income for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949.

For the following year, Byrd told

his colleagues, "the deficit may be approximately \$10,000,000,000. Byrd laid these figures before the senate in arguing for a proposed \$200,000,000 slash in appropriations for rivers and harbors.

Byrd spoke as the republican members of the senate-house economic committee lined up solidly for cutting federal spending as one of the best ways to curb inflation.

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