

# Nation's Atomic Energy Program Expanded; New Weapons To Be Expedited

By FRANK E. CAREY  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's vast plant for the projected hydrogen bomb will cost more than twice as much as originally estimated, the Atomic Energy Commission reported Tuesday.

AEC declared at a news conference the probable cost has been "upper considerably" from a 600 million-dollar "guesstimate" of a year and a half ago to 1 1/4 billion dollars at present.

Dean said the estimates were revised because it is apparent now that "reactors" will cost more than had been expected.

Reactors are vital for making atomic explosives.

The AEC had announced that the reactors at the South Carolina H-bomb plant were to be of "advanced design" but said Tuesday "the design is still not completed on some of them."

The new estimate was contained in the AEC's semi-annual report to Congress.

The Commission described "intense activity" in the past six months throughout the entire atomic enterprise—including an "expanding atomic weapons program."

1. Full blast operation of all its existing plants including those for making atomic explosives.

2. Progress on new construction including 3 per cent of the nation's total building expenditures and employing nearly 2 per cent of the country's total construction force.

3. Continued increase in the output of fissionable materials—at a lower cost than ever.

4. "Substantial" and "significant advances" in weapons research and development.

5. Increased domestic production of uranium ores thanks to expanded exploration, opening of new producing areas, and incentive bonuses for uranium producers who collected more than \$250,000 in such "prizes" last year.

6. Research findings with radioactive isotopes that may lead to improved methods of farming "and lowered costs of food and fibre production."

7. Further agricultural research indicating that atomic "rays," while providing no stimulus to plants, may aid in breeding new varieties of crops, and also aid in the fight against certain crop diseases.

# Reds Protest Mid East Unit

LONDON (AP) — Russia, protesting for the second time in two months against formation of a Middle East Defense Command, charged Monday night it is a Western attempt at "encirclement" of the Soviet Union and her Communist Allies.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko summoned representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Turkey—the four nations sponsoring the Middle East proposal—to the Foreign Office in Moscow at half hour intervals and handed them identical notes.

As broadcast by Moscow Radio, the notes were similar to those Russia sent the same four powers on Nov. 24, charging the Middle East Command was an aggressive proposal.

Replying on Dec. 19, the Western powers and Turkey said the Command was being organized to protect the independence and freedom of countries in that area and was entirely a regional defense alliance permitted by the United Nations charter.

"The inability of the explanation is obvious," said Moscow's note. It charged the Middle East Command was not a voluntary association "but has been imposed on the Middle East countries."

# Natural Gas Schemes Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Applications of four companies to tap Canadian natural gas for Pacific Northwest consumers will come before the Federal Power Commission at a hearing here April 8.

Companies involved are the Northwest Natural Gas Co., New York City; Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp., Houston, Tex.; Westcoast Transmission Co., Inc., Willington, Del.; and Glacier Gas Co., Butte, Mont.

Pacific Northwest Pipeline has the most ambitious proposal—a \$174,186,602 project linking Texas gas reserve areas and Alberta gas fields by means of a 2,170-mile pipeline system. It would serve areas in Utah, Idaho, Washington and Oregon and Vancouver, B. C.

Northwest would construct a 645-mile pipeline system costing \$2 million dollars to serve Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.

Glacier Gas proposes a 626-mile system to transport gas imported from Alberta to parts of Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Westcoast Transmission would build a 615-mile \$25,550,000 system. An affiliated company would handle the transportation to the U.S. border from the Alberta fields.

Carroll Freed In PO Holdup Case

PORTLAND (AP) — Walter R. Carroll of Reno, who Monday was freed of a charge of breaking into a postoffice at Umatilla, Ore., still must face other charges.

John R. Brooke, deputy U.S. attorney, did not say what the charges were.

Carroll, 57, earlier was accused of breaking into the postoffice last November when \$20,000 disappeared while en route from Portland to the Inland Empire Bank at Umatilla. Another \$20,000 shipment disappeared in May.

In World War II, Army and Air Force total casualties amounted to 9 percent of a total mobilization of 10,400,000.

# Firemen Find 12 Bodies In Frozen Ruin

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Using axes to break apart the ice-caked debris, firemen Tuesday recovered 12 bodies from the ruins of the three-story business-apartment house razed by fire at the edge of the Minneapolis loop Monday.

Fire Chief Reynold Malmquist said his men expected to find the bodies of five others, missing and presumed dead in the tangled wreckage of bricks and wood.

Braving 15-below-zero temperatures, firemen worked throughout the night in the glare of the blazing battery of floodlights.

A wrecking crane with its swinging bucket worked seven hours topling the fire-gutted walls before Malmquist would allow firemen to search the ruins.

The first bodies taken out were those of a boy about 8 and a girl, 3. The little girl, found on the steel springs of a crib, clutched a doll so large firemen first thought they had found two bodies.

The other pitiful remnants were those of a woman and boy about 12. None was identified immediately.

The American Red Cross, after repeated newspaper and radio appeals, listed as missing six adults, two teenagers and nine young children.

All were occupants of third floor quarters of the building at 69 1/2 Glenwood Ave., two blocks northwest of the downtown business district.

# Flyers Offer Local Protest

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Otherwise, last night's Council meeting was routine. It lasted just 45 minutes.

Police Judge Bob Elder reported that city officials of Brookings were here yesterday and showed an interest in buying the ironwork of the old jail in City Hall basement. No price was set.

Three firms bid on trash pumps for the Street Department, with the Klamath Machinery Company being the apparent low bidder. Its price for the type of pump wanted was \$1,215.19 per unit.

J. W. Kerns bid \$1,496 for one pump or \$3,005 for a double unit. West-Hitchcock bid \$1,295 for one \$2,590 for two.

# Legion Confab Set July 28

Opening day of the Oregon American Legion convention to be held here next summer has been set for July 28. When it was announced several weeks ago that the state convention would be held in Klamath Falls, actual date was still pending.

Today, an Associated Press dispatch from Portland said State Legion Commander Hollis Hull had set the Legion date and had also scheduled two other conventions to precede the Legion session. The Eight and Forty, an auxiliary unit, is to convene July 25, and the Forty and Eight, the men's branch, is to meet July 26 and 27.

Charley Hahn, Klamath Falls post commander, says the three events should draw some 2,000 visitors to the city.

O. D. Matthews has been named general convention chairman. His headquarters will be in Memorial Hall. Chairmen of the many committees necessary to the convention are to be named Feb. 5.

# Two Die In Highway Crash

SPOKANE (AP) — An automobile crashed into the rear of a 15-ton snowplow near here early Tuesday and two Air Force men in the car were killed instantly. The plow driver escaped injury.

State Patrolman Joe Bedard said the victims were 1st Lt. John S. Potter, 25, of Des Moines, Ia., and S-Sgt. Donald E. Towns, 22, of Story City, Ia. Both were stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base. Potter was a pilot.

Bedard said the heavy rotary plow, driven by Jake Richardson, 52, of Cheney, was traveling about 10 miles an hour and was off to the side of the four-lane Sunset Highway about 8 miles from Spokane. The airman's car was headed toward Fairchild in the early morning darkness.

The two rear driving axles on the plow were sheared off by the impact.

# Merchants To Hold Meeting

Several important items are on the agenda for tomorrow evening's annual Merchants Association dinner meeting. The event is scheduled for the Pelican Cafe, 6:30 p.m.

One of the principal items concerns the Association's special promotions. Last year's activities in this field are to be reviewed and this year's promotions outlined and scheduled.

Also on the agenda are election of officers and setting up of store hours and holidays.

Principal activities of the Association last year were the Spring Opening, Basin Roundup Dressup, School Opening and Christmas program.

Roy Murphy, Hardy's Men's Store manager, is the retiring president. Frank Drew, co-operator of the Gun Store, is chairman of tomorrow evening's annual event.

wald give answers.

The investigators wanted to find out what, if anything, Grunewald knew about a purported \$500,000 tax shakedown attempt against Chicago Lawyer Abraham Teitelbaum.

A limited number of graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy may be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Chicago is the crossroads of the nation's railroads.

# Korea War Quiet; Sun Warms Front

By STAN CARTER  
SEOUL, Korea (AP) — American and Communist jets battle in MIG Alley Tuesday as skies cleared over North Korea. One Red MIG was downed.

Twenty-two F-86 Sabre jets tangled briefly with about 50 MIGs from 30,000 feet down to 20,000 feet.

A bright sun warmed the snow-covered battlefield. But only a patrol action was reported.

1. James E. Arnold of Walla Walla, Wash., reported the damaged MIG. There was no report of Allied losses.

Allied warplanes flew 670 sorties by 8 p.m., the Fifth Air Force reported. They ripped up Red rail lines in 97 places.

Monday night Allied fighters and light bombers roared over North Korea and strafed early 900 Communist vehicles. Pilots reported destruction of more than 80 B-29 Superfortresses attacked the rail bridge at Binanju in Northwest Korea.

The heaviest ground action Monday was in the rugged mountains of Eastern Korea. Red infantrymen attacked two Allied positions, but were driven back by artillery. U. N. troops counted 23 Communist dead.

North Korean radio at Pyongyang said two Allied planes were shot down and a U. N. destroyer was damaged on the west coast Monday. There was no confirmation from Allied sources.

# Business To Visit Schools

Klamath Basin business and professional men are slated to go back to school Feb. 11. They'll be repaying a visit.

Last August, the Klamath Chamber of Commerce invited all County school teachers to visit various business houses. Scores of the instructors toured several plants and stores here.

Now the business men are going to visit the schools. They will be shown modern education methods and facilities.

Hours for the tours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Business men wishing to make a school visit are to notify the Chamber of the particular school they wish to visit.

A Chamber bulletin outlining the visitation says: "It will be a day well spent in getting acquainted with your school system; the system that is your greatest single financial investment and the one with which America is building its future."

# House OK's McGrath Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee Tuesday ordered an investigation of the administration of the Justice Department and the office of Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

The investigation will be made by seven members of the committee, four Democrats and three Republicans, to be designated by Chairman Celler, (D-N.Y.).

It was ordered by a vote members would not disclose. Republicans had urged that the inquiry be ordered, as a followup to disclosures of government tax scandals.

President Truman has designated McGrath himself to direct a cleanup drive against corruption in government.

The resolution adopted by the committee requires no further action by the House. It stipulates that the investigation be "nonpartisan" and be confined to "credible" testimony, not to mere suspicion.

On the ocean bottoms are more than 400,000 miles of international communication cables.

# Mother Of Actress Jailed

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Mrs. Virginia Jean Garner, mother of Movie Actress Peggy Ann Garner, was sentenced to a one to five year term at Tehachapi Women's Prison Monday for passing bad checks.

Mrs. Garner, 40, was arrested by Burlingame police who estimated she had netted more than \$1,500 from bad checks.

Superior Judge Edmund Scott refused a plea that Mrs. Garner be released for psychiatric treatment.

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The session was adjourned until Thursday night when a number of ordinances, drawn in recodification of the city's statutes, will be read.

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