

Second Atomic-Powered Submarine Contract Let

By ELTON C. FAY
 WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission Thursday ordered construction of a second atomic-powered submarine engine. It said this one will be of a design which may be easier to build and operate than the one already under construction.

An AEC announcement said the General Electric Company has been authorized to start construction at its West Milton, N. Y., laboratory of a test engine which "will be used for final development work leading to construction of an intermediate energy reactor for propulsion of a submarine."

The Westinghouse Electric Corporation already is working on a thermal reactor at its testing station in Idaho.

DECISION

When the two engines are completed, the AEC and Navy will decide which is better for submarines.

Development of a nuclear engine for submarines is high on the AEC-military priority list.

With such an engine, a submarine theoretically would have much greater speed than with conventional engines and could cruise submerged for thousands of miles.

While little information has been disclosed about design, the key words in Thursday's announcement are "intermediate energy reactor" and "thermal reactor."

The design Westinghouse is working on is "thermal," and the one General Electric will work on will be the "intermediate" type.

The difference is in the speed of neutrons released to produce, through fission, heat or production of power.

The intermediate reactor has a fairly fast release of neutrons.

MULL

While the two experimental engines are being built, the AEC and the Navy are going forward with construction of the hull for the submarine.

A hull contract was awarded to the Electric Boat Company of

Groton, Conn., last August. Some Navy officials believe an A-powered submarine may be ready for testing some time in 1954.

Probers Blast Tax Heads

By GENE KRAMER
 SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The King congressional subcommittee ended its San Francisco hearings with a blast at politically-appointed Internal Revenue officials.

"I said rank and file employees 'have done a good, honest job.' A statement by Chairman King (D-Calif.) blamed the local Internal Revenue scandal on "incompetent" political appointees of King's own party "protected by... an inept top administration in Washington."

END URGED

It urged an end to political appointments in the Revenue service.

Two Republican committee members who stayed for Wednesday's windup of the 16-day hearings—Reps. Robert W. Kean (N.J.) and John W. Byrnes (Wis.)—concluded in Kings strongly-worded statement.

The Congressmen are returning Thursday to Washington, where closed hearings open next week as the first stage of a New York Internal Revenue inquiry.

Their statement said the San Francisco Internal Revenue office was "badly administered" prior to Sept. 27, 1951.

That day, Collector James U. Smyth and five top assistants—all Democrats—were suspended on orders from Washington. They later were fired.

FAILING

"Control... had fallen into the hands of a top echelon of political appointees whose chief failing was their gross incompetence," the statement said.

"Their second, and also serious failing was a devotion to political interests, which transcended their loyalty to the Revenue service and caused them to engage in petty and sometimes criminal manipulations.

"In these, they were encouraged and protected by the complacency and indifference of an inept top administration in Washington. Political and personal favoritism in the treatment of taxpayers and in the handling of personnel problems has been the result.



ALAN PEMBERTON, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pemberton, 228 Martin, is to be master of ceremonies of the "Junior Follies" to be presented by the Moldovan Dance Studio at the Pelican Friday, Feb. 28.

West Leaders Study Soviet

By STAN SWINTON
 LISBON, Portugal (AP)—The 14 Atlantic foreign ministers met behind closed doors Thursday for an up-to-the-moment study of the Russian problem.

A spokesman said U.S. Secretary of State Acheson and his colleagues heard and thrashed over top-level reports on the Soviet Union and

Wash. State Prexy Named

FULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Dr. Charles Clement French, vice president of Texas A&M, has been selected from a list of more than 230 candidates to be president of Washington State College, it was announced Thursday.

James McCluskey, chairman of the WSC Board of Regents, said in a statement released here that the job was offered French early this week and that he hopes his acceptance will be made by Sunday.

It was reported the 50 year old French has already submitted his resignation at Texas A&M and will come here in May.

its latest policies toward the free world.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman told the closed door session about the situation in Indo-China. Problems of the Middle East, including Egypt, were gone over.

STRENGTH

Earlier, Allied defense ministers in less than one hour approved a military committee report calling for 50 to 60 divisions to be in the field by the end of 1952.

The report now goes to the council. There the full-dress assembly of foreign, finance and defense ministers must settle a conflict between the Allied chiefs of staff and W. Averell Harriman's temporary council committee.

The committee says the 1954 target of 100 divisions on active duty scaled down 12 per cent because the European economies cannot afford the full goal.

The military wants to keep the 10 division target, planning production so that many divisions could be armed and supported.

AIR BASES

Meanwhile, the top military and financial brains of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were hard at work on the problems of how defensive air bases can be strung across Europe before the

1952 building season is lost. Before the defense and finance ministers lay blueprints for the air bases, their communication lines and control headquarters. With these completed, the 14 Western Allies could breathe easier despite

the dangers of Soviet Russia's Korean proven jets.

Gen. Eisenhower, boss of the alliance's military establishment in Europe, sent down the outline of his needs.

What the defense and finance

ministers are pondering is: Who will pay how much of their costs?



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Steel Strike Decision Set

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Top officers of the CIO United Steelworkers drew up their decision Thursday on postponing a nation-wide steel strike Saturday night—but kept it secret, pending ratification by the union's wage-policy committee.

The 170-man wage-policy group was called into session by Philip Murray, president of both the CIO and the U.S.W., shortly after noon.

Murray refused to talk to newsmen at the conclusion of the two hour morning session of the 35-member executive board.

All indications are that the union will postpone its strike deadline.

Poles, Pilings Price Lids Up

PORTLAND (AP)—Prices for poles and pilings can go up 5 to 20 per cent on Feb. 25.

The Office of Price Stabilization authorized the increase Wednesday as an incentive to encourage production for the Armed Forces, defense industries and construction projects.

Both Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine poles were included.

RETURN TO ALMA MATER

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Two of Michigan State's greatest line-men are now assistant freshmen coaches at their alma mater. They are tackle Hal Vogler, Captain of the 1949 team, and Don Mason, hard-hitting guard on the same '49 team.

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Two Escapees Recaptured

FORT LEWIS (AP)—Two Ft. Lewis privates who escaped a stockade camp by overpowering a guard eight days ago were captured Thursday while driving a stolen car at Hillsboro, Ore., post authorities announced.

They were Pvt. Jerry F. Farrington, Junction City, Ore., and Ivan F. Marshall, 19, Newport News.

The Washington County sheriff's office at Hillsboro will hold them until Ft. Lewis military police arrive.

When he escaped, Pvt. Marshall was already serving six months time for a previous AWOL and Pvt. Farrington had made three previous escape attempts since last May, post headquarters said.

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