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By BILL JENKINS You think the cost of national defense is too high? If you don't look at the outside locking in, for most people are convinced that our steadily mounting bill for preparedness will prove the final straw in bankrupting the country.

Speaking of defense there will be a new series of atomic blasts in Nevada next month. A limited number of spectators will be allowed to witness these events, from a distance of course. Troops will be involved. The government has adopted a cagy principle of never telling the public what goes on, what the results were or anything else. It's events like this, cloaked in secrecy, that make the taxpayer wonder if his defense dollar is being spent right.

The FCC has postponed until May a hearing intended to strengthen the bars keeping bookies from using commercial wire services in the country to relay racing information.

It seems to me that Uncle Sam is being mighty cautious about letting any American lay a bet on a horse (unless he's at the track). But he is being so cagy about letting the American people gamble on a race toward war?

When this country was a tiny huddle of county-sized states huddling on the shores of the Atlantic there wasn't any national bill for defense. Great, great, great grandfathers pushed off into the setting sun and took his defense along with him in the form of a long life, a pouch of balls and a horn of powder. Which probably cost him just as much proportionately as our tanks and planes and cannons cost us now.

The hardy souls who settled the west not so long ago didn't have any huge national defense bill to pungle up, either. But they had to buy guns and shells and hire men to fire 'em, and they had to build virtual forts in which to live to defend themselves against everything from Indians to bandits and land thieves.

WILMINGTON, N. C. (AP) — Any excuse for throwing a party is a good one. But they have a particularly fine excuse for an annual community-wide party here to honor a flower.

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They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



By MATT KRAMER CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon farm leaders, hoping to hit the jackpot they did 28 years ago, gave the state Saturday their recommendations for the future. Detailed reports by some 450 farmers and agricultural experts were laid before the state Agricultural Conference sponsored by Oregon State College.

They listed the products they believe hold promise for the future and outlined the changes the state will have to make to boost its farm and forest production. Once previously 28 years ago Oregon State College sponsored such a project and it proved a winner. That conference recommended sheep, wheat, apples, and other products. What happened thereafter was spectacular. Oregon now is the nation's leader in production of grass seeds and winter cover crop. From an industry that did less than a million dollars in business that year, the sales boomed to more than 30 million dollars for Oregon farmers in 1950.

One important group, the Soil and Water Resources Committee, reported that fertilizer could boost the state's production from 25 to 50 per cent. Fertilizer, however, means more water, both to increase plant growth and to keep the soil from turning to wind-driven dust. That in turn means more irrigation. The big Willamette Valley project, for example, eventually will boost the state's 120,000 irrigated acres to 750,000.

Over the state as a whole, 1,800,000 acres can be improved by irrigation, the committee said. "Most of the low-cost water storage projects have already been completed, only the more costly projects remain, but because of increased demand for both land and water, it is apparent that higher costs are justifiable both now and in the future."

The committee also said some 1,300,000 acres could be produced by installing better drainage, and another 300,000 acres of the state's most fertile land could come into full production if floods can be held back there. There are lands along the Willamette River which would be protected if the Valley project is completed.

The committee noted that the critical problem of land erosion will have to be solved. Farmers in the Columbia River wheat counties, so too will erosion in the hill section of the Northern Willamette Valley. There it was recommended that berries, vegetables and nursery crops be moved into the Valley floor as soon as the Valley Project provides flood protection.

Three of the 12 committees making reports after a year's study of the problem recommended long-range planning on water with state law drawn up to protect water rights of farmers cities industry and wildlife resources. One committee suggested that the state pass a ground water law to prevent the water table from dropping too low.

Cities were advised to double water storage capacity to take care of another million in population 25 years from now. Farmers were urged to build at least 3,000 on-farm storage dams in addition to the large public projects that may provide irrigation for a million acres.

In general the reports envision greater development of seed crops with emphasis on quality; more vegetable crops in the Willamette; more sheep in Western Oregon; and a widespread change in the ranges of Eastern Oregon. The ranges there would be for the use of adult cattle only. Once the advantage of this corn is of importance only in a few localities, where a high yield can be obtained. Oats will remain a standard although it is not a cash crop. It is planted almost entirely for on-farm feeding.

FORM YOUR OPINION TOPIC: "Why don't more people register and vote, and what can we do about it?"

QUESTIONS POSED 1. Do the people who do not vote generally realize their responsibilities and privileges in that direction? Yes () No () 2. Is "polling indifference" purely a lack of education as to where polls and registration spots are located? Yes () No () 3. Should organizations such as Register and Vote, Inc., put out more effort to accomplish its job? Yes () No () 4. Are some people "fed up" with voting because they don't feel one vote more or less does any good anyway? Yes () No () 5. Is there an organized political "voting machine" in Klamath County? Yes () No () 6. Should political parties participate in getting people out to vote? Yes () No () 7. If voting rules and regulations were changed so election day was a holiday would more people vote because of the convenience in voting time? Yes () No () 8. Why don't more people register and vote, and what can we do about it?

James Marlow ABC'S

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before the steel dispute gets too fouled up, or explodes, here's a run-down on how it got that way. Late last November Philip Murray's CIO steelworkers and the steel industry began talking about a pay increase. The CIO wanted a boost of about 18 1/2 cents an hour, plus other benefits. The steelworkers now average just under \$2 an hour. The steel industry said it could not grant such a raise unless the government, which controls wages and prices, let it raise prices, too. The talks broke down. The union threatened to strike Jan. 1, one day after its contract with the industry ended.

Rotary Hears School Talks Pupils from the county schools entertained the Rotary Club Friday night at the Willard Hall with a musical and speech program. The boys and girls club of the Fairview School eighth grade sang three Negro spiritual numbers. "Old Black Joe," "Nellie Was Over the Ocean," and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." They were directed by their teacher, Mrs. Georgianna Liedtke.

Hells Canyon Opponents Chance Set WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of the controversial \$75 million dollar Hells Canyon dam on the Snake River at the Idaho-Oregon border will have their inning next week before a House Interior subcommittee, which was in recess Saturday.

Twin Sisters Win Divorce LOS ANGELES (AP) — Superior Judge Benjamin J. Scheinman was hearing double as he granted twin sisters divorces from Joseph S. and Ellis H. George. Shirley and Gloria, 26, corroborated each other's cruelty charges against the George brothers. "I could hear Joe. He was always hollering at Shirley," said Gloria. "I'd always hear Harry yelling at Gloria," said Shirley.

Pleasant Weather Seen For Nation By The Associated Press A fairly pleasant week-end appeared in prospect with generally fair weather and mild temperatures over most of the country Saturday.

Contract SALEM (AP) — Donald M. Drake Co., Portland, Friday was awarded a contract to build a 108-foot viaduct to carry Southern Pacific Railroad tracks over the West Portland-Hubbard Highway. The State Highway Commission awarded the contract on Drake's low bid of \$44,960. Thirteen other bids were higher.

Oldest Pilot To Try Out Jets LOS ANGELES (AP) — James W. Montee, 89, won't let age interfere with his ambition to keep up with aviation progress. So on April Fool's Day he gets a ride in a jet fighter plane. Montee, the nation's oldest pilot, who owns his own light plane, has been granted permission to go on a jet flight and he's already passed his physical examination. Maj. Gen. Vernon Meese, commander of the Pacific Air Fleet Marine Force, said the chief of naval operations in Washington put the final OK to Montee's April 1 ride in a jet plane.

Atom Tests Slated For Late April WASHINGTON (AP) — Atomic tests to be held in Nevada the fourth week in April will be witnessed by a limited number of newsmen and Civil Defense officials. The Atomic Energy Commission news services, newspapers, radio, television, newsreels and photo news services will be allocated quotas. The federal Civil Defense Administration will invite state and territorial Civil Defense officials, the announcement said. It added that tests will include "troop participation."

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