

Russia Announces H-Bomb Blast; Conceding, US Claims Similar Tests

AEC Made Similar Test 2 Years Ago

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States countered Russia's claim to have tested a hydrogen bomb with a statement today that this nation produced a similar reaction more than two years ago.

A statement issued by Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) also gave some credit to the Russian claim, published by the Communist paper Pravda, that "the explosion of a type of hydrogen bomb was carried out with experimental aim."

Strauss' statement, issued shortly after midnight, said:

"The Soviet Union conducted an atomic test on the morning of Aug. 12. Certain information to this effect came into our hands that night. Subsequent information on the subject indicates that this test involved both fission and thermonuclear reactions."

"Thermonuclear" is the word scientists use to describe a hydrogen explosion. Unlike conventional uranium bombs, which produce their energy from the fission or splitting of atoms, the hydrogen bomb would get its explosive force from the fusion of hydrogen atoms to produce helium.

Scientists have said that the only way to produce the terrific heat required to start this fusion process would be by the detonation of a conventional atomic bomb.

"That might account for Strauss' reference to 'both fission and thermonuclear reactions,'" Strauss continued, "that more than three years ago the United States decided to accelerate work on all forms of atomic weapons. Both the 1951 and 1952 Eniwetok bomb series included tests involving similar reactions."

While there was no official elaboration, this seemed to imply a claim that the United States may have reached in the spring of 1951 a stage in hydrogen bomb development near that at which the Soviets now stand.

The statement also, without saying in so many words that this country had exploded a hydrogen bomb, went further than the AEC did immediately after the 1951 and 1952 test series at the Eniwetok Proving Ground in the Pacific.

Fathers Urged To File Proof

WASHINGTON (AP)—Draft eligibles were reminded yesterday that if they expect to be deferred from military service for fatherhood, they must file evidence of it with their local draft boards by Aug. 25.

Under a change in draft rules ordered by President Eisenhower in July, fatherhood is not grounds for exemption unless there is "proven hardship and privation."

Selective service noted that under the law, fatherhood dates from conception, so a young man may be granted exemption if he files before Aug. 25 a doctor's certificate attesting that his wife is pregnant.

MEETING CANCELED

Owing to so many persons out of town on vacation and illness among the group, the regular August social meeting of the Pythian Sisters has been canceled. The meeting had been scheduled for Friday evening, August 21.



A COMPANY of soldiers form a backdrop for Miss Olga Dornblatt, only WAC with the 32nd Wisconsin National Guard Division, now in summer training at Camp Ripley, Minn. Miss Dornblatt is surrounded by men — 8,200 of them. She's learning all about rifles and other military field equipment as part of the training she demanded. A warrant officer (left), she's with the 60th counter-intelligence corps detachment, Army Reserve and has been a WAC seven years.

Mossadeh, Three Aides, Arrested

French Exile Moroccan Sultan, Sons

By ROBERT WILSON
PARIS (AP)—France Thursday deplored the Sultan of Morocco, and the French Interior Ministry announced it was sending him and two of his sons into exile on Corsica, the Mediterranean isle.

The 44-year-old Sultan, Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef, who has been giving the French trouble by his encouragement to independence-seeking nationalists, was ousted after the tough Berber tribesmen of Pasha Thami El Glaoui of Marrakech, the Sultan's bitter foe, began to march in from the hills on the palace at Rabat.

A fierce civil war threatened between fanatical nationalists supporting Sidi Mohammed, and the warlike Berber countrymen who follow El Glaoui.

Dispatches from Morocco said the vanguard of Berbers from at least four tribes, traveling by horseback, truck and afoot, reached the outskirts of Rabat and fighting already was reported to have broken out in the native quarter.

The French clamped a curfew on their tense North African protectorate, where press censorship already is in effect, immediately after announcing the drastic action.

The dethronement, said the French Foreign Office, was decided upon because France "found herself confronted with an unequivocal will expressed with extreme firmness by the immense majority of the Moroccan people."

The Sultan and his sons were reported already en route to Corsica, birthplace of Napoleon.

There was no immediate indication of who would assume the throne in the turbulent country.

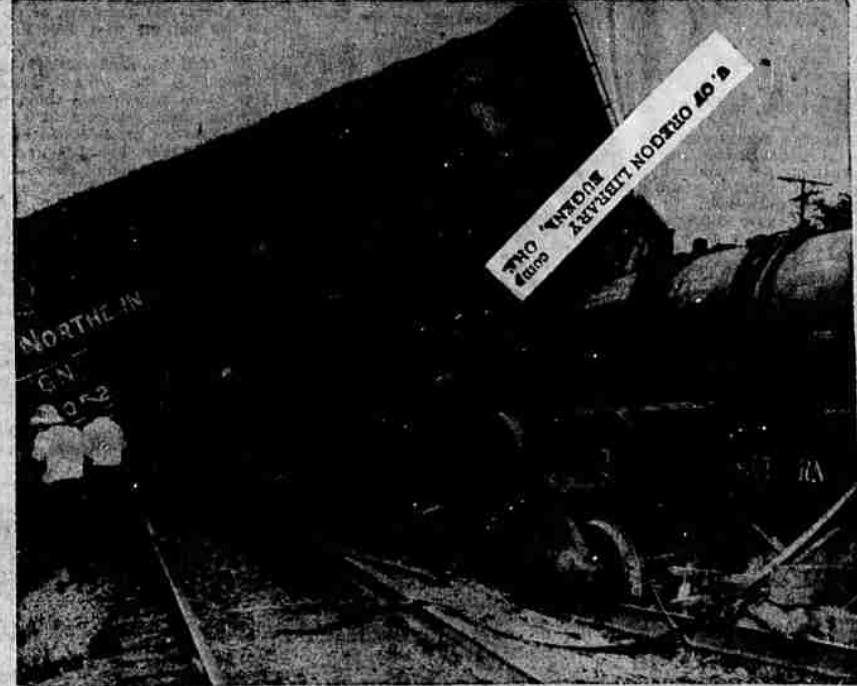
The announcement of the action was made just after French Resident General Augustin Guillaume had returned because France "found herself confronted with an unequivocal will expressed with extreme firmness by the immense majority of the Moroccan people."

Bloody rioting in recent days had taken at least 40 lives in Morocco, where the United States has a big stake. The United States has spent, or is planning to spend, 600 million dollars for five big air bases in the strategic protectorate at the northwest corner of Africa.

It remained to be seen whether a bloody civil war between the warlike followers of El Glaoui and the fanatical nationalist adherents of the Sultan would result. Many nationalists in the Arab world have been warning against any effort to unseat the Sultan.

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SOME 10,000 regular riders on Southern Pacific commute trains to San Francisco were late for work Wednesday after 18 cars of a freight train left the tracks near Burlingame, Calif. Mainline Los Angeles-San Francisco service was also tied up. No one was injured.

Adlai Reports on Trip: War Danger Declines

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Gov. Adlai Stevenson said Thursday the free world is winning the cold war and the danger of a third world war has decreased, at least, for the present.

Stevenson, Democratic candidate for the presidency last year, returned Thursday from a six-month trip around the world.

His over-all conclusion, he said, was that American postwar policy has been successful.

"We have been winning the cold war step by step," Stevenson told a news conference. "In consequence, the danger of world war has diminished, at least for the present. But this is no time to relax or lower our guard."

Stevenson said he traveled through 30 countries.

"I talked with everybody from cobbler to kings," he said.

Some of his conclusions, in answer to a wide variety of questions, were:

"1. The spread of communism has been arrested. Signs of strain and defiance are evident, and cracks are opening in the Iron Curtain, notably in East Germany."

"2. Since Stalin's death, it appears that Russia has changed its tactics and begun a cautious retreat, but there is yet no certain evidence that the long-term objective of world domination has changed."

"3. Just now unhappily, our prestige and moral influence have declined, together with faith in our judgment and our leadership."

"It is hard for me to reconcile our view of the danger (of war) with a cut in our defense build-up," Stevenson said.

"There is an impression that 'Trade not aid' is becoming no aid and no trade."

No Increase In Long-Bell Pact

PORTLAND (AP)—A contract renewal with no wage increase was signed Wednesday by the big Long-Bell Lumber Co. and the CIO Woodworkers Union, a Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee spokesman said here.

The action extends the contract for some 1,550 employees of Long-Bell's Longview plant in April 1, 1954. Workers at a nearby plant of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. are among 7,000 Weyerhaeuser employees, represented by the union, who recently obtained a 5-cent hourly pay boost.

According to the committee, an employer group, 151 lumber firms employing 15,479 now have signed contract renewals with the CIO without wage raises.

New Strike Orders Issued

PARIS (AP)—New strike orders went out Thursday from non-Communist unions to hundreds of thousands of workers in the metal industries and building trades.

The Socialist and Catholic labor federations called the new walk-outs—with the threat they might be continued beyond 48 hours—as a defiance to the "ultimatum" of Premier Joseph Laniel, who has said "no negotiations while the strikes are in progress."

There now seemed little prospect that labor's rebellion would quiet down before next week, when parliament is expected back for an emergency session, and there was no assurance it would end then. If Parliament backs Laniel, the strikes might explode into a complete general strike.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Some cloudiness afternoons with risk of showers or thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. High 75 Thursday and 78 Friday. Low Thursday night 48. High yesterday 86. Low last night 46. Precip last 24 hours .46. Since Oct. 1 14.57. Normal for period 12.56. Same period last year 17.29.

A year ago today in Klamath Falls fine weather was enjoyed with nights almost cold. High and low temperatures were 82-44.

POW Swap Now Half Done

PANMUNJOM (AP)—The great Korean War prisoner exchange has passed the halfway mark today and there was every indication the Reds will start sending back larger numbers of Americans daily.

They promised 150 tomorrow, the biggest U. S. group yet, and it appeared the stepped-up rate would continue indefinitely. Three hundred South Koreans also will be freed tomorrow.

Sixty Americans, 90 British and 300 Koreans were freed today in the 16th day of exchange at this tiny village.

No British were scheduled to return Friday. The Reds have delivered 800 of the 922 British promised. They have turned over only 1,315 Americans, well under half of the 3,313 they listed.

Thursday's shipment brought the number of Allied troops freed to 6,533, just over half of the 12,763 the Reds promised.

Lions Club Books Show

The Klamath Falls Lions Club has completed arrangements to bring to Klamath Falls one of the greatest exciting mystery reviews ever to play in this country. On Monday and Tuesday Sept. 14 and 15, the Lee Grable Show will appear at the Mills School Auditorium. You will see such things as "A Woman Shot From A Cannon," "Pin Up Girls Come To Life," and Lee Grable's famous "Floating Piano." This show has played at the Palace Theater in New York, The London Music Hall and Broadway.

The entire proceeds from this show will go into The Klamath Falls Lions Club "Sight Conservation Program." General Chairman for the Lions Club for this event is Bill Mills, assisted by Aaron Boe and Everett Ball. John Merritt is in charge of ticket sales, assisted by The Lions Club Auxiliary. Ticket headquarters will be announced later. Plan now to attend.

TOTH RETURNING

TOKYO (AP)—Robert W. Toth Thursday flew toward the United States for a federal hearing to test him as a civilian and flew him to Korea on a murder charge. Toth, a former airman first class, is charged with murder in the death of a Korean civilian.

Exiled Iran Shah Set To Return

By DONALD SCHWIND
TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Premier Fazlollah Zahedi's forces Thursday arrested Mohammed Mossadeh and three of his lieutenants in a house in the center of Tehran.

The arrest of the former Premier, who until Wednesday held Iran in a virtual dictatorship, quashed earlier reports that he had escaped from the shambles of his bunker-like house in Zahedi's royalist counter-revolution and taken refuge with friendly Kashghar tribesmen in the south.

The three arrested with him were All Shavegan, Mossadeh's top political expert; Gholam Hossein Sadighi, his interior minister, and Sellohah Moazami, the former post and telegraph minister.

An eyewitness said Mossadeh, clad in pink pajamas, surrendered to Gen. Zahedi in the latter's office at the Central Officers Club at 7 p.m. (8 a.m., PST).

Pale, barely able to walk and visibly depressed, the old ex-Premier, whose exact age is his own secret, weakly returned salutes of Zahedi's guards as he limped into the club to meet the man who had swept him from power in a lightning coup of nine hours.

The eyewitness said Mossadeh telephoned Zahedi at his office and said he was ready to surrender under the terms of Zahedi's proclamation Thursday morning guaranteeing him personal protection.

While Zahedi waited for him the streets around the club were heavily manned by troops. Tanks rolled up and trained their guns on all avenues of approach.

Mossadeh was taken to a secret stronghold somewhere in the capital for safekeeping. His dihard battle Wednesday at his fortress home where 200 of the 300 casualties in the counter-revolution occurred.

Earlier Thursday Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi had sent instructions from Rome to Zahedi to safeguard Mossadeh's life. At that time Zahedi gave the former Premier 24 hours in which to surrender.

Mossadeh's right-hand man, former Foreign Minister Hossein Fatemi, was still listed as missing despite a flood of unconfirmed rumors of his death.

Tehran radio broadcasts Wednesday said he had been "torn to pieces" by a mob.

Meanwhile, trouble was reported stirring in the Kashghar tribal area.

There were those here who expressed opinions that trouble in the Kashghar region might force Zahedi to weaken his Tehran forces in an effort to meet the new threat from the south.

If forced to take such a plunge the Communists and extremist nationalist followers of Mossadeh, Zahedi coalition, would have a better opportunity to upset the new government.

From the military point of view, the important Bakhtiari tribe might stand as the balance of power. The Bakhtiari—like the Kashghar hard-shooting horsemen—lie athwart the road to Tehran. They are strongly pro-Shah. Queen Soraya is a Bakhtiari.

The remainder of Iran is firmly in Zahedi's hands.

In Rome, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi hurried preparations to fly back to the homeland from which he fled four days ago.

Zahedi in a radio broadcast invited Mossadeh to surrender to police headquarters or Tehran's military governor and added: "Then we will wait for the nation to say what should be done with him."

Egypt No. 2 Man Urges Total War

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Egypt's acting president, Vice Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser, opened the Moslem Feast of Bairam today with a call for Egyptians to prepare for total war against "British occupation."

His warning to Britons to evacuate their military forces from the disputed Suez Canal zone was cheered wildly by an estimated 100,000 Egyptians packing the big square outside the former royal palace. Nasser spoke in the absence of President Mohamed Naguib, who is on a pilgrimage to Mecca.

SP Derailment Slows Traffic

EUGENE (AP)—A freight train derailed 17 miles east of Oakridge Thursday delayed Southern Pacific freight and passenger traffic for nearly two hours.

Only one car of the 70-car train left the track, Vern Pildis, chief dispatcher, said. Five freight and two passenger trains were held up until the track was cleared.



GEORGE LEMATTA, Portland, was unloading watermelons for Safeway at 7th and Pine with his next step at Eugene.

CIO Strikes Southwest Bell Phone

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A strike against the Southwest Bell Telephone Co. began Thursday.

The company operates in six states. The strike involves 53,000 members of the CIO Communications Workers Union.

The walkout began after union representatives rejected a management wage offer.

Supervisory employees manned switchboards.

Southwestern Bell operates in Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and in Illinois near St. Louis.

Other developments included these:

Mobile, Ala.—A strike of train dispatchers on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad was called for 12:01 a.m. next Tuesday.

Cairo, Ill.—Representatives of 15 crafts and American Federation of Labor officials approved a "no strike" agreement covering construction work on a power plant at Joppe, Ill. The plant will supply power for an Atomic Energy Commission plant at Kevli, Ky.

Uncle Trades Car, Luggage For Jail Cot

MANSFIELD, Ia. (AP)—A young man walked into the De Soto Parish Courthouse yesterday and asked Sheriff Harmon Burgess if an uncle could sober up on a jail cot.

Burgess said the man put his uncle to bed and left, saying he would be back later for his luggage. A television set and several small appliances.

An alert was out today for a young man, about 20, driving an automobile loaded with luggage, a television set and several small appliances.



SHORT EXILE — Wearing dark glasses, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran and his wife, Soraya, arrive in Rome, Italy, after forced exile by Iran's dictatorial Premier Mohammed Mossadeh. In Rome the Shah received the news of an army coup by loyal army and police that overthrew Mossadeh. If ouster of the premier can be made to stick, Shah Pahlavi will return to power.

Reds Renew Disarming Plan Plea

MOSCOW (AP)—The Russians announced today that they have exploded a test hydrogen bomb of "great strength." They coupled their claim with a new call for international acceptance of a Russian disarmament plan, including a ban on atomic weapons.

(In Washington, the Atomic Energy Commission confirmed that it had information on a Soviet "bell-bomb" test conducted Aug. 12 but implied that the United States had produced similar reactions in the 1951 and 1952 tests at Eniwetok Atoll.)

This was the official Soviet announcement, as reported in the Communist party newspaper Pravda and broadcast by the Moscow radio to the Soviet people:

"Recently in the Soviet Union, the explosion of a type of hydrogen bomb was carried out with experimental aim. As a result of the possession of the mighty power of thermonuclear fission in the hydrogen bomb, the explosion was of great strength."

The test showed the power of the hydrogen bomb is many times greater than the power of atomic bombs."

The communists received only routine treatment in Pravda, appearing on page 2 under the heading: "Government Information on the Test of the Hydrogen Bomb in the Soviet Union."

The communists declared Soviet possession of the H-bomb offered no cause for alarm among peoples of other countries. It said the Russian government still favored international disarmament and a ban on weapons of mass destruction.

The Russian disarmament plan to which the Soviets referred today proposed a one-third reduction in conventional arms by the Big Five—the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China—as well as an outright and immediate ban on atomic and bacteriological weapons.

The West has repeatedly rejected the Russian plan on the grounds that it would permit international inspectors to check on Soviet atomic production only when and where the Kremlin decreed.