

New Hydrogen Bomb Tests Revealed By Atomic Group

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has triggered its second hydrogen blast in less than a month—even as waves of reaction from the epic March 1 explosion still were rolling through Congress and foreign capitals.

The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) disclosed the latest test detonation in a bare announcement last night. It said "the second test of the present thermonuclear series was successfully carried out on Friday, March 26."

AEC gave no hint of the intensity

of this latest blast, touched off in super-secrecy at the government's testing ground in the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands.

Bit by bit, the awesome power of the March 1 blast has been unveiled to the world.

From all indications, that explosion—which involved an actual, usable hydrogen weapon—exceeded scientific expectations. It is reported to have packed a wallop 600 or 700 times greater than the atomic bomb that virtually obliterated Hiroshima.

The AEC did not indicate whether an actual H-bomb was exploded last Friday, or whether the test "device" like the first one set off in the Marshalls in late 1952.

TESTS CONTINUE

The hydrogen tests are continuing.

Fathers' Advice Proves Right

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio (AP)—Wesley Orr, 35, of West Portsmouth told his son, "This is going to hurt me more than it will you."

He began paddling the boy. Shortly afterward, the father was taken to general hospital for treatment of a dislocated shoulder.

DEFENSE PACT

TOKYO (AP)—The House Foreign Affairs Committee today approved the U. S. - Japan Mutual Defense Pact and three accompanying agreements. The vote was 15-8.

uing and another, perhaps greater blast is anticipated in late April.

AEC said last night that "information highly important to national defense is being derived from this test series."

Rep. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) said the AEC will brief him and other members of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee today on the results of the latest blast.

Ever since the awesome details of the March 1 test began leaking, demands have been rising in Congress for President Eisenhower to let the public in on the real scope and significance of that explosion.

Just yesterday, Rep. Hollifield (D-Calif.), an atomic energy committee member, told the House he had written Eisenhower asking that the President end worldwide "confusion, fear and hysteria" growing out of the H-bomb test reports.

Until now, the President has declined to discuss in detail the March 1 explosion until he had had a briefing from Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the AEC. Strauss returned Sunday from the Pacific proving ground.

The most Eisenhower would say at his news conference last Wednesday was that the effects of the March 1 explosion were surprising even to the Americans who conducted the tests.

PICTURE RELEASE

However, the American people will get some idea of the meaning of a hydrogen explosion in about a week. The government is releasing a censored pictorialization of the pioneer 1952 test for exhibition April 7. That the hydrogen blast nearly a month ago went beyond advance scientific calculations was evident from the fact that radioactive debris and moisture penetrated past the safety zone blocked out by AEC's generally cautious experts.

Some American technicians and a number of natives on the island believed beyond danger suffered some radiation effects. And a Japanese fishing craft was showered by radioactive coral ash, though she was 80 miles from the blast center. Her 23 crewmen were

treated by Japanese and American doctors.

In Tokyo last night, Japanese health officials condemned as harmful radioactive an 80,000-pound tuna catch brought in by another fishing boat that was 200 miles from the explosion.

The mounting tensions over the March 1 blast were used by Japanese Socialists in the Diet yesterday as the basis for an attack on the pending U. S.-Japanese mutual aid pact.

In the wake of the March 1 test and its surprising force, the test

area has been enlarged considerably.

In Britain, Prime Minister Churchill was to answer a volley of searching questions today in the House of Commons, where both Labor and Conservative members have expressed concern about

Britain's future in the hydrogen-atomic age. London reports said Churchill may make a declaration of momentous importance.

And in New Delhi, Indian Prime Minister Nehru demanded a halt to experiments with the hydrogen bomb.

Actress, Aly Khan Meet In Mexico

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Gene Tierney's studio says she is returning today to a Mexican beach resort where she held a weekend meeting with Moslem Prince Aly Khan.

But the actress said before she left that they aren't married.

"We are not contemplating marriage at this time," she said by phone from a film location near Mojave, Calif. "Prince Aly's trip was merely one of friendship."

The prince and the actress reached the resort, Rosarito Beach, between Tijuana and Ensenada, by devious routes. Aly came from Paris, via Montreal and Mexico City. Miss Tierney and her mother flew from Hollywood to Mexico City Friday, a 20th Century-Fox spokesman said.

Miss Tierney returned to Mojave yesterday, to resume work in "The Egyptian." And last night she said she was headed for Mexico again.

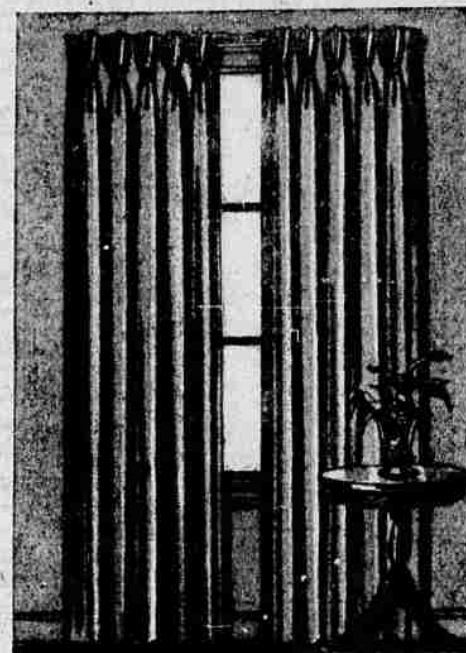
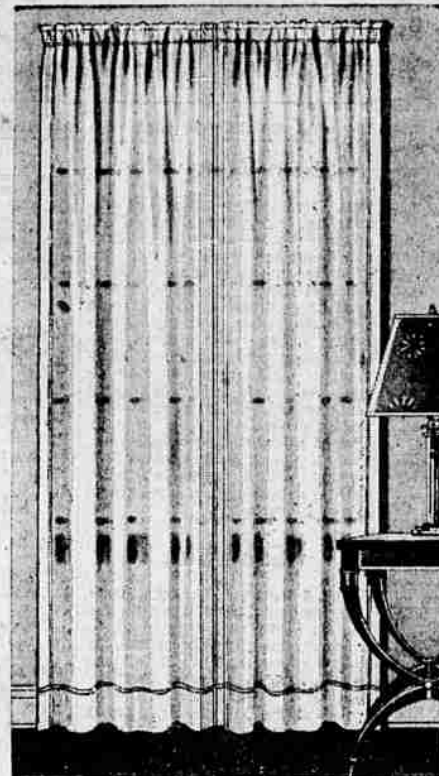
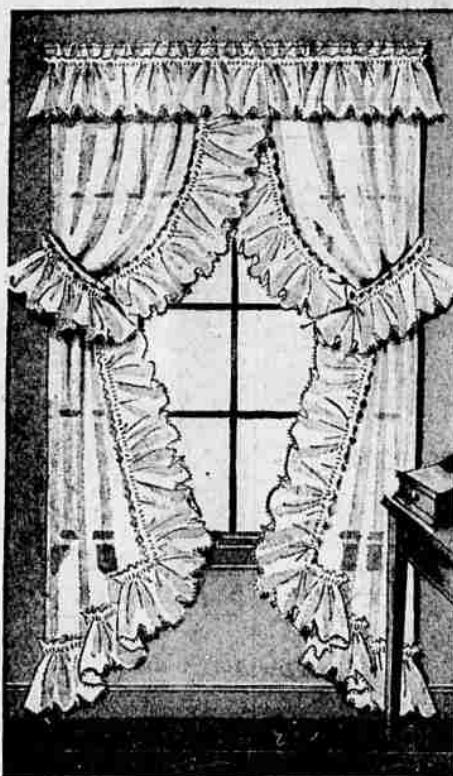
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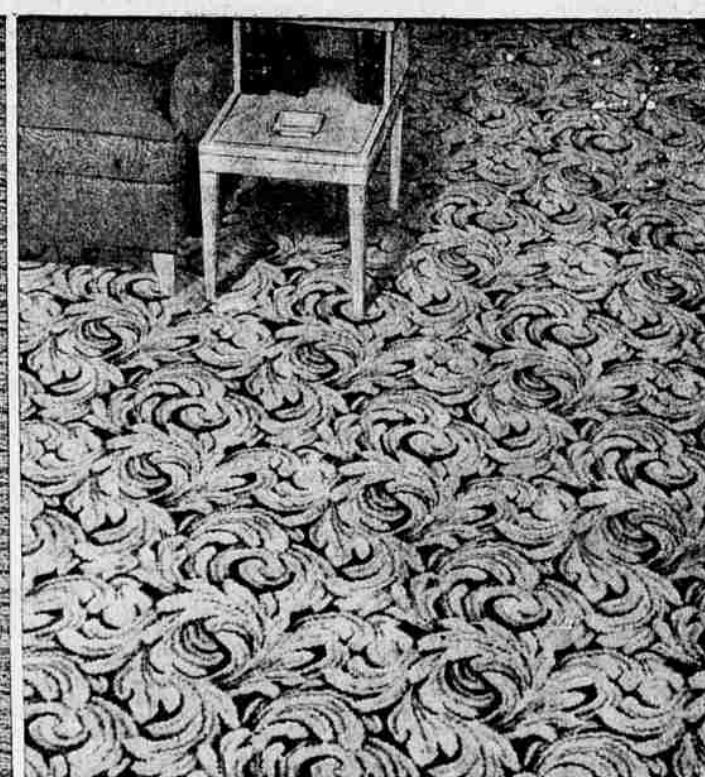
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