

U.S. Forges A-Bomb Test In Pacific

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is going ahead this spring with more atomic weapons tests in the Pacific. Apparently, however, it will tone down the nuclear blasts. In what amounted to an official rejection at this time of demands that all the big powers quit testing nuclear weapons, the Atomic Energy Commission and Defense Department announced last night:

1. Preparations are under way for a series of nuclear tests to begin this spring at the Eniwetok proving grounds in the Marshall Islands of the mid-Pacific.
2. Because there are no "effective international agreements" in effect to limit or control armaments, the United States must continually endeavor "to maintain the most modern, efficient military strength for the purposes of peace."
3. The tests will involve use of weapons for which the power will be "substantially below that of the maximum 1954 test." This reference, in a supplementary statement by AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss, was to the superpowerful blast of March 1, 1954.

That explosion, unofficially estimated to have been equal to energy released by the detonation of about 17 million tons of conventional TNT, brought trouble. Radioactive material falling out from the bomb cloud drifted outside the proclaimed safety zone. It descended on a Japanese fishing boat. The Japanese said the crewmen developed radiation sickness. One died. In nations like India and even in some aligned in common defense with the United States, including England, there were protests against further tests.

The joint AEC-Defense Department announcement said that one important purpose of the new series, while using only "weapons generally smaller" than that of the 1954 test shot, still will be powerful. Only weapons too big for safe use at the continental test site in Nevada are used at the Pacific proving ground.

William Franz Death Learned

LAKEVIEW — William P. Franz, 77, resident of New Pine Creek, died Wednesday at Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he was visiting friends.

He was born August 15, 1878, at Rosedale, Illinois. His wife, Lulu, died September 15, 1951, at New Pine Creek.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. J. E. St. Clair and Mrs. Layton Gentry, both of New Pine Creek; Mrs. Charles Mewhinney, Lakeview, and Mrs. Glenn B. Smith, Brighton, Illinois; a brother, Harry Franz, of Brighton; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Downs, Brighton, and Mrs. Rose Roddy, Wood River, Illinois; also 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 16, at 2 p.m. from the New Pine Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Eugene Barrows officiating; interment in the New Pine Creek Cemetery. Ouseley-Osterman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Rapist Faces Five Counts

SANTA ANA, Calif. (UP)—Jack James Walker, 25, who confessed he twice attacked Donna May Schurr, 18, Miss California of 1955, today faced five felony counts of kidnaping, rape and burglary.

The Orange County district attorney's office yesterday charged the upholderster with two counts of kidnaping, two of rape and one of burglary. Walker confessed he attacked Miss Schurr last March 26 as well as Tuesday night, when he was captured by the beauty's boyfriend, Lloyd Brett, 21, and officers.

Shapely Miss Schurr, who placed high in both the Miss U.S.A. and Miss Universe beauty contests, identified Walker as her assailant on both occasions.

Walker is married and the father of a child as well as expecting a second child. He said he became obsessed with desire after seeing bathing suit photographs of the beauty. He said he had a "yen" for her.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Kenneth Williams said Walker was saved from prosecution under the state's "Little Lindbergh" law which carries a possible death penalty, because he did not commit robbery during the kidnap-rape.

BASIN BRIEFS

Visita Home — Dorothea Brown, surgery nurse at the Yosemite National Park Hospital in California is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown of Henley, for a week.

Dance Classes — The dance classes by the Normandan dance school will start Saturday at 12 noon in the basement of the Chiquin Catholic Church. Any new pupils wishing to register may do so at that time.

Community Hall Work — Workers are needed this Sunday for work on the Olene-Pine Grove Community Hall. The work will begin about 10:30 a.m. If it storms the work will be done inside. The ladies will serve a potluck dinner.

Alturas — The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of North Star Chapter are holding a public card party at the new Masonic Temple in Fall River Mills on Saturday, January 14, starting at 8 p.m.

Bowling Tournament — The Alturas Men's Bowling League has set February 11-19, inclusive, as dates for the Alturas City Men's Association Bowling tournament. Bowlers must register prior to February 11 for the event in which they wish to participate. Four prizes will be offered for the team event, doubles, singles and all events.

March of Dimes — received \$25 this week from the Alturas Men's Bowling League, according to President Herb Stocking.

New Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McLain, Tulelake, are parents of a daughter, their first child, born Wednesday, January 11 at Klamath Valley Hospital. The little girl weighed seven pounds, has been named Mary Margaret. Grandparents are Mrs. Margaret McLain and Mr. and Mrs. John Takacs Jr. all of Tulelake. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Takacs Sr., Klamath Falls and Mrs. Fannie Cheyne, Portland, now visiting here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Hamann. The little girl was born into pioneer families of Klamath Falls and Tulelake.

Square Dance — The new Bachelor and Bachelorette Square Dance Club meets each Monday night, 8 o'clock at the Moose Hall, 1010 Pine Street. The club is for single people only of all ages. No married couples are eligible. You may come alone or with a friend and need not be a member of the Moose Lodge, as this club is open to the public. Instruction will be given, and both beginners and experienced dancers are welcome.

Cancellation — The Do-Si-Do Club has postponed its Saturday night dance from January 14 until further notice.

Neighbors — of Woodcraft regular meeting will be Monday, January 16, 8 p.m. at the KC Hall. All members not sewing are asked to bring materials for others to sew.

Meeting — of Theta Theta Roe Girls Club No. 8, will hold open installation in the IOOF Hall, January 16 at 8 p.m. All Bebeekahs, Oddfellows, parents and friends of the girls are invited to attend. There will be a program and refreshments.

CITY BRIEFS

AA Meet — An open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is set for 8:30 p.m. Friday in the AA Center, 120 Riverside. The meeting is open to anyone with an alcoholic problem.

Roosevelt PTA — monthly meeting will be January 17, 2 p.m., in the auditorium. The opening will be presented by the sixth grade students and entertainment provided by Miss Howe's and Mrs. Buck's sixth graders. Tea will be served by the fourth grade mothers, Mrs. Robert Veatch, chairman. A board meeting is called for 1 p.m., prior to the general meeting.

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Party — A public card party will be held at the Holy Cross Parish Hall in Tulelake at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17. There will be bridge and pinocchio prizes and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Away — Mrs. Sara Welch, elected city treasurer of Tulelake, is spending some time in Portland with a daughter, Mrs. Donna Robertson.

Banquet — Members of the Order of DeMolay, Tulelake, will entertain on Wednesday, January 25 at the annual Father-Son banquet at the Masonic Temple. Mother of the members will serve the dinner. A speaker from the Klamath Falls jet air base will be present to explain function and operation of the base.

Ill — Tulelake residents who have had surgery in Klamath Valley Hospital in the past few days include Lloyd Barry of Lloyd's Cafe, Mrs. Ronald Ward and P. W. Barnt, manager of the local office of the California Motor Vehicle Department. Barnt lost a leg in a highway accident near The Dalles several months ago and had further surgery after returning here. He plans to be able to return to the office in the next month or six weeks.

Surgery — Clyde Skelton, manager of The Inn at Tulelake, submitted to amputation of a foot on January 10 at Klamath Valley Hospital. Mr. Skelton, who also operated the Stronghold Cafe at one time, has been in ill health.

Missionaries To Speak

The Rev. and Mrs. Forrest C. Travaille, Presbyterian missionaries from Chiengrain, Thailand, will speak at 8 p.m., Thursday, January 19 at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church on South Sixth Street.

The Rev. Travaille, former pastor of the Merrill Presbyterian Church is now director of a cooperative farm which has been a unique experiment in rural Christian work overseas.

Slides of the work being accomplished under the experiment will illustrate the lecture.

Appearance of the visiting missionaries, now on furlough in the United States, is being sponsored by the Women's Association of the church.

All members of interested families are invited to hear the speakers. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. A nursery for young children will be provided.

Tule Election Deadline Set

TULELAKE — February 16 is the deadline for filing for the two and four year term council seats to be vacated this year by Virgil Barron and William Seigler. Seigler was appointed to fill out the unexpired term, left vacant by the resignation of Ross Ragland who moved to Klamath Falls. The election date is April 10.

Holder members of the council are Mayor Rolfe N. Rinabarger, Ed Duckett, water commissioner and John Burke Jr., street commissioner.

There will be no city issues on this year's ballot.

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SGT. LESTER FOLTZ JR.

KF Reservist Gets Promoted

A member of a Klamath Falls Army Reserve unit was officially notified this week of his promotion from corporal to sergeant.

He is Sgt. Lester Foltz Jr., 2334 Autumn Street, a member of Company C, 311th Military Police Battalion, which meets Monday evenings at the Klamath Falls Army Reserve Center, 432 Main Street.

Foltz, while still a corporal, was acting as supply sergeant for the company. The promotion is effective December 7, but the time required for processing the application for promotion delayed the notification until this week.

A clerk at the Klamath Falls Post Office, he is married and has two children.

His current Army Reserve enlistment began last July, when he transferred from the Naval Reserve. He entered the reserve as a corporal, the equivalent of his naval rank.

Prior to his Naval Reserve service, which began in January, 1953, he served for three years in the Army Reserve, a year on active duty with the National Guard and 13 months with the Naval Reserve. His first enlistment, in the Naval Reserve, was in February, 1947.

Arthur Wilson Trial Slated

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Arthur King Wilson, Reno lumberman, goes on trial in federal court Friday on a six-count indictment charging him with evading payment of \$118,076 in withholding and social security taxes.

Wilson pleaded innocent before Federal Judge Oliver J. Carter yesterday. If convicted, he could be sentenced to 30 years imprisonment and fined \$50,000.

The complaint charged Wilson with evading the taxes while head of the Coast Redwood Co., Inc., at Sarnon, Calif. It said that the amounts listed in the filed returns were not paid to the government and that Wilson had used the funds for his own use and in other corporations.

Excellent Skiing In Prospect

DUNSMUIR — Excellent skiing is the prospect at Snowman's Hill, on the McCloud Highway, this weekend. The snowpack measures about 48 inches.

Facilities include a ski tow operated by the Snowmen's organization, a warming hut with a concession serving hot food and special areas for beginners and those who prefer sledding.

The Snowmen are making arrangements with the recreational districts in southern Siskiyou County to provide ski-instruction for beginners. Classes for the children of Mount Shasta are expected to begin on Saturday morning.

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House Committee Hearing On Military Lands Recessed

LAKEVIEW — The hearings by the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs into public land withdrawals in the Western states for military installations have been recessed for a few days, according to word received here by Forrest Cooper, Lakeview attorney.

The department of justice and the department of defense are prepared to place before the committee their respective interpretations upon the judicial boundaries of the recent Pelton Dam decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

If the executive branch of the government is of the opinion that the Pelton decision applies to all the national forest, national defense and Taylor Grazing reservations heretofore and hereafter made, Congress is quite likely to forbid the creation of any more reservations of any type in the 17 western states, Cooper stated.

Such an interpretation by the executive branch, stated Cooper, will add fuel to a campaign that is currently being carried on by a group of Western senators, of both parties, under the leadership of Senator Frank A. Barrett of Wyoming, aided by the National Reclamation Association. The group will ask the Congress to provide that hereafter no agency of the federal government can lay claim to any water rights except those obtained in compliance with state law and that the federal government has no water rights in the Western states at the present time except as such rights may have been obtained pursuant to state law.

The state of Nevada and the U.S. Navy are currently litigating the question as to whether the navy can tap an underground basin of water without first obtaining a state permit. The navy recently applied for such a permit but withdrew its application immediately after the Pelton Dam decision was announced last June, Cooper stated.

Board Names Merrill Man

EUGENE (AP) — The soil bank plan is a sort of "vacation with pay for agriculture," but it will not solve all of the farm problem, G. Burton Wood said here Thursday.

The Oregon State College agricultural economist and member of the national Agricultural Advisory Commission, told the Oregon Dairymen's Assn. that it may take up to five years to find a farm solution.

He urged dairymen to help find the answer, not as Republicans or Democrats, "but as plain, old American citizens."

"The farmer has not shared in the general prosperity that others have had during 1955," Wood said, describing the year as the poorest in some time for the farmer but the best since 1930 for city dwellers and business in general.

Dairymen at the closing session of the three-day meeting elected George Hostetter, Redmond, president; Louis Weinstein, Ontario, vice president; Lawrence Geraghty, Merrill, second vice president; Harold P. Ewalt, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

R. M. Lyon of Junction City, Vernon DeLong of La Grande, Hans Leuthold of Tillamook and A. L. Guerber of Corvallis were named to the board of directors.

Delegates endorsed the soil bank proposal in principle, but said in a resolution that retired acres should not be harvested or used for pasture.

Airline Strike Meeting Asked

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Central Labor Council asked Western Air Lines management to a meeting in its offices Friday to discuss a method of resuming negotiations to end a strike that has grounded its planes.

A spokesman for the air line said the labor organization's invitation was being considered.

Western suspended its operations in 12 states and Canada on Monday after 850 reservation clerks, office workers and baggage handlers went on strike for higher wages. The walkout was called by the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers and Station Employees.

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