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## Outlook

By BILL JENKINS

A couple of months or so ago the AEC touched off an atomic bomb at least they said it was atomic instead of hydrogen deep in the heart of a Nevada mountain.

Just last week the bigwigs got around to telling the world why it was done and what happened. Not such a startling announcement as it would appear on the surface.

According to AEC Commissioner Lamon the purpose of triggering the blast underground was to see if atomic power could be trapped in such a natural cavern and then drained off gradually for peace time use. At present a well is being cut toward the hot spot and an effort will be made to drain off the power supposedly created by the blast.

It was a pretty good sized mountain and the blast is said to have made the whole rigging jump about six inches.

Now, I suppose that it might be said that such a project was a worthy one. And if it worked out perhaps it would be. But I am of the mind type that can more readily foresee trouble than any scientific achievement that is likely to help man.

In the first place, and it might be the last, too, what is to keep this pent-up atomic power in the bowels of the mountain from finding its own way to the surface via cracks in the earth, shattered stream beds, veins of shattered rock and other exit means? And if this can happen, as it must certainly can, what is to keep it from suddenly popping up under my house or yours or anyone else's and blowing us sky high? Or contaminating the water supply of a big portion of the West? Or any other number of horrid things?

Hydroelectric power with its resultant enormous political cost is had enough without having an atomic furnace created beneath our very feet.

And just to make the outlook even grimmer the scientific Johnnies came along last week and told us that we are in for a lot of big floods in the coming age. Such things as talking without using the mouth, vacationing on the moon, making food out of the air to feed seven billion people—and what, may I ask, is going to happen to the breakfast, radio, mail, thought transference and all the rest of it.

I must go on record as being opposed to it all. I can't imagine a worse world than one where thought transference was possible on a practical plane, for one thing. That would destroy the last vestige of privacy left in our fish-bowl world. And as for radio mail, I don't like either radio or mail now, so why create more horrors.

And to top it all off, Dr. James Bonner, whoever he is, predicts that deserts will be irrigated by sea water and the world would go on a vegetable diet.

If I have to live in a vegetarian world then better I go now than wait a world of semi starvation without even the smell of steak, gravy, biscuits and, during the season of course, the luscious odor of a grain fattened mallard cooking its way to savory excellence.

The outlook is grim indeed. I'm not enough that I think it high time to organize a group pledged to the idea of heading for the hills and the jungle life.

If there are any hills left.

## Misunderstanding

By FLOYD WYNNE

A case of misunderstanding appears to be brewing over the construction of the Boy Scouts training building adjacent to Kit Carson Way.

The misunderstanding appears to exist from several things for which the Boy Scouts are not to blame.

In the first place, the building is being constructed as a project of the Klamath Falls Lions Club and the directors of the Lions Club desired simply to go outside the confines of the club in building its monetary support with which to complete the building.

There is a number of residents of the city and the area in a quiet but persistent. This can be traced to the fact that the building is being constructed on a site which is owned by the United Fund.

When the United Fund provides the Boy Scouts and the other of its member charities with only operating expenses, it does not provide money for capital improvements.

The Boy Scouts have long needed a training center of their own. The Lions Club began in a month ago a drive to construct such a center as they wished. They first petitioned the Park Board for the right to build it on the

end of Veterans Park but were turned down. Later, they wanted to build on the Kit Carson right-of-way facing Portland Street, but had to abandon it because of the State Highway Department's demand for excessive payment for the property. Then, the Kiwanis Club graciously offered the present site for their use.

These negotiations went on over a period of several months. Were it not for these, undoubtedly the building would have been completed prior to any United Fund drive. But delays were encountered, and the project dragged.

The project was one of the Lions Club, not the Boy Scouts, and as such, the Lions were not bound by the provision in the U.F. charter.

Some people have blamed the failure of the United Fund drive to reach its goal on the Lions drive for funds for this building. It's an untrue charge. The Lions did not petition for their funds until the United Fund drive was virtually completed. The fact that the fund failed to reach its goal, I feel, can be attributed to other reasons, not this one.

The efforts of the Lions Club as well as the Boy Scouts desire to get an adequate training center cannot be anything but commended. A great deal of earnest effort is being made to provide this additional training center for the youth of our community, and certainly every effort should be made to assist in its construction rather than holding it back.

In fairness to the United Fund and Vince Rousquet, their statements criticizing the Boy Scouts was not meant as a condemnation, but rather as an indictment of procedures that, if consistently followed, could prove severely detrimental to the fund. Their point is well taken, but the Lions Club did not know of its provision, and certainly were victims only of their own eagerness to get the building completed for the scouts use.

The misunderstanding that arose, however, has hurt the Lions Club in their efforts to solicit financial support in the community to complete the building. This is to be deplored, and certainly everyone should be urged to lend their support to this very worthwhile project. The future of many of our young men, and their present training is at stake.

Let's forget the misunderstanding and all pitch in and help get the job done.

## Lady Lobbyist

By ROBERT J. SERLING,  
United Press

Iris Peterson is a dark-haired, amber-eyed, five-foot-two reason for wanting to be a congresswoman.

For Iris Peterson also happens to be one of Washington's 2,000 registered lobbyists, and while a lot of lawmakers want to dive under a desk at the approach of a lobbyist, no one has ever been seen diving under a desk when lobbyist Peterson approaches.

Iris officially is Washington legislative representative for the Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association.

Every Monday morning she boards a United Air Lines plane and "walks" the 3,000 mile non-stop flight to San Francisco, up and down the aisle as a United stewardess. She returns to Washington Wednesday evening—and spends Thursday and Friday working on her legislative job.

She's been a registered lobbyist for two years. . . a stewardess for six. And she confesses she was quite a bit more nervous the first time she approached a congressman than the first time she flew a trip.

"I've learned since they're pretty human people," Iris recalls. "But those first trips to Capitol Hill were murder. . . I kept expecting to get thrown out on my ear."

Larry Cates, Washington representative for the Airline Pilots Un-

ion, helped Miss Peterson out considerably. . . introducing her to key congressmen who handle aviation legislation. Now she has no qualms about lobbying all by herself.

What does an attractive airline stewardess lobby for?

Main target this past session was a bill to ban the serving of liquor on scheduled flights. Both the pilots and stewards and stewardesses unions feel the practice is potentially dangerous. . . that when you serve an alcoholic drink at high altitudes, you can get normally sober people intoxicated in a hurry and you can get people who've already been drinking really high. . . if you'll pardon the play on words.

The liquor bill didn't get out of committee, but Iris will be on the hill pitching for it again next session. And she'll also be lobbying for legislation to require more emergency training for stewardesses. As the pretty Miss Peterson puts it:

"Too many companies aren't training cabin attendants to handle emergencies, such as ditching and evacuation. Most of them require some training, but we believe in the majority of cases the training is inadequate."

Iris has mixed feelings about her Washington job—for which she's unpaid, by the way. She's intensely loyal to United—her own airline—and often walks an emotional tightrope fighting for her union but not wanting to say anything against her company at the same time.

She lives alone in a Washington apartment. . . makes her own clothes and also happens to be an expert at woodwork. Most stewardesses share living quarters but Iris frankly thinks that because of their odd hours, stewardesses often get a mite careless in housekeeping habits and she's a bear on tidiness.

As befits the prettiest lobbyist on Capitol Hill, of course.

## State Capitol News

By JAMES D. OLSON

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation wants the views of Oregon farmers heard on the important subject of taxes as they affect agriculture.

In a letter to Gov. Robert D. Holmes, the federation calls attention to a recommendation contained in the governor's inaugural address in which he had advocated that the State Tax Commission hold meetings in various agricultural centers of the state and gather factual information concerning the farmers views on taxation.

"To our knowledge, nothing has been done to implement this program," the letter stated. "While some might possibly construe the recent Oregon Planning and Development Department hearings as a sounding board for this subject, our membership firmly believes that the agricultural tax problems are such that they should be specifically considered at individual hearings for this purpose."

Immediate action is requested by the Farm Bureau, it being pointed out that farm real estate taxes have increased on the average of 6.9 per cent in the state of Oregon, and in some areas of the state, farm property taxes are so high as to virtually prohibit the sales of farm land.

What is the general effect of the tax program adopted at the recent special session? While a completely new schedule of tax rates will not be completed by the State Tax Commission for about 10 days, three examples have been obtained by this column from the research department of the commission. All are based on a married couple with two children, in three different brackets of income with standard deductions, dependency exemptions and credit for federal income tax payments.

In the \$4,000 annual salary group the new tax on taxable income will be \$36.88 as compared with \$48.60

which would have been due under the tax schedule adopted by the regular 1957 session. This is a 24.1 per cent deduction.

A married couple with two children with a gross income of \$6,000, after taking out deductions mentioned above would pay a tax of \$106.50 under the revised rates as compared with \$133.80 under the old rates, or a 20.4 per cent savings.

Finally, a married couple with two children with a gross income of \$8,000, the new tax would be \$199.10 as compared with \$241.82 under the 1957 regular session schedule.

Tax rates under the special session schedule range from three per cent on the first \$500 of taxable income to 9.5 per cent on all income over \$8,000. Rates imposed by the 1957 regular session ran from four per cent for the first \$500 to 11.6 per cent on all taxable income over \$8,000.

In addition to the tax reductions, amended House Bill 1, contains some fringe benefits including doubling of the \$6 tax credit for citizens over 65 years of age and with the blind getting an extra benefit by changing the \$600 extra exemption to a tax credit of \$18.

Of importance to both farmers and business are provisions for accelerated depreciation as well as for carry-forward of losses, included in this tax program. The provisions relating to accelerated depreciation allows for claiming greater part of the depreciation in the first year, scaling downward in the years to follow. This provision will apply to 1957 incomes.

The loss carry-forward provision of the law allows a taxpayer, be he a farmer or a businessman, or a corporation, suffering a large loss in one year, more than enough to equal his tax liability, may carry over the balance of the loss towards credit in future years. This program will apply to 1953 incomes payable April 15, 1959.

Tax Commission officials point out that farmers often have several bad years, followed by profitable ones. Under this provision the farmer-taxpayer has an opportunity of equalizing his losses over a number of years in place of losing a portion of it as tax credit after the initial year.

## Good Driving

By LLOYD NORTHAUD

United Press  
The attitude of a motorist toward driving is more important than his physical reflexes.

That's the belief of Charles Chayne—a vice president of one of the nation's leading auto companies.

He says the fact that a driver has good physical reflexes doesn't necessarily mean he won't wind up as an accident statistic.

In fact, Chayne has proof that some men with the most sluggish reflexes have outstanding driving histories.

"Traffic safety is a direct function of the driver's basic sense of responsibility. . . his attitude. . . his self-discipline. . . his psychology. . . or whatever you wish to call it," the executive said.

His conclusions are based on 33 years of experience with test drivers at his company's proving grounds. The drivers involved ran speedometers.

The results disclosed a remarkable fact. Some of the men with the most sluggish reflexes had the best driving histories. Apparently their overall good driving practices had more effect on their records than their physical equipment, according to Chayne.

The executive says the proving grounds had an accident rate of 16 for each 10 million miles of driving during the past nine years. The national accident rate is about three-and-a-half times greater.

He says 40 per cent of the accidents that occurred at the proving grounds during the period resulted from dozing at the wheel. The other 60 per cent were caused by what Chayne termed "Various degrees of driver inattention."

Chayne notes that of late much emphasis has been placed on the car and the highway in connection with driving safety.

"The driver has been wrongfully neglected," Chayne says. "If you carefully consider all facts, I think you'll agree it is with him that the secret of highway safety will be found."

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WINNIPEG, Man. — Harry A. Moon, an inventor, in describing his revolutionary cake of soap: "It's 10 feet long and seven feet wide. You just sit on it and slide up and down."

RIO DE JANEIRO—Louis Armstrong, in saying that final settlement of the racial situation in the United States will take some time.

"We can't change the people overnight. These things take time."

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



## Square Dancing Course To End

MOUNT SHASTA—The 10-week dances will be taught soon. He course in folk and square dancing that has been taught by the Mount Shasta Recreation District will end Saturday evening, November 30. The public is invited to attend the festival.

Jack Murtha, who has been the instructor for these lessons, says that further schooling, and more

Britain's imperial crown has nearly 3,000 diamonds and 300 pearls. It will accompany the Queen on her visit to the United States.

Men Old at 50 or 60! Recharge Body's Batteries — Feel Younger Fast!

Thousands who feel weak, worn-out at 40, 50, 60 blame fading vigor on premature aging, when real cause is just lack of invigorating iron and therapeutic dose Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, needed to recharge body's batteries. These sands are amazed at way potent, new and improved Oster's Tonic Tablets pep up blood, cells, organs, nerves. In just one day Oster's supplies iron equivalent to 16 dozen raw oysters, 4 lbs. of liver or 16 lbs. of beef. 5-day "get-acquainted" size only 69¢. All drugists.

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Foreign population in Indianapolis for the most part are German, Bulgarian and Syrian.

## Men Asked -- God Answered

Geo. N. Taylor

Years ago a New York State town saw a sweeping revival. The men of the church that sought revival, met night after night from November until April, pleading with God to turn the people to Christ. God was pleased to answer their prayers. More than one hundred received Christ as Lord and Saviour. — No man can come unto Me except God the Father who sent Me, draw him and I will raise him up the last day." Christ's word, John 6:44. Men prayed — God answered — the people acted.



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