

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower announced the other day that he will ask Congress to commit funds to build what may become the world's most powerful atom smasher. He suggested 100 million dollars as the sum to be committed by the congress.

If and when built, it will be located and operated on the Stanford campus at Palo Alto (Stanford scientists are proposing its construction). It will be two miles long.

It will take about six years to complete it.

What will it do?

The answer is frightfully technical. The scientists who are proposing its construction say the huge atom smasher should boost electrons to a speed just short of the speed of light (the speed of light in a vacuum is 186,284 miles per second) which scientists believe can not be exceeded.

These speeding electrons are expected to release new particles and anti-particles as their energy bombards the nuclei of atoms. All this, of course, is over our heads—a startling new idea clothed in language we do not understand.

This bombardment of the nuclei of atoms will provide facts leading to further understanding of the NATURE OF MATTER AND THE FORCES WHICH HOLD IT TOGETHER.

Put it this way:

You pick up a piece of matter—say a chunk of iron. What's it made of? It's made of a lot of small pieces called atoms. For purposes of illustrations, these atoms can be compared to the bricks that go together to make a house.

WHAT HOLDS THEM TOGETHER?

We don't know—any more than we know WHY the chunk of iron in your hand, if dropped, will fall down to the earth instead of going up to the sky, or floating in space. We have a name for the force that causes the chunk of iron to fall. We call it the force of gravity. But we don't know (yet) what it is, or how to control it.

It's the same with the force that holds matter together. We know there is such a force, but we don't know how to control it. This huge atom smasher is designed to help us to LEARN how to control it.

This we do know: Unlocking the secret of the force that holds matter together will lead us to limitless energy—which is another word for power. With limitless power at our command, there will be practically nothing we can't do. We can level mountains. We can divert rivers. We can tap the mineral resources that are contained in sea water—taking the minerals out for our use and leaving the FRESH WATER for our further use. And so on.

How to get the \$100 million? If we went at it intelligently and determinedly, it would be SO EASY to save 100 million UTTERLY WASTED dollars. The federal government of the U.S. probably wastes 100 million dollars every hour or so—not to mention the waste in our state governments.

The problem is to convince our politicians that our goal should be to have wisely so that we can spend intelligently.

Train-Auto Crash Fatal To 7 Youths

MATTOON, Ill. (AP)—Seven young people who had just left a high school dance were killed early Saturday, and one was critically injured in a grade crossing collision with an Illinois Central passenger train.

The 20-car Louisiana, New Orleans bound from Chicago, carried the auto a quarter of a mile. The dead were Jerry Hill, 18; Irene Moon, 16; Judy Green, 18; Dorothy Thomas, 16; Loraine Pfeiffer, 17, and her 18-year-old brother, Lisle, all of Shelbyville, Ill., and Jerry Mayes, 19, of Woodlawn, Ill.

Miss Thomas died in Mattoon Memorial Hospital several hours after the crash. The sole survivor was Ivan Moon, 22, brother of Irene. Mayes and Moon were University of Illinois students.

An Illinois Central spokesman said the passenger train normally sped 70 to 75 m.p.h. through the Mattoon area of east central Illinois.

The collision occurred at a dirt road crossing two miles north of Mattoon. The tracks run adjacent to U.S. 45 where police said the students, returning from the Shelbyville High prom, had turned off into the dirt road.

Comic Joe Cook Succumbs At 69

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP)—Joe Cook, America's legendary stage comedian, died Friday night at his home near here, the victim of a paralysis with which he had been afflicted for 17 years. He was 69.

Cook, whose merry career was cut short when he was 52 by Parkinson's disease, was famous for his four mythical Hawaiian routine as well as an extraordinary collection of juggling and zany antics.

Khrushchev May Discuss 'Detection'

LONDON (AP)—Nikita Khrushchev has told President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister MacMillan he is willing to discuss detection methods for high altitude nuclear explosions. The Soviet premier expressed hope for agreement "in the near future."

Moscow radio said Saturday night Khrushchev made the offer in messages sent to Eisenhower and MacMillan Friday. The messages were replies to notes from the Western leaders about 10 days ago.

"The reply contains consent to the carrying out in a short time of technical discussion on concrete measures concerning the method of detecting nuclear explosions at great heights," the broadcast said.

The Western powers have been pressing for study of high altitude test detection in the course of the Geneva conference on halting nuclear weapons tests.

Khrushchev expressed anew his approval of an idea submitted some time ago by MacMillan—the suggestion that inspection trips by test control teams should be limited to an agreed number each year.

The inspection problem lies at the root of the long deadlock over controlling a nuclear test ban. The West refuses to give up nuclear weapons unless they are sure the U. S. S. R. does the same. And the Soviet government shies away from allowing observers free access to its territory.

Khrushchev's latest message suggested a modification of the MacMillan scheme.

The Soviet premier said he would be willing for the agreed number of inspections to be revised from time to time—"say once every two years."

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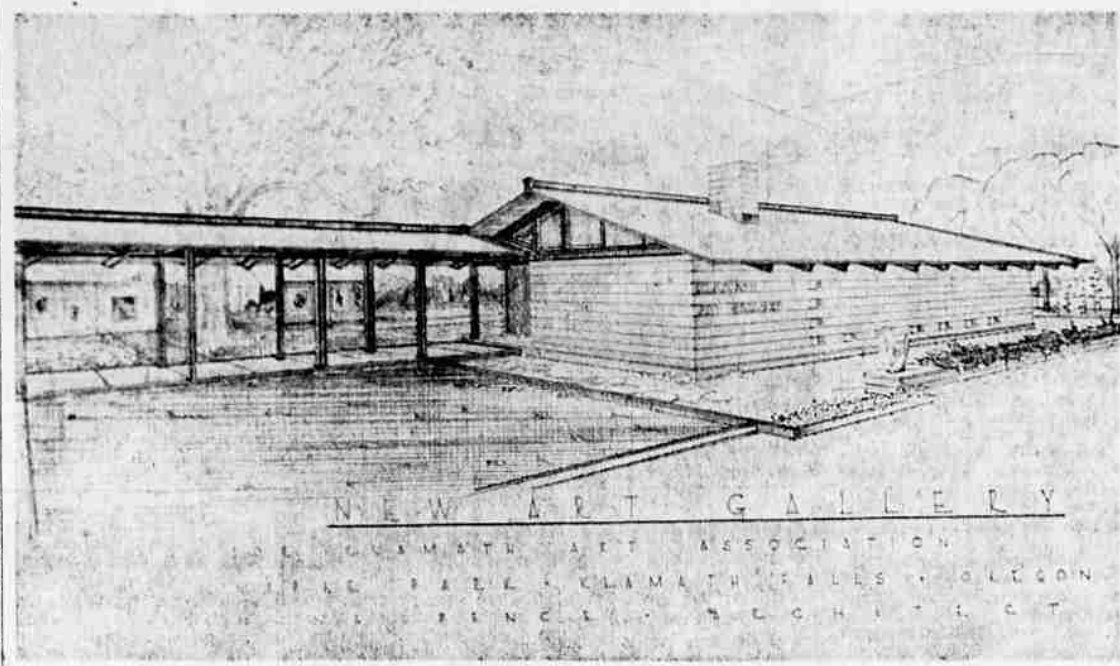
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and material can be raised in time. The gallery would connect by breezeway to the Rufus Moore home, which would be converted to an art workshop.

Campaign For Art Gallery Progresses

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Boys Embrace Father, Even After Torture

NEW YORK (AP)—Two boys, aged 4 and 5, their hands swathed in bandages, embraced their father outside the Queens Felony Court Friday. They hugged and kissed him repeatedly.

Then they went inside and told how he had held their hands over a gas jet on the kitchen stove to punish them for stealing.

The two boys had stolen bubble gum and candy while on a shopping trip with their mother, who made them give the things back. Later she told the father.

The older boy, his feet dangling far off the floor as he sat in the witness chair, said "He held my hand over the stove, first one, then the other. Then he did the same to Donald. Mommy put bandages on us, but she told Daddy to put my hands on the stove."

The boy, Arthur Murray Jr., said his 23-year-old mother, Arlene, stood right there while the punishment was carried out.

The 27-year-old father, an 85-a-week plumber's helper, was released on \$500 bond on an assault charge. There are two other sons in the family.

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Western Powers May Segregate Berlin In Talks

GENEVA (AP)—The Western powers Saturday were reported willing to discuss Berlin apart from their package plan for Germany in an attempt to break the deadlock with the Soviets.

The Big Four foreign ministers conference recessed over the weekend with the Soviets still insisting on the signing of a peace treaty with the two German states above everything else.

But hope persisted among Western diplomats of finding a formula for agreement on the future of divided Berlin. The crisis triggered by the Soviet demand for Western withdrawal from West Berlin is expected to move steadily to the fore as the second week of the conference develops.

Whether there is any basis for agreement, however, remains to be seen, for the Soviet Union has so far stood firm on its demand for demilitarization of West Berlin, and the Western powers are standing pat on their refusal to abandon the Communist-encircled city.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter is flying to Rome today for a quick one-day goodwill visit. French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville is going to Paris for consultations with President Charles de Gaulle. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd are staying in Geneva.

Gromyko and his advisers—presumably in long-range consultation with the Kremlin—were reported preparing a point-by-point reply to the Western package plan. Gromyko has already turned down the package as a whole, denouncing it as a tangle of unrelated issues which would make any progress here impossible.

Western officials say he may pull various points out of the parcel and seek to discuss them individually. Berlin is one such issue, even though Communist spokesmen have rebuffed the specific Western proposal for merging West and Communist East Berlin into a single city under four power guarantees.

Another possibility foreseen by Western experts is that Gromyko may try to extract further concessions from the Western powers regarding direct negotiations between East and West German representatives.

In their plan for Western ministers offered creation of an East-West German committee to draft

an all-German election law. Gromyko may try to expand that to meet his proposal for East-West German government negotiations on reunification.

Gromyko countered Friday with his own proposal—which on the main point of a German peace settlement is the exact reverse of what the West proposed.

Instead of making a peace treaty with a united Germany, Gromyko called for immediate conclusion of a peace treaty to be signed with both East and West Germany and then leave up to them the whole reunification problem.

The study actually will be made with the help of the State Tax Commission, which must examine county tax ratios anyway, and is to begin this week.

Thus did the board reply, in part, to a hastily-organized taxpayers' group from Hot Springs that leveled a 10-gun barrage at the assessor's office property assessments in general late last week.

The taxpayers, calling themselves the Klamath County Taxpayers League and headed by Fred Hoagland, appeared before the board and representatives of the State Tax Commission to voice complaint against assessments that have risen from 33 to 120 per cent in their part of the city.

They also passed out a "statement" that offered pungent suggestions—including an investigation of the assessor's office.

To this approach the board, and he state officials—including Tax Commissioner Charles Mack—listened with concerned interest.

Hoagland, with two other taxpayers, Rudy Jacobs and Ted Durum, appeared in a crowded meeting in the county court chambers where the board, the county court, Mack and three state personnel, much of the assessor's staff and some members of the Jackson County Board of Equalization had gathered to thrash out the problem.

The problem was enumerated by the taxpayers in this fashion: "The assessor has reappraised only a small portion of the county (under a new formula). We have no quarrel with the formula but we do request that this assessed valuation be kept off the tax rolls until all properties within the county are reappraised on the same basis."

They specifically protested that (a) their "assessment is not reasonably proportionate . . . to the rest of the county;" (b) that property "is not assessed at its true cash value applied uniformly to all classes of property;" (c) that "the method, if any, of increasing the appraisal to 100 per cent of true cash value is inequitable and not uniform . . . ;" and (d) that "until there is a fair equitable and uniform method of reappraisal . . . the assessed value remain the same."

To these objections, the officials called upon Al Thomas, a representative from the state attorney general's office, who said basically that the assessor has an obligation to perform his job under laws and may be presumed to be doing just that. The taxpayers, Thomas said, were presenting their situation, but to make a case must present evidence on the other side—that shows other areas are not being assessed in the same manner.

The taxpayers' presentation also had these suggestions: 1. That the State Tax Commission investigate the assessor's office. 2. That the county and state combine forces for a complete reappraisal of the whole county by May 1961.

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Missile Test Center Strike Maintained By Carpenters

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A federal mediator scheduled separate meetings Saturday with contractors and Carpenters Union representatives in another effort to settle a strike that has idled more than 3,000 workers at the missile test center and nearby Patrick Air Force Base.

Mediator John A. Kennedy reported no progress after meetings with both sides Friday.

About 400 carpenters struck Friday morning in a wage dispute with the Associated General Contractors. But by Friday night, most off-base contractors had signed individual agreements with the union.

Still on strike were 115 carpenters employed at the test center and the air base. They set up picket lines at the military facilities and nearly 3,000 other union

employees refused to cross them. More than 2,000 other union workers, however, did not honor the picket lines.

Work was slowed on nearly five million dollars worth of military construction. The strike was not expected to interfere with missile launches.

Contracts signed by individual contractors reportedly granted the union what it sought—a one-year contract with a 25-cent-an-hour pay increase retroactive to April 1, the date the old contract expired.

Contractors working at the military installations belong to the Patrick Air Force Base Contractors Assn. and bargain collectively. They have offered a staggered 35-cent-an-hour wage boost over a two year period.

The carpenters now average \$2.85 an hour.



A CLEANUP parade in Klamath Falls, as part of "Cleanup, Paintup, Fire Prevention Month," found these citizens on a city fire truck. On top, from left, Lerri Mitchell, Barbara Walrath and Ruth Mitchell, all of Girl Scout Troop 85. Standing are Ben Phillips, Lawrence Mitchell, Frenchie Rich-

ard, Denny Mitchell and Fire Chief Roy Rowe. Tuesday is Cleanup Day. Residents who want trash they have piled ahead away may call the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.