

Administration Working To Stop Nuclear Arms Race

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy and his top associates are trying to work out a "serious and precise" formula to halt the global arms race and lessen the danger of global holocaust. The task is truly formidable but the compulsions of the atomic age spur on the new effort.

The administration hopes to have ready by midsummer a comprehensive proposal for general arms control to present to the Soviet Union and other major powers. Kennedy is committed to try again for the agreement with Russia which has eluded negotiators for many years.

Meanwhile, the atomic "Big Three" — the United States, Britain and Russia — are resuming their marathon negotiations on one segment of the arms problem. This concerns a proposed treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests — under discussion off and on for 28 months.

The lengthy quest for arms control which might lead eventually to complete disarmament always has broken down in recent years in disagreement on the basic issue of control and inspection procedures to police the program.

Now the general disarmament picture has been complicated by Red China's insistence upon being consulted and France's breakthrough on the nuclear front.

On the question of control and inspection, the United States and

College Professor Decides To Be Professional Clown

EAST LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — Dr. Charles Boas, assistant professor of geography at Michigan State University, has decided he will be a lot happier as Charlie the clown.

That's why a family of six will pull up stakes here sometime this week and hit the sawdust trail.

Boas, an assistant professor since 1953, decided last fall to let his year of education which led to a doctor's degree rest while he sought out his hobby.

He worked last summer as a clown in a circus and took some engagements as a funny man during the school year.

Last September he decided to

Pair Makes Legal

EDINBURGH, Scotland (UPI) — The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Chambers is legal now after all these years.

It was back in 1933 that Chambers and his fiancée, Janet, arrived at the marriage office only to find it locked and the staff gone home.

"Well," said Harvey to Janet, "how about that. I'll just put the ring on your finger and we'll go home and carry on just as if everything went off all right."

And so they did, for 28 years. Mrs. Chambers, now 59, told a court Friday. She said she and her husband had five children.

Court President Lord Clyde ruled that what was good enough for the husband was good enough for the law. He granted Mrs. Chambers' plea to legalize the common-law marriage.

Announces Birth

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — He was too far from home to pass out cigars, so James Shackelford used a newspaper ad to announce the birth of his son.

The classified ad read: "Notice. On March 6, 1961, the sweetest wife in the world presented me with a son. God bless all mothers. May all husbands love their wives as I do mine."

The father is in San Antonio, Tex., training with the Tennessee National Guard.

SHOULD HAVE WAITED

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI) — Homer Kelly punched his sister-in-law in the nose a day early.

City Judge Ed Keating told Kelly that if the case had come up on St. Patrick's Day, he might have been tempted to go easy. As it was, Kelly was fined \$10 and costs.

allies have insisted that any arms limitation agreement must provide for foolproof procedures to guard against violations of the pact.

The Soviet Union has demanded that first there be a formal agreement on disarmament before any attempt is made to set forth procedures to police the treaty. The West says this is too risky. The Kremlin claims Western inspection and control proposals are nothing but plans for disguised espionage.

Recurrent efforts to negotiate disarmament have tended to take on the aspect of East-West propaganda battles, with each side seeking to convince the world that it is the only one sincerely working for control.

President Kennedy's top disarmament adviser, John J. McCloy, and other officials in the field recognize that secrecy is one of the big military assets of the Soviet Union and its closed society. It is an asset which the Kremlin is not expected to bargain away cheaply, if at all. Some U.S. officials feel that it may never be possible to get the Russians to abandon their pathological dread of surveillance to the point of accepting a reasonable inspection system.

When President Eisenhower in 1956 offered his "open skies" idea for aerial inspection of all territory to guard against surprise attack and police a disarmament agreement, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had a blunt answer for the American ambassador: "Does Eisenhower think I'm a fool. I know where his military installations are; he doesn't know where mine are."

Communist China's growing might presents Western officials with another problem in the disarmament picture. President Eisenhower had assumed that if an agreement were reached with the Soviet Union, the Kremlin could persuade Red China to abide by its terms. Khrushchev apparently encouraged that idea.

Now, however, Chou En-lai has said that Red China will recognize no disarmament agreement or nuclear test ban unless it has had a hand in the negotiations.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk has acknowledged that this presents a difficult problem, since the United States refuses to recognize or deal with the Peking regime. But Rusk admitted publicly that it would be impossible to conceive of a workable disarmament agreement if Red China were not included.

The United States for many years considered that an agreement on disarmament would be impossible until the political disputes between Russia and the West were removed. However, under British pressure, the American government came around to the idea of trying to reach arms and other agreements despite inability to settle political differences.

see if he would like to be a clown the year-round.

"It isn't that he doesn't like teaching or that the university hasn't been good to us," said his wife, Kathleen. "Quite the contrary. He loves teaching."

"This is a hobby that grew to the point where he wants to try his luck at making a career of it," said Mrs. Boas.

The resignation Boas turned into MSU officials last September becomes effective Monday but the family hasn't set a definite date for leaving.

"Our boy just had his tonsils removed and isn't scheduled to have his final checkup until next Friday," said Mrs. Boas.

The boy is Charles, 5, whom the family calls "Toby." The other children are Laura, 4; Mary, 18 months, and Elizabeth, 2 months.

First stop after they leave here will be Scottsboro, Ala., where the Penny Bros. Circus has its winter quarters.

Mrs. Boas said she was "just as anxious" as her husband for him to try his luck at being a full-time clown. "I think he's good. He's not a fool-type nor an acrobat, but he has some wonderful devices and routines."

Boas joined the MSU faculty after being a teaching fellow at the university while taking his doctoral degree. The 34-year-old native of Harrisburg, Pa., took his undergraduate work at Lafayette College and received his master's degree from the University of Virginia.

He also formerly served as a research analyst in Washington with the Chief of Naval Operations.

River Skipper Gets Revenge

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Tugboat Captain Sam Marunich was vexed when he lost his job with the Iron City Sand and Gravel Co.

But his former employers feel he carried his anger a bit too far.

The 52-year-old river veteran, arrested Friday by the FBI, journeyed to Industry, Pa., and cut loose the moorings of three barges.

One floated 11 miles down the Ohio River before sinking. The other two made it to East Liverpool, Ohio, before they were recovered. Damage amounted to \$40,000.

Marunich was freed on \$500 bond pending a hearing.

Unsafe Driver

DETROIT (AP) — A \$40,000 damage suit names Nancy McNamara, 5, as a defendant. It says Nancy was "inexperienced, unskilled and unqualified to ride a bicycle."

Alfred Winkler, 34, of suburban Livonia, sued fellow townsman Nancy and her parents Monday for injuries he said he suffered when struck by the girl's bicycle last May.

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The committee Friday wound up hearings on the subject with a sharp argument between two noted scientists—Dr. Albert Sabin and Dr. Jonas Salk.

Salk, discoverer of the injected vaccine now being used, said his type of remedy was doing fine and should continue to be the prime ammunition in the fight against polio.

But Sabin said that while the Salk vaccine is doing a good job, only his own oral version, which is not yet in production in the United States, could eradicate the disease.

Roberts, D-Ala., wouldn't get

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EDWARDS AFB, Calif. (UPI) — One day this week an Air Force pilot in the sleek rocketship X15 will try to fly 150,000 feet high, higher than any living human has ever been in an aircraft before.

The new expected altitude mark will exceed the plane's previous high of 136,500 feet, set last Aug. 12, by 13,500 feet. The same craft March 7 set a world speed record of 2,905 miles an hour.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Friday announced the new altitude mission will be the second step in the government's research program for the X15.

Of primary concern to the scientists rather than the speed and height achieved in this week's test will be the reaction of the plane and its pilot.

Experts said the altitude mission will follow a ballistic trajectory after it is launched from beneath its B52 carrier plane, flying some 150 miles east of this desert base.

The X15 will be operating at 73 per cent of thrust as it knifes through the sky to 100,000 feet where the pilot will shut off the engine, letting the plane's momentum carry it to its maximum predicted height—150,000.

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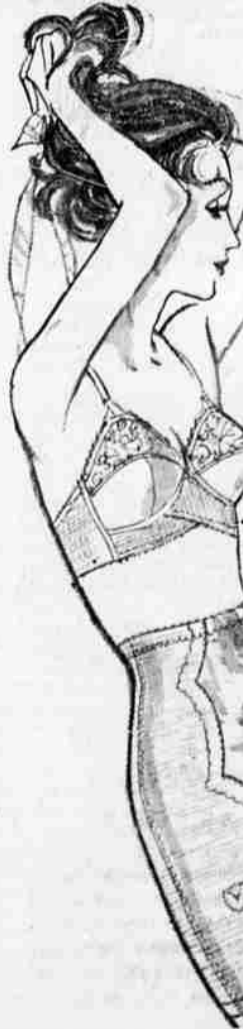
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