

By FRANK JENKINS
As this is written, about mid-morning, it is assumed that the Soviets have exploded their whopper bomb—presumably a 50 megatonner, the largest ever exploded by man.

It was reported first from Sweden's Uppsala University. A short time later, the French Atomic Energy Agency announced in Paris that it had detected a "very, very powerful explosion—probably of the 50 megaton size."

About the same time, the Japanese government's central meteorological agency reported in Tokyo that its observatory in Akita, in northern Japan, began receiving shock waves just before midnight last night, which it believed to be from Russia's reported superbomb explosion.

What is our reaction—if it happened?

Secretary of State Rusk promptly referred this morning and gave his backing to a statement made by Roswell Gilpatrick, our deputy secretary of defense, on Saturday night at a meeting of the U.S. Business Council at Hot Springs, Virginia, in which he said:

"The U.S. has a nuclear RE-TALIATORY force of such lethal power that an enemy move which brought it into play would be an act of self-destruction on his part. Even if the Soviet Union launched a surprise attack on us we could strike back with a blow fully as heavy as the enemy's initial onslaught."

He added: "The U.S. has TENS OF THOUSANDS of vehicles with which to deliver nuclear power upon its target."

Asked this morning in Washington what makes it possible for the administration to speak out so confidently and positively on U.S. military power, Secretary Rusk replied:

"I think this is a point about which there ought to be more general public understanding, because when you are in problems of negotiation the question inevitably comes up whether you are negotiating from a position of strength or a position of weakness—or whether you have cause to be nervous or confident."

Secretary Rusk wants it understood that we are negotiating from a position of strength.

It was plain in Washington this morning that the text of the Gilpatrick speech at Hot Springs had been given "the highest possible clearance."

Which is to say: We are telling the Russians: BRING ON YOUR BEARS. That's about the only way to deal with communists. If we show signs of hesitation or fear, they'll be on us like a pack of wolves.

Incidentally—You may ask: "What's a megaton?" It comes from a Greek word meaning "great, mighty." In the metric system, electricity, mechanics, etc., "mega" means A MILLION TIMES. So a 50 megaton nuclear bomb would be a bomb equal in explosive power to 50 million tons of TNT.

Crash Victim Still Serious

A 41-year-old Merrill man, Robert Burns, injured late Saturday afternoon in a two-car crash that killed the other driver, was still in serious condition Monday morning in Klamath Valley Hospital.

Burns' car collided with one driven by Kenneth K. Wallan, 63, 4612 Thompson Street, at the intersection of the Merrill Gravel Pit Road and the Lower Lake Road southwest of Merrill. Wallan, proprietor of Ken's Fixit Shop of Klamath Falls, was killed in the wreck.

State police said Burns had sustained head and chest injuries. Two of Wallan's grandsons, who were passengers in his car, were thrown out of the car. The grandsons, Larry Whitney, 15 and Scott Whitney, 3, 2118 Ward Street, were treated and released from the hospital.

Police said Burns was eastbound on the Lower Lake Road while Wallan was going north on the Gravel Pit Road. According to the police report, Wallan ran a stop sign and Burns' car smashed into the door next to Wallan. Wallan's car continued on 110 feet, went up a six-foot embankment and rolled over three times, coming to rest on its wheels.

Burns' car, according to police, was knocked about 40 feet. Wallan's body was taken to Ward's Klamath Funeral Home. It was the 15th traffic death of 1961 for Klamath County.

Weather
Klamath Falls and vicinity—Cloudy with occasional showers through tonight; partly cloudy Tuesday with snow in mountains. Low tonight 25-30; high Tuesday 45-50.
High Sunday 48
Low last night 32
Precip. past 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 .26
Same period last year .56

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Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area—Scattered showers today and tonight; rain Tuesday with snow above 5,000 to 6,000 feet.
Northern California—Rain north to Eureka and Mt. Shasta today spreading to vicinity of Santa Rosa by Tuesday morning; otherwise cloudy through Tuesday, snow in northern mountains above 6,000 feet.

Russians Trigger Giant Explosion

Troops Escort Diplomat Through Communist Line

BERLIN (AP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay today blamed Communist East German police for "irresponsible and illegal behavior" causing an incident on the border involving U.S. troops.

Clay, President Kennedy's special envoy in Berlin, spoke up after a squad of U.S. troops twice marched into Red-ruled East Berlin Sunday night with bayonets fixed to escort E. Allan Lightner Jr., top State Department official in Berlin. East German police had stopped Lightner's car. The East Germans did not try to interfere with the U.S. soldiers.

The U.S. soldiers were backed up by three Patton tanks that moved up to the border. The tanks stood guard through the night but were withdrawn this morning. But East German police at the border were reinforced.

The behavior of the East German people's police, "created the incident and forced the United States to send a military escort into the Soviet sector to assist the U.S. minister in exercising his right of free entry and free movement in the Soviet sector," the statement said.

Lightner is deputy chief of the U.S. mission, ranking behind the U.S. ambassador to West Ger-

many. As top State Department official in Berlin, he holds the rank of minister.

Protests were expected from the Communists against the action of the American troops in escorting Lightner into East Berlin.

Lightner, driving to an East Berlin theater with his wife, was stopped by East German Vopos—People's Police—when he refused to show his identification papers.

The Western powers do not recognize the East German regime and maintain the Vopos have no right to check vehicles with Allied license plates.

The Vopo captain in charge of the Friedrichstrasse checkpoint charged Lightner had been drinking and deliberately injured a Vopo guard by ramming him against another car.

It was believed to be the first armed American incursion into Communist territory in Berlin since the city was split into occupation sectors after the end of World War II.

The Vopo captain said grimly, "The Americans will hear more about this."

Hammarskjold Honored By Posthumous Award

OSLO, Norway (AP)—The Nobel Peace Prize for 1961 was awarded today to Dag Hammarskjold, who perished on a peace mission in the Congo.

The delayed peace prize for 1960 went to Albert John Luthuli, a Zulu Christian leader in South Africa, for his efforts to alleviate racial discrimination. Luthuli is the first African to receive the prize, worth 250,232 kroner—\$48,640. The Nobel Peace Prize Committee of the Norwegian Storting (Parliament) last year postponed its award.

Hammarskjold became the first man to receive the prize posthumously. The U.N. secretary-general was killed Sept. 18 when his plane crashed en route to Ndola, Northern Rhodesia. He was seeking to end the fighting between Katanga and U.N. forces by negotiating with President Moise Tshombe of Katanga Province.

Hammarskjold, Swedish aristocrat who headed the executive branch of the United Nations from 1953 until his death, was mentioned as a candidate last year after organizing a U.N. force that halted the chaos in the Congo in mid-summer of 1960. However, the closing date for the list of candidates is Feb. 1 of the year of the award.

The prize committee's statement gave no specific reason for Hammarskjold's award. The prize will be placed at the disposal of Hammarskjold's estate.

In view of the early closing date for nominations, Hammarskjold must have already been under consideration at the time of his death.

Luthuli, a former Zulu chief, is one of the most respected African

leaders among South Africa's 10 million blacks.

Head of the now outlawed African National Congress, Luthuli has been banned from public life and held in detention periodically for most of the past eight years by South Africa's white supremacist government.

His moderation earned the respect of those South African whites who want the government to soften its segregation policies. South Africa's colored Peoples Congress nominated Luthuli for president after South Africa withdrew from the British Commonwealth and became republic.

Funds for the peace prize were left by Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite.

The prize is awarded to the man in the world who in the words of Nobel's will "has done the most or best to further brotherhood amongst the peoples to abolish or cut down the standing armies and to create or further the work for peace congresses."

Rusk Nixes Red Talks

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk sees no prospect of immediate negotiations with the Soviet Union over Germany and Berlin.

Rusk made the statement Sunday shortly before U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson left for Moscow where he eventually is expected to resume exploratory talks with Soviet officials on the Berlin issue. Thompson is scheduled to arrive in Moscow Tuesday.

In a television interview (ABC—Issues and Answers) Rusk made it clear the West is negotiating from a position of strength. He said that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev "must know that we are strong."

Rusk said he was among top government officials who approved a speech Saturday night in which Deputy Defense Secretary Roswell L. Gilpatrick said that U.S. nuclear weapons were numbered in the "tens of thousands." These are the facts in the present situation," he added. "I think that it is important for our public and the rest of the world to know the essential facts."

Roof Falls In Theater

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—The ceiling of a neighborhood movie house collapsed Sunday night, plunging the fantasy world inside into a real-life nightmare.

One woman was crushed to death under the tons of rubble. Officials said 50 or more persons, including many children, were hurt, apparently none critically.

"I screamed and screamed and jumped under the seat and screamed some more as all this stuff fell on top of the seat," said Ida Montelare, 13.

She escaped unhurt but her cousin, Michael Lenz, 7, was injured. Bruised and stunned as he was led to an ambulance, Michael said over and over: "I ran and I crawled."

An audience estimated at 65 to 100 was in the one-story Nola Theater—about 5 miles east of downtown New Orleans—watching the thriller "Homicidal."

Fire Chief Howard Dey said the projectionist told him there was a sudden crackling noise. A few seconds later, a two-foot layer of plaster and steel mesh fell from the 35-foot ceiling. It dropped in one massive piece like a blanket, covering the entire 400-seat theater except for the last four rows.

Heavy palls of dust clogged the air as crawling rescue workers cut a hole near the center of the rubble to pull out the body of Mrs. Bertrand Odinet, 64.

Rayburn Weak

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—House Speaker Sam Rayburn was reported late Sunday "to be weaker and less alert than he has been recently."

A bulletin released by Baylor Hospital, where the 79-year-old Texas Democrat is ill with incurable cancer, said his condition remains serious.

Trujillos Flee Nation

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic (AP)—The Trujillo family's two luxurious pleasure yachts today were reported ferrying members of the dynasty into self-imposed exile from the strife-torn Dominican Republic.

Gen. Jose Arizmendi Trujillo, a brother of the late Generalissimo Raphael Trujillo, reportedly boarded the luxury yacht Presidente Trujillo during the weekend and headed for some Caribbean port, presumably Martinique, to catch a ship for Spain.

The four-masted sailing ship Angelita, on which Hollywood beauties frolicked with the generalissimo's son Ramfis, was reported en route to Bermuda to pick up another brother of the assassinated dictator, Gen. Hector B. Trujillo, and his American-born wife, the former Alma McLaughlin.

But despite continuing unrest and the possibility that the 31 years of Trujillo rule might be drawing to a close, there was no indication that Ramfis—Gen. Raphael Trujillo Jr., the chief of the Dominican armed forces—had any intention of fleeing. Both he and President Joaquin Balaguer have rejected opposition demands that all the Trujillos and particularly Ramfis get out.

Rock-throwing mobs continued to battle police in at least two provinces, and at least one man was reported killed about 120 miles north of Ciudad Trujillo.

The leader of the largest opposition faction warned Balaguer that unless government-backed terrorists were put out of action, the population would be invited to declare itself under curfew, with no one leaving their homes after 7 p.m.

Fire Strikes Ocean Liner

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP)—Fire burned out an Italian liner within sight of this British West Indies port today after all but one of the 750 persons aboard escaped.

All hope was abandoned for salvaging the 17,321-ton Bianca C., which burst into flames Sunday night shortly after anchoring about a mile off shore.

Maritime officials were investigating reports of an explosion before the fire.

The rescue was carried out smoothly in calm Caribbean seas. Chief engineer Rodizza Napule was killed and eight crewmen injured, but there were no reports of casualties among the 400 passengers.



SCHOOL DEDICATION — Keys to Lucile O'Neill school were handed around in this picture taken during the dedication ceremony Sunday afternoon at the school. Left to right, David Davis, principal of the new school; Ray Hunsaker, superintendent of city schools; Mrs. V. E. (Lucile) O'Neill, for whom the school was named; Francis Smith, principal speaker and chairman of the State Board of Education, and Wyatt Padgett, chairman of the elementary school board. Here, Mrs. O'Neill hands the keys to Padgett who in turn gave them to Davis.

Lucile O'Neill School Dedicated

"No one could ask for anything more than the love and affection of her own home folks," Mrs. V. E. (Lucile) O'Neill told an assembly of almost 350 friends, neighbors and school officials at a ceremony dedicating Lucile O'Neill Elementary School here yesterday.

Mrs. O'Neill's remarks summarized a dedication program that featured Francis I. Smith, Portland, who is chairman of the State Board of Education.

Present for the dedication honoring Mrs. O'Neill were members of the board of School District No. 1, architects and contractors in charge of planning and erecting the building, and Klamath County school administrators and officials.

Smith told the audience that completion of the new building does not mean that it is possible for people of the area to relax in their endeavor to provide education and facilities of the highest order.

"Don't let this spirit of dedication wither and die," Smith said. "You must keep alive this spirit of love for children, and a desire to provide them with the tools of education so vital to their continuing growth," he said, in turning over to Mrs. O'Neill the keys to the new \$395,000 building located at the corner of Eberlein and Avalon streets.

Smith outlined the seven principal goals of the State Board of Education, in explaining that he had served for the past 10 years on the board with Mrs. O'Neill. They are:

Fundamentals of learning, De-

sire of the student to learn; developing personal skills; development of such basic subjects as spelling, writing, arithmetic.

Citizenship. Instilling in the student a high degree of patriotism and appreciation of discipline.

Vocational competence. Development of special aptitudes of the individual student.

Emphasis on health and physical fitness.

Development of the aesthetic appreciation of the student.

Making the student a worthy member of the home.

Building of the moral and ethical values of the student.

Smith referred briefly to the outstanding record of Mrs. O'Neill in education and related fields, stressing her obvious love for and interest in children. He read a letter from Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield which paid tribute to her service to education on the national, state and local levels.

At the conclusion of his talk, Smith presented the keys to the building to Mrs. O'Neill. She, in turn, gave them to Wyatt Padgett, chairman of the board of education of School District No. 1. Padgett gave the keys to David J. Davis, principal, who presented members of the faculty and staff of Lucile O'Neill School.

Dignitaries participating in the ceremony included members of the board, Rollin Cantrall, Mrs. Clara G. Moore, Mrs. Martha Powell and Padgett; Gary E. Robertson, assistant superintendent; Harold Ashley, clerk of the school district; John R. Howard, of the firm of Morrison, Howard and

Starbuck, architects; E. V. Cummings, Grants Pass, contractor.

Ray C. Hunsaker, superintendent of city schools, presented guests and acted as master of ceremonies.

A musical prelude was provided by the KUHS string orchestra under the direction of M. Dale Hallack, who also directed the KUHS Madrigal singers during the program.

Invocation was by Capt. Jefferson E. Davis, chaplain, Kingsley Field; benediction was by Rev. Laing W. Sibbet, Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Presentation of colors was made by members of Cub Scouts, Pack 77.

A reception followed the program.

Snow Trapped Hunters Object Of Rescue Drive

By United Press International. Stranded hunters beat their way from snow-clogged passes in the northern Rockies today and the worst flood in 17 years unindated farms along Virginia's James River.

Gale winds and high tides subsided from New York to northern New England today after the passage of tropical storm Gerda.

A slow-moving cold front which brought snow and day-long near-freezing temperatures to the corn belt, dropping the mercury 10 or more degrees as it passed.

Some 500 hunters were caught in the mountains of Utah and southern Idaho by a storm which dropped up to four inches of snow over the weekend. The greatest concentration of the stranded occurred near Burley, Idaho, where more snow was expected.

National Guardsmen and local authorities took snow vehicles into the mountains to rescue the hunters.

The storm hit after hunters took to the woods Saturday for the opening of the deer season in Utah and Idaho. It left up to four feet of snow in some mountain areas.

Snow also fell in parts of Montana and North Dakota. West Yellowstone, Mont., reported 9 inches. Virginia's James River was expected to crest nine feet above flood stage today. Virginia's western highlands had 11 inches of rain over the weekend while tropical storm Gerda plowed northward through the Atlantic.

The floodwaters blocked roads in Virginia's Wight, Louisa and Goochland counties. Although few homes were endangered, the flood jeopardized livestock and farmers were moving their animals to higher ground.

Railroad Tracks Covered. The flood covered the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad tracks in Goochland County, forcing rerouting of trains.

Five-minute winds and tides two feet above normal were subsiding today from Long Island to Main after causing serious damage in some areas.

A 17-year-old boy was missing in Long Island Sound and authorities found his 10-foot boat overturned. Numerous other small craft were damaged.

Churchill Suffers Cold

LONDON (UPI)—Sir Winston Churchill, 86, is suffering from a slight chill and cold, but "he is not too bad," a spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the former British prime minister was taken ill at his Chartwell country home.

"Sir Winston has not been confined to bed," the spokesman said. "In fact he has been up and about since early this morning."

The doctors were naturally called in. But he is not too bad," Churchill, who suffered a broken bone in his back last winter, was in his House of Commons seat during a special three-day parliamentary session last week.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. The Soviet Union set off a giant nuclear explosion today.

A Swedish expert said there is reason to believe the bomb was at or near the 50-megaton range promised by Premier Khrushchev.

A spokesman for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission suggested caution in speculating about the explosion until more information becomes available.

The observatory at Uppsala, Sweden, said today's explosion was twice as heavy as any previous Soviet tests in the series that began last month.

The explosion also was recorded in France and Japan.

Premier Khrushchev told the Communist party congress last week that the current series of Soviet tests probably would conclude at the end of this month with the testing of a thermonuclear device equivalent to 50 million tons of TNT.

Some versions of Khrushchev's speech had the explosion pegged for Oct. 30 or 31.

A storm of protest against plans for the blast has been building up in the United Nations and elsewhere in the world. Thus the Soviet Union conceivably could have decided to go ahead with the test ahead of the scheduled time. There was no confirmation of this, however, from Moscow or a n y other source within the first few hours after today's blast went off.

Dr. Arthur Baath, of the Uppsala Seismological Institute, said he found reason to believe today's explosion was of a 50-megaton bomb. But in Washington an AEC spokesman said:

"It takes a certain amount of time to analyze this thing. From what we know, some caution needs to be exercised concerning the Swedish report insofar as a 50-megaton device is concerned."

Japanese sources had estimated at 10 megatons the strength of a previous Soviet test bomb in September.

Dr. Baath said: "If today's explosion took place in the same area and at approximately the same altitude as earlier tests, the power of the bomb must have been considerably stronger than any previous Soviet

reapportionment in the Novaya Zemlya area.

"This blast must have been registered 'round the globe. The estimated epicenter of the explosion was located in the general direction of Novaya Zemlya. It was situated 1,300 miles north-east of Uppala in the area used for earlier Russian atomic experiments."

"The explosion was registered on the Uppsala seismological apparatus as twice as heavy as the most violent previous Soviet tests on last Sept. 10 and Oct. 6."

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Reapportionment Plan Given To Top Court

SALEM (AP)—Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. formally resubmitted his plan for reapportionment of the Oregon Legislature to the state Supreme Court today.

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