

L.T. - DeLoe. Wed. Nov. 23 - '55.

The Russians have touched off their greatest atomic explosion, thus far. The Atomic Energy Commission calls it "the largest thus far in the U.S.S.R. "Adding that the power of the blast is to be measured in "megatrons." The megatron - equalling the explosive power of one million tons of T.N.T.

The mere meaning of this is only too clear - hydrogen bombs. Hitherto, the evidence has been that the Soviets have tested - a-bombs. But now - a far more deadly variety - an h-bomb.

Tonight's announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission is unusual - in the amount of information given. Usually, the reports are - exceedingly brief. Now, enough to indicate - a hydrogen bomb.

BRITISH SECURITY

There's to be an investigation of the British Foreign office - on the subject of security. Today, in the House of Commons, Prime Minister Eden said - a seven man special commission is being named. To make - a study of Communist infiltration into the foreign office.

This is brought about by the disclosure that the missing British diplomats, Mac^{Lane}~~millan~~ and Burgess had long been spies for Soviet Russia.

London has word that the Chinese Communists have seized, and are holding, two British mountaineers and a sherpa guide. Members of an expedition along the border of Nepal and Tibet. The two British climbers - Sidney Wignall, expedition leader, and John Harrop. ^{The British} Foreign office has ordered urgent inquiries, as to their ~~late~~ fate. The Liverpool Post, which is a sponsor of this exploration adventure, has ~~received~~ received a letter from John Hanson, now acting-leader of the expedition.

"On October Nineteenth," says the letter, "Sidney Wignall and John Harrop, with two sherpas, set off ~~on~~ into the bleak wilderness - to climb Urai Langa Pass. We remained at our base and awaited word.

"Nothing was heard until October thirtieth, ~~even~~ days after they left us," the letter goes on. "Then on Sunday October the thirtieth, four figures approached us from the direction of the Pass. One of the party was one of the two Sherpas who had accompanied Wignall and Harrop. The others were three porters. "The sherpas," says the letter,

"showed me a piece of paper. It was a message from Wignall, in which he explained - that they had been ~~detained~~ ^{the frontier village of} by Chinese troops stationed at [^]Takalot, and were taken to their headquarters." In that area of the ~~Xi~~ Himalayas, the boundary between Nepal and Tibet is vague, and ill-defined. Some sections of territory - in dispute. So the climbers, ^{leading for} ~~attacking~~ Urai Langa pass, may have moved into an area claimed by the Reds. Chinese Communists - now in control of Tibet. ^{enough -} ~~was~~ mountaineering is hazardous, especially in the Himalayas. Nowadays, a new ~~Xi~~ peril - capture by the Communists.

Prime Minister Anthony Eden wants to visit President Eisenhower - early in the new year. To review - British American policy, and establish full coordination.

London says - the Prime Minister wants to ~~xxx~~ talk things over with the President. Before Bulganin and Khrushchev arrive. The two Soviet leaders will make a visit of state to London. The date - not set, but some time in the spring, probably.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower took a plunge into politics, today, summoning G O P national Chairman Leonard Hall - for a conference at the Gettysburg farm, ^{To come there} on Monday. The subject? ^{"Matters)} Dealing with the Republican party," says the President. He's resuming active command of party ~~aff~~ affairs.

The political talks are expected, naturally, to deal with that all-important question - a second term. The President will probably give some idea when he'll announce his decision.

This follows ^{another} a medical check up - entirely favorable. Some of the newsmen thought- the President's face looked a little drawn, after ^{the} meetings ^{during} ~~in~~ the last two days, with his cabinet and the National Security Council. But the medical report says - no signs of fatigue.

The President had laid out a series of conferences, which will include meetings with leaders of Congress, Democratic as well as Republican. All in all - representing just about the normal schedule of work, before he was taken ill.

Tomorrow, he'll take time out, for a Thanksgiving day with his grandchildren. ~~W~~ Then, after that, convalescing, ~~W~~ but on the job.

BRAZIL


The Brazilian Chamber of Deputies is debating a bill - to put the country under military control, during the crisis over the presidential succession. A state of siege;- modified martial ~~aw~~ law. Suspending - a number of Constitutional guarantees.

The bill was proposed by acting President Ramos, - ~~ix~~ let the army take charge. The Brazilian army - wanting to make sure that President-elect Kubitschek will be inaugurated on schedule, January thirty-first.

He won out in the Presidential election, early last month. And the word is that the Brazilian air force, Navy and other elements are striving to prevent him from taking office.

Sounds like politics with dynamite. The army on one side, Navy and Air Force on the other.

DIXON YATES

The Dixon Yates contract has been declared -
invalid. No payments to be made - to the company. So stated
by the Atomic Energy Commission tonight. Which adds - that
the contract had angles that made it - invalid. Legal
advice being - that the government has no obligation to make
any payments to the company. 

ADD DIXON YATES

Tonight, the Dixon Yates company announces it's going to court, suing for money it spent on the much debated contract.

FARM

Secretary Benson wants your advice if you^are a farmer. Addressing a convention at ~~The~~ National Grange, in Cleveland, he called for suggestions - in solving the farm problem. Saying:

"I asked everyone of you, both here at this national grange meeting and home by your radios - to send me your ideas about solutions to the problems we face. "We will," he went on, "listen to any suggestions - except a suggestion that would turn back to the program that helped create our present difficult problem.

He meant - the rigid ninety percent parity for the support of agricultural prices. Declaring - that the rigid supports were useful in wartime. But they failed in peace time.

So, if you^are a farmer, send in your bit of advice. But make it - flexible.

In Washington, meanwhile, the President of the National ~~F~~armers Union declared - he doubts ~~to~~ if the major

farm organizations will ever agree on measures for raising farm income.

Senator Ellender, Chairman of the Senate Agricultural committee, wrote the leaders of the big farm organizations, asking them to agree on a program. Which is what James Patton, of the National Farmers Union thinks -- is unlikely to happen.

His organization is for the rigid brand of parity. The farm bureau is advocating - the flexible support ~~program~~ program. The Grange believes that neither the rigid nor the ~~flex~~ flexible is the whole answer.

Three different farm organizations - with three different theories.

RADAR

In the summer, the Air Force constructed an artificial island - one hundred and ten miles off the coast of Massachusetts. Setting up - a radar tower. An island-standing on legs of steel, thrust on down into the floor of the sea. ~~So now a baptism of storm.~~

Last week fifty Air Force officers and technicians - went out to that island-on-legs, on an ~~an~~ inspection job. Then ^Q ~~the~~ ^{came -} tempest [^] blowing so hard, they couldn't get back to land. Marooned - for six days.

Today Arthur Pinel, a Navy inspector said: "It was a real test; ~~and~~ we felt like guinea pigs. The tower had never been up against a storm like that." But the island=~~of~~ on-stilts ~~was~~ held up against the storm. The fifty Air Force men - finally taken off by a sea ~~was~~ going tug. The ocean so wild - the tug had to use a derrick [^] reaching over for them. At the end of the derrick - a basket, in which they were swung aboard the boat.

The only trouble was that the basket, upon reaching the deck, had a way of turning over. ~~and~~ - Spilling them out.

The officers and technicians - dumped on deck like loads of fish.

SHIP

Off the coast of Massachusetts - today, a private plane spotted - two poles. Which were sticking - out of the water, one hundred miles or so out in the Atlantic. Two brightly painted spars - thrust above the surface of the ocean. At the same time, the plane sighted floating debris.

All of which renewed the search for a Liberian freighter - missing with twenty ~~12~~ ^{four} aboard, ever since early Sunday. The fear is ^{that} ~~is~~ the craft may have foundered. The two painted poles possibly - the tops of its masts.

The scene - ~~thirty~~-five miles northwest of the "Texas Tower" radio station. Where the party of Navy and Air Force men were marooned for six days.

JUDGE

At Toledo, Judge Thomas O'Connor is getting well - after an abdominal operation. In which he had blood transfusions. Procured from blood donors. Where? In the county jail. Prisoners, whom the Judge had sent to the ~~mess hall~~ ^{jail}, volunteering.

Today, one of them remarked -- that last June, Judge O'Connor gave him six months ~~when~~ it might have been - a full three year term, for parole violation. "He gave me a break, when I didn't have one coming," said the prisoner, "and I want to help pay him back."

So the judge is getting well - thanks to characters he sent to jail.

ROBBERY

Now a story - about four cops, one bartender, and one ~~business~~ customer.

The cops were in a tavern, in Chicago, when ~~bandits~~ bandits entered, shouting: "Stick up!" One policeman reached for his pistol, but a robber fired and hit the cop's thumb. That settled it, and the four officers obeyed the order -- to lie on the floor. So did everybody else in the tavern, and the bandits made off with four hundred dollars.

But, as they were leaving the bartender reached ~~hi~~ for two pistols and tossed them ~~over~~ over the bar to a customer, John Tracas. Who caught the guns, dashed outside - and blazed away at the bandits, fleeing in an automobile.

Later, the escape car was found - with ten bullets holes in it, and one tire shot out. Two of the robbers have been captured - one wounded. Hit in the leg - when the customer fired the fusillade.

DIXIE

Over in London, there's a British nobleman - who has American reporters buffaloes^{d.}.

United Press correspondent Robert Musel tellshow they were having lunch with Sir Wolstan Dixie. And his Lordship said: "Of course, you chaps know, the south of the United States was named after - my family."

They glared at Sir Wolstan Dixie, and one growled: "The south was called Dixie ^{because of} ~~at~~ the Mason-Dixon line." Which, by the way, is what the dictionary says.

But another newspaperman claimed the south was named after ten dollar bills, issued in New Orleans in the old days. They were called "Dixies." From the French word D-ix. Meaning - ten.

Sir Wolstan Dixie said: "Pooh, pooh! pooh pooh!" And went on to relate how, back in colonial days an ancestor of his, John Dixie - thought he'd grow tobacco in New York, Harlem. So he got himself some slaves, as was proper in those days - and

days - and planted tobacco. But tobacco wouldn't grow in Harlem, and the slaves had nothing to do - just idle their time away.

Finally, John Dixie gave it up and sent the slaves down to South Carolina, where tobacco would grow - and where they had to work plenty.

Which made them sing: "Oh, to be back in Dixie's land where things are free and easy."

Hugh,
Now, was Sir Wolstan Dixie spoofing - or did he mean

1/2 it?