

ARCO Idaho Aug. 12 - '55.

The Atomic Energy Commission ^{tells us to-day} ~~reveals~~ that one American town ^{already has been powered by} ~~has received its electricity solely from~~ nuclear energy.

^{As an} ~~The town~~ - Arco, Idaho. ~~The experiment, taking place last~~
~~month.~~

The A.E.C. has a reactor about twenty miles from Arco. Scientists fed nuclear electricity into the normal lines, and for more than an hour, the town was entirely dependent on that source of energy.

After an hour, the normal current was resumed. But the important thing is that the A.E.C. showed how a town could be electrified by atomic energy. The experiment at Arco, Idaho - a portent for the future, when it is likely that atomic energy will become a standard source of all electricity in the country.

GOVERNORS

A split in Democratic ranks. Controversy between Democratic Governors; one that may last until the convention. Yesterday we heard how Governor Shivers of Texas came out in opposition to Adlai Stevenson - if Adlai gets the nomination again. Now, today, Governor Clement of Tennessee replies as he says, in behalf of loyal Southerners. Saying that anyone who doesn't have faith in the leadership of the Democratic party - should leave the Party.

Adding the prediction that if Stevenson is nominated - the entire South will go for him including Texas.

Does Stevenson really want the nomination? Governor Gary of Oklahoma, after a session with both Stevenson and Harriman during the Governors convention said he found Stevenson much interested." In other words receptive. Which everybody already assumed was the case!

PEURIFOY

Our late Ambassador to Thailand ^{sight} ~~was~~ at the height of his career - when he was killed in today's tragic automobile accident. John Peurifoy, only three days past his forty-eighth birthday - regarded ~~as one of~~ the State Department's top trouble-shooter.

A native of Walterboro, South Carolina, he spent a couple of years at West Point - then left because of illness. He worked for a time in Kansas City, New York, and Washington. His first job in the nation's capital - elevator operator in the Senate Office Building. Later he joined the State Department as a clerk.

Then John Peurifoy rose ^{rapidly} through the ranks - until he was appointed Ambassador to Greece in Nineteen Fifty. The Communist revolt there had just been put down - and Peurifoy was credited with doing much to strengthen the Greek Government. Three years later, he went to Guatemala - then a key trouble spot, because the Arbenz government appeared to be erecting a Communist stronghold in this hemisphere.

Peurifoy sent back information that caused our State Department to take a stronger line with Arbenz. And with the overthrow of the Communists ^{- Ambassador -} Peurifoy reported favorably on Colonel Castillo Armas, who was promptly recognized by Washington.

With ~~the~~ Guatemala ^{quiet again,} ~~problem finished~~ John Peurifoy ^{- another hot spot,} moved on to Thailand last year. His job ~~was~~ to help keep the Reds from overthrowing that nation. ~~And~~ Secretary of State Dulles expressed complete faith in him ^{- believing} ~~- feeling that~~ he would do as good a job there as he had done in Greece and Guatemala.

Today, sudden tragedy. Ambassador Peurifoy with his two sons, driving to watch maneuvers by the army of Thailand. Their car crossed a narrow bridge around a hundred miles from Bangkok, when suddenly a truck appeared right in front of them. The Peurifoy car and the truck, crashing head on.

The Ambassador and his son Daniel, ~~11~~ nine, were killed instantly. Clinton, fourteen, seriously injured. And tonight,

Mrs. Peurifoy is still numb from the catastrophe - with her husband and one son dead, and the second badly injured in the hospital.

It only seems yesterday that my wife and I and Andre Kostelanetz were visiting the Peurifoy's in their home in Bangkok. Nine year old Danny an unusually bright youngster. His mother a woman of great charm, And Jack Peurifoy a real ball of fire - a diplomat of rare talent.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW PEURIFOY

President Eisenhower, as soon as he heard about the tragedy, told the Press how he and the First Lady had lost a personal friend and he added that the free world has lost an outstanding champion of freedom. President and Mrs. Eisenhower immediately cabled Mrs. Peurifoy at Bangkok.

Secretary of State Dulles in his regrets - noting how much Ambassador Peurifoy had done to save Greece and Guatemala from Communism. Secretary Dulles pointed out that we have lost a key figure in Southeast Asia - ~~NAME~~ because John Peurifoy had played a major role in strengthening Southeast Asia.

SOUTH KOREA

In South Korea, American troops are digging trenches, piling up sandbags, and getting out tear gas and fire hoses. All this preparation for trouble - because midnight is the deadline set by the Syngman Rhee government, the deadline for the Communists on the Truce Commission to get out of the country. But, we have promised to protect the Commission, whether they are Reds or not.

The most critical point is still Wam Wolmi Island - where there has been rioting in recent days. All day today, a gigantic crane was dropping steel drums into position - to block the causeway to the island. Searchlights are playing across the water - just in case the South Koreans try to land from small boats.

Syngman Rhee has been bluntly warned that American soldiers will use live ammunition if necessary to make sure all the members of the Truce Commission are protected.

FLYERS

Those eleven American flyers who were held for more than two years in Red Chinese prisons - arrived ~~in this country~~ today. ~~They flew in to~~ ^{at} Travis Air Force base, California. ~~From there,~~ [^] ~~they'll be sent on by air to their own localities.~~

At the base, Colonel John Arnold of Montgomery, Alabama, asked to talk to newsmen. He said ~~that~~ he had been misquoted - and wanted to straighten out the record. ~~According to some~~ ^{The} ~~newspaper~~ reports, ~~Colonel Arnold said that~~ ^{that} the prisoners ~~had~~ signed confessions of espionage. ~~the Reds, forcing the confession~~ ~~out of them.~~

Today Colonel Arnold ^{explained} ~~declared~~ that this was ^{all} ~~completely~~ wrong. ~~He said there was no such thing as a confession to espionage - and neither he nor any of the rest every signed one.~~

Noting that the Mao Tse-tung regime claims to have the confessions, Colonel Arnold remarked: "I challenge them to produce anything that will substantiate their charges."

As soon as the Colonel finished speaking, the newsmen ~~broke into applause~~ ^{— something that seldom occurs at} ~~which was almost unprecedented for that kind of press conference.~~

ADENAUER

Chancellor Adenauer formally accept^{ing the} ~~that~~ invitation to Moscow, ^{says he intends to arrive on} ~~The West German Chancellor was saying he'll go on~~ September Ninth. ^{This} ~~The note, handed~~ to the Russian Ambassador in Paris - because West Germany has no diplomatic relations with Moscow.

The text of the Adenauer note has not been made public. But a spokesman at the German Embassy in Paris declares that the Chancellor is making one demand with regard to the agenda. He wants both German unification and the question of German prisoners-of-war - to be added to that agenda. The original Soviet note ignored both. In other words, Adenauer will not go to Moscow if the Kremlin refuses to discuss those two points. Western diplomats believe that Khrushchev and Bulganin will accept the Chancellor's terms.

One of the great literary men of our time died today, at the age of eighty, in a Swiss hospital. Nobel Prize winner Thomas Mann, the German born novelist who became an American citizen -- because of his ~~open~~ opposition to Hitler. Mann fled from Germany during the Nazi persecution -- and worked here during the war. Becoming perhaps the foremost of all the Germans who opposed the Hitler tyranny.

ARGENTINA

The Argentine army pledges its support to President Peron. The Minister of the Army, General Lucero, saying that he and his men stand squarely behind the Constitution - and behind Peron.

Recently, General Lucero made a tour of garrisons throughout Argentina. Some newspapers suggested that there was a political angle to that - the General stamping out opposition to Peron. But today he ~~said there was~~ ^{flatly denied this.} nothing ~~to that rumor.~~ ^{the story.}

He said ~~that~~ he merely wanted to tell the garrisons what actually happened in the June revolt. ~~As he puts it, "I exploded those rumors."~~

General Lucero's statement is obviously intended to make it look as if everything is fine for Peron in Argentina. But it sounds ~~very peculiar~~ ^{a little unusual -} a Cabinet Minister touring the provincial military camps, just to tell the troops about the June revolt.

STUDENT

A physics student has staggered the F.B.I. - by breaking into one of our guided missile bases, and roaming through it undetected.

John Dukeminier, of Oklahoma City, sneaked into the test center near Coco Beach, Florida. He strolled all through the base, ^{inspecting} ~~seeing~~ the offices, and laboratories, and ~~even~~ the guided missiles ^{too.} When he had seen everything he wanted, he left, without being detected.

The whole exploit would have been unknown, except that he spent a whole day writing to various authorities - from President Eisenhower on down. He said he wanted to prove how bad our security system is.

When he was picked up, the authorities at first refused to believe him. The F.B.I. saying that it was almost impossible - that this physics student could have roamed all through that base. Whereupon, he led a conducted tour through the base - showing how he had left fingerprints all over, just so they could ~~have~~ be checked. Says he: "When I

pointed these out to the F.B.I. men, they were amazed."

John Dukeminier says that an enemy agent could easily drive a truck onto the base - and even carry off a guided missile, without being observed. He hopes that his example will lead to better security. His last word on the subject is that he hopes to work at that same base some day. Sounds like a good idea. Maybe they ought to hire him as of today.

HURRICANE

Hurricane Connie as you may have heard over and over today, is an erratic gal. She turned her fury on Hampton Roads, Virginia, after leaving a trail of devastation in the Carolinas.

Some roofs carried away. Also windows smashed. Television antennas knocked over by the thousand.

Along the eastern seaboard heavy rain and abnormal tides. But the weather bureau in Washington holds out some hope - that Connie may blow herself out within the next few hours. However, the eastern seaboard is warned that ^{Connie} ~~the danger has~~
~~not vanished. Not yet. That the hurricane~~ may pick
up speed on ^{her} ~~its~~ way north toward Cape Cod.

ADD TO HURRICANE

The weather bureau says the hurricane will strike the Norfolk area shortly after midnight. Then move southward at about twelve miles an hour. Tomorrow New York will get some of it -- winds up to forty or fifty miles an hour.

Today the New York area had the heaviest rainfall in more than fifty years.

BANDITS

From Youngsville, North Carolina, we have a story about two of the meanest bandits ever to hold ~~an~~ up a bank. Two men took advantage of the absence of the police - who were on emergency duty because of hurricane Connie. The two had practically a clear field when they entered the bank, held up everyone with their pistols, and escaped with more than three thousand dollars. Got away with it merely because the police were off on hurricane duty.

RUSSIANS

The delegation of Russian farm experts and a look at the Chicago stockyards today. Comrade Matskevich and the rest were escorted to the roof of the Stockyards Exchange Building. There they looked out over more than three hundred acres of livestock pens and slaughter houses.

When he was told that one hundred thousand animals once passed through in a single day - Matskevich asked in surprise - "in one day?" Apparently all of the Russians were staggered at the figure.

One thing that had to be explained to them was that the stockyards are not run by the government. It's all private enterprise - just like the rest of American business. Or most American business.

The Russians were diplomatic on one point. They said the well known aroma of the stockyards didn't bother them at all. They repeated what Molotov said when he passed through during his good-will tour. The Soviet Foreign Minister declaring that

he found the smell "not unpleasant."

Hugh, the delegation had a chance to see the all-star football game at Soldier Field tonight. But passed it up for an evening down on the farm.