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ATOMIC.

The Atomic Energy Commission announced tonight that Russia has been touching off atomic explosions since September. The ~~AEC~~ report does not say whether A-bombs or H-Bombs are involved. But it reveals that radio-active material from the explosions has fallen inside this country.

From the wording of the report, it seems that ~~xxxx~~ at least three Soviet tests have been carried out. This would bring the <sup>total</sup> ~~complete~~ number of atomic explosions throughout the world to sixty-four - fifty by America, eleven by Russia, and three by Britain.

Observers in Washington declare it's unlikely that the Russians have made any sensational discovery in the nuclear field. ~~These observers add~~ That we still have <sup>a wide</sup> ~~sub~~ lead in number and variety of atomic weapons. Unofficial guesses place the difference at around four thousand such weapons for America; ~~and~~ perhaps five hundred for the Russians.

## TRIESTE

The city of Trieste was turned over to Italy today. There was supposed to be a big formal ceremony - but that was all swept away - or engulfed - by a wild crowd of two hundred thousand that surged through the streets.

Three men were to have been involved in that formal ceremony that failed to come off:- General John Dabney, the American commander, General Sir John <sup>Winterton,</sup> ~~Winterton,~~ the Allied Military Governor, and General Edmondo de Renzi, the new Italian Military Governor.

These three were to be together on the platform, when the proclamation was made. But then, people came. And more came. And still more. Two ~~thun~~ hundred thousand of them - blocking streets, making it utterly impossible for anyone to get into the main square.

General Dabney the American, was caught in his hotel; couldn't get out. General Winterton was trapped aboard a ship of the Royal Navy - he couldn't get in to land. As for General de Renzi, when he crossed the

border from Italy at the head of a motorized column he was stopped by a vast throng of people. Finally he threw up his hands and made his way aboard an Italian cruiser.

The Britisher, General Winterton never did get into the city at all. He finally sailed away with a convoy of transports. General De Renai eventually got ashore. After all as the new Military Governor he couldn't just sail away. When he did at last get to the City Hall, De Renzi ordered the Italian flag run up. And he delivered a fifteen minute speech to the crowd packed in the square, - long after the time for that ceremony. As for our General Dabney, well he may still be 'lost' in the howling throng.

So, it must have been quite a day in the city of Trieste - the Adriatic seaport that is now Italian, once more.

## CHURCHILL

In London, ~~Sir Winston~~ Churchill rejects a Soviet invitation to a Big Four conference. The Prime Minister saying that the West will not attend such a conference - until the new European defense agreements have been ratified. *Agreeing with us on this.*

The Kremlin suggested the conference on Saturday. The move, obviously intended to sabotage the rearmament of Germany as a full partner with the rest of the free world.

Today, Left Wing Laborites asked in the Commons - what was the Prime Minister going to do? Aneurin Bevan, particularly insistent.

Churchill answered, that he's still interested in a Big Four conference. But not at this moment. He says he'll wait until the European parliaments have had a chance to put their okay on European defense. Then he'll be willing to listen to any suggestion that Malenkov might make.



## **EGYPT**

The Premier of Egypt narrowly escaped assassination today. Col. Nasser, fired at as he spoke in Alexandria.

About a hundred thousand people were on hand to hear the Premier discuss the agreement for British evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone. A young man edged his way through toward the platform. He was hiding a pistol. He got to within about thirty yards of Nasser - pulled out the pistol, and fired, five times.

The Premier unscathed. Bystanders got the benefit of the fusillade. Two other Egyptian officials on the platform, wounded.

Bystanders at once jumped on the would-be assassin and began to beat him, until the police rescued him. Col. Nasser, for a few minutes said nothing. Then calmly resumed his speech.

## FLOODS

A dispatch from Salerno, Italy, telling of the worst flood in the history of the South of Italy. In 2000 years they say. A cloudburst causing torrents of water to rush down the mountain - where those spectacular Salerno cliffs drop off straight into the Mediterranean. The floods, causing great landslides.

The death toll is estimated at more than two hundred in and around Salerno. More than a thousand homeless. Helicopters are reported hovering over the area, as troops plod through deep, sticky mud, attempting to open a way into the city. Premier Scelba, ordering emergency aid for Salerno.

One witness describes the scene like this: "The sun rose over a scene of ruin and desolation. Carcasses of cows, uprooted trees, overturned cars, and trucks stuck there in thick sea of mud."

Italy's famous seaside resort at Salerno, hit by its worst flood.

INDO-CHINA

*More*  
Violent fighting is reported in Indo-China. A

dispatch from Saigon, *says* describing two religious sects *or*  
*had in a*  
struggling for power in the area along the border of Cambodia.

The two sects are the Hao-Hao and the Cao-Dai.

*Both are heads of a sort.*  
The leaders *are said to be running a kind of* feudal system -  
the peasants gathered under local lords on feudal estates.

Both groups are anti-Communist and anti-French -- but each

wants to control the area. Each sect has its own private army

*now*  
of twenty thousand men. And the soldiers include ~~army~~  
deserters, bandits, and adventurers.

*All of which it might have possibilities:*  
~~that~~ sounds like an explosive situation

two private armies motivated by religious feeling and political

*and pay,*  
ambition. The Saigon dispatch says that close to two hundred

soldiers have been killed this month - fifty in a single big

battle about two weeks ago. *with* And sporadic fighting is still  
going on.

The Saigon dispatch doesn't say which side is *winning*

the better of *it.* the struggle. But it does say that the Viet Nam

Communists are entrancing themselves in the area, in the hopes of eventually gaining full power over both religious sects - over both the Hao-Hao and the Cao-Dai.



## LONDON

In London dock workers going back to their jobs. A few, about three hundred defying the picket lines. The number on the job now - about a thousand. Still out, - over forty thousand! The number of ships idle in British harbors - three hundred and forty-four. The worth of imports and exports lying on the docks - about six hundred and fifty million dollars.

Top leaders of the unions are still trying to get the workers back on the job. But the majority are standing by their rank and file superiors.

Police broke up a mass meeting in London - preventing disorder before it could get started.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower may make a final campaign tour over the weekend. Press Secretary James Hagerty, saying that the Republican National Committee and G.O.P. state organizations have appealed to the President. And Hagerty adds, that Mr. Eisenhower will answer the appeal <sup>— make the tour</sup> if he can find the time.

If the tour comes off, the President will appear on Friday and Saturday in Boston, Detroit, Minneapolis, Wilmington and Louisville. These cities were chosen because all of the states involved <sup>are in a tight</sup> ~~show a red~~ <sup>^</sup> race for Congress.

<sup>The President</sup> ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ can't leave before Friday. On Thursday, he'll confer with Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany at lunch. And Thursday night, he'll make a major ~~political~~ speech from Washington.

But <sup>White House</sup> ~~Press~~ Secretary <sup>Jim</sup> Hagerty emphasized that the President would like to <sup>get</sup> go back into the campaign. — because he's still anxious to make sure of a Republican Congress this

fall. His announcement about unemployment, <sup>to all a</sup> part of this, <sup>the</sup> ~~campaign against the Democrats - Mr. Eisenhower~~ <sup>announcing</sup> ~~announcing~~ last night that the number of unemployed has dropped by four hundred thousand.

Meanwhile, Hagerty says that the White House is receiving thousands of messages about the <sup>et</sup> televised Cabinet ~~session last night, which was dramatic in the~~ ~~meeting~~ According to the Press Secretary, there has been no adverse comment. All of the communications, thanking the ~~President~~ President for letting the public see how the Cabinet operates. *And all who saw it agree that Sec. of State Dulles was superb.*

MITCHELL

The Secretary of Labor reports that the average factory worker is better off today than he has been in ten years. Secretary Mitchell, referring to the workers' buying power. According to Mitchell, the September level this year was exceeded only in September of Nineteen Forty-Four - when buying power was a few cents higher. Since then, no September has been as high as this one. <sup>Sac.</sup> Mitchell attributes the rise <sub>A</sub> to two things - higher pay for the workers, and a drop of three-tenths of one per cent in the cost of living.



## QUEEN MOTHER

Britain's Queen Mother arrived tonight to pay us a visit. The former Queen Elizabeth, mother of the present Elizabeth, the Second. The widow of King George the Sixth sailing into New York aboard the liner named after her, the "QUEEN ELIZABETH."

She will be guest of honor at the two-hundredth anniversary Columbia University Convocation on Sunday.

The Queen Mother has been given a hand-picked bodyguard. She will have seventy-five patrolmen with her during her visit to New York City.

Then on to Washington - as guest of President Eisenhower and the First Lady. Her second visit to the nation's capitol. She and King George were here in Thirty-Nine.

From the earth to the moon - in about twenty years.

So predicted today by Dr. Werner Von Braun - the German scientist who directed the rocket assaults on Britain during World War Two.

After the war, Von Braun came to America - and he's now working for the American Army.

In San Francisco today, Dr. Von Braun told a news conference that we can begin planning a trip to the moon. The German scientist believes that the first step will be a space station - a man-made satellite that will circle the earth some miles up in space. If Von Braun is right, the trip to the moon will go by way of the space station.

How long would it take to put a man-made satellite out there in space? Says Von Braun, "It's all a matter of how hard we push it." Then he adds, "It could be only a matter of a few years."

## **SERGEANT**

A non-commissioned officer signed up for a six year hitch in the Air Force today. And the story? Well, Sergeant Horst Tittel is seventy years old. He's been in the Air Force for forty-six years and is believed to be the senior enlisted man in any of Uncle Sam's Services. He took his first airplane ride in Nineteen Seventeen. The plane, an old Curtiss Jenny. Says Sergeant Tittel: "It only got five feet off the ground and then turned over."

Of course he escaped from that one. And, he's been with the Air Force ever since. Two years ago, at age 68 he made his first flight in a jet.

One interesting thing about the 70 year old Serge is that he twice served as an officer - in both World Wars. But, each time, he went back to non-commissioned status - because it meant more in money and more in pensions to him -- and he just preferred not to be a commissioned officer.

Sergeant Tittel's record is so remarkable that this time they called him to Washington to take the oath. The oath, administered by Air Secretary Harold Talbot. Sergeant Tittel, also receiving congratulations from the head of the Air Force, General Hate Twining. Now he's in for another six years hitch -- which will leave him at the end with more than fifty years in the uniform of the U.S. Air Force.



When Oklahoma City police arrested Eugene Parmenter today, he asked, <sup>say</sup> ~~them~~ "Who tipped you off?" The question was understandable - because it had been thought that Eugene Parmenter committed suicide a year ago.

The story begins in Pontiac, Michigan, ~~a year ago~~. Parmenter, working for an investment company. When a team of auditors arrived to inspect his books - he told the others in his office that he was going out to get a cup of coffee. Then he disappeared. He flew his private plane to Crystal Lake, Michigan. <sup>There</sup> he left his clothing and a note for his wife. The note read: "I am jumping into <sup>the nearby Lake</sup> Lake, Michigan."

When the auditors found a shortage in his books - it looked like the old story. An embezzler, committing suicide. Parmenter, disappearing into Lake Michigan.

But the police picked up <sup>a</sup> ~~an~~ tip. Somebody looking like Parmenter had left a nearby town aboard a bus. And so the police began a search for the missing bookkeeper. The search, ending today, when Parmenter was picked up in

**Oklahoma City; held on a charge of embezzling one  
hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.**

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But the Coast Guard isn't at all sure that he'll make it. A Coast Guard boat is going to follow him. They can't stop him, because he has a life preserver and running lights - all quite legal.

But if he sinks, the Coast Guard intends to charge him with what it calls, "reckless operation." Which would mean a possible fine of two thousand dollars, or a year in jail.

*Well,*  
Roy Bergo set sail from Edmonds today - followed by that Coast Guard patrol boat. ~~It shouldn't be sailing before we know who was right about the possibility of sailing to~~

~~we know who was right about the possibility of sailing to~~ Alaska, in a ~~babys~~ bathtub. Surely that's doing it the hard way. In the days of '98, on their way to the Klondike, the gold seekers tried almost anything that would float. But this is the first time anyone ever headed for Alaska in a bathtub. Wonder what Soapy Smith would say about that?!



## BACHELOR

Up in Belmont, Massachusetts, Charles Thiery is observing his one hundred and fourth birthday. Naturally someone asked about his recipe for a long life. And he gave the following as his formula:- No liquor. No tobacco. And don't get married! He's a bachelor. Has lived a life of single blessedness for one hundred and four years, and thinks that's why he's lasted so long.

## HUNTER

E.E. Dolinger, of Rochester, New York, shot a duck while he was hunting along a creek. It fell into the mud - and he waded out to retrieve it. But, down he went. Glug, glug, down, down. When he struggled to get out - he only sank deeper and deeper. The mud, up to his knees, then to his waist, finally his shoulders. Of course he screamed for help. And was he lucky! Two Conservation men in a patrol boat heard him - faintly. Haloo! When the mud was up to the Hunter's Dolinger's chin. They pulled him out just in time! Whew! It makes me break out in a cold sweat to think of that one as I turn the mike over to Geo. Bryan and says - l-u-f-n.

CHASE

Northeast Philadelphia had ~~moment~~<sup>its hour</sup> of excitement today - when police chased a speeding automobile for four miles, ~~shooting at it all the while.~~<sup>blazing away.</sup>

The chase began when they saw a car speed through a red light. They set out after it. The fleeing car wound its way through traffic at top speed - missing several cars, and side-swiping one. The police, too far behind to catch <sup>up.</sup> it.

But they raced ahead. And the patrolman at one intersection stopped a tractor-trailer - and parked it across the street. As the fleeing motorist came up, he tried to go ~~around the tractor-trailer~~<sup>— tried to do it</sup> by driving up a railroad ~~embankment.~~<sup>embankment.</sup> ~~He couldn't make it, and was caught.~~

He identified himself as one Philip Starman of Philadelphia. The police are holding him on the following charges: Reckless driving, passing a red light, hit-and-run, no driver's license - and the possession of two hundred football lottery tickets.

The Mayor of Los Angeles <sup>says</sup> ~~declared~~ that he has "no confidence" in the head of the city's Pollution Control Board. Mayor Poulson telling that to a grand jury in reference to Gordon Larson, a key official in enforcing the <sup>L.A.</sup> "Anti-Smog laws."

The jury is trying to determine who is responsible - for <sup>the</sup> ~~these~~ fifteen days of dirty smog that hit <sup>L.A.</sup> ~~Los Angeles~~ this month.

A lot of citizens <sup>are</sup> ~~accuse~~ the top officials of dereliction of duty. <sup>Saying</sup> ~~They say~~ the Anti-Smog laws were not properly enforced. <sup>So</sup> ~~That's why~~ they ask the Mayor for his opinion.

<sup>the</sup> And Mayor <sup>says</sup> ~~Poulson~~ admits he has "no confidence" in the man who is supposed to enforce the <sup>J</sup> Anti-Smog laws. Evidently their anti-smog expert just can't wave a wand and make the smog vanoo!



## MERRY-GO-ROUND

A housewife in New Haven, Connecticut, is suing for five thousand dollars in damages. Mrs. Ruby McRae claims that she was <sup>under foot by</sup> trampled by - a wooden horse. *Sounds like a modern Helen of Troy.*

It happened at the merry-go-round. Mrs. McRae was patting her son on one of the horses - the type that move up and down. But the machine started to move, and Mrs. McRae fell under the horse - which kept moving up and down, striking her each time.

Today Mrs. McRae described the experience as "like *in a Hollywood Western - Hi Ho Ho!* being stamped by horses." ~~That's what that single wooden horse felt like~~ and Mrs. McRae wants five thousand dollars in ~~damages~~ *for enduring that ordeal.*