

ATOMIC

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More history ^{made}

Today, for the first time, an atomic guided missile was exploded - in flight. Launched from a "mother plane", the missile speeding to a target - and bursting with an atomic blast.

So far as is known, this has never happened before.

The test was made above the Nevada desert - at an altitude of more than thirty thousand feet. The highest - that an atomic device has ever been known to explode.

First, a squadron of jet planes laid a pattern of smoke trails - at that great altitude. The pattern - providing the target. And - functioning as measuring lines with which to estimate the power of the atomic explosion.

Then, the "mother plane", a B-36 bomber, flew to a specified point, and released the guided missile. Which, apparently, was under rocket power. And - guided electronically by the "mother plane." The missile - speeding to the target-point in the pattern of smoke trails.

The flash was blinding at Las Vegas, seventy-five miles away. Curiously, there was no mushroom shaped cloud.

The atomic explosion, at thirty thousand feet, did not produce that familiar phenomenon. Instead, a giant smoke ring was formed. The glaring fireball ~~giving off~~ followed by a smoke ring of a yellowish white.

If the target had been a hostile bomber - what would have happened? Well, the fireball extended for a radius of a quarter of a mile. Meaning - that if the atomic projectile missed by a quarter of a mile, the hostile bomber would have been destroyed by the fireball. Even if the bomber were several miles away, it would probably be put out of commission - by the shock of the blast and the radiation. This atomic guided missile could knock out a whole squadron of planes. We hear, moreover, that it could be directed at invading aircraft, while these are a thousand miles away.

~~Today's experiment was witnessed by twenty-four official observers from Great Britain and Canada.~~ An historic event- the first explosion of an atomic guided missile in flight.

ADMIRAL CARNEY

Two newspapers contradict Admiral Carney's denial - that he ever made the prediction about Quemoy and Matsu. A couple of weeks ago, the Chief of Naval Operations was quoted as declaring - the Chinese Reds would probably attack those off-shore islands in mid-April. Yesterday, the Admiral denied - having made any such prediction.

But now the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and the Chicago Sun Times declare that veteran reporters of theirs made notes of what Admiral Carney said - at the dinner he gave to newsmen. The notes indicating - that Carney was quoted correctly.

So now we have a controversy - what did, or what did not, the Chief of Naval Operations predict?

YALTA

In Washington, Assistant Secretary of State Carl McCardle, refuses to comment on a published report - that he "leaked" the secret Yalta papers. Gave them - to the New York Times.

The Washington correspondent of the Detroit News, Martin Hayden, says that McCardle gave a copy to James Reston, the Times Washington correspondent - on instruction of the StateDepartment. The decision being - to give the Times an "exclusive" on the ground - the Times was the only newspaper that "could" or "would" publish the entire text.

Several Republican Senators learned about this - and so did Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty. And - they protested to the StateDepartment.

Today, Jim Hagerty said - that he telephoned Secretary Dulles. And told him - if one newspaper had the secret material, all the others should have it.

Hagerty says that, an hour later, the State Department informed him - the Yalta Papers would be released for all-around publication.

JOBS

The government reports - a sharp increase in jobs.

The number of jobholders rising to sixty million, four hundred and seventy-seven thousand, in March. An increase of more than half a million - over the previous month. The ~~reason—the~~ figures show a sharp rise in farm jobs, and March witnessed the largest gain in factory employment, for the month, ~~ever~~ since Nineteen Forty-Six.

The national figure for unemployment - dropping by two hundred and seven thousand.

LONDON

Britain installed a new Prime Minister, today, with a ceremony - brief and simple. Merely a matter - of a gentleman ~~kiss~~ kissing a lady's hand. That's the traditional form.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, called Anthony Eden to Buckingham Palace, and asked him to assume the post of Prime Minister. He agreed - and she held out her hand. He bowed, and kissed the royal hand. Thereby becoming the Prime Minister.

Eden then went to the ^{Houses} Parliament, where the ~~House of~~ Commons received him with a cheer. His first act, as head of the government - to deliver a eulogy to his great predecessor. ~~Who will continue as a mere member of Parliament.~~ Eden said that Sir Winston Churchill will continue to be the dominating personality in the House of Commons - though now merely a private member, on a back bench. ~~seat~~. The Commons agreed with that - all parties paying homage to the retiring Prime Minister.

Sir Winston, today, moved out of Number Ten Downing Street - his home through historic years. Leaving, he walked slowly across the threshold - with tears glistening in his eyes.

A large group cheered and sang - "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Churchill, saying good-bye to Number Ten Downing Street, went on to his country house, Chartwell, in Kent. Next week he and Mrs. Churchill will leave for a vacation in Sicily.

Today, Churchill explained why he retired. In a message, to ^{the} ~~the Chairman of the Conservative Party,~~ he said:

"For some time past, I've felt that, at my age - it would not be right to continue." He said he didn't feel it proper to take the responsibility of leading the Conservative Party in a new general election. But he added that, in the election - he would run for Parliament again. Confirming previous news that Sir Winston Churchill intends to stay on as a M.P.

TOWNSEND

There was a horse race in France, today. The winning jockey - Captain Peter Townsend. Linked romantically - with Princess Margaret of Britain. A race for gentlemen jockeys - at Maisons-Lafitte. The handsome Captain dressed in polo costume, was mobbed by crowds of the curious. Six policemen - clearing a path for him, when he weighed in.

Captain Townsend rode Nemrod - and came in ahead of a highly ~~favorite~~ favored thoroughbred owned by the Aga Khan.

There's a surmise that the Captain might have a better chance of marrying Princess Margaret - now that Sir Anthony Eden is the Prime Minister of Britain. Eden, like Townsend, having been divorced. But the word in London is that this is not likely to bring about a change of policy - respecting the marriage of Princess Margaret.

But, anyway, the Captain won the horse race.

VATICAN

In Rome, Pope Pius the Twelfth is commemorating Easter Week. Today - performing a ceremony that surely was appropriate, He bestowed - eighteen decorations. Creating - Knights of the Order of St. Sylvester.

So whom did the Pontiff decorate? They were *-the* eighteen doctors and medical technicians who participated in bringing him through his illness, in December.

At the time, the news seemed to indicate - the seventy-nine year old Pontiff could never survive. That ill - with gastritis and spells of hiccoughing. But the doctors were able to diagnose correctly - and prescribe a successful treatment.

They ~~are~~ sure deserve the Papal honors they were given, today.

SCULPTOR

In Rome, there's a sculptor - engaged in a task, unique in the history of art. Making - a portrait bust of his wife. But - he never saw her. The sculptor is - blind.

Ernesto Masuelli was a sixteen year old soldier in the First World War. Injured - by the explosion of a hand grenade. His eyesight - destroyed.

In a hospital, he met a nurse - Sarina Nathan. Later, they were married - and had two children.

During the years, the wife came to realize - her blind husband had a talent for sculpture. And - encouraged him to work at it, in spite of his affliction. In unending darkness - shaping and carving marble. Creating works of art - out of imagination, and a memory of what he had seen as a boy. Working - with only the touch of sensitive fingers.

A few years ago, the blind sculptor won recognition. Exhibiting - a remarkable effigy of Christ, the Saviour. The face - an inspired work.

Several months ago, the wife died. He knew her face - only by the touch of his fingers. So now he's engaged in the strangest work of all - a sculptured portrait of her. Picturing the features - that he only knew by the sense of touch.

CRIME

In Tokyo, today, a sentence of hanging - imposed in the case of a fantastic multiple murder. The criminal - Sadamichi Hirazawa, an artist. Once - well known and successful. But later, his luck changed. He was convicted of the murder of twelve persons - in a bank hold-up. Murder - by poison.

Hirazawa went to the bank, dressed in a white uniform, and wearing the arm-band of a Tokyo health employee. He told the bank workers he had come to give them preventive medicine against an epidemic of dysentery. They believed this, and he gave them - doses of potassium ~~XXXX~~ cyanide, mixed with green tea.

The poison ~~was such that it~~ affected them after a minute or so - one collapsing after another. Hirazawa making off with one hundred and sixty thousand Yen - about six hundred Dollars.

The case dragged through the courts - now resulting in ~~ax~~ conviction and sentence.

PEARLS

Word from the Far East - the Japanese technicians have succeeded in growing cultured pearls of a huge size. Pearls - with a diameter of three-eighths of an inch. And - in record-breaking time. The giant pearl produced - in less than a year.

They've done this in the Philippines - ~~is~~ using giant Philippine oysters.)

In waters off the islands, there's an oyster - a foot wide. ^{PP} The Japanese have long been experts in the culture of pearls. - ^{Miki Moto who} ~~by~~ introduced a foreign matter, something like sand, in the shell of the pearl oyster. ^{Now his successors have} ~~so now they've~~ tried the giant oyster of the Philippines - with phenomenal success.

ROBBERY

The biggest bank robbery in the history of New York City - and one of the most carefully planned crimes on record. ~~Four~~^{Three} bandits armed with a submachine gun - making off with three-hundred-and-fifty^{ve-}-thousand dollars, ~~today~~.

Two of the robbers held up the chief clerk of the bank at his home - as he was getting into his automobile, to go to work this morning. They forced him to drive them to the bank - a branch of Chase-Manhattan, in the Borough of Queens. There, at the door, the other ~~two~~ bandit^{was} ~~was~~ waiting. The plan was - to use the chief clerk as a hostage, for gaining entrance to the bank, before opening time.

Just then, the bank manager drove up with a woman employee of a nearby real estate firm. They were held up at the point of a gun - and the bandits and their prisoners went into the bank. Where there were six employees, already at work. They were held up, - ~~and~~ the robbers loaded money into sacks [→]

~~In talking, they called the bank employees by their names. Indicating - knowledge and preparation for the hold-up.~~

→ ~~They~~ locked their prisoners in a wire cage in the vault, and got away through crowds pouring to a nearby subway.

At about the same time, three robbers were holding up a jewelry firm in Manhattan - getting away with a hundred thousand dollars' worth of loot.

*Hugh - robbers were having
1/2 a field day, in our town.*