

H-BOMB

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Still Another H-bomb explosion - in the Far Pacific.

The Atomic Energy Commission, in Washington, announcing -

number three. The test - carried out yesterday, at those

Far Pacific proving grounds. The experiment/called -

"successful." Chairman ~~Leites~~ Strauss saying this latest

trial produced - "information of great importance to national

defense."

No details are given of the magnitude of the blast,

but President Eisenhower, today, stated - that those H-bombs,

~~which are being~~ used in present experiments, are the largest

this country intends to build. He told his news conference -

that the "city wreckers", now in our American arsenal, are

powerful enough to meet any possible military requirement.

No need - to make them bigger.

Atomic Energy Chairman Strauss informs us - that

President Eisenhower, personally, directed that the H-bomb

program be stepped up! In February, the President ordered -

go ahead faster.

TRUMAN - ATOMIC

Former President Truman declares - that the development of the hydrogen bomb was begun - as soon as the scientists were ready! This - in answer to the statement made by Senator McCarthy last night. Appearing on Ed Murrow's program, CBS, McCarthy intimated - that hydrogen bomb research had been delayed for eighteen months, ~~Because~~ - of the influence of Communists in government.

So now the former President retorts - there was no delay. No sooner had the scientists announced that they were ready to begin, than an appropriation of one billion dollars was obtained, to start H-bomb research.

President Eisenhower confirms this, saying - he never heard of any H-bomb delay. So stated at the White House news conference today. And members of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee demand that McCarthy produce evidence - to back up the charge he made.

McCARTHY - INVESTIGATION

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Well, at long last - they've picked a lawyer to direct that Army-McCarthy investigation. Ray Jenkins, a Southern Republican. ^{Prominent} ~~Powerful~~ attorney - at Knoxville, Tennessee. Who says - he's not prejudiced in any way.

Completely - impartial.

The temporary Committee Chairman, Senator Mundt, says: "I'm sure Joe McCarthy never heard of this man in the world."

So that seems to end the wrangling about the choice of a Committee counsel for the investigation of the battle between the Senator and the Army. Hearings, with Ray Jenkins in charge - to begin April Twenty-First.

Actually ~~the~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ was in the news, some while ago, when he acted as attorney for Alfred Dean Slack, a chemist convicted of Red espionage. Jenkins - appointed by the court to defend him. Slack pleaded guilty, and attacked Jenkins bitterly, alleging - poor defense. Which accusation was thrown out by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

COMMUNISTS

A witness, today, told how he accompanied a Communist Party organizer on a tour of strategic military points - in and around New York City. John P. Charles, a photographer - who says he joined the Communist Party to procure information for the F.B.I. He named the Communist organizer as Bernard Schuldiner - who took him on a trip, inspecting bridges, railroad yards, and an arsenal. (The witness adds - he never did know just why the Red leader was making the tour. But - Schuldiner told him he could estimate the output of guns at the arsenal by counting trains pulling in and out, and by noting the number of employees going through the gates.)

All this - disclosed at Albany today, in a hearing held by the Committee on Un-American Activities. The witness, John P. Charles, also telling - how his career as an F.B.I. agent in the Communist Party, came to an end. They became suspicious at a Communist meeting in Schenectady, in Nineteen Fifty. When they found - that F.B.I. men were taking

pictures of the assembled Reds. Snapping the pictures -
through an open door. Charles had opened that door on the
pretext - that it was hot in the auditorium. In that way, the
Reds got wise - and out of the Party he went.

EISENHOWER - INDO-CHINA

President Eisenhower came out strongly today - on the necessity of keeping Indo-China from falling victim to Red aggression. Intimating - that "drastic action" might be necessary. Which was also stated by Secretary Dulles, in an address today. Neither the President nor the Secretary of State saying - what any such "drastic action" might be. Whether it could mean - sending American troops into Indo-China.

The President, at his news conference, said he had his own ideas about what should be done - but this was no time for discussion. An issue - to be discussed between the United States and its Allies. Calling for - concerted action.

(Over in Europe - there's delay in this matter. Secretary of State Dulles proposed that France and Great Britain should join us in a warning to Red China. But now, we hear, that both Paris and London are side-stepping - not wanting to do anything that might, perhaps, disrupt the Geneva Conference, which is to meet on April Twenty-Sixth. Indo-China -- one of the topics, for negotiation.)

At the beleaguered fortress of Dien Bien Phu, reinforcements were landed from the sky today. A force of paratroopers thrown in to aid the defense. ~~Two~~ Communist attacks were beaten back. ~~today~~. Amid reports - that the Reds are bringing up new forces for another desperate attempt to capture the fortress.

DeGAULLE

In France, General Charles De Gaulle declared himself, today - all out against the European defense army.

In one of his rare public addresses, DeGaulle defended Marshal Juin - who spoke against that army of Nato, in which he was a top commander. Juin rebuked, yesterday, by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

DeGaulle, today, accused the United States of ~~refusing~~ reducing its own military strength, while pushing other nations into what he called - "a close quarter fight against Communist armies." The United States - relying on atomic power, not infantry divisions.

DeGaulle, the leader of the extreme Right Wing, spoke of both the United States and Soviet Russia^{as} - "allies of France." Which recalls that France does have a treaty with Moscow. Concluded - back in the days of World War Two.

So the tall French General called upon these two allies of France, the United States and Soviet Russia - to stop all atomic and hydrogen bomb tests. DeGaulle urged France to mediate in the cold war.

PALESTINE

More battles along the border of Israel - according to charges made by Jordan. Two groups of armed Israelis - crossing the frontier and attacking an Arab village. A place called - Husan. (~~Not far from Nahalin where there was an Israeli raid on March Twenty-Eighth.~~)

In this latest fracas, Jordan claims that the two parties from the Jewish state were driven off by the Arab Legion - in two running gunfights.

This is denied in Tel Aviv. An Israeli communique saying - "no truth" in it.

KENYA

Kenya reports - a savage battle in the jungle.

The King's African Rifles - versus the Mau Mau.

The authorities of Kenya have launched a new offensive against the terrorists. Parties of troops - pushing through the dense equatorial thicket. Twenty-four hours of jungle battle - in which a self styled "brigadier general" of the Mau Mau was killed.

EISENHOWER - ALASKA

President Eisenhower indicates that he might prefer a limited form of - statehood in Alaska. Take the more populous areas into the Union - instead of the entire territory, with its vast amounts of wilderness.

The Senate has passed a bill to make both Hawaii and Alaska states of the Union. But, in the House of Representatives - the prospects of the bill are dubious.

Governor Heinzelman of Alaska suggests - that statehood might be granted in the more populated parts. Not including - the Aleutian Islands, and the coasts of Bering Sea and the Arctic.

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower was asked about that, and said - yes, it might be the better idea.

BOMB

A strange, sinister mystery at Edenton, North Carolina. Where - a bomb exploded today, as a police officer was examining it.

Three years ago, William Cochrane, a school teacher, was murdered - when a bomb exploded in his automobile. A "booby trap", which blew up, when he pressed his foot on the starter. He had recently been married to a local young woman - a pretty brunette.

The murder was never solved - and today, the widow noticed that something was wrong with her automobile. It seemed to have been tampered with. Remembering the fate of her husband, she called the police - and they found a bomb in the car, the same sort of booby trap. Police Chief George Dale was examining it, when it exploded. Dale - critically injured.

Today, the authorities were going back over the evidence of the crime three years ago. The bomb murder - which

~~now, was attempted against the widow of the victim.~~
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OCTOPUS

At Santa Rosa, California, ~~1955~~, Big Jim Antone was displaying - a huge octopus. Big Jim - the winner. The octopus - the loser.

Jim really is big. He weighs two hundred and sixty-five pounds, and operates a bulldozer. Well, he needed all the strength he had.

He was fishing for abalone - that characteristic shellfish of California. You get them under water, pulling the abalone from submerged rocks. Big Jim was neck deep in the surf, when he felt something wrap around his arm. Tentacle of an ~~octopus~~ octopus, suction cup and all. And, in seconds, other tentacles were wrapping around him.

"I never saw so many arms," Big Jim relates. So there he was, neck deep in surf - and in the clasp of a huge octopus. All eight arms - around him. The octopus - attached to a rock.

"I braced myself against the rock," says Big Jim, "and heaved back - and the whole octopus came with me."

That way, he waded ashore - the slithery creature still clinging to him. Until he killed it - by slamming its head against a rock. That octopus - eight feet from tip to tip, with tentacles as big as a man's arm.

Quite an adventure for Big Jim, the Bulldozer operator.

FORD

A dispatch from Detroit relates how a plan formed by Henry Ford, long years ago, has turned into something - very different. Whipped cream - instead of automobiles. (~~Ford thought of motor cars rolling along highways, but his idea now results in frosting for cakes and confectionery.~~)

The motor magnate had a dream of using a plastic made of soy bean, and invested as much as ten million dollars in research. Automobile fenders - to be made of the soy bean plastic.

Well, the chemical research resulted in various things - soy bean milk, soy bean ice cream. But - never anything that could be used for automobile fenders.

In Nineteen Forty-Three, one of the chemists on the ~~project~~ ^{project}, Robert Smith - found that an artificial kind of whipped cream could be made. So he went into business, manufacturing the product. For quite some time, it failed to catch on. But, now, the report from Detroit is - that business is flourishing. Henry Ford's dream of soy bean automobile fenders ending - ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ whipped cream.

ROME

In Rome, today, a bridge was closed - needing repairs. Traffic re-routed -- over another bridge across the River Tiber.

The Garibaldi Bridge was built seventy years ago. Now - showing signs of wear and tear. That other bridge - in much better shape, sound and sturdy. The Milvian Bridge - built back in the days of the Roman Empire.

History tells how the triumph of Christianity came, when the Emperor Constantine-the-Great won the Battle of Milvian Bridge -- sixteen centuries ago. Today, the Milvian Bridge still stands on its ancient Roman arches, in everyday use for automobile traffic.

BEAUTY

Over in Italy, they had a beauty contest.

Selecting, a lovely damsel to represent the pleasant season of the year - "Miss Spring." At the town of Imperia, the girls, clad in fineries to represent Spring - paraded in front of the judges. Their choice - virtually unanimous. A modest young woman, coy and demure, with brown hair. So sweet and innocent - perfect for "Miss Spring."

Whereupon the beauty winner, thanking the judges, spoke up - in a deep baritone voice. Whipping off a wig, Harry, he displayed - what amounted to a crew haircut. "Mr. Spring". - A local humorist playing a joke on the beauty contest.