

ATOMIC

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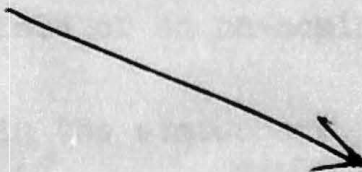
~~was~~ The people of Hawaii finally got - their atomic fireworks. After two failures - the lucky third. Those who were watching, saw a once-in-a-lifetime show -- free, gratis, ~~or~~ for nothing. In the night sky, far to the southwest - a sudden point of light, like another star. But this ~~is~~ star - started to expand, rapidly. Covering most of the sky with brilliant colors - blue, green, then a rosy pink. The sight so spectacular that the crowd at the Honolulu Fair Grounds - gasped, ~~a collective "Oh my God" mind boggling~~ *altho' the spectacle was* seven hundred and fifty miles ~~from the spot where our high altitude nuclear explosion went off~~ *away.* At Johnston Island, the explosion turned night into day - from horizon to horizon. But - what a day. They say it was like the northern lights of the Arctic - all gathered into one place at the same time. Or - like a million rainbows, intermingling and exchanging colors.

this time the atomic - H-bomb
All of which means that ~~an atomic bomb explosion~~

came off
as planned. Riding more than two hundred miles up - aboard

a Thor rocket. Then, erupting with the power of - a million tons of T N T. For an hour afterward, communication lines were broken, all the way from America to Australia. The circuits between San Francisco and Sydney - completely blacked out.

Maybe "colored out" - would be a better expression. The sky ^{far off} over Australia became a glowing crimson - due to nuclear particles traveling along the earth's magnetic field.



Add Atomic

We are told there was
~~One thing is sure~~ little radio active fallout.

Most of the atomic debris - hurled ^{far out} into space. The rest,
scattered so widely at an altitude of two hundred miles -
that it will be completely harmless.

Why a test -- so far above the surface of the
earth? To gather data - for an anti-missile defense. The
theory being, that rays from an atomic explosion like this
one - would damage the heat shield of an on-coming rocket.
Cause the rocket to burn up - in the atmosphere. ~~As you~~
~~can see~~ If the theory is right ^{then} a whole salvo of enemy
missiles could be destroyed by one atomic bomb.

REACTION FOLLOW ATOMIC

The free world seems to be in general agreement tonight - that our ^{mid-Pacific} Johnston Island test was justified. The British, the French, and the West Germans, taking the line - that America is bound to do everything necessary for the protection of the West. The Philippines, and our allies in southeast Asia, looking at it from the ^{in side of the globe} ~~opposite perspective~~ - regard this latest H-bomb explosion as a warning to Moscow not to start anything.

That's the political reaction. The scientists - not so united, ^{Some} ~~in their criticism.~~ ~~They seem to have~~ ^{There's much} fear about ~~as to~~ what has happened to - the Van Allen belt of radiation, surrounding the ~~the~~ earth. But Dr. James Van Allen himself is still sure ~~that~~ there will be no permanent damage to the part of space named after him.

PROPAGANDA

the world
Today, in Moscow, at the opening of - the so-called Disarmament Congress, some of the delegates - the Russians were denouncing our high altitude nuclear explosion. Expressing alleged dismay over what they term "America's indefensible action." Which is echoed by other delegates who are either Reds or dupes of the Reds.

The Moscow press and radio, full of charges about - American aggression, the threat to peace. No mention of the fact - that Khrushchev broke the test moratorium and he forced us to resume testing - as a matter of self defense.

ROCKET

With ^{the world} ~~everyone~~ talking about the Johnston Island

atomic bomb - let's not forget the rocket. The Thor chalking up success number one-hundred-and-twenty-five -- in one-hundred-and-fifty-seven launchings. A phenomenal record. Moreover, about half the failures - were not due to any malfunction of the rocket. The fault, on the ground - in the tracking system. That's why so many rockets that were flying perfectly - had to be destroyed in the air.

This rocket has only an intermediate range - about seventeen hundred miles. But the real point is - its reliability. Now, a workhorse in both science and defense - the "Thor".

GENEVA

The disarmament conference in Geneva has finally come up with an agreement - signed sealed and delivered. Subject - Laos. The coalition government formed by the three Laotian princes, having an echo - halfway around the world, in the middle of Europe. The fourteen-nation conference, accepting a compromise between East and West - by ~~mi~~ which Laos is to become a neutralist nation. Neutralist - in two senses. Laos, to be allied to neither the democracies nor the Communist bloc. Also, pledged not to interfere - in the internal ~~aff~~ affairs of neighboring countries. No permitting guerrilla forces - to cross into Thailand, or anywhere else.

Tonight, the chancelleries of the free world are asking - "is this, at long last, really the end of the Laotian crisis?"

INDIA

In the Himalyas, a game of chess is about to turn into - a shooting war. So says - Mao Tse Tung. Mao, referring to the Indian strategy -- of outflanking the Communist forces on Indian soil. Nehru, sending troops through the valleys - around behind the Red invaders. Compelling the Chinese to pull back - to avoid being cut off. The strategy that Nehru calls "a gigantic game of Himalayan chess."

Today Mao warned Nehru - that his army had better come prepared for battle. His game of chess, leading to - not checkmate - but war.

RANGOON

If you think that American undergraduates ^{sometimes} are a bit too rambunctious - consider the riot at Rangoon University. It all started with a curfew - compelling the students to be in by ten o'clock at night. Their answer - a riot that wrecked a dozen classrooms, and touched off a wild melee through downtown Rangoon. The toll - some twenty dead, more than sixty injured. Order, not restored - until detachments of the Burmese Army moved in.

Today, a demolition squad blew up - the headquarters of the student union. And the students are obeying the curfew ^{- doing it} with the assistance of soldiers in battle dress. Rangoon, and Rangoon University - tense tonight.

POISONING

At Broadmoor, England, a psychiatrist said today - "we probably forestalled one of the worst poisoning cases in the history of crime." The psychiatrist, referring to the youngest inmate ever admitted to - the British asylum for the criminally insane."

Graham Young is only fifteen - but ~~be~~ already has a four-year career behind him. The career of - poisoner. When he was eleven, he read books with titles like "A handbook of poisons," and "Poisoners in the Dock." ^{Whereupon} He decided - to have a go at it himself.

The book told him what to buy at the chemist's:- -- belladonna, digitalis, barium chloride and so on. He started poisoning - plants, insects, and mice. Then he graduated to - human beings. Feeding ~~xxxx~~ doses of poison - to his family and his friends. All of whom became - violently ill.

They caught him just in time ^{- tick -} the budding Borgia of Broadmoor.

ROBBERS

Those two "extras" who appeared on the stage of the Music Theatre in Highland Park, Illinois - weren't on salary. Still - they didn't go away empty handed. They figured that their performance was worth - a thousand dollars. And - that's what they got.

The "extras" - a couple of robbers. They held up everyone on stage - and forced director William Bemas to hand over the take from last night's show. After which, these "extras" - abruptly quit the company.

Director Bemas is anxious to direct them in an encore--at the Highland Park police station.