

5th Vessel Sinks As Signs Of A-Bomb Damage Mount

Radioactivity Slows Close Check on Battered Ships; Sub Is Saved by Beaching

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OFF BIKINI ATOLL, July 2.—Operations Crossroads scientists have determined that the atomic bomb exploded in Bikini lagoon was "somewhat less powerful" than the bomb exploded over Nagasaki last year, Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy announced today.

The bomb used at Bikini to determine its effect against navy ships—an effect thus far gauged in terms of five ships sunk, six wrecked and half the fleet of 73 ships damaged—was of the same type as the Nagasaki missile. That bomb devastated 10 square miles of the Japanese city.

Although less powerful than its prototype, the Bikini bomb, according to Adm. Blandy, was said by task force scientists to be a "perfectly normal Nagasaki type bomb."

Find More Damage

Evidence of the fury of the atom bomb swelled as boarding parties for the first time got close enough to the target ships in Bikini lagoon to see the damage wrought in Monday's atomic blast.

Crews with scientific equipment moved cautiously among the stricken ships to measure the damage.

Secretary of Navy James Forrestal said it was "too early to draw specific conclusions," but that he held a "broad and general opinion that there will still be navies in the world."

The guinea pig fleet appeared in much better shape from a distance than from close up. Every passing hour brought new evidence of the magnitude of the destruction.

Cruiser Goes Down

Shortly before noon today, the Japanese cruiser Sakawa, shredded until it looked like a floating pagoda, upended and sank.

A few hours earlier Adm. Blandy announced the destroyer Anderson had joined the transports Gilliam and Carlisle and the destroyer Lamson on the bottom.

Tabulated on the basis of latest checks, here is the box score:

SUNK: The cruiser Sakawa, destroyers Lamson and Anderson, and transports Gilliam and Carlisle.

HEAVILY DAMAGED: Submarine Skate, battleship Nagato, battleship Arkansas, light carrier Independence, heavy cruiser Pensacola, and one landing ship.

Sub Is Ripped Open

LIGHTLY DAMAGED: Battleships Pennsylvania, New York and Nevada; carrier Saratoga, cruiser Salt Lake City, landing craft Medium No. 1, yard oiler No. 160, and

ATOM DEBATE NOT STILLED

All Happy Over Test That May Settle Nothing.

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BIKINI, July 2.—The atom bomb test apparently satisfied everyone involved in it, but paradoxically it may settle nothing.

Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, commander of Joint Task Force One, was pleased because operations proceeded according to plan. The 27,000-foot lethal cloud behaved just as the admiral said it would, and no one of the 42,000 men in the test got hurt.

Maj. Gen. A. E. Kepner, Adm. Blandy's deputy for air, was happy because his airmen pulled it off without a hitch.

Scientists aboard the U. S. S. Panamint said the test was a success.

Solace for Opponents

Even the Federation of American Scientists, which clamored against the experiment, can find some solace in what happened. As early as May 26 the scientists predicted only a couple of ships would be sunk.

So, on the basis of what happened:

The navy can claim it lost only three ships out of 73.

The air force can claim it is able to drop an atom bomb accurately.

Scientists can claim the tests were unnecessary—they practically predicted the outcome.

This reporter can claim—and does—that the test was a nuclear version of the Conn-Louis fight.

FLIER IS ACCUSED OF 'BUZZING' CROWD

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 2 (U. P.).—Robert Wise, manager of the Noblesville airport, today faced charges of operating an airplane in an unlawful manner.

An affidavit filed by Prosecutor Lloyd Garrison cited Mr. Wise for allegedly dipping his plane too low over an open air meeting near Noblesville.

HOSPITAL HEAD DIES

COOK, Ind., July 2 (U. P.).—Rites were planned for Mrs. Golda Smith, 59, Gary, who died Sunday following an automobile accident in which her husband and three others received injuries. Mrs. Smith was general supervisor of Elkhart General hospital at Elkhart.

Battlewagon New York Still Proudly Rides the Waves



As predicted in words "Old Sailors Never Die," painted on the bulkhead of the battlewagon New York the day before the blast, the old ship rides the waters of Bikini lagoon as proudly as ever 24 hours after the atomic explosion. Left to right, Secretary of Navy James Forrestal and Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy look at the ship. (Joint army-navy task force 1 radio-telephone from still picture pool from Acme Telephoto.)

DEATH OF GI HALTS WAR TRIAL OF JAPS

TOKYO, July 2 (U. P.).—The war crimes trial of leading Japanese suspects was adjourned abruptly today when an American soldier electrocuted himself by falling on a power line and causing the courtroom lights to go out.

The soldier was Joseph D. Moore, Centerville, Tex. He was erecting an army antenna on the war ministry building grounds.

BLAST PICTURES ON WAY

HONOLULU, July 2 (U. P.).—The superfortress "Enola Gay" was to leave today for the United States with a cargo of heavily guarded motion picture film and still pictures of the atomic bomb test.

FORRESTAL MAKING GLOBAL PLANE TOUR

TOKYO, July 2 (U. P.).—Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal will arrive in Tokyo Friday from Bikini. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

He will depart Saturday on a global flight and will stop in Manila, Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Cairo and Rome. He will proceed to the U. S. via Berlin, Stockholm and London.

It Is 'Business as Usual' for Patrons at Sally Rand's Again

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2 (U. P.).—The drinks were on the house at Sally Rand's scotch-and-strip emporium today.

The blond exponent of the fan and bubble resumed "business as usual" with a clean slate from Municipal Judge Daniel Shoemaker.

The judge, who enjoyed a private showing of Miss Rand's art last Saturday, took a left-handed

LOCAL BRIEFS

Col. Harold C. Percival, 1451 Drexel ave., has entered a 12-week refresher course at the dental clinic of the army medical center at Walter Reed General Hospital. Col. Percival served two years as post surgeon at Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

Dr. and Mrs. Sumner L. Martin will be honored at a reception tonight at 8:15 p. m. by the members of the Roberts Park church and the Women's Society of Christian service to celebrate Dr. Martin's sixth year as pastor of the church.

When Mrs. Amy Reynolds, 333 S. Warman ave., a clerk in White's grocery, 401 S. Warman ave., refused to open the cash drawer, three bandits who came in to stage a holdup late yesterday, fled without taking any money.

Alonso Beasley, 31, of 1708 Martindale ave., reported two men held him up at Maryland and West sts. early today and took \$6 from his pockets.

slap at the police department's moral values when he declared Sally "not guilty."

"Anyone who saw anything lewd or base in her act had to have a perverted mind," said the judge.

His remark caused no end of red faces at police headquarters where Sally was twice hauled last week for putting on a "lewd and indecent" performance.

Sally was jubilant as she stepped from the courtroom a free woman. "Fun is fun," she said, "and this is enough."

She said there would be free wine for the patrons last night, but indicated the police department would not be included in the invitation.

The next time the boys in blue visit the club, she said, they will have to pay the cover charge.

INDIANAPOLIS GIRL WINS FELLOWSHIP

Miss Ruth Ann Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hamilton, 201 E. 33d st., has been awarded the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority \$500 fellowship for graduate study.

Miss Hamilton was graduated with high honors from Indiana university last month. She formerly was editor of The Indiana Daily Student.

PROBE NAZI BRIBES

NANKING, China, July 2 (U. P.).—A foreign minister spokesman announced today that the ministry had ordered local authorities to investigate reports of German Nazis paying bribes to escape deportation and repatriation to Germany.

Be sure to attend Sahara Grotto's 11th Annual Fireworks Show, Thursday Evening, July 4, Butler Bowl.

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