

Workmen Prepare For Underwater Explosion In Atom Test

NEXT TRIAL IS TO BE HELD IN 3 OR 4 WEEKS

More Damage Is Expected In Baker Day Bombing.

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
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OFF BIKINI ATOLL, July 4.—The 42,000 men of Operations Crossroads prepared today for the next test of atomic power—an underwater explosion to further try the dreaded weapon's might against naval vessels.

Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, director of the historic test that on Monday damaged 62 of 73 ships arrayed in Bikini lagoon, announced that the second explosion will take place in three to four weeks.

"That will be about the size of the first," he said. "This time we won't need quite the same kind of weather as in the first test."

Adm. Blandy disclosed that for the second test, the target ships will be regrouped around a new bulwark. No ship will be directly over the bomb but many of them will be close around it.

Expect More Damage

"We certainly expect more damage to ships in the second test," Adm. Blandy said. He added that he believed the initial wave caused by the detonation will sweep over the islands in Bikini Atoll.

Asked whether the first bomb was a disappointment, Adm. Blandy reiterated a previous statement that it was more powerful than the bombs exploded over New Mexico and Hiroshima and "all indications to date are that it was a good one of the Nagasaki type."

"Not all bombs have the same nuclear efficiency," he added. "The 'able day' bomb may have been somewhat less powerful than the Nagasaki bomb for that reason." Meanwhile, safety officers revealed that four target vessels still were unsafe for boarding parties. They were the submarine Skate, the transport Crittenden, the yarder 100 and a floating concrete drydock.

Sections Still Unsafe

The fallout of the Battleship Nevada and sections of the Arkansas also were still unsafe.

Col. Stafford Warren, chief of radiological safety, warned that the hazard from radiation still was not entirely gone and that some radioactive material was trapped in pools of water aboard target ships.

He estimated that it would be another five or six days before the danger from radioactivity would be dissipated.

"Boarding parties are skirting the borderline of safety to clear up debris for the next test," Col. Warren said.

Waters of Bikini lagoon were still being monitored since radioactive waters have a tendency to swell up from depths and move about unpredictably. Nevertheless, officers and men of the joint task force one were swimming in the lagoon.

ASK FULL AMNESTY FOR C.O.'S IN PRISON

WASHINGTON, July 4 (U. P.).—A group of religious and civic leaders yesterday asked Atty. Gen. Tom C. Clark to obtain full amnesty for conscientious objectors imprisoned for criminal violations of the selective service act.

They said the release of "sincere religious objectors could not be considered inimicable to the best interests of the United States when men who had participated in the shooting war against Americans are being released and high political people in enemy governments are granted full pardons."

The statement referred specifically to the general amnesty granted an estimated 1,000,000 Nazis under 27 years of age by Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy military governor of the American zone in Germany, and the full pardon granted to Edda Ciano, daughter of Benito Mussolini.

BLOOMINGTON SEEKS TO END BUS STRIKE

Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 4.—Frank Douthett, representing 600 Showers Furniture Factory C. I. O. union workers who have voted to end their 10-week strike and return to work Monday, has requested city council to force J. W. Leppert, owner of the bus line here, into a union contract with the A. F. of L. and to break the nearly two-month-old bus strike which has virtually left the city without transportation.

The Rev. W. Douglas Rae, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the Rev. Howard Anderson of the First Christian church also appeared before the city council and asked some action be taken to restore the bus service, pointing out lack of transportation was keeping many from attending church services.

City Attorney J. Ernest Darby was instructed to make a thorough study of the situation. Indications are the case will be taken to Monroe circuit court.

Organizations

Alvin P. Hovey Corps 194 will hold a regular meeting at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow at 213 N. Illinois st.

Her Lucky Number Is 13



Billy, three-year-old pedigreed pointer, looks a bit surprised, but she's quite proud of her first family—13 lively pups. She's owned by Gus Baraco of San Francisco.

'Two-Forty,' Performing Pup, Fed Up With GI Camp Shows

NEW YORK, July 4 (U. P.).—If G. I. hearts are breaking, and weary backs are aching, there's at least one dirty dog in town who just doesn't care.

He's a wire-haired pooch from Paris, named "Two-Forty," and he's just arrived in Manhattan from Tokyo, by way of San Francisco, with a cold in the head.

"Two-Forty," although they had to yank him around on a chain to make him go, traveled more than 125,000 miles around the world with a USO camp troupe called "Arabella's Show Shoppe."

An Independent Mutt

He licked the hands of a mess sergeant in Casablanca, the boots of generals in Germany, and the neck of a geisha girl in the balcony of the "Ernie Pyle" theater in Tokyo.

He did all this, and he's fed up now.

"I don't think he'll go back any more," said Colin Shaw Smith of Mount Olive, N. C., one of his owners. "I've never seen such an independent mutt. He doesn't worry about anyone but himself."

But "Two-Forty" is the pin-up pup of thousands of American soldiers from Frankfurt to Calcutta. Many a homesick boy almost cried when he watched the little dog performing in the show.

BILBO RE-ELECTION IS ALMOST CERTAIN

JACKSON, Miss., July 4 (U. P.).—Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D. Miss.) was in a holiday mood today and called on his supporters to sing out with "God Bless Mississippi" to celebrate his re-election to a third term.

The vigorous and noisy advocate of white supremacy held a 4064 vote lead over the combined total of his four opponents with all but 18 of the state's 1713 precincts accounted for in unofficial returns.

Returns from 1695 precincts gave Bilbo 100,464, Tom G. Ellis 59,142, Ross Collins 19,896, Nelson T. Levings 15,850 and Frank Harper 1542.

"We have met the enemy and they are ours—now" let's all sing "God Bless Mississippi," the small but stocky senator declared as he issued a statement that he was "happy and confident" of a third term.

Rep. John E. Rankin of the first congressional district, Arthur Winstead of the fifth and William M. Colmer of the sixth also were renominated, but Rep. Dan McGehee of the seventh faced a runoff with John Bell Williams.

ITURBI UNDER KNIFE

HOLLYWOOD, July 4 (U. P.).—Pianist Jose Iturbi was "doing nicely" at Hollywood hospital today after undergoing a double hernia operation.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Advertising club of Indianapolis, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Lincoln.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Exchange club, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Claypool.

BIRTHS

At St. Francis—James, Frances Hall. At City—Beverly, Edith Smith. At Coleman—Robert, Betty Smith, and Helen, Helen Cogswell; Robert, Elizabeth Crider, and Claude, Peggy Sanders.

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DEATHS

Mildred Viola Weddle, 33, at Methodist. Lillian Daily, 70, at 836 N. East, cerebral hemorrhage. William King, 64, at 218 N. Jefferson, carcinoma. Mary Dean, 71, at 1203 Prospect, coronary thrombosis. John Barber, 66, at St. Vincent's, lymphatic leukemia. George A. Zim, 51, at 1427 N. Delaware, carcinoma. Earl A. Burel, 64, at Methodist, diabetes mellitus. Paul E. Booth, 46, at 5885 Forest Lane, myocarditis. Harriet Jassie, 70, at City, cerebral hemorrhage. Sylvia Hanson, 55, at Long, strangulated hernia. Nathan M. Corbin, 57, at Veterans, myocardial. Frank Kernan, 67, at 750 Ketchum, coronary occlusion.

LABORATORY PLANS FOR ATOMIC STUDY

The Manhattan project's metallurgical laboratory at the University of Chicago, which aided in the development of the atomic bomb, will continue peacetime research as the Argonne national laboratory, it was announced today.

Col. Arthur H. Frye Jr., Chicago area engineer of the project, said the changeover was another step in the government's long-range program for a co-ordinated plan for peacetime use of atomic energy.

BEAD LODGED IN LUNG

PHILADELPHIA, July 4 (U. P.).—Three-year-old Sandra Bisel, Montia Vista, Col., was under observation at Temple university hospital today for removal of a bead lodged in her left lung.

Conflict With Labor Faces New Government of France

By PAUL GHALI
Times Foreign Correspondent

PARIS, July 4.—Although only 10 days old, the government of Premier-President Georges Bidault is already facing a grave conflict with France's labor unions.

While the unions, supported by the Communist party, have demanded a 25 per cent increase in wages, the government has decided to grant only a 15 per cent raise.

French Headache

This means that a general strike might well coincide with the opening here of the general peace conference.

actually means only a bare 6 per cent increase for the ordinary wage-earner.

The workers' delegates have, however, accepted an invitation to attend a July 4-20 specially summoned general economic conference, the aim of which will be to fix ceiling prices and salaries.

If their demands are not granted by the conference, the workers will resort to more drastic means of achieving their objectives, it is understood.

For the Last Two Years

the balancing of prices and salaries has been one of the greatest headaches of successive French governments. Prices have gone up, but salaries have rarely followed.

Official prices are from six to seven times higher than in 1939.

On the black market, they range from 10 to 12 times the prewar level. The majority of French salaries are about four times what they were in 1939, and many employees of the government are still earning 5000 francs (about \$42 monthly) which must pay for three black market meals and is equivalent to the price of two low-quality shirts.

Behind the reasonable demands of the workers lurks the ugly specter of general inflation and a new devaluation of the franc.

Taxpayers Burdened

If the government employees insist upon getting their full 25 per cent increase, it will mean that 50,000,000,000 francs (about \$420,000,000) more must be obtained from the taxpayers. In private industry, the workers' demands will mean

that 100,000,000,000 more francs (approximately \$840,000,000) must be extracted from a barely self-sustaining economy.

At present, the French budget fluctuates between 340,000,000,000 and 380,000,000,000 francs (about \$2,856,000,000 to \$3,192,000,000) annually.

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TWO DIVORCEES SAY LATIN POOR LOVERS

CHICAGO, July 4 (U. P.).—Mrs. Angelia Baldo, 38, and her daughter, Mrs. Patricia Rossi, 22, agreed yesterday that Latin men are "poor lovers."

Mrs. Baldo, a grandmother, divorced her daughter's former husband, Angelia Baldo, 38, a native of Caracas, Venezuela, on the grounds of cruelty.

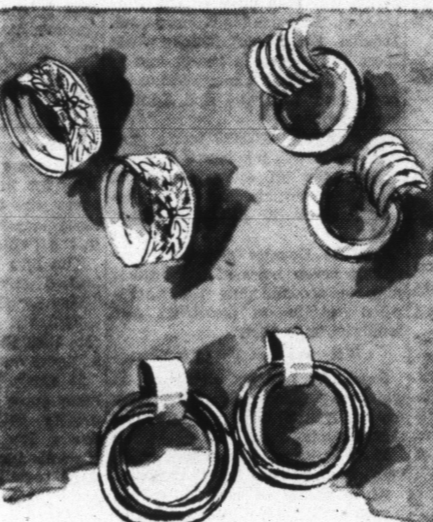


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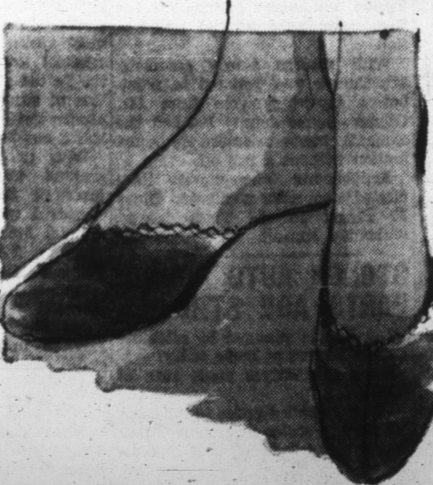
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