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Initial Blast Turns Carrier Into 'Housetop'; Later Damage Light.

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ABOARD U. S. S. MT. AKADEMIA, July 6.—Vice Admiral H. P. Blandy inspected the atomic bomb shattered aircraft carrier Independence today and described the remains of the once powerful flat-top as resembling a "housetop."

Adm. Blandy said the initial blast ripped through the carrier's right side between the flight and hangar decks. The blast buckled the flight deck upward while the hangar deck

Secondary damage, he said, turned out to be minor. There was very little damage from fire and secondary explosions.

Yesterday the crew of the bomb carrying superfortress "Dave's Dream" visited the Bikini fleet by sea for the first time and Maj. Harold Wood, the bombardier, admitted "it looks like the bomb fell way short."

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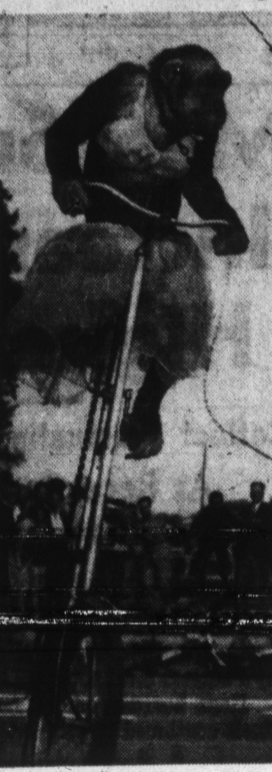
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Circus Is Coming



It's a monkey's life... but 'Adam,' who specializes in somersaulting, wire walking, trick bicycling and roller skating, doesn't seem to mind. The chimpanzee is one of the attractions of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus coming to Victory Field parking lot Monday and Tuesday.

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'TIE-IN' LIQUOR SALES ARE HIT

Five Wholesale Dealers Cited in County.

The Indiana liquor business was in trouble with government officials again today.

Latest move was a citation of five of seven Marion county wholesale dealers, as well as others elsewhere in the state, for "tie-in" sales of liquor, illegal under federal regulations. This is a practice of requiring retail dealers to buy gin, rum and wine in order to get whisky. There is no state law forbidding such practice.

The federal alcoholic tax unit, represented here by James E. Scanlon, investigator-in-charge, scheduled hearings for July 17 in the Electric building office.

Lake County Involved

In addition to county wholesalers who will parade to the session, it was reported that several county dealers and others from the southern part of Indiana will be called. Presiding will be August Hoch of the A. T. U.'s Chicago district office.

It was not believed the hearing would result in anything other than official "wrist-slapping." However, if the practice is continued, it was pointed out, federal laws permit suspension of wholesalers' licenses for 30 days or longer.

Industry spokesmen declare the entire "tie-in" process begins with the distiller, who refuses to sell whisky to wholesalers unless the latter also accept varying quantities of gin, rum and wine.

Same Course Followed

This practice, they say, makes it necessary for them to follow the same course, if they are to dispose of this unwanted merchandise.

Some retailers until recently followed the "tie-in" practice. They were said to have discontinued it, however, when prosecution under federal law appeared imminent.

Although the Indiana alcoholic beverages commission has issued no regulation against "tie-in" sales of liquor, sometime ago the agency issued such an order against beer "tie-ins."

since the demise of OPA a week ago.

About 250 reports of individual cases have been recorded by the Indianapolis OPA rent office, which has maintained operations although technically out of existence.

Governor Gates told a labor union delegation today that he might call a special session of the Indiana legislature "if the federal government doesn't act during July" to impose rent controls again.

Meanwhile, pickets representing the C. I. O. Political Action Committee marched in a group to the statehouse this morning, carrying signs decrying the abolition of rent control.

They also staged a march on N. Delaware st., where many of the city's leading real estate firms are located.

NOBLESVILLE PASTOR HEEDS GEORGIA CALL

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 6.—The Rev. Homer D. Rich, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church here since its organization in 1939, has announced his resignation. He has accepted a call to serve the Wesleyan Methodist church at Macon, Ga.

The Rev. Rich directed construction of a new church building during his service here. A church building program is scheduled at Macon and he will direct the construction work there.

GEN. WHITEHEAD HONORED

TOKYO, July 6 (U. P.).—W. Stuart Symington, assistant secretary of war for air, today presented the air medal with one oak leaf cluster to Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, Kansas City, Mo., commanding general of the Pacific air command.

PROBE G. I. MARRIAGES

FRANKFURT, July 6 (U. P.).—American army officials revealed today that they are investigating the case of two former G. I.'s now employed by UNRRA who have married German females despite the theater prohibition on such marriages.

'Kiss and Make Up' Plea Not Understood, Jurist Explains

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which usually requires the presence of a husband.

"The woman would not care to go alone, but misses entertainment. Perhaps her husband has been gone several years. Well, meaning relatives write the husband his wife was seen with another man. He is sensitive about it, wants nothing to do with her on his return."

Be More Forgiving

"My suggestion is they be more forgiving. He must remember his wife has been home alone a long time and needed entertainment. On the other hand, wives should be willing to forgive some derelictions of her husband—such as his writing to another girl while in service."

It's a comparatively simple matter, peculiar to the unusual conditions of wartime, which could be settled by forgiveness, rather than a court of law and divorce."

Divorce records show that 62½ per cent of recent local divorces involved servicemen. "Something

should be done to try to reconcile these young people," Judge Kovachy said.

Has Four-Point Program

He offered a four-point program. 1. If the couple feel their wartime separation changed their feelings, the man should start courting his lady love again. He shouldn't try this while living under the same roof, but move and go through the same routine that gave their original courtship glamour.

2. Servicemen and their wives shouldn't start divorce action for six months to a year after the man returns, to allow time for him to become readjusted to civilian life.

3. They should not go immediately to lawyers, but to a Department of Domestic Relations where the prime purpose is to try to reconcile the individuals. (A man who spent five years helping soldiers with their personal and emotional problems has been added to the Cleveland domestic relations staff to help veterans.)

4. People should be more forgiving.

WASHINGTON

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington

Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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couraged by White House. Word reached congress that Mr. Truman would sign no bill continuing controls on single item.

British loan will pass by small margin according to present indications, despite 75-man house bloc formed to fight it.

Palestine issue alienated many Jews, but more influential ones favor loan. Irish and German communities are anti-loan. But argument that denial would upset whole program for world economic recovery gets more consideration in congress.

The Cost Is Low

Don't attach too much importance to so-called anti-American demonstrations in Shanghai.

With 100,000 Chinese on stage demonstration in Shanghai, on any subject. The technique is even used in funeral—relative hire "mourner" to follow coffin through streets, to show how many friends and retainers dead man had.

Communists are blamed for some demonstrations, knowing any incident involving Americans will be publicized here, hoping demand will increase for withdrawal of U. S. troops.

There's some evidence, also, that extreme right-wingers in Kuomintang, bitterly opposed to any compromise with Chinese Communists, have inspired "demonstrations" in order to undermine Gen. Marshall's efforts.

Extremes on both right and left know their days of power are numbered if Gen. Marshall restores unity in China.

But majority of Chinese regard U. S. as China's best friend. They call it "mei kwo" or "beautiful land." It's one nation that hasn't tried to rob China of land or exploit her people.

Bikini Reporting

When reporters return from Bikini, navy will hear from them about war press handled there. Plans for handling their stories had been agreed on. But when press ship got to sea Capt. Fitzhugh Lee, head of navy press section for test, announced substitute. Argument that followed lasted several days.

Reporters were held on Appalachean and not permitted to talk with scientists, on another ship. When it appeared press ship would reach Bikini before scheduled, it ran slowly in circles to kill time.

One reporter said group was as effectively isolated from story as if they'd had smallpox.

But thing to remember is that atomic secret is America's greatest safeguard.

Last-minute maneuver by house protectionists has restored provision to emergency stockpiling bill under which government must pay duty on strategic materials purchased abroad. Senate bill would have made these imports duty free. Conferees of both houses first accepted this plan but have just reversed themselves.

Since duties will go out of one government pocket into another, tariff means little to net costs. What it does mean, however, is that domestic mining industry will be in more favorable competitive position in making sales to government. Protectionists say provision will stimulate development of substantial ores by equalizing domestic and foreign prices.

Profiteering Probe

Scores of companies will be probed for war profiteering before Mead committee is finished. Hearings on Erie Basin Products Co. case now under way, will be completed next week after Secretary Patterson and Under-Secretary Royall testify Monday or Tuesday.

Rep. M. (D. Ky.), charged with intervening with war department in behalf of potential war contractors, has been invited to testify, but is not expected to do so. Mr. May is chairman of house military affairs committee. Mead committee questioned him in executive session before hearings started. His statement, given without oath, will be put in record.

Committee also would like to question Murray Garrison, key official in companies now being probed, but he is in Havana.

One of deal to be checked further involves advance of \$48,000 by Erie Co. to Cumberland Lumber Co. of Letcher County, Ky. Erie never received any lumber from Cumberland against advance, according to Mead committee records.

Reds Eye Unions

Look for American labor, particularly C. I. O., to be played up more in the World Federation of Trade Unions. Russians are anxious for stronger bonds with American labor.

Next meetings of W.F.T.U.'s bureau take place in Washington and New York in September. Signs are that American will be named international president, succeeding Sir Walter Citrine.

Possibilities include Sidney Hillman, now W.F.T.U. vice president, and Mr. Murray, who of Hillman may decline because of ill health and because of past efforts to identify him with Communist sympathizers. Mr. Murray may prefer to concentrate

Calling

on domestic activities, including politics.

More likely candidate is James R. Carey, C. I. O.'s young secretary treasurer, against whom no red charges have been made. He's been close to development of world labor body since its organization in London 18 months ago.

American C. I. O. delegation, just back from Moscow, says the W.F.T.U. is sure to be permanent fixture and scoffs at fears of ideological infiltration. Meanwhile A. P. of L., which refused to have anything to do with Russians, is becoming increasingly isolated in world labor matters.

Potato surplus has become so large that government is selling grade 1 stock to distillers for making alcohol. Only inferior grades were sold when apud-for-liquor program started.

MACHINES TAKE FARM BURDEN

Power Equipment to Be Seen in Action.

Time Special

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 6.—The extent to which power driven machinery is taking over farm work, relieving muscular drudgery and adding efficiency, will be demonstrated on three Clinton and Boone county farms on July 30.

The occasion will be the first post-war state farm management tour, under auspices of the Indiana Farm Management association.

New developments in power machinery and farm operations which will be demonstrated to the visitors will include field harvesters, mechanized grain storage, power manure loaders and power post hole diggers. They will also observe the mow drying of hay and efficient methods of feeding and watering livestock with a minimum of labor.

Three Farm Stops

The day's program, with Harvey Hiatt, Winamac, president of the Farm Management association, in charge, will begin with a visit to the George Rothenberger and Sons farm, four miles north of Frankfort on state road 39. A discussion of the farm's operations will be led by J. Carroll Bottom, Purdue agricultural economist.

Appearing on the luncheon program, which will be held at the city park in Frankfort, will be President Frederick L. Hovde of Purdue, with Dr. Earl Butz, head of the department of agricultural economics, presiding.

Visits will be made during the afternoon to the Floyd McDonald farm, northeast of Lebanon, and the Morton Brothers farm on route 47, three miles east of the intersection with 39.

Preceding the tour, the state farm management association will hold a banquet Monday evening, July 29, at the Purdue Memorial Union.

MEAT SUPPLIES UP WITH HIGHER PRICES

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main high, while other grades were dropping rapidly.

Meat shoppers today were paying an average of 14 cents a pound more today at representative markets, although at some groceries, particularly on the North Side, increases ran as high as 30 cents on the pound for choice cuts of beef.

At city market, where there was plenty of meat this morning, prices at representative stands went up from 11 to 19 cents a pound—an increase which butchers themselves said was too high.

The price pattern at stalls there averaged 60 cents for round steak, 75 to 80 cents per pound for T-bones, 65 cents for choice sirloin, 48 cents for pork chops, 45 cents for loin roast, 42 cents for leg of lamb, 60 cents for lamb chops, and 52 to 55 cents for bacon.

May Come Down

Heavy receipts at the yard Monday may force down wholesale prices further. While receipts may continue heavy for a while, some traders warned, this is no indication that the market will be forced back into line by supply.

Some predicted that the flush would run out in a few weeks and scarcities would then start prices moving up. Others predicted more optimistically that the lid was off and that receipts would eventually seek pre-war levels.

MRS. CORY RITES HELD

COLUMBUS, Ind., July 6.—Services were held here today for Mrs. Maude V. Cory, wife of George Cory, local agent of the New York Central railroad. Mrs. Cory was born in Decatur county but has resided here the past 17 years.

PACKER TO ADDRESS CLUB

I. M. Hougland, vice president and general manager of Armour & Co. Indianapolis plant, today was scheduled to address a luncheon meeting of the Universal Club Tuesday. His subject "Meat or No Meat."

SHARP RENTAL HIKE REPORTS DISCOUNTED

WASHINGTON, July 6 (U. P.).—The National Association of Real Estate Boards charged today that sharp rent hikes are giving the nation a distorted picture of the present rental situation.

N. A. R. E. B. Vice President Herbert U. Nelson said in a statement that fair rent committees in 87 cities have reassured the public that rents will not "skyrocket" if OPA stays dead.

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Elmer Thomas (D. Okla.) would introduce his amendment adding petroleum, tobacco, timber, cotton and other products to the decontrol list. Such a move would give the coalition additional, important Democratic support.

Senator W. Lee O'Daniel (D. Tex.), who attempted to kill the first OPA measure by a one-man filibuster, has served notice that he will continue his talkathon when he new bill comes up.

Kills Rent Hikes

In its present form, the measure would:

ONE: Cancel rent increases levied since the old price law expired Sunday. No temporary rent boosts collected by landlords, however would have to be repaid.

TWO: Allow producers their 1940 prices, plus any increased production costs occurring since that time, if OPA deems the higher prices necessary to stimulate production.

THREE: Allow wholesalers, distributors and retailers their June 30, 1946, mark-up. Mr. Wherry also reintroduced his plan to change the date to Jan. 1, 1946.

In most other respects, the bill is similar to the old price law.

RADIO COMPANY EXPANDS WORK