

'Looks Like Bomb Fell Way Short,' Atom Crew Member Says

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

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ABOARD U. S. S. MCKINLEY, off Bikini, July 6.—Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy inspected the atomic bomb shattered aircraft carrier Independence today and described the remains of the once powerful flattop as resembling a "rooftop."

Adm. Blandy said the initial blast ripped through the carrier's light sides between the flight and hangar decks. The blast buckled the flight deck upward while the hangar deck remained intact.

Secondary damage, he said, turned out to be minor. There was very little damage from fires 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."

Missed by 2000 Feet

Unofficial reports indicated the bomb probably exploded hundreds of feet in the air and at least 2000 feet from the bullethead battleship Nevada.

Adm. Blandy's inspection revealed one of the A-bomb test's freaks. A goat left for test purposes on the Independence's island was found alive after the bomb burst which nearly sent the island over the starboard side.

"The goat was taken off alive," Adm. Blandy said, "but I do not know whether it will be alive after a few days when the radioactivity takes effect."

Meanwhile, the target array was being rearranged for Baker Day—the shallow water test scheduled for July 25.

Expect More Damage.

The under-water test is expected to cause considerably more damage to hulls than the first test. Also the lethal range of the shock transmitted through water is expected to be greater than the blast from the air drop.

Dr. Carl Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a member of the joint chiefs of staff evaluation board, predicted in a press conference at Kwajalein that it would be a minimum of one week before it would be safe to enter Bikini lagoon after the Baker day test.

He explained the major portion of the radioactive particles were carried up in an atomic cloud in the air test, but in the underwater experiment dangerous particles will be left to drift in the water.

Dr. Compton also predicted the shallow water test would create a series of 50 foot waves but not of a tidal nature. He said it was possible some of the ships might be lifted clear of the water.

Photos Tell Story

He said a geyser like water spout probably would be the first effect of the underwater detonation, followed by a tremendous surge of water into a vacuum appearing area. This, he said, will be followed by a bomb wave sweeping over Bikini. However, the island will remain intact, he added.

It has been reliably learned that photographs taken on the first bomb's flight show it to be one of those missiles which tumbled crazily down instead of falling cleanly through the air.

Such as trajectory is familiar to combat airmen who bombed Germany and Japan. They frequently reported excellent bombing runs and perfect bombsight synchronization, only to see the bombs burst as much as four miles off the target.

FLACKVILLE SCOUTS OFF TO WASHINGTON

Twenty-two members of Boy Scout Troop 127 of Flackville, headed by their scoutmaster, Ray Thompson, and five committee members, tomorrow will leave for a six-day visit in Washington, D.C.

To make the trip, each member collected three tons of paper or contributed the equivalent in money as part of the troop's conservation drive. Since January the troop has collected and sold nearly 80 tons of scrap paper and magazines.

Boys who will make the trip are Arthur Atwell, Lyd Bratton, Robert Ellis, John Ellis, James Engmark, Robert Fisher, Harlen Gillispie, Raymond Hayden, Herbert Israel, Leon Jones, Paul Morgan, Robert Phillips, Carl Raymont, David Shaw, Dick Steward, Monty Shambagh, Dale Strader, William Thompson, Charles Thompson, William Whitis and Thomas Yeffich.

Committee members are Wilbur Atwell, Charles Bratton, Ray Brisington, Robert Fisher and Homer Jones.

COMMUNIST BAN IS VOTED BY UNIONISTS

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 6.—Joe Archer, head of the C. I. O. union at the Showers Furniture factory here, announced that the local union membership has voted unanimously to amend its constitution so that no Communist can hold in the local organization.

Mr. Archer sent word of the action to Morris Muster, recently re-signed international president of the U. F. W. A., who had made charges concerning Communist leadership in the union.

Circus Is Coming



'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 action to county wholesalers who will parade to the session, it was reported, is a number of county dealers and others from the southern part of Indiana who 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 prosecution 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."

RENT GROUP TO MEET MONDAY

Ammerman Heads New City Committee.

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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.

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WASHINGTON Calling

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

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

Patent 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.

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. F. of L. which refused to have anything to do with Russians is becoming increasingly isolated in world labor markets.

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

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 kuo" or "beautiful land." It's one nation that hasn't tried to rob China of land or exploit her people.

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