

## Nobody in Agreement On Whether We Need A-Bomb Shelter Plans

Some Defense Officials Say Yes, Others No; Lack of Funds Cited

By DAVID WATSON

Indiana has no bomb shelter plans. Defense officials say we probably will not need them. Defense officials also say we probably will need them. Defense officials conclude the question is lost in a fog of controversy.

In the face of this groping is the assumption that an

### A-Bombs Anemic To Quakes' Power

#### Earth Shakings in '50 Greatest Since 1906

HARVARD, Mass., Dec. 30 (UPI)—The earth was shaken this year by earthquakes that packed the power of 4 million atomic bombs, the director of Harvard University's Seismograph Station reported today.

Prof. L. Don Leet said that in

1950 the earth suffered greater shaking by earth quakes than in any year since 1906, including "one of the two greatest earthquakes ever recorded."

This, he said, was the one that occurred Aug. 15 in the Himalaya Mountains at the China-Burma-India border.

State directors point the finger of guilt to the federal level.

"We have no shelter plans whatsoever," said Frederick Creators, second in command at the state office.

"We have received no authoritative opinion on the feasibility of such a project," Mr. Creators declared.

"There are many things to consider, such as location, cost, number of shelters, their resistance to explosion and warning time needed by citizens to reach cover."

The state officer anticipated a program of "matching funds" under any federal plan for assisting local defense work. Under this system the state or counties would be required to provide a portion of construction costs.

#### Civilians Expendable?

Whether shelter construction is practical has become an issue described as "red hot" by defense officers.

It has been reported that some planners look on civilians killed in a bombing raid as "necessarily expendable."

In event shelter construction is given the green light by higher echelons, U. S. Census offices are compiling statistical information which may aid in selecting locations.

Meanwhile, National Association of Real Estate Boards' surveys indicate little planning for atomic bomb defense is under way throughout the nation.

Based on reports submitted by realtors from 48 states, the survey indicated practically no action was being taken in 48 per cent of the nation's cities with populations exceeding 100,000.

Only 20 per cent of the 2095 realtors reporting expected underground construction to become accepted defense procedure. These observers contend this action was favored only in cities with populations counting more than 500,000.

#### Slowed By Cost

The national association's bid for accuracy was based on the contention that realtors would be instrumental in arranging business, industrial housing and defense sites.

Organizations making reports declared dispersion of new developments as a means of bomb protection is slowed because of high costs.

The report summary stated that 18 per cent of reporting realtors expected a 10-year period to elapse before marked dispersion took place in cities with populations of 100,000 and up. Another 12 per cent looked for underground developments in those cities, with or without federal "forcing" measures.

Other means of protection, including military, civil defense, first aid, warning systems and escape plans, will be sought, another 21 per cent reported.

Indianapolis Real Estate Board representatives said they submitted no survey tabulation.

## Dedicate New Room At Service Center



Pvt. Joseph B. Oliver, Dayton, Pa.; Ginger Terry, Patricia Ann Benson, Pvt. Nicholas Forgiore, Lyons, N. Y.; Phyllis Halcomb, and Pvt. Michael Etten, New York City (left to right), played games at the Servicemen's Center to help dedicate a new room opened there yesterday. The girls are members of the Center's Cadettes, composed of young hostesses. Last night was New Year's Eve for the GIs.

## Two Million More Workers May Be Needed

### Labor Conservation Now Imperative, Tobin Declares

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (UPI)—The Labor force may have to be expanded by 2 million workers next year to meet military draft and defense production needs, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin said today.

"This makes conservation of manpower imperative," he said in a year-end statement. He added that all workers must be employed "at their highest skills" and that "full use of local labor should be encouraged."

He cautioned against abandoning the 40-hour work week, saying this would lead "gradually but inevitably to lowered production." Only recently Mr. Tobin firmly opposed some management suggestions that overtime provisions of the wage-hour act be suspended during the emergency. Today he said:

"We have learned from experience that one of the most important parts of the defense program in World War II was the maintenance of high labor standards throughout the conflict. There is no reason to change or abandon them now."

#### Helps Efficiency

"The most convincing argument for preserving labor standards in the present emergency is that we have found they actually contributed to efficiency. To waive them at this hour would be a short-sighted policy, leading gradually but inevitably to lowered production."

He said the nation must face "one cold economic fact" in 1951: "Plenty of hard work" will be needed to halt inflation and reach production goals.

In many instances, he said, pressure on manpower supply will be "uncomfortable," but he said there is no reason for "doubting our ability" to meet the problem of rearming for defense and maintaining essential civilian production.

#### How to Spare Wives

SPOKANE, Dec. 30 (UPI)—Dr. Walter C. Alvarez of Rochester, Minn., said here that he tells husbands they could save money by "hiring a maid instead of a doctor." The senior medical consultant at the Mayo clinic said American housewives are one of the most overworked groups" and the first atomic bomb exploded in New Mexico."

#### Fast Game, Score 16-0

## Pilots of Soviet-Built Jets Get Boost by Wing Tanks

The first sizable jet-vs-jet, air battles in history are being fought over Korea. Out of these battles may come an estimate of how the latest U. S. planes will stack up against Soviet models. The following dispatch gives what can be said up to now on the subject.

By DEAN W. DITTMER, United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (UPI)—The Russian-built MIG-15s evidently were badly scared on their first go-round with American jets over Korea. They ducked battle.

Now they've changed and are showing some fight—a lucky venture because they're being beaten. But the reason for it may have been spotted. The MIG's short range has been stepped up with wing fuel tanks.

That wing tank gimmick, perhaps only that, may have given the Manchurian side of the border the Communist pilots over Korea a courage enough to tackle American Nations aircraft or a can F-86 "Sabre" jet fighters at ground level, and then sped off in the biggest Korean air battle thus far.

2 Important Dogfights

There were two dogfights of importance today.

In one battle, between 35 and 40 MIG-15s—largest single Communist air fleet of the war—engaged 15 Sabres in North Korea.

Two of the enemy planes were damaged. The others escaped over the border.

In the other fight, four Sabres were engaged by six MIG-15s. One MIG-15 was shot down and another probably destroyed. In both cases all American planes returned safely.

Altogether, 16 enemy jets have been destroyed or probably damaged by American jets without a U. S. loss.

The Air Force is silent on MIG-15s. But previously, the Air Force has reported that the MIG-15's 15 speed and fire power.

## She Is All Set for New Year Toot



Mary Ann Miller of Chesterton . . . 3 1/2-month-old miss is all set to toot a welcome to her first New Year when the cuckoo clock strikes midnight.

#### About People—

### Women Blamed for Apathy At Polls by Truman Adviser

#### Susan Hayward Bathing Scene May

#### Never Hit Neighborhood Movie Houses

Women are at least partly to blame for America's apathy at the polls, according to Bertram Gross, political scientist and member of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers.

"Women are great stay-at-homes on Election Day," said Mr. Gross during a meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D. C. President Truman has asked the APSA

to study the situation and see what, if anything, can be done to reverse the trend toward less

In 1950, experts said, about 74 per cent of the eligible American voters went to the polls—an all-time record. Only 58 per cent cast ballots in 1948, the last presidential election year, and the off-year election record is even worse.

#### Yo-oo-oo, Looky!

Susan Hayward took a movie bath yesterday, but she doubts it will ever be shown in theaters, even though it's right out of the Bible . . . 20th Century Fox studios for refusing a role in a South Sea Island picture.

"I couldn't put my heart into it," she said, referring to the film, "Friendly Island." "I do not feel that people would like me in the picture."

#### 'Sarong' Role

Actress June Haver has been suspended by 20th Century Fox studios for refusing a role in a South Sea Island picture.

"I sure looks like I haven't got a anything on," said Susan of the scene, which shows her bathing behind a not-to-high Miss Hayward screen and stepping to a robe held by a servant.

In the scene, the studio covered Miss Hayward in an invisible hunk of chiffon.

#### Turnabout

When a man strikes oil—that's news. Even if it strikes only at the basement level.

In Detroit, a fuel oil delivery truck stopped at Mrs. Robert Wiggins' home by mistake.

Hooked up to a pipe leading into the basement and pumped 200 gallons of oil over the floor. Firemen pumped it out again, but could do nothing about splatters over Mrs. Wiggins' wash down there.

#### Mama vs. Daughter

Vera Galtzine, former Russian princess, has teamed up with Arthur Pitt, her British son-in-law, against Mrs. Tanya Pitt, New York model and TV artist, in the matter of the four Pitt children.

Mrs. Pitt, estranged from her

#### Despite the War—

## Millions of Americans Find 1950 Pretty Good Year

#### Employment, Pay Envelopes, Profits

#### Hit New Highs, People Healthier

By RICHARD AMPER, United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (UPI)—The Korean War and fears of a bigger one marred 1950, but for millions of Americans it was a pretty good year.

It might be called the year of "more."

For example:

More Americans earned more and spent more than in any year in history. And they were healthier.

More Americans were working than ever before. Employment hit a new high of more than 60 million jobs.

The nation's pay envelopes bulged with \$148 million, more than ever before.

#### \$14 Billion Tax Bite

Corporations made more profits than they ever had in a single year—\$21 billion after paying \$14 billion in taxes.

They paid dividends of \$8.5 billion, which also was a new high.

Americans built more houses in 1950 than they had in any other year, made more steel, rolled off more automobiles and trucks—8 million of them, an all-time production record—and set new marks for producing petroleum and electricity.

Americans bought more, setting a record dollar volume of retail sales, and they traveled more.

#### People in the Pink

The U. S. Public Health Service and American Medical Association pronounced the country in the pink—healthier than in any year on record.

And 1950 produced a new biss-

sing, terramycin, newest of the Kansas City.

## 7 Hoosier Cities Face Big Legal Headache

### Indicated Population Jumps Bring Celebrations Now, Trouble, Costs, Later

By ANDY OLOFSON

City Fathers in seven ambitious Hoosier communities may wake up in 1951 with a splitting legal headache.

It may be so bad that they will have to yelp to the state legislature for relief.

The seven cities now are celebrating the fact that the preliminary 1950 census figures indicated they will be promoted in rank.

Kokomo, Lafayette and Elkhart are to be elevated from third-class to second-class cities, having topped the 35,000 population minimum. West Lafayette, Valparaiso, Wabash and Washington will jump from fifth to fourth-class status because their populations now exceed 10,000.

#### Legal Pains Due

The legal pains will come when they start planning for municipal elections next year.

The trouble is that the official census figures, on which the category of cities is based, will not be available until spring of 1951.

By that time it will be too late, under current laws, to revise election districts in keeping with the increased number of city councilmen authorized for the higher classification.

Action by the legislature may be necessary to unsnarl the legal technicalities.

Under Indiana laws, the city council must designate new councilmanic district boundaries before Jan. 1 of the year in which a city election is to be held.

But such action is not possible until census figures become official. That is not expected until about April 1—too late to revise voting districts before the May primary election.

#### SNOWS FOR 43D DAY

HOUGHTON, Mich., Dec. 30 (UPI)—Snow-weary residents of Michigan's upper peninsula wondered today if the stuff would ever stop falling after 43 consecutive days of snowfall. No let up is in sight.

Tires are red and scarce metals will have less of them. But the are getting a little and there should be next year. Rain is still regular.

Creditors are cut down the door and homes and small copper probably will to 33 per cent. That still would be very new news.

Tighter credit will be had by the government. The will have to switch to the for the synthesis of whisky.

Effect of the service order any marked months. But notice it by they start for the lamp shades trimmings.

Women are first to dress, jewelery and accessories and minus all that now add

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biggest job during World War II.

The war was complicated by boomlike demand for filial goods. Women working at full strength impossible to affect the

Besides this, draft is expected to include the

One industry production was "double-barreled" first quarter government production and during the last men into

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