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# Test Grounds Are Set Up For U. S. Weapons At Sea

# Capitol Weapon Carrier Held After Truman's Visit

## ATOM PLANTS

Going Full Blast

With U. S. Resolved To Maintain Its Lead.

So Says Civilian Body As It Calls For Aid From Private Enterprise.

Washington, July 23—(INS)—The Atomic Energy Commission told Congress today that it was pressing for improvement of atomic weapons and that it was establishing proving grounds in the Pacific Ocean to test new developments.

The commission declared that talented scientists and key industries must participate actively in the atomic program—even if this should necessitate setting aside what they now were doing—to maintain American leadership in nuclear science.

The commission's second semi-annual report to the Senate and House gave no details on the Pacific testing ground, saying only that it would be used for "routine experiments and tests of atomic weapons."

The report, with the grim warning that reliance on this nation's existing know-how could be disastrous, said "new developments have been developed at atomic installations which are going full blast at Oak Ridge, Tenn., Hanford, Wash. and elsewhere. It stated:

"The Commission has given principal attention to fulfilling the requirements established by the President, as to the production of fissionable materials and atomic weapons."

### NEW SOURCES SOUGHT.

"We mean to maintain and increase the present preeminence of the United States in atomic weapons until such time as the Congress affirms that acceptable international agreements have been reached and the appropriate machinery has been established to assure that this activity can be relaxed without endangering the national security."

It disclosed that research work in connection with the atomic program was being conducted—under contract or otherwise—in at least 52 universities, including Columbia University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Battelle Memorial Institute in Ohio.

The commission noted significantly that its five principal laboratories were well distributed geographically.

The Los Alamos, N. Mex., Laboratory, in addition to being the center of the atomic weapons program, was described as doing important research work in fundamental nuclear physics.

Facilities at the Argonne National Laboratory, near Chicago, are being expanded, while Clinton Laboratories at Oak Ridge, Tenn., were said to be producing increasing quantities of radio-isotopes for distribution to qualified research workers.

### TWO ARE BEING BUILT.

The Brookhaven National Laboratory, on Long Island, and the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory at Schenectady, N. Y., are under construction.

The commission, without mentioning published reports that atomic secrets had been stolen, said security regulations in effect when it took over January 1 had been changed to provide greater security and workability.

It disclosed that a survey of the effectiveness of security measures still was going on and would be the subject of "continual review."

"Large-scale production of power for industrial and community use continues to be a major, if long-term, goal. But a number of basic advances in physics will be required before power is produced at satisfactory efficiency and cost. It is speculative . . . to estimate how long it will be."

"The continuation, or even improvement, of present processes is not enough," the commission's report said. "To rely on existing knowledge alone would be disastrous. New efforts in fundamental research must be made comparable in intensity and breadth of imagination to the wartime effort which produced . . . the first atomic bomb."

## THE WEATHER:

Please, Old Gal Summer, make up your mind!  
Quit flirtn' with winter—he's not your kind!

Cincinnati and Vicinity: Fair and not quite so cool today and tonight. High today, 82.

STATE FORECASTS—Ohio: Fair and not so cool Thursday. Friday mostly cloudy and warmer, with scattered showers in afternoon.

Kentucky: Increasing cloudiness and warmer Thursday. Friday mostly cloudy and warmer, with showers in west portion.

Indiana: Mostly fair Thursday and Friday, slightly warmer.

Cincinnati Weather Bureau Office record for July 23, 1947:

Temp. Hum. Prec.

7:30 a. m. . . . . 74 90 0

7:30 p. m. . . . . 73 47 0

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Highest temperature 77 88 95 86

Lowest temperature 49 66 69 66

Precipitation . . . . . 0 0 0 0

Today—Sunrise 5:31 a. m. Sunset 7:37 p. m.

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## Dancer And Model Testify At Senate's Investigation Of Hughes War Contracts



JUDY A. COOK.

Hollywood, July 23—(UP)—Dancer Judy Cook and Model Martha Goldthwaite put aside their innocent stances today and owned up to having seen Army, government and aircraft company bigwigs at Howard Hughes' parties.

A congressional committee invited the Hollywood glamour girls to Washington to tell about the fabulous Hughes. But unless their memory improves, those who are going to be mighty disappointed.

Neither of the shapely ladies was quite sure who all the big shots were. And they can't refresh each other's recollections because they weren't at the same soirees.

Miss Cook allowed she spotted



MARtha GOLDTHWAITE.

Julius Krug, then War Production boss, at a shindig Hughes tossed for friend Elliott Roosevelt and Faye Emerson. That was in 1944, just before Jack Frye, then President of Hughes' TWA Airline, flew them to the Grand Canyon in a TWA plane to get married.

"I recognized Mr. Frye, too, and several U. S. Senators and Representatives were pointed out to me," she said vaguely. "There were a lot of high-ranking army officers."

The Congressmen hope to prove some connection between Hughes, the Army men and the \$40,000,000 in contracts he got to build a reconnaissance plane and a flying boat that hasn't flown yet.

## Indonesians Burn Villages In Advance Of Dutch Troops; Invaders Near Capital City

Batavia, Java, July 23 (AP)—Indonesian Republicans began a systematic application of a scorched earth policy today as Dutch armor and infantry threatened the Indonesian capital of Jogjakarta with a two-way drive and headed to within 20 miles of the chief Republican Port of Cheribon.

Four Republican towns were put to the torch by the Republicans, an Indonesian communique announced. Salatiga, important objective south of Semarang, was burning when Dutch forces driving from Semarang toward Jogjakarta, entered the town. Salatiga lies 46 miles by road across mountainous terrain from Jogjakarta.

The retreating Republicans also put the torch to Lawang, 12 miles north of Malang, in East Central Java, toward which other Dutch forces were advancing, and to Soemadang and Tjitjengka, 20 miles east of Bandoeng, in western Java.

In Sumatra, to which the fighting had spread, and official Dutch dispatch said irregular Indonesian soldiers belonging to the so-called People's Army had burned over 100 homes before evacuating Arnhem, a few miles south of Medan. Damage from the fires in

### BRITAIN TO TAKE HAND

London, July 23—(AP)—Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, said today that Britain was "determined" to bring the earliest possible end to the fighting in Indonesia, but declined to recommend action through the United Nations at the present time.

Bevin told the House of Commons he could not now give an opinion of "whether the Security Council of the United Nations is the best and most appropriate means" of achieving an end to the fighting because several previous complaints had "dragged on" inconclusively through vetoes and other "disappointing" difficulties.

But, he added, he was "keeping in close touch with events" and was working on "other methods" which might be more appropriate if they proved practicable. He did not say what these methods were.

Sumatra was estimated by the Dutch as high as \$200,000. The Dutch discounted the effectiveness of the Indonesian scorched earth policy.

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## Time-Bomb Blast Sinks Ship As Jews Go Ashore At Haifa

Jerusalem, July 23—(AP)—The Empire Lifeguard, former liberty ship, was sunk in Haifa harbor by a time-bomb blast today while discharging legal Jewish immigrants from Cyprus. The sinking apparently was a blow to revenge ship part in deportations of would-be immigrants.

The Lifeguard had brought 261 immigrants from Cyprus and had discharged all but 40 or 50, who later were taken off safely.

The pattern of the attack suggested that it was the work of Hagana, the illegal Jewish militia which has undertaken the organization of immigration against British wishes. This was the fourth attack on a deportation ship.

Three other incidents marked Palestine's wave of violence today. Four soldiers were seriously injured in the mining of a jeep in Haifa, and an officer and one soldier were hurt seriously and five privates slightly hurt when two

trucks were blown up by mines on the Rehoveth and Rishon LeZion. A third incident occurred a few miles from Haifa when four soldiers were injured by the blasting of a jeep. Soldiers still searched the martial law area of Nakhara for two kidnapped British Sergeants being held as hostages for three members of the underground who have been sentenced to death.

As salvage crews went to work with hopes of raising the Lifeguard, Jewish sources voiced fears that the British military might crack down harder on all Jews, because of the new terror offensive in which eight have been killed and more than 60 wounded in the last week.

Jewish leaders recalled that on June 29, 1946, the British suddenly occupied Jewish institutions and rounded up a number of Jewish's most able leaders here after several weeks of violence flaring from the underground.

## Rail Union Leader Falls Dead At Southern Pacific Parley

San Francisco, July 23—(UP)—P. O. Peterson, San Mateo, official of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, fell dead at a hotel here today where President Truman's special board study the dispute with the Southern Pacific was in session.

Peterson died at a meeting called to hear a report on settlement of the brotherhood's six-hour strike against the railroad last Monday. Peterson, General Chairman for

the Pacific unit of the brotherhood for more than 20 years, was one of a number of union and railroad leaders called to testify. Witnesses said Peterson collapsed in the doorway to the conference room.

The leader was one of the principal negotiators during sessions leading up to the strike dead line last Monday. He formerly was an engineer on the Salt Lake Division of the Southern Pacific. He was 63 years old.

## TESTIMONY

Refused By Heads

Of CIO Tobacco Local Asked If They're Red.

Wisconsin UAW Leader Is Indicted On Perjury Rap—Kravchenko Bill O.K'd.

Washington, July 23—(AP)—Three officers of a Congress of Industrial Organizations tobacco union in North Carolina refused today to tell a House committee whether they were Communists, while a Wisconsin CIO strike leader was indicted on charges of falsely swearing that he was not one.

The three, Edwin K. McCrea, Robert C. Black and W. Clark Sheppard, told the un-American Activities Committee that they based their refusal on the ground that to answer "may incriminate" them.

Previous witnesses had said the men were Communists and that the local involved, at Winston-Salem, N. C., was Communist-controlled. McCrea is an international representative of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers assigned to the local. Black and Sheppard are co-chairmen of the local.

In another major Washington development touching on Communism, a House Judiciary Subcommittee approved a bill to grant American citizenship to Victor Kravchenko, former Soviet official who said he feared for his life because of his denunciation of Communism.

### CALLED 1941 STRIKE.

The Wisconsin man indicted here is Harold Christoffel. His perjury indictment was brought by a Federal Grand Jury at the request of the Justice Department. The department acted after the House Labor Committee had asked "such action as may be appropriate" following the accused's sworn statement to the committee that he was not a Communist.

Christoffel was President of Local 248 of the United Auto Workers in 1941 when the union called a long strike against the Allis-Chalmers Co. of Milwaukee, makers of farm machinery, then with defense contracts. He appeared before the committee last March in its study of whether subversive influences were in the strike. He said he was not a Communist, and that it would have been a betrayal of the workers and the country had the local President called a strike on Communist orders.

However, the grand jury charged that he "was once a member of the Communist party and had been such member for several years, thereto, and had worked with the Communist party and with the Communist Political Association."

DENIED KNOWING REDS.

The indictment also said that Christoffel falsely swore to the House committee that he did not know Fred Blair and Ned Sparks. They were identified in the indictment as the head and former head, respectively, of the Communist party in Wisconsin.

At Milwaukee today, Christoffel said he would supply \$5,000 bond. The local, now headed by Robert Buse, is currently trying to hold on to its bargaining rights at Allis-Chalmers, where a second, 32-day strike ended last March without a contract.

The Allis-Chalmers situation came back in the news today with an announcement by Walter E. Petersen, President of the Independent Workers of the Allis-Chalmers Co., that he had offered to bring his union back into the CIO local.

Petersen conditioned the offer on the immediate resignation of all the CIO officers there, and the holding of a new election. Results of an election to determine whether the CIO local or the independent shall represent Allis-Chalmers workers are still undecided.

In saying he feared for his life, Kravchenko told the subcommittee: "I can't live here one more year if you don't give me citizenship."

In case you missed any of William H. Hessler's thoughtful articles about Ohio's double-decker state government and what should be done about it . . . here's your chance to get hold of all five. These articles appeared recently in the Cincinnati Enquirer. The first two dealt with the shortcomings of the present two chamber General Assembly. The last three explored the possibilities of a single unicameral legislative body. All five articles have been collected into a little booklet which you may pick up without cost at the counter in the first floor lobby of The Enquirer building. Or write for a copy. It's important reading for all Ohioans.

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## TAX SALES

In County Valid,

Supreme Court Of Ohio Rules In Test Case.

Lower Judiciary Reversed In \$250,000 Purchase Of Delinquent Lands.

A 1946 sale of \$250,000 worth of tax-delinquent land in Hamilton County by George J. Guckenberg, County Auditor, was held valid by the Ohio Supreme Court yesterday in a test-case decision which an official said had been awaited by 25 Ohio counties.

The decision was returned in an action brought by Oscar E. Bauman of Oscar E. Bauman & Co., purchaser of a number of the 3,800 parcels disposed of by Guckenberg, challenging the title to lands sold because of a question over the time schedule of the sale.

In returning judgment, the Supreme Court held that a time interval between listing of forfeited lands and their sale, directed by law, was discretionary with County Auditors and not mandatory.

E. A. Wiehe, Assistant Hamilton County Auditor, said that a survey conducted by James G. Headley, Assistant Prosecutor for Hamilton County, showed that the situation which brought rise to the suit here existed in 25 counties.

### BUYERS AWAIT DECISION.

Expressing satisfaction with the high court's verdict, Bauman declared that his purpose had been to establish "marketable titles" to the land which he had purchased. Wiehe said the Supreme Court judgment had been awaited with concern by purchasers of the tax-delinquent lands, who "had bought in good faith." Many persons had begun construction of houses. In one instance, Wiehe said, a building and loan company had advanced \$30,000 for construction of an apartment house on a site bought at the tax auction.

On Bauman's purchase had been delinquent for two years and the lands were listed by the County Auditor, declared forfeit by the Common Pleas Court and sold, all between April and June, 1946.

Under law, the County Auditor is required to list forfeited land between the first Monday of November and January. If delinquent taxes are not paid by January 15, the auditor is required to offer the land for sale not later than July 1.

### REVERSED APPEALS COURT.

Bauman started his court action to determine whether the time schedule was directory and the sale valid, or mandatory and the sale void. Hamilton County Common Pleas Court ruled that the sale was valid, but its decision was reversed by the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court decision returned yesterday sustained Common Pleas Court.

At the same time, the Supreme Court approved a sale of property in Cuyahoga County which had been among the cases held up by the Hamilton County controversy. In the Cuyahoga County case, involving Cleveland real estate, the Common Pleas Court decision supported the regularity of the sale and the Court of Appeals affirmed the decision.

The case was certified to the Supreme Court because it was in conflict with the Hamilton County Appellate decision. With the Hamilton County case authority the high court affirmed the Cuyahoga County courts and gave a final judgment upholding the sale.

### CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE.

Columbus, Ohio, July 23—(AP)—Temporary certificates of eligibility for education or job-training may be obtained by veterans on the basis of their terminal leave orders, the Veterans Administration office said today. After exact education periods have been determined, the temporary certificate will be replaced.

## ARMED IN SENATE WING



A man, left, who gave his name as Clifton R. H. Spires, 39, Augusta, Ga., was arrested in the Capitol at Washington yesterday on a weapon-carrying charge a few minutes after President Truman left the Senate floor directly above him. Pvt. Paul G. Shelby, Capitol policeman, stands with him.

## Truman Drops In On Senate And Into Old Seat, For Which He Gets "Homesick" — Visit Is Unprecedented.

Washington, July 23—(AP)—

President Truman paid the Capitol a surprise visit today as Senate and House feverishly worked to clear their calendars in their rush to adjourn Saturday.

The President strode into the Senate Chamber and sat down at his old seat, toward the back on the Democratic side. He was greeted with strong applause and told the Senate that he gets "homesick for this seat."

The President's informal visit, which followed lunch with a group of Congressional friends at the Capitol, was without precedent.

His appearance touched off a lively ovation as Senators and gallery visitors stood up and applauded.

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, regular presiding officer, quickly spotted the President and led the demonstration which overlooked the Senate rules against such displays.

As everyone laughed, Vandenberg concluded an ornate welcome with: "The ex-Senator from Missouri is recognized for five minutes."

Mr. Truman arose at his former desk in the back row on the Democratic side and with a broad smile addressed Vandenberg as "Mr. President," the customary recognition for the Senate's presiding officer.

"You are very kind to me," Mr.

Truman said. "In fact, I never

received such a cordial reception anywhere—and I have been many places since I left this body."

"The Senate never invites anyone to speak in the Senate but Senators," he added, "and you are exceedingly kind to me to give me an opportunity to reply to the gracious words you have just uttered."

Actually as President, Mr. Truman addressed the Senate July 2, 1945, urging ratification of the United Nations charter. But then he spoke from the rostrum, not his "old seat" as Senator.

"I sometimes get homesick for this seat," the President said. "I spent what I think were the best 10 years of my life in the Senate. I made friendships and had associations which I can never forget."

The President had gone to the Senate for a luncheon with 18 Senators—nine Democrats and an equal number of Republicans—at which Leslie Biffle, friend of the President and Secretary of the Democratic Policy Committee, was host.

"Once in a while I take pleasure, on invitation, in coming to the Senate and having lunch with a few Senators," Mr. Truman recounted. "I saw a great many today with whom I was closely associated. They were glad to come into the Senate and take my old seat, and see what would happen. I am so happy I did so. I thank you very much."

With that the President walked

out amid another burst of applause.

## Eight Are Dead After Blast In Red-Held Part Of Berlin

Berlin, July 23—(UP)—Eight persons were killed, and four were injured today in an explosion in the Russian sector of Berlin. The blast was attributed unofficially to saboteurs.

Three other persons are missing. The blast demolished two floors in the north wing of the yellow brick building housing the city's traffic police headquarters.

The explosion, second in traffic headquarters within 17 months, went off in the office of Heinrich Kanig, Chief of Traffic Police and second in command of all Berlin police. Kanig was not there at the time.

A central headquarters announcement said the destruction was caused by an accidental explosion in the ammunition room. But investigators contradicted this, saying the blast was so shattering it had been caused by the explosion of pistol ammunition, the only kind stored in the building.

Observers immediately speculated upon political implications in the blast. Kanig is a member of the violently anti-Communist Social Democratic Party (SPD) and is first in line to succeed as Police President of Berlin. This office now is held by Paul Markgraf, member of the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party (SED) and a Russian appointee.

Markgraf was out of town on vacation, and neither Russian nor German officials would comment on investigators' reports of sabotage or possible political motives in the explosion.

Police threw a cordon of men around the three-story building and kept spectators, newsmen and photographers at a distance while firemen and rescue squads dug through the debris for bodies. Russian officers joined German detectives in the investigation.

## Police Go To Report Death, Find Victim's Husband Dead

When police went to a fourth-floor apartment at 1524 Vine St. late yesterday to notify Clifford Fisher, a painter, that his wife, Julie, was dead, they found him stretched across his bed, dead also.

The wife died early in the day at General Hospital, where she had been under treatment for several days. Police headed by Lt. Jacob Short went to the Vine Street address and found the door to the Fisher apartment locked. Neighbors said they last saw Fisher, who had been in ill health, Sunday night.

Failing to get response from their knocks, police climbed a fire escape and saw Fisher's body. They broke a window. Fisher, who was 38, was said by General Hospital physicians to have been dead for at least 24 hours.

Preliminary investigation indi-

cated to the Coroner's office that

both deaths were due to natural

causes.

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## PISTOL

Found In Pocket

Of Veteran In Basement As President Leaves.

Prisoner Taken To Hospital For Examination — Visit Called Coincidence.

Washington, July 23—(AP)—A man with a pistol in his pocket was arrested in the Capitol today just after President Truman had made a precedent-shattering visit to the Senate chamber, but officers expressed confidence there was no connection between the events.

Edward F. McGinnis, Senate Sergeant at Arms, told reporters the man identified himself as Clifton R. H. Spires, 39, of Augusta, Ga. He added that the man had been a patient in a veterans hospital at Augusta.

Spires was taken into custody in a washroom one floor below the Senate chamber by policemen who said they noticed the weapon in his hip pocket. McGinnis declared it was "purely coincidental" that the arrest took place five minutes after Mr. Truman had delivered a brief speech one flight up as the "ex-Senator from Missouri." The President left the building immediately after his appearance on the Senate floor.

### SEES GUN IN POCKET.

Private Lorain Crump of the Capitol police told newsmen he noticed the gun in Spires' pocket when they were together in the washroom.

Crump called Private Paul G. Shelby, who asked the man if he had a permit for the pistol.

Both officers said Spires denied he had a gun, but they searched him and found an automatic pistol. He was taken to the District of Columbia-operated Gallinger Hospital for examination. McGinnis said he believed Spires would be held at the hospital "probably for 30 days" for observation.

Later Spires was taken to a police station and charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Police said he told them he came here last night by bus from Augusta, where officers quoted Spires as saying he had been living at the home of a sister whom he named as Mrs. Jessie Hillman.

### MEANT TO TURN IT IN.

Officers quoted Spires as saying he had intended to turn in the gun during his visit to the Capitol, but had not been sure where to deliver it.

Spires wore insignia of the 45th "Thunderbird" Division but police said he could not account for his war service beyond saying he had been in the Army 14 months and was the only man in his outfit who was not wounded.

McGinnis said the man told of being inducted at Florence, Ariz., where he had gone as a migrant farm worker, and of having been a carpenter before the war. His discharge papers rated his character "very good."

McGinnis said five cartridges were found on Spires' person, one of them in the firing chamber of the pistol.

## Mercury Hits 54.4, July Cold Record; Due To Rise Today

A vagrant mercury took another nose-dive in Cincinnati's official thermometer yesterday, then, after shivering at an all-time recorded low of 54.4 degrees for the day, started climbing toward the 82-mark today.

Yesterday's mid-summer exploration into the arctic left the mercury at a level one-tenth of a degree lower than it ventured the same day in 1915 when the previous all-time recorded low was established.

Perusal of the charts indicated to J. Cecil Alter, Senior Meteorologist, that the mercury would climb back to 58 early today, then amble to the 82 mark which, too, is far under normal for