

EDITORIALS

A Bomb They Can't Test

Reliable reports reveal the United States is now capable of producing a cobalt bomb, which is far more deadly than the hydrogen bombs exploded in the Pacific in March and April. The cobalt bomb is actually a hydrogen bomb encased in a shell of cobalt.

On being vaporized in an explosion, cobalt, unlike steel which has been used in the past, is transformed into a radio-active cloud of far more penetrative strength than radium.

The cloud is said to be able to travel thousands of miles and covers an area hundreds of miles in diameter. It is this type of bomb which has been termed the greatest threat to civilization and this is the bomb Einstein said might annihilate life on earth.

One difficulty about the weapon is the fact that it cannot be tested in the Pacific, or anywhere else in the world, because of the deadly consequences. However, it is reliably

reported U. S. scientists learned enough in the recent hydrogen bomb test to build the cobalt bomb and maintain it ready for use, even though no tests are made with it.

The advent of this third atomic bomb casts a threat over humanity which has never been equalled in the history of the human race. Even if the atomic and hydrogen bombs did not make it evident that atomic warfare cannot be permitted on this earth, the arrival of the cobalt bomb makes it obvious that such weapons must not be used in any new war.

These new weapons, which actually stagger the imagination, can either be the downfall of civilization, or light the way to a new era of industrial development.

The present generation is in the unique position of being responsible for the course to be followed. The choice, even among aggressors, should not be hard to make.

No Secret Governments

The National Committee for Advancement of Freedom of Information is now engaged in an effort to end what it calls secret government. The committee is a Sigma Delta Chi organization—Sigma Delta Chi being a professional society of journalists.

V. M. Newton, Jr., chairman of the committee, recently wrote a number of Senators in Washington in behalf of the journalistic fraternity's effort. He charged that "secret government," which had originated in Congress, has spread to all levels of government in the United States.

He reports that it is now common practice in Congress, in State legislatures and in county and city governments. The problem is so acute that the legislatures of four states (Indiana, California, Washington and Idaho) passed laws recently barring public officials from holding secret meetings. The State of Texas passed a resolution which requested Congress to curtail the unnecessary number of secret committee meetings, secret executive sessions, and so forth.

The trend toward secrecy has long been a noticeable one in this country. Of course there are some matters which must be discussed in secret, especially matters pertaining to national defense. And there are some journalistic enthusiasts who go overboard in seeking to publish everything without regard to the national defense, or anything else. But, a happy medium is one in which only measures which are vital to the national defense or which should not be revealed in the interest of security are the subjects of secret meetings in Congress.

Unfortunately, politicians have a habit of preferring to do business in secret, since they depend on votes of constituents and since whatever they do in many cases will cost them the votes of some blocs or groups. Perhaps this motivation is more responsible for the trend toward secret government than any other. Whatever the cause, the citizens of this country should insist upon complete freedom of information, and an end to unnecessary secret government.

Time and the Tides

William J. Baxter, author of a new book on the weather, says flood damage on the Atlantic Coast and Gulf of Mexico this year will be the greatest ever witnessed by this generation. He says that damage on the Pacific Coast will also be great, although not as severe as on other U. S. shores.

Baxter believes abnormally high temperature during the recent winter thawed much ice in Arctic areas which will result in higher water, particularly in the Atlantic Ocean. He contends that glaciers are melting very rapidly and that the problem has now become a very serious one.

This situation is pictured as one of a battle to preserve land masses from all-powerful oceans which are steadily "stealing" land. Already according to Baxter seventy-one per cent of the entire globe is composed of oceans or frozen areas. The weather expert's belief is that the percentage of oceans and frozen areas is now beginning to rise appreciably.

He points to serious floods in the British Isles last year, serious ravages from rising water in Scotland and the worst flood dam-

age Holland has experienced since the Fifteenth Century, which has left practically ten per cent of Holland's land covered by the North Sea. He also points out this spring's storms in Germany which caused the worst floods in seventy years on Germany's Arctic coast.

All over the world, from Russia and the Scandinavian countries to Asiatic countries, the same trend of high water is being observed, according to Baxter. The greatest danger in this country is the threat to coastal cities, it is said.

There is indeed much evidence to support the conclusions arrived at by Baxter. Even though he may prove right, it is certain to be exceedingly difficult to arouse officials in coastal cities about the probability of rising ocean waters. Even in this age of the hydrogen bomb, there is still much dispute and a lack of scientific data on the ways and peculiarities of oceans. It is one secret nature has kept pretty well and which the scientists have not yet been able to solve.

Foreign Travel Up

Ralph T. Reed, president of the American Express Company, predicted recently Americans will set a new spending record on travel abroad this year. If Reed's prediction is correct, the outlay of Americans visiting foreign countries will reach well over a billion dollars in 1954.

Last year Americans traveling abroad spent an estimated \$1,291,000,000. Reed reports there has already been a ten per cent increase in European bookings made in American Express offices here and in Canada this year. On the basis of this trend, he predicts American travelers will probably spend \$1,368,000,000, or more, in foreign countries this year. That represents a six per cent increase in spending by American travelers in one year.

The most-often visited European capital is Paris, which expects 350,000 Americans this year. London expects 240,000 and Rome, 210,000. After these three, Amsterdam expects to draw the next largest number—100,000. Brussels expects 60,000 Americans and Zurich, 73,000.

The Crucial Polio Test

In the last few weeks American newspapers have told the story of thousands of youngsters being inoculated with the new Salk polio vaccine. School children by the thousands have lined up in a number of states to receive the injections and, in a few months, the world will probably know whether this vaccine will fulfill the promise expected from it.

Those who have made great claims for the Salk serum refuse to predict the outcome of the test, and, rather, say the test will prove or disprove the value of the serum. In spite of this official comment, there is guarded optimism in the medical profession over respective results in these tests, and the results will naturally be watched with great interest all over the country.

If the results are what is hoped for, then 1954 might be the last year polio gets in its heavy legs against an unarmed youth in the United States. The Salk vaccine is relatively inexpensive, is capable of being produced in quantity, and if it proves effective in inoculation against polio, it will be generally used by 1955.

Kindred Spirits



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JUST FOR YOU GIRLS

Denim, in pincheck, spice stripes or solid pink or blue will be the fashion leader for summer, and will be worn in toppers, slacks and shortie coats! . . . Grig Richards, the hair stylist, will show the latest scheduled for next year's mode in the coming Fashion Parade, which will be winged hair combings at the side, short cascade, of curls over forehead with a brilliant band across the forehead line. If you girls want to be in style a year early, you can start this at once! . . . 1955 will be the year of the dramatic eyes: You will wear bright green eyeshadow for the theatrical look! . . . The next novelty food for snacks will be a sandwich spread made of shrimp! . . .

One of our famous women's magazines will fold without notice due to the boycott of you women readers against the not-too-subtle Communist propaganda which has been most evident for sometime! . . . A new way to make money at home will be the growing of tulip bulbs in your own basement during the year! . . . A new hair spray which will highlight the hair with electric brightness will soon be on the market! . . . A new deodorant in solid form with a tangy spicy odor will soon delight you, for it will remain fresh for twenty four hours! . . .

Prozen apple pies with heavy brazen sauce which can be slipped into a hot oven for five minutes and then served, will find great favor next fall! . . . A new skin cleanser made out of melted Castile soap, olive oil and mineral oil, rubbed thoroughly into the face, neck and shoulders, will prove beneficial to any skin! . . . A new foot bath which will help you to soothe tired aching feet and restore circulation will soon be on your druggist's shelves! . . .

FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES:

Mae West: You will play Las Vegas later this year at the highest salary ever given a performer! . . . Anderson S. C.: A new type of paving will soon be used in your area which will revolutionize highway construction! . . . Food shoppers: You will soon be able to buy almond butter with lemon rind, frozen strawberries in whipped cream, Mexican peanut soup, white steaks with cheese sauce, chocolate fir cakes, shrimp Louie, avocado juice and spiced pickles! . . . Houston, Texas: Prepare for a tragic fire! . . .

Dance Teachers: The Waltz craze will replace many of the more popular steps next year! . . . Belleville, Illinois: You will have a new industry within the next year which will employ ten thousands! . . . Civil Service employees: You will get a wage boost ranging from \$250 to \$500 right across the board! . . . Ed Wynn: Your new television series will be built around your early career in vaudeville! . . . Hattie Carnegie: You will become the style leader in America in 1955!

Portland, Oregon: New Federal plans will make you the number one city of the great Northwest! . . . Metropolitan Opera Company: Your hit of next season will be a new opera based on Oscar Wilde's "The Picture of Dorian Gray" . . . Hollywood: Expect a full exposure on a coming paternity charge against a producer by the parents of a 12-year-old girl! . . . Wall Street Journal: Your circulation will jump 100 per cent in 1955 due to a coming interest in the market! . . . Jane Russell: You will lead a series of revival meetings in Chicago! . . . Rome, Italy: The tourist trade will be disappointing this summer due to a new valuation of the lira . . .

Mrs. Glenna D.—I only wish I could print your complete letter in this newspaper—for I know our readers would be absolutely shocked at the facts it contains. I advise you to shut your husband out of your house for he has used you long enough and you have been much too good to him. When the moment comes, I suggest that you rid yourself of this man and marry someone who will treat you with the love, respect, and devotion you deserve. . . .

Mrs. Clara S. 332—I want you to promise me you will go to your doctor for a complete medical examination and follow his orders, for in that way your health will greatly improve and you will be on the path to rapid recovery. . . .

Miss Ellen T.—I do not advise you to move in with your sister because, as you well know, she is quite domineering and always treated you like a child. You enjoy your independence and it will be wise for you to live in your own home as you have been doing. I suggest that you demand this man put his papers on the table and either marry you or leave you alone. I somehow feel you will be married before too long. . . .

Mrs. Bertha W. 1459—Your husband knows how to upset you and the angrier you become at his stupid insults, the happier he is. If your brother-in-law can spend over \$50 a week on alcohol, he can certainly pay you rent. You are not legally responsible for the support of any of your husband's drunken relatives and that goes for his cousin, Harold, as well. . . .

Mrs. E. C. I.—I know how deeply you have desired a little child in your home, and it is my advice that you take steps to adopt a baby, for this will fill the empty gap in your heart. You will make a most wonderful mother, and I also suggest that both you and your husband see your doctor and he will be able to give you further medical advice. . . .

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

COLONIALISM, NOT COMMUNISM, BIGGEST ISSUE TO INDO CHINESE

It will be eight years ago next Christmas night when the Communist leader, Ho Chi Minh, led some 200 Communist gangsters to the residential area of Hanoi and murdered in their sleep 60 prominent European families. This event started the now seven and half year civil war in Indochina. For seven and a half years the French have been losing the war. For seven and a half years the United States has put up most of the money and most of the guns to help the French and the Vietnamese stop Ho from overthrowing the Vietnam. Certainly our military weapons are a match for anything Russia and Red China might give the Reds. The Vietnam has a population of over 23,000,000 while Communist Viet Minh controls less than 2,000,000. The belligerents in this Civil War are both Chinese and it can be assumed of about equal military ability. Why, then, has it not been possible for the overwhelming superiority of the Vietnam to defeat Communist Vietnam?

This reporter has been to Indochina on three separate reporting trips since 1950. In covering most of the Southeast Asian archipelago we heard the same reaction from the natives, missionaries and even government officials, that the problem of immediate concern in Southeast Asia is not Communism . . . but Colonialism. This is not to say that they don't consider Communism a menace. They do. But to the native population Colonialism appears more repugnant, more degrading than Communism. This is probably because they had little or no experience with the degrading force of Communism. They know and dislike the foreign ruler. This is not to suggest that colonialization has been all bad. It has not. It is admitted even by the most anti-colonialist natives that the British, French, Dutch have done much to better the lot of Asia's millions. But they say the "price" has been out of all proportion to the social gains foreign powers introduced. Our European Allies, with colonial interests around the world, can present strong arguments to refute this premise. But in the final analysis, it is the native population that has to be convinced. And so far as we could observe on the spot, they simply are not convinced. . . .

U. S. Policy in Asia
The natives in Indochina, Malaya, Indonesia told me they were confused as to whether or not the United States was supporting the French in Indochina to lick Communism, or to maintain French Imperial position clear, even embarrassing the French Government in the attempt. He said: "Our reason in helping France defend Indochina is not because we support colonial empire, but because we cannot afford to allow Communist expansion into Southeast Asia, to enslave defenseless millions . . . with the subsequent control of strategic raw materials by the Communists."

A "NATO" for Asia Doomed to Failure
The United States has proposed an organization after the

pattern of "NATO," the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, for Asia, under the title of "PATO" or Pacific-Atlantic Treaty Organization. As "NATO" has done in Europe, the purpose of "PATO" is to stop the spread of Communism in Southeast Asia. So far every effort to organize it has received a cold shoulder, even from friends like the Philippines. The reaction in Asia is that while "NATO" is a success in Europe, it could not work in Asia because the problems of Asia are far different. The main difference is the majority of the natives don't know what Communism is . . . and the greater menace is actually is. Because they don't know from first hand experience, many of them are willing to accept it simply because it promises the defeat of Colonialism. . . .

Natives Full of Suspicion and Distrust
The distrust of foreigners in Asia is universal with the possible exception of the Christian missionary. In Indochina the natives have told me repeatedly: "we are not going to fight and die for our European masters." This attitude prevails among the Vietnamese troops in Indochina. They have no "heart" to fight the Communists. The Reds at least fight with determination and fanaticism, which is lacking on the French side. The French Foreign Legion (mercenary troops) and the halfhearted Vietnamese have proved no match for the die-hard fanatics of Ho Chi Minh. . . .

An armistice in Indochina cannot bring peace without the emancipation of the colonial peoples . . . which means absolute freedom and autonomy. France has recently given the Vietnamese such assurances of freedom, with certain reservations. France, as well as England, claim that the native populations are not experienced, or able to assume political leadership and the aftermath may result in Communism taking over. There is, of course, a greater danger appears to be that unless the natives get their freedom, Communism will be swept in, creating conditions far worse than the danger of "inexperienced native leadership." In giving freedom to the Vietnamese the withdrawal of the French can be gradual. The training of natives can be orderly handled. If the French and British had trained the natives long ago, they might have been spared the present "shocks" to their colonial empire and their economy. . . .

The freedom won by India and Indonesia had its repercussions all over the native millions. This nationalism is not likely to be stopped. Communism is capitalizing on this political emancipation to the hilt. Any attempt to fight Communism on this level by the Free World is likely to boom away and play into the hands of the Reds. . . .

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COURT RULES PROTECT RIGHTS AND INSURE FAIR TRIALS

Many people see court procedure as a mere tool of delay, of concern chiefly to lawyers and judges. But court rules are real tools of justice.

The law is made up of two parts—the "substantive" and the "procedural" law. The first defines rights, duties, and remedies. It enforces contracts and redresses wrongs. It describes crimes and sets up punishments. People can see its worth. Procedural law tells what steps to take to put substantive law to work for us.

Some of our most vital rights live in procedural law. A day in court means more than the right to have your say before a judge and jury. It means your rights to be well represented before an impartial judge and jury, to have time to prepare for your trial. It means that you get notice of the action against you; that the complaint or indictment shall state a clear cause of action. Due process of law means that you shall meet your accusers face to face; to cross-examine them. It means that you can get the evidence in your own behalf.

The law of procedure tells you how to appeal your case to higher courts when you feel that you have not had a fair trial. Procedural law comes down to us from years of experience in the courts of many lands. Through the centuries procedure tends to become cumbersome, but it has had great periods of reform. In America we have had many good changes in our court procedure. In the United States we tend to give our courts the power to change their rules.

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