

GENIUS IN CHARGE OF ATOM BOMB TEST

LONDON, Thursday: British scientist, Dr. William Penney, who will direct Britain's first atom bomb test off Australia this year, has designed a bomb with an entirely new detonator, making it more efficient than the American bomb.

RUSSIANS EASE PRESSURE

BERLIN Thursday: The Russians last night lifted their six-day-old ban on Western military patrols on the Autobahn linking Berlin with West Germany and allowed a United States military police car through. A British patrol car will make an attempt to pass through later today. The Russians meanwhile have commenced a go-slow policy on German trucks and more than 100 lorries and trailers were piled up at the Berlin end of the road at dusk last night. A similar number is delayed at Helmsdorf on the Western German border. German drivers had to wait hours to clear the Soviet barrier but German private cars and aged vehicles were allowed passage without interference.



General Van Fleet, commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, is at present supervising a test to discover what field problems would arise if an enemy attack occurred. Five thousand American troops are involved in the test. No actual combat will be dropped.

WHARFIES' OFFICE VISITED
SYDNEY: The visit of two Federal Government officials to the office of the Waterside Workers' Federation is believed to be a preliminary move of the launching of a prosecution against the union for its continuation of the ban on overtime work on the wharves.

WARNING BY EDEN AGAINST EASING UP ARMAMENTS

LONDON, Thursday: Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, last night warned the House of Commons against slackening the pace of armament before Soviet intentions about the proposed Four Power peace conference have been clarified.

Crown Jewels Could Be Stolen Before Coronation

Scotland Yard, Whitehall and custodians of England's heirlooms are greatly worried. Once more it has been demonstrated how easy it is to rob London's museums. Last week some men with a ladder broke into the National Maritime Museum and stole a hat plume which once belonged to Lord Nelson. It was encrusted with 200 diamonds. This crime makes the nineteenth museum robbery in the last three years. In that time also, Buckingham Palace has been unlawfully entered five times and Marlborough House, the home of Queen Mary, twice. There was theft from the Tower of London where the Crown Jewels are stored and the Stone of Scone was taken from Westminster Abbey. Scotland Yard, the Brigade of Guards, the Yeomanry of the Tower and patrolling attendants have been unable to prevent these incidents. Complicated systems of alarm bells, secret ways, patrolling dogs and steel grilles have failed. But those offences have not been the work of highly organized gangs. They have been committed by schoolboys, drunks, lunatics and petty thieves, students and professors.

AUTOMATIC TRAPS
The methods of guarding the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London are fantastically elaborate. There are great metal beams which crash down if even the protective glass is touched. A strong armed guard is only a few feet away. Recently the defences were strengthened further to safeguard the precious jewels before the Coronation and the influx of overseas visitors. The jewels are said to be safe against every attack including bomb. The most secret defences have never been revealed. Nevertheless two men entered the Tower grounds not so long ago and stole the Governor's radio set.

BATHURST BATHS

An Olympic swimming pool at a cost of £46,433 will be built in Bathurst. The tender is subject to fluctuations of building costs. Bathurst Council, at a special meeting, supported a motion that the construction of the pool be commenced forthwith. In a Mayoral minute, Ald. Morse outlined the three alternatives facing Council, viz. proceed with the erection of the pool forthwith with the acceptance of the lowest tender; defer consideration on the project pending information on the Government grant, and, finally, that the project be deferred indefinitely. The motion that work be proceeded with forthwith, moved by Ald. Fish, seconded by Ald. Moodie, was adopted following the defeat of amendments favouring both alternatives.

HEAVY FOG IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY: Heavy fog blanketed Sydney until 6.30 this morning and caused the most widespread traffic dislocation for a year. A British seaman, Hubert Ward, of the freighter Alvis Bay, is believed to have been killed during the fog. He evidently met his death when he fell from the ship's top deck to the wharf early today. Mascot Airport was closed for more than 10 hours and many passengers were marooned. Thousands of workers were late for work. Track gallops were almost completely restricted.

This is claimed by the science correspondent of the "Daily Express" who says Dr. Penney has also devised equipment for testing the bomb's power. This equipment will include thousands of empty petrol tins scattered around a high steel tower on which the bomb will be exploded. Simple blast recorders will be used. At Bikini expensive American equipment failed. Dr. Penney, a 43-year-old mathematician physicist, has been described by American scientists as "easily the best mind in the world on atom and hydrogen bomb research."

He worked with American scientists on the first atom bomb. Dr. Penney was named as director of the Anglo-Australian atomic tests yesterday when it was officially announced that tests will be staged at Montserrat Islands, 85 miles off the West Australian coast, 800 miles north of Perth.

The test will be a joint operation, involving the three fighting services. No press correspondents, photographers, radio commentators or unofficial observers will be permitted to witness the tests which will be carried out in complete secrecy.

According to the "Daily Express" correspondent, the Australian tests will almost certainly include tests against all types of fighting equipment.

Three Navy ships are scheduled to sail in July and the explosion will probably be in September, he adds.

BULLI ALDERMEN AND TOWN PLANNING

Northern Zone committee aldermen were critical of the Greater Wollongong Town Plan at a meeting of the committee at Bulli.

"Where are we going with town planning?" asked Ald. Squires.

He was referring to a complaint by Ald. Jackson that zoning under the Town Planning scheme was "unrealistic." The Zone Committee dealt with a letter from Mr. G. T. Jarman, which stated his firm had purchased at 176 Prince's Highway, Woonona, was tentatively zoned as an open area and asked that this particular area be de-zoned.

Ald. Squires stated that the Town Planner (Mr. Gillard) wanted shops only on one side of an Austinmer street. Three shops were already in a residential area and if sold, would have to revert to residential classification, he said.

"Things go haywire half the time," Ald. Squires stated.

Ald. Floyd said the Coal Board resumed a large area at Fairy Meadow which was zoned as an open area. It wanted to cut up the main road frontage and sell the blocks.

Ald. Strachan, "They want shops in the side streets. That does not make sense to me."

The Zone Clerk (Mr. R. Sheppard) reported that the zoning could not be changed, as the maps are in the Minister's hands. When an exhibition was staged by him, in possibly 12 months, objections could then be raised. The Zone Committee decided to refer Mr. Jarman's request to the Town Planner.

ORDERED TO QUIT

The serving of an eviction notice on David Jones Ltd. to vacate the Kurri Kurri Drill Hall was the most serious thing that had happened to the town for years, the president (Cr. P. Saxton) declared at a meeting of the Kearsley Shire Council.

The notice to quit was served by the military authorities. Cr. Saxton said that it was most unlikely that David Jones would be able to find other premises and this would mean unemployment for 70 girls.

He said that other girls had already been thrown out of employment because of retrenchment at Burlington Mills at Rutherford.

The factory had been an excellent thing for the district. It had been established by the Government as part of its plan for the decentralisation of industry.

It is rather ironical that the Government is spending hundreds of thousands of pounds to provide work for migrants, and deliberately throwing native born Australians out of employment," he said.

Council decided to protest against the eviction order.

LIBERAL POLICY ON CLOSER SETTLEMENT

Declaring that Coolamundra was hide-bound by large property holdings, Mr. H. S. Conkey (Coolamundra) told the Liberal Party's South-West Regional Conference at Young on Saturday that there was little hope of the town and district progressing until closer settlement, irrigation and general development were brought to the surrounding areas.

Conference resolved that vast local and national benefits would accrue if irrigation and other developmental facilities were to be brought to underdeveloped areas such as the Muttama Valley. It was stated that such action would bring closer settlement, bigger crops, more intensive cultivation and prosperity "to towns whose only source of income lies in the land." The remarkably fertile Muttama Valley needed irrigation badly, it was said.

Moving the motion for the party's Coolamundra branch, Mr. Conkey said that 75 per cent of the valley was lying idle. It was useless to seek secondary industries as a means of raising the prosperity of country towns. This could be achieved only by increasing the productivity of the lands in which they were situated.

He added: "Unless we exploit fully the vast potentialities of our rural regions by intelligent and scientific use of the soil, we will suffer food shortages, a scarcity of exportable primary products and a declining prosperity."

CANDIDATE FOR GAOLS



Hedy Lamarr was voted as most popular presidential candidate in a poll conducted by the Oklahoma (U.S.A.) State Penitentiary News-paper among the inmates of the gaol.

Very Successful Burglar Dies

LONDON: One of the world's most successful burglars was buried yesterday on a few pounds left from his 1/2 million haul.

He was 70-year-old George Enright, alias George McCrae, who began his burglary career in Melbourne. During his life he got away with about £500,000 worth of jewellery in raids on country houses and big hotels.

He also got up to £70,000 from receivers. Empire News, surveying Enright's life, says Australia became too hot for him, so he migrated to America before the first world war.

After serving five years for robbery he was deported to Britain in 1920. There he took an expensive flat, behaved like a wealthy man and spent £40 a day.

ORIGINAL "CAT"
Enright was one of the original "cat burglars."

He had men fixed in fashionable hotels and he acted on their information. He spied out the land for ladder gangs and until recently was a climber himself despite serious injuries to his feet in 1928 when he jumped from a train to escape arrest.

When he was not in prison, Enright followed a policy of dressing well, hiring good cars and spending lavishly to enable him to contact wealthy people.

Enright once robbed a Cabinet Minister "on spec" and took a haul of jewels worth more than £100,000.

He served three good terms in Britain of three, four and five years. He had not been convicted since the last war.

Three Men Gassed

SYDNEY: Three Australian Gas Light employees were gassed while at work this morning at Fairfield in a chemist's shop. The men were taken to hospital in a serious condition.

Stan Nelson, 26, of Coogee; R. Notley, 54, of Oatley, and R. Tulloch, address unknown.

Notley and Notley were working on a gas main inside the shop when they fractured one of the pipes. A sudden burst of gas knocked them down. The third man, Tulloch, after smelling gas, went in with the object of repairing the fracture and was also knocked out. The gas was smelt by one of the two assistants in the shop. They rushed outside to prevent any people going in with lighted cigarettes.

A taxi driver and some other men, with handkerchiefs covering their faces, got into the smoke-filled room and carried the men out into the street. The men were taken by ambulance to the hospital.

COMMUNIST AS ALDERMAN

Communist candidate, John Hodge ("Jock") King, 43-year-old secretary of the Western Miners' Federation, will fill the vacancy on Lithgow City Council caused by the resignation of Ald. A. B. Luchetti, Member for Macquarie.

King polled 3,418 votes in Saturday's by-election to defeat the A.L.P. candidate, Arthur Segal (3,308 votes) by 110 votes in one of the closest elections on record for the Council.

This is the first time in the history of the City Council that a Communist has won a seat. Votes cast totalled 7,143, compared with 7,149 at the by-election last year, when Ald. W. Blanchard won the seat vacated by Ald. V. McMurtie.

Once to distrust is never to deserve.—Savage.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ON MIRACLES

LONDON, Thursday: Many people attended spiritual healing services during King George's illness last year in the hope that it would help him, the Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. M. H. Harland, said yesterday.

He was addressing the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury, which passed a resolution asking the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, to appoint a team to examine the problem and opportunities presented by the Church's ministry of healing.

The Bishop of Derby, Dr. A. E. J. Rawlinson, said: "We must not deny the possibility of miracles. We must recognise that miracles, if they occur, are rare and unusual and not matters for legislation or exploitation."

The Bishop of Rochester, Dr. C. M. Chavasse, said a medical practitioner had told him of three cases of what he called miracles. One was that of a girl in an advanced state of tuberculosis who suddenly said: "I am sick of this," left her bed and was cured.

The Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. E. S. Woods, said there was no doubt there was an unexplained force and "we may be on the verge of some quite outstanding discoveries."

The Archbishop of Canterbury said a full investigation would require prolonged attention not merely by a committee of the convocation, but by a commission including members drawn from outside the Anglican Church.

HOMEBUSH SALES

Winchcombe Carson and Co. report. Offered at Homebush today were 21,763 sheep and lambs. Values for lambs were easier and sheep were fully 5/- cheaper. For 231 cattle the market was unchanged. On the hoof at the yards, good to prime ewe nuttens made 6d to 8d a pound, 8d to 11d, hoggets 13d to 15d, lambs 17d to 20d, good to prime ewes 1/2 to 1/3 wool, 45/- to 55/-, wethers 55/- to 75/-, hoggets 62/- to 72/-, woolly lambs 68/- to 80/-, good to prime weaners 145/- to 165/-, a hundred pounds, steers 140/- to 160/-, heifers 130/- to 145/-, bullocks 125/- to 145/-, cows 105/- to 120/-.

WHAT CAN FUTURE POLICY DO?

Areas of good land in the higher rainfall belt are accepted as suitable for a much more intensive farming system than that now practised, while the more extensive system is continued in other areas where it is the only possible efficient method.

Pastures and farm improvement, soil and water conservation in good rainfall areas will permit big expansion in meat and dairy produce.

Food And The Future

In the past 3 years high wool prices which boosted Australia's export income have masked the fall in food exports. A freer market system to-day would lead in many cases to increased prices but ultimately the freely operating price mechanism is the only way to secure adequate supplies of the goods which the community really wants.

MEAT, TOBACCO, JAPAN
Elsewhere the Review examines the meat and tobacco industry and surveys Japanese overseas trade. Copies of the "Review" are obtainable free at all offices of the Bank.

LOTTERY 2544

SYDNEY: Lottery 2544, drawn this morning, resulted in first prize being won by the "Holiday" syndicate, J. Spencer, 19 Coronation Parade, Enfield.

Second prize was won by the "Just Luck" syndicate, Mrs. Jean Banks, Darling Point; third, the "Holden" syndicate, J. Balmer, 70 Northcote St., Auburn; fourth, the "Freddie and Mum" syndicate, Mrs. D. Owens, 9 Jay St., Lidcombe; and fifth by the "N.Z. Holiday" syndicate, G. Smith, Joyce Biscuits, Newcastle.

Lottery 2545 will be drawn to-morrow.

First, £6000 \$4837
Second, £1000 \$670
Third, £500 \$278
Fourth, £350 \$4719
Fifth, £200 \$6645

Official results will be published to-morrow.

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