

Navy Believed Preparing Underwater Atomic Blast

WASHINGTON (U) — Informed quarters believed today that the Navy is preparing to set off history's first deep underwater atomic explosion.

The purpose would be to explore the possibility of using atomic bombs against Russia's huge submarine fleet in event of war, and to find out if America's newest submarines and ships would stand up against such a weapon.

The tests also would fill one of the two big gaps in basic scientific knowledge about atomic explosions. Atomic bombs have been tested in the air many times and once at Bikini in 1946 in shallow water. But so far as is known, no atomic explosions ever have been set off in deep water or underground.

ATOMIC TESTS PLANNED

The Atomic Energy Commission announced early this week that it is preparing for a new series of

atomic tests, but is "not quite ready" to say where or when.

Observers speculated that the new tests probably would include the long-awaited underground and deep-underwater blasts.

New evidence that a deep water test is being readied was seen in a letter sent to congressional leaders yesterday by Assistant Defense Secretary Daniel K. Edwards.

He said the Navy is planning "underwater explosion tests" of the "highest priority," and asked Congress to give the Navy permission to use a partially completed new submarine, the Uluu, as a target in the tests.

Edwards declined on security grounds to say what weapon would be used in the Navy tests, but it seemed unlikely that the Navy would be willing to destroy one of its comparatively few new submarines on anything less than an

Nigerian Seeks Pen Pals

A Nigerian lad with a nearly-unpronounceable name and an often tenuous grasp of the English language has reached thousands of miles across the Atlantic to search for pen pals in Dunn.

Or Dome . . . that's the way S. Ola Masxine prefers to spell the name of Harnett County's largest metropolis.

The young African seems somehow to have picked up the name up Dunn and—after a fashion—the

name of The Daily Record.

SENT TO BLACK MOUNTAIN

Masxine's letter, addressed to the "Dome Journal (News), (News-paper), Dome, N. Carolina (N. C.)," wound up first in Black Mountain. Few would deny that there are a number of domes in that western region of the State.

An unamused postmaster in Black Mountain studied the envelope for a while, then sent it to Dunn (or Dome) on a guess.

Masxine had this to say:

"TO THE EDITOR—"

Dear Honorable Editor:

How are you, sir? It is now a long time that I have been seeking for many American pen pals of both sexes, whether men or women, and fortunately, your beneficial address is given to me by one of my friends, that you are a good and faithful publisher.

Therefore, seized this as an opportunity of communicating with you with this letter just to publish my name and address into your widely-spread journal that I desired of pen pals.

I am an African, 19 years of age, 5 ft. 6 ins. tall, black hair, bluish eyes, and light brown in complexion. I am living in the Lagos, capital city of Nigeria, and the chief trade center.

Hobbies are foot balling, swimming, and boating.

If you ask us to play we shall do so.

I have so many African goods such as ivory carving into images, ebony carving, hand bag made of crocodile skins, alligator skins, tiger skins, zebra skins and slippers made of the same skins of the above mentioned, golden earrings,

NOW

By CARROLL C. BARBOUR

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

I Corinthians 13:12-13

Quite often I fear the outlook many people take concerning our Lord's death on the cross. So many of us allow ourselves to "get in a rut" as far as our religious life is concerned. Perhaps our Christian zeal has lost that "sparkle" it once had, or perhaps we simply no longer give Christ much consideration—deliberately or otherwise.

Think for a moment. What single act or reaction from your fellow-man can cause your heart to sink within you to the greatest degree? Most of the people with whom I have come in contact seem to be of the opinion that a lack of gratitude hurts the greatest.

Arising from selfishness comes forth an evil of which we often fail to take notice. In our routine of life we hurt our heavenly Father in more ways than one. To simply "ignore" the gifts of a friend or a loved one is considered the very height of insult in our society. But when we ignore the gifts of God, we commit an even greater evil.

Over 2,000 years ago our Lord was crucified on a cross—but what we fail to see today is that He still hangs on a cross. It is true that the Roman Gibbet which stood on Golgotha's hill has long since decayed, but another has been erected. And we, the sons and daughters of that Jewish mob, have erected it.

During World War I, an Episcopal minister, who acquired the name "Woodbine Willie" because of his efforts to supply cigarettes to the men at the front, wrote a poem. Its timely message could bring

THAT'S DIFFERENT

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — (UP) — Robert Arbuckle complained to police that he had been squirted with a water pistol as he drove his convertible under a pedestrian bridge. Arbuckle said he would have forgotten the incident, except for the fact that the gun was loaded with battery acid and his coat disintegrated.

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crocodile skins, and also. African combs.

All these are to be exchanged with American goods such as sport shirts, knitted shirts, colorful tee shirts, shoes, ankle socks, colorful ones, ties, spotted ones, and hankies, billfolds. I promised to reply any letter written to me by air-mail and satisfactorily, and I will be waiting for an early reply.

May God Almighty crown all your efforts with success. Amen.

I am,
Yours forever
S. Ola Masxine
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Manners Cottage
Lagos, Nigeria
West Coast of Africa

LITTLE NEEDED

So, if there are any readers who would like to correspond with Masxine, the only requirements are pen, paper and a five-cent stamp.

Anyone with the ambition can also pack off a road map of North Carolina to our far-flung African correspondent, who then may have a bit less difficulty with Tar Heel place names. That, at any rate, should make the Black Mountain postmaster a bit happier.



RIGHT AT HOME — Finding himself in a maze of machines that can almost think, Pfc. Salvatore J. Pece of Brooklyn, N. Y. is perfectly at home. He is a member of the Third Machine Records Unit currently participating as part of the Third Field Army Service Command in the Joint Army-Air Force Exercise Southern Pine in the Fort Bragg area this summer. (Official US Army Photo).

Intricate Machines Fight Battle For Quadruplicates

A fast writer can write by hand approximately 30 words per minute; an expert typist might type 100 words per minute; but one of the tabulating machines at the Third Machine Records unit can print 1,450 words per minute.

Six machines that, put together, save hundreds and possibly thousands of man hours each day have joined the 301st Logistical Command near Lillington, North Carolina to help repel the Aggressor in the Joint Army-Air Force Exercise Southern Pine.

Presently situated in the Shawtown High School in Lillington, the six complex statistical recording machines of the unit have the job of furnishing data on all unit strengths, simulated maneuver casualties, and a locator service to assist the Fort Bragg Post Office for the vast maneuver.

Operating from van type vehicles, the Machine Records Unit, commanded by Maj. Maurice H. Boulette of Lake Geneva, Wis., is capable as an individual unit, of providing daily statistical data on as many as 125,000 men. Included among the information they can provide on each man participating in the maneuver are such things as: name, grade, serial number, unit, race, military occupational specialty, component and date of birth.

The secret of tabulating and recording all this statistical information is in holes punched on record cards. These cards can be subjected to the probing of various other machines which provide the needed information in a matter of seconds or minutes.

At the rate of 100 per minute, a reproducing machine can duplicate old, worn-out cards. A sorter will take a group of 600 cards and arrange them either alphabetically,

numerically or both in approximately one minute. Then an interpreter machine will type out the information punched on the card at a speed of one card per second. Equipped with generators, the unit furnishes its own power and if necessary, can pack up and move in approximately two hours.

Prior to its move to Lillington to participate in the Joint Army-Air Force Exercise Southern Pine as part of the Third Field Army Service Command, the Third Machine Records Unit was attached at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Rural Church Plan Will Be Continued

RALEIGH. — The rural church program will be continued at Farm and Home Week next year and an effort will be made to get at least 500 rural ministers to attend, directors of the North Carolina Rural Church Institute decided in a meeting at State College this week.

The program of the rural church, held as part of Farm and Home Week this year for the first time, has met with enthusiastic approval, according to L. R. Harrill, president of the institute, who said the farm men and women attending had shown much interest in the discussions.

At the directors' meeting this week, Harrill announced the appointment of several committee chairmen.

TO HEAD PROGRAM

The Rev. Garland Stafford of Lewisville will be in charge of the institute's program for the 1952 Farm and Home Week. M. G. Mann of Raleigh will head the finance committee, with L. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture, in charge of membership work.

The new nominating committee consists of Dr. Joseph H. Carter of Newton, the Rev. J. A. Evans of Wilson, and the Rev. Wilson Nesbit of West Jefferson.

Plans for sponsoring a rural church exhibit at the N. C. State Fair were discussed by the group. E. B. Garrett of Raleigh was named chairman of a committee to plan an exhibit for 1952.

Theme for the rural church program at Farm and Home Week this year has been "A New Day of Opportunity for the Rural Church." The program included an address by James W. Sells of Atlanta, in charge of rural church work for the Methodist Church, and a panel discussion on rural church problems led by Governor Scott, the Rev. Dumont Clarke of Asheville,

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