Atom Test Scientist Warns Public That Bomb May Be Fizzle

KWAJALEIN, June 29.-A warning to the public that the atomic bomb to be dropped at Bikini lagoon might be a "fizzle" was voiced by an eminent scientist today.

The warning came from Dr. Karl Compton, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff evaluation board. "My scientific colleagues," he told a press conference, "say that even if we had a number of bombs, alike

fizzle to maximum efficiency. "There is a certain probabilitythough small—that this bomb might fizzle. I am anxious that this be realized so the public will not think we are alibying if we get poor re-

physically, each would vary from a

Efficiency Data Awaited. Whether the bomb, now hidden behind a canvas-covered area on

this island, will provide a magnificent explosion or a smoky fizzle will be known Monday morningweather permitting. Bradley Dewey, president of the American Chemical Society and a

member of the Evaluation Board. observed that if the bomb were a dud it "might not be recognized as such until we get efficiency measurements from instruments." "A dud probably would produce

a whacking good explosion," Mr. Dewey said, "but perhaps it would not mushroom. There would be some activity. If the bomb does mushroom, 20

white mice will be flown into the interior of that great, colorful Dr. Harold Batchelor of Frederick. Md., biologist and bacteriologist for the Chemical Warfare Service, arrived at Eniwetok today

with the mice. Five will be placed

in each of the four B-17 "drones" which will be guided into the umbrella at 13,000 to 30,000 feet. The object, Dr. Batchelor said, is to learn the effects of radiation. Mice were chosen because they are physiologically similar to humans.

Congress Group Visits Target Meanwhile, Associated Press Correspondent Paul Kern Lee radioed from the U.S.S. Panamint, that 10 members of Congress visited three of the vessels today.

In the party were Senators of Oregon, and Representatives Engel of Michigan, Izac of California, Gillespie of Colorado, Rooney of New York, Norrell of Arkansas, Anderson of California, Bates of Massachusetts and Bradley of Pennsylvania.

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climbed more ladders and then ad- the bombing run. journed to the elaborate but jerry- But once the bomb explodes, the The press associations.

Bikini (Continued From First Page.)

of its movements.

By the Associated Press

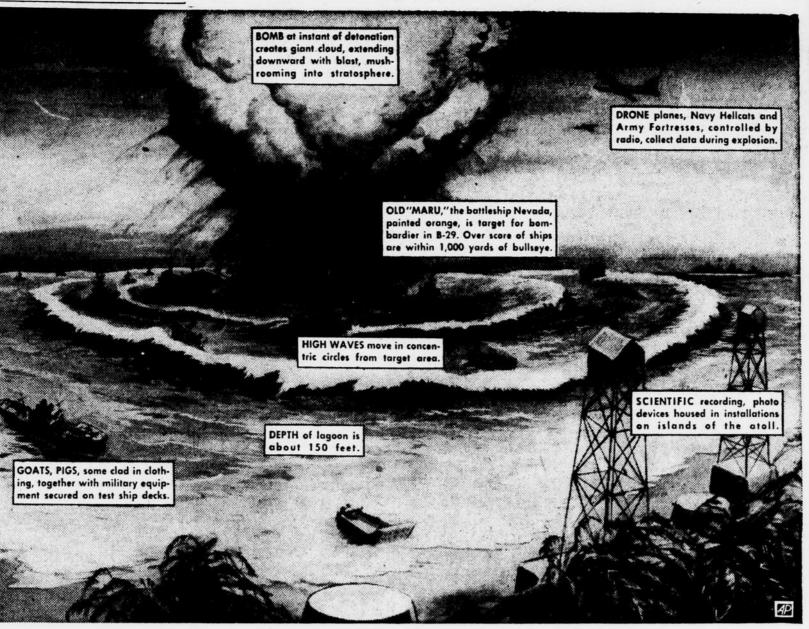
cancel the drop tomorrow morning arrivals saw the target array.

dryness in the air above 5,000 feet standing off the coast of Normandy Francisco. 'indicates we will have very good pumping shells at the Germans. To-

his decision on the weather. The of Atlantic and Pacific sea battles. bomb was in a restricted area on Near the Nevada were two aliens made ready for firing, that is- warships Nagato and Sakawa, which until it is airborne on A-day. once roved the Pacific. Near the

As soon as possible after daybreak, fringe of the array was the sleek the pilot of the super fortress— Nazi cruiser Prinz Eugen.
Maj. Woodrow P. Swancutt of
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin,—will

'Neutral Voice' to Give take off and the fleet of aircraft assigned to the show will begin maneuvering into position. The other planes will carry cameras. First official announcement of recording instruments, newsmen, the dropping of the atomic bomb



SOUTH SEAS FURY-Above is Associated Press Artist Hank Barrow's conception of the scene at Bikini atoll immediately after the explosion of the atomic bomb late today, Washington time. More than 37,000 men are at the little Pacific island to

observers and members of President on the test fleet at Bikini will come Truman's evalution commission and through a broadcast by a "neutral Presidential Authority by which the use of grain by whisky the Joint Chiefs of Staff evaluation voice" representing no specific The human beings nearest the agency, Rear Admiral H. B. Miller, explosion probably will be those chief of Navy Public Relations, said aboard the Mt. McKinley, some yesterday.

8 miles from the point of blast.
There will be a veritable sky
This broadcast will be available Materials, Renewed There will be a veritable sky armada weaving an intricate pattern in the skies above the target simultaneously, Admiral Miller said. fleet, with pilotless "drones" being After the "neutral voice" broadherded through the air by "mother" cast description of the dropping of signed an amended version of the packers and processors, under which loose the A-bomb. His description Hickenlooper of Iowa and Cordon planes to record the turbulence and the bomb, communications arrange- Second War Powers Act, which re- a percentage of their output is re- of the drop will be heard over radioactivity of the cloud mass ris- ments will revert to the original ing from the explosion.

plan. Maj. Swancutt will climb to about Under that, the radio networks allocate scarce materials. 30,000 feet while other planes are will take over the voicecast chanThe bill contains a specific promeats, lard, fats and oils, and a the various stations are lined up to moving into position. Then he will nels from Bikini for their descrip-vision it cannot be used as author-number of other foods are so concover the bombing: make the bomb run, with Maj. tions of the test, while the press as-Harold H. Wood of Bordentown, sociations will utilize radio-tele- modities or rents, N. J., the bombardier, taking over type circuits.

The destroyer O'Brien will be broadcast, the press associations to requisition property and give prisisted on visiting the target ship and the destroyer R. K. Hunting-

Nevada, remarking that he "didn't ton will be 50 miles southwest of associations and their member news- upon the winning of military vic- bama today and announced that he come 7,500 miles to go swimming." the target, acting as reference or papers to getting their first stories tory, is continued as a peacetime would stump the State in a "one-The party agreed reluctantly, guide ships to "Dave's Dream" on of the bomb from the radio network weapon of the Government to steer was a peacetime man" campaign of appeal to "the accounts.

built officers' club. All plan to return to the United States after the first test.

The amendment on price control with death to escape the radioactive for an official "neutral voice" broad-killed off any chance that the Government might, for instance, keep wind in their direction. Once safely simultaneously to both the press built officers' club. All plan to re- two destroyers will begin a race reason asked the Navy to provide out of the path of the cloud, the and the radio chains. destroyers will circle and keep track

the change in plans was made by certain price. Speculation, on what will happen Secretary of the Navy Forrestal,

"But I also reserve the right to turned on ships, increased as late cast is over, the press services' copy cation controls over tin, lead, anwill be transmitted via radio-tele- timony, chemicals and other items in the event of unforeseen weather. In the center of the fleet was the type circuits routed from the main necessaray in the reconversion of garish, brazenly painted old fighting communication ship of the Bikini industry, the Agriculture Departlady of the sea, the battleship Ne- fleet, the Appalachian, through Navy ment has used them increasingly of Rear Admiral W. S. Parsons said vada, which only two years ago was radio at Pearl Harbor and San late.

Nine wire services or agencies, inluck with clouds, and that there day she wears an orange coat of cluding the Associated Press, will will be little likelihood of rain- paint on her sides and white stripes share four cleared circuits during which is good from a radiological on her horizontal structure to lead the first half hour after the bomb the bombardier to the target. is dropped. During that time dis-Presumably, engineers began pre- There also were the battleships patches will be limited to takes of paring to load the atomic bomb New York and Arkansas and the 250 words each. The second half aboard the B-29 "Dave's Dream" flattops Saratoga and Independence, hour the wire services will be shortly after Admiral Blandy made standing with many other veterans limited to two teletype channels.

William Henry Harrison, ninth Kwajalein. It will not be armed- of a defeated nation-the Japanese President of the United States, was the first to die in office.

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allocating cloth only to garment Admiral Miller told a reporter that makers who agreed to sell for a

size that the plan is on the way now to the guinea pig fleet when it is and if there is no change by 10 blasted by a force thousands of times greater than any ever before cast is over the press services' converting of the Navy Forrestal. Although the Civilian Production Administration is the principal user of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers, through its allocated by a force thousands of the war powers are powers. Although the Civilian Production

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BOMB TEST THE SUBJECT-Secretary of the Navy Forrestal cisco from the McKinley at Bikini.

(right) as he conferred with Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy aboard his flagship, the U.S.S. Mt. McKinley, yesterday. This joint Army-Navy Task Force 1 photo was radioed to San Fran-

All District Stations to Carry Reports of Atom Bomb Blast

Washington radio listeners will get [include the actual bomb drop dean eyewitness account of the epic-scription by Mr. Downs, followed by making atom bomb drop at Bikini further accounts from ABC men on Atoll today no matter which station ships near the target lagoon; about they tune in upon.

Through a pool arrangement, the major networks will relay an onthe-spot account of the historic extension parts of the country. the-spot account of the historic experiment through all local outlets. Because of the uncertainty of tim- count of the bomb drop, plus obing, most stations will interrupt servations by on-the-scene observregularly scheduled broadcasts to ers; additional news and comment at 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. sugar is rationed, for instance, and bring in the bombing.

Barring last-minute postponement or delay because of weather con- bombing plane from Kwajalein; ditions in the Marshall Islands, the 5 p.m., Mr. Downs' account of the It is the basis, also, for the recent shattering missile will plummet bomb drop; 7 p.m., interview with requisitioning of 200,000,000 bushels down on the "guinea pig" fleet at the pilot and crew of the bombing of wheat from the 1946 crop for about 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard plane; 10 and 11:15 p.m., additional shipment to famine-ridden areas of Time.

Bill Downs, Columbia Broadcast-The requisitioning power is the ing System correspondent, will be source, also, of the various "set- riding in an observation plane programs imposed on food alongside the big B-29 which will WWDC and WPIK,

Wheat, cheese, evaporated milk, Subject to change, here is the way

WMAL-11 a.m., roundup of ABC network commentaries from men on the scene; 1:30 p.m., account of the take-off from Kwajalein of the bombing plane; 5 p.m., program to

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WOL-1:30 p.m., take-off of the

news and comments on the experi-

bombing plane from Kwajalein: 5 p.m., account of the bomb drop; 6:15 p.m., interview with the bombing plane crew; 9:30 p.m., scientists' comments on the experiment from different parts of the Nation plus a talk from Washington by Senator McMahon, chairman of the Senate Atomic Energy Committee. WINX-5 p.m., Mr. Downs' account of the bomb drop; hourly relays of news and comment thereafter until 1 a.m. Monday.

WWDC-1:30 p.m., take-off of the bombing plane from Kwajalein; 5 .m., account of the bomb drop; 7:15 p.m., any further pooled broadcasts from the scene.

WPIK-Will carry the same information as WMAL on a relay sys-

Man Faces Grand Jury In Theft of Watches

John Renson Lee, 29, of Charlotte, N. C., who police said lost a leg in a railroad accident during childhood, was held for the grand jury yesterday on a charge of breaking into a jewelry store at 812 F street Thursday night.

United States Commissioner Needham C. Turnage set bond at \$2,000 for Lee, who said he was a barber. Police said Lee was arrested by Policeman Quincy Sawyer, as he attempted to leave the store with 58 watches valued at nearly \$3,000.

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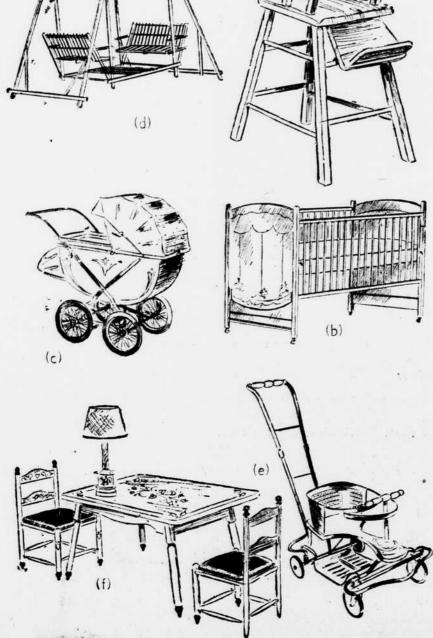
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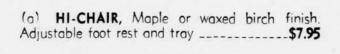
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