

Russ Nuclear Tests Analyzed

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WASHINGTON (AP)—A Soviet underwater nuclear test indicates the Soviet Union is making a major effort to counter the mounting force of U. S. Polaris submarines. The report by the U.S. Atomic Energy commission that a relatively low-powered nuclear explosion was set off under water south of the arctic island of Novaya Zemlya was overshadowed by the rest of the AEC announcement. That was that the U.S.S.R. also had detonated in the atmosphere over the Novaya area a nuclear device of very high yield, possibly as much as 50 megatons but more probably on the order of 30 megatons. About the same time, the Soviet defense minister issued a state-

ment that "the problem of destroying rockets in flight has been solved successfully." The ambiguous phrasing of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky left in doubt his exact meaning. But there could be little doubt about the significance of the two other Soviet experiments. The big bomb is intended as an offensive weapon to intimidate the West with the prospect of mass destruction. But underwater nuclear weapons and antimissile missiles—indeed the latter have been developed by the Soviets—are designed to repel retaliatory strikes which the United States promises to unleash if the Soviet Union makes war. The danger from submarine-launched missiles looms large for the U.S.S.R. At least four atomic-powered Polaris submarines are on station within range of Russian targets. Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric said last Saturday that six such submarines were at sea, armed with 96 missiles. One or two of them may be en route or getting ready to head for stations off the northwest European coast. Eventually, 10 Polaris boats will be assigned to the missile watch. The underwater test Monday was a trial of an antisubmarine warfare weapon — such as the U.S.S.R. would include in a strike against the Polaris fleet in event of war. In the antisubmarine nuclear weapon field, the Soviet Union appears to be substantially behind the U.S. program. Atomic depth charges now are part of the U.S. Navy arsenal. The first underwater experiment was made by American atomic weaponeers 15 years ago. Navy antisubmarine weapons include depth charges for dropping from aircraft as well as ship-launched charges. More Difficult The Soviet claim of having solved the problem of destroying rockets in flight was more difficult of analysis. The first question was the kind of rockets Malinovsky was talking about. If there were comparatively short-range tactical rockets, flying at slow speed compared with intercontinental ballistic missiles, the announcement might not be startling. The U. S. Army has been testing antimissile rockets against other rockets for some time. But if Malinovsky was claiming that the Soviet Union had found a way of destroying or neutralizing an ICBM warhead, this was another matter.

5th School In Jefferson District

DALY CITY — Trustees of the Jefferson Union high school district last night scheduled a field trip Saturday through the 4000-acre area of San Bruno Mountain to select a site for a fifth high school in their district to serve the eastern part of Daly City, Bayshore City and Brisbane. Superintendent of Schools Edward D. Morgan, pointing out development of the area is scheduled to begin within a year, said it is hoped to select a school site somewhere midway between the three communities. Morgan reported that work began last week by the Martelli Construction company of San Francisco on an eight-classroom, five science laboratories, two-shop and a mechanical drawing room addition to Westmoor high school. The new addition, which with furnishings will cost more than \$500,000, will allow the school to provide for an enrollment of 2200 students. The company, which submitted a low construction bid of \$401,800, was given 335 calendar days to complete the project, which means the new addition should be opened for students by September 13, 1962. Morgan was authorized by the board to ask the superior court for a restraining order to prohibit the Callan Construction company from making additional excavations on a 21-acre site owned by it next to Westmoor high school. The school district has had a suit pending against the company for about eight months on the grounds previous excavations caused an embankment on the school campus to collapse.

"Muzzling" Hearing Set

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate inquiry into charges that military leaders seeking to make anti-Communist speeches have been muzzled or censored by the Pentagon will get under way here Nov. 27. Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., who will direct the investigation, announced the date today in a statement issued through the Senate Armed Services Preparedness subcommittee. Stennis said Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, Army officer who was removed as a division commander in Europe amid controversy over his troop educational and training programs, can testify in person, if the general wishes, or submit a written statement.

S.M. Property Values Hit

DALY CITY — San Mateo county property taxes are being based on lower assessed valuations than in other counties and have been steadily losing ground during the past several years, Superintendent Edward D. Morgan reported to trustees of the Jefferson Union high school district last night. According to a report from the state board of education, Morgan said county real estate assessments are 12 per cent below a recommended by the state board of equalization. The factor is based on 25 per cent of a fair evaluation of property. During the 1959-60 school year, the report showed county assessments were 11 per cent below the state recommended evaluation, but during the 1961-62 school year assessments have fallen 12 per cent above the recommended assessment. More Taxes In contrast, Morgan reported, other counties are mostly assessed above the state recommendation. Santa Clara county is 11 per cent above the state recommendation, while Alameda county is 2 per cent above the state recom-

mendation. Based on the state figures, if San Mateo county and Santa Clara counties had exactly the same property values, Santa Clara county would be collecting 23 per cent more taxes each year. Although formerly local school districts could levy local taxes to recoup its losses from lower county valuations, this power was taken away by recent state legislation, Morgan said. The superintendent pointed out local assessments apply to all other taxing agencies as well as school districts. Morgan and the board agreed to take no action to appeal for increased assessments, however, on the grounds it is not a matter for local school boards. In his report on recent state legislation, Morgan said a newly adopted law prohibits a school district from calling a school bond or tax election within 25 days of a state wide election unless the election is consolidated with the state election.

Dairy Ranch Annex Delay

DALY CITY—The proposed annexation of the more than 1000-acre Christen dairy ranch south of the city ran into its first opposition during a public hearing last night when one property owner and several citizens outside the proposed annexation announced their vigorous objections in no uncertain terms. Because of the absence of Mayor Robert B. St. Clair and because a land use plan for the area has not been completed, councilmen continued the hearing for three weeks. The property owner within the proposed annexation who objected was Jack Papazian, who said he does not want a 12-acre site owned by him placed within Daly City city limits. Several verbal objections came from the audience from local residents who successfully fought annexation of Callan Park to the city and who claimed that previous annexations have resulted in higher property taxes. A public hearing on another annexation—of a 1.5-acre site off Eastmoor avenue — received no protests, however. Councilmen approved a final map of the 20-lot Westlake Unit 1-B tract.

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Cambodia-Thai Border Closed

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Mexico Burial For Varian

Sigurd F. Varian, 60, co-inventor of the Klystron tube and founder of Varian Associates in Palo Alto, was buried in Guadalajara yesterday. The famed electronics inventor drowned last Wednesday after his private plane crashed in the ocean off the west coast of Mexico. Memorial Day began in 1868, on the order of Gen. John A. Logan. A daughter, Mrs. Lorna Van Linge of Menlo Park, is among the survivors, which include his wife, Winifred in Puerto Vallarta; a son, John, of Bradley, Monterey county, and a brother, Eric, of Halycon, San Luis Obispo county.

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