

# Spokane's New ICBM Base is Expected to Provide Employment for Thousands

## U.S. HAS LEAD IN ATOMIC RACE Nuclear Knowledge Tops Russians, Chemist Says

MONTEREY, Calif., April 18. (U.P.)—Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, world-famous chemist, said today, "The United States is far out front in overall nuclear knowledge, depth of industrial experience and numbers of trained nuclear technicians, scientists and engineers."

This can be used to advantage in the rivalry with Russia throughout the world, the University of California Nobel prize winner told the World Affairs Council of Northern California at Monterey, Calif., April 18.

"There is no question that European nations will be importing nuclear components and/or entire plants very soon," he said, "and it is felt that we should be able to supply this demand."

Noting Russian technological training activities in the Middle East, Dr. Seaborg said:

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## ELECTION IS DUE FOR JAPANESE

TOKYO, April 18. (U.P.)—Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi announced today he will dissolve parliament this month to bring about Japan's first nationwide elections in three years. The balloting is expected to be the test of Japan's ties with the United States.

Kishi, head of the liberal democratic party, and chairman Mosaburo Suzuki of the opposition socialists discussed April 20 and 25 as possible dates for dissolution, but no agreement was reached. May 22 is regarded as the most likely election date.

Kishi has been under severe socialist attack for months for failure to test the popularity of his prowestern administration at the polls. He had promised to do so this year.

## LENENCY SHOWN TO BOMB FAKER

BUTTE, Mont., April 18. (U.P.)—Roger N. Schneider, 45, Billings, Mont., salesman, today was placed on one-year probation after he pleaded guilty to starting airplane bomb scares in Billings and Great Falls.

Federal Judge W. D. Murray deferred sentence with the special condition that Schneider refrain from drinking. He warned the defendant that any violation of the probation would cause the court to invoke a jail term for the full time that law permits.

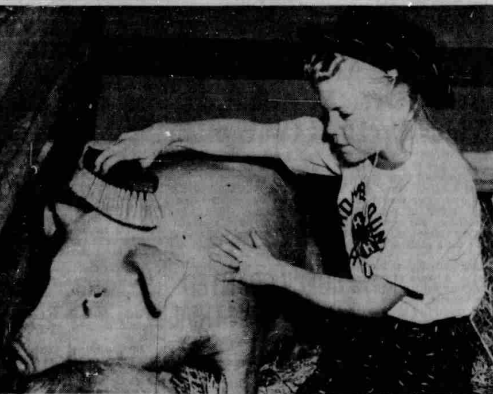
The government charged that a "bomb scare" phone call from Schneider prompted a search of one Northwest Orient Airlines plane in Great Falls and two in Billings Wednesday.

He was arrested in Missoula Wednesday.

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## TANGLE TOWNS



Ritzville Girl Completes

Beverly Heine, 11, Ritzville, Wash., brushes one of her six hogs at the 13th annual Northwest Junior Livestock show at Auburn. She is a member of the Ritzville 4-H club, and while young, expects her entries to bring home some ribbons.

## State Levy on Boats, Motors Under Study

OLYMPIA, April 18. (U.P.)—A state excise tax on pleasure boats and outboard motors was under consideration today by the legislative council's subcommittee on revenue and taxation.

Subcommittee Chairman John H. Ryder said the levy would be in lieu of the personal property tax now placed against marine equipment.

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**Tax Would Vary**

"Thousands of boating fans on the vast Washington waterways would be affected by the excise."

It would be made applicable to all pleasure boats 15 feet or more in length. The tax would vary depending on the length of the boat and the horsepower of its motor.

It would be levied against boat owners, too, even though they do not own a boat.

The staff employee of the legislative council said a preliminary check indicated the tax would hit some 40,000 pleasure boats in the Seattle coast guard area alone. The figure does not include the thousands of outboard motor owners who would be affected.

The boat registration and tax proposal was being considered by the state legislators in connection with a bill pending before congress to put back at the state level all regulation of pleasure boats now handled by the coast guard.

**Squawks Expected**

Ryder said counties would receive a part of the excise tax.

## AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE SCORES

WASHINGTON, April 18. (U.P.)—The navy reported today that a carrier pilot scored a bullseye on his first shot with a Bullpup guided missile and destroyed a four-inch square target two miles away.

The disclosure indicated the navy's pride in the extreme accuracy and high degree of reliability of the air-to-surface missile.

The spectacular shot was made by Lt. L. Wayne Smith of Fort Dodge, Iowa, a 19th naval graduate serving at the naval air station at Patuxent River, Md.

Pilot Untrained

Smith fired the 100-mile-an-hour missile, containing an inert warhead, at a smoke pot in the north Atlantic during severe cold weather tests of the Bullpup aboard the carrier Roosevelt last February.

The missile was still in the development stage then, and Smith had no training with it. Technicians gave him quick instructions before takeoff from the carrier.

The Bullpup when assembled is 11 feet long and weighs 60 pounds.

## CBS STRIKE ENDS

WASHINGTON, April 18. (U.P.)—The 12-day strike of technicians against the Columbia Broadcasting system ended today.

The radio claimed Jacyno had asked for and obtained expensive material from a Czechoslovak citizen recently arrested.

## AUDITORS CHECK ICBM TREASURY Monitors Also Keep Tab on Teamster President

WASHINGTON, April 18. (U.P.)—The court-appointed monitors of the teamsters' union have started a hunt for any funds missing from the union's \$40,000,000 treasury.

It was learned today the monitors have hired the nationally-known private auditing firm of Price Waterhouse & Co. to make a thorough checkup.

The firm is expected to complete a preliminary audit within the next few weeks, ahead of a teamsters' union executive board meeting sometime in May.

**Inquiry Followed**

The monitors, keeping a close watch on disclosures being made before the senate subcommittee investigating committee, plan further audits into local and other teamsters' branches later. It is reported, for example, the monitors are watching the committee's current Philadelphia teamsters expose closely.

**Allegations of Corruption**

The allegations of corruption in the teamsters' union were turned up by the racketeering committee headed by Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) has not yet concentrated on the teamsters' national treasury.

The monitors also have sent written demands to teamster President James R. Hoffa and national executive board members and trustees for an accounting of the union's financial interests.

**Jobs Kept on Hoffa**

Under terms of a federal court order which established the three-member committee to investigate Hoffa's rule, national officers of the union are required to divest themselves of any financial interests that might tend to influence performance of their duties.

**Monitors Asked Hoffa**

The monitors asked Hoffa to report their financial holdings in the past 12 months. They have taken to divest themselves of any financial interest, including interest in companies with which the union bargains.

Monitor chairman Nathan Caplan, of Washington, D.C., said municipal appeals court judge, declined to go into any detail on what the said Hoffa had done so far. But he did comment:

"I'd say we are making good progress. We are getting good cooperation from Mr. Hoffa and the union."

## Scribe Offers His Objection

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18. (U.P.)—The long-suffering court reporter did his best to keep up as first one attorney and then another popped up with objections in heated courtroom wrangling.

But the reporter, Don Devlin, popped up with an objection of his own, stunning the courtroom.

"Do you think I'm Houdini?" he shouted. "Don't even talk on a guess."

## Admiral Puts Stress on Science Education

WASHINGTON, April 18. (U.P.)—The navy today stressed the importance of science education for the future of the nation.

Admiral Byrd, chief of naval operations, said that the navy was looking for a way to attract more young people to the service, and that science education was a key factor in this effort.

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## Reaction Told

The impact of the air force's announcement regarding the selection of Cheyenne as an ICBM base was met with mixed reactions by that city's residents.

Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce President George L. Cole told The Spokesman-Review yesterday.

"Most of the reaction was favorable—probably from an economic viewpoint," said Cole. "Unfavorable reaction probably was the result of some citizens feeling that the ICBM base would make Cheyenne a prime target."

Cole said it was his understanding that the Cheyenne launching base would be "from 20 to 25 miles from town" and to the northeast or northwest of Cheyenne.

Cole's personal reaction to the upcoming project was: "I just wish I knew what I read in the newspapers."

## Convair's Duties

Officials of the Astronautics division of the Air Force at San Diego told The Spokesman-Review the firm's responsibility in developing the Cheyenne ICBM launching bases, for checking out the launching complexes after they had been constructed and for integrating the installation of all ground support equipment that might be needed.

Convair spokesman said work already is underway at Cooke and that work is to start soon at the Wyoming site. It is planned that the Cheyenne base will be operative late next year when the air force says the Atlas will be combat-ready.

While no precedent has been set from experience, word from Convair was that about 1500 persons would be employed directly on the Cheyenne job exclusive of those hired by the contractors charged with building the physical plant.

Not all of the employees would be of the major missile contractors (such as General Electric, which makes the nose cone and guidance system, and Rocketdyne division builds the Atlas engines), area workers—secretaries, truck drivers and the like—would be on the payroll.

Because there has been no ICBM base yet in operation, Convair officials would not have a guess as to how many technical people (representing major missile contractors) would be employed at the base once they were fulfilling their mission. It is customary for airplane manufacturers, for example, to have technical representatives assigned to air bases at which their products are utilized.

If construction starts in the North American ICBM base, it may be speculated, at about the same time Wyoming becomes operative.

"Splendid Thing"

The new missile base brought enthusiastic comment from Spokane. "We think it's a splendid thing from the point of view of the city," Lerin Markham, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce said.

"It will mean a great deal from the economic point of view, especially since it comes at this particular time."

Arthur Meenan, city commissioner, said construction and future military pay roll would have a favorable impact on Spokane's economy and also commented that the missile establishment in Cheyenne was a well-rounded, modernistic military program."

Sam H. Ruff, executive secretary of the Spokane chapter of the Associated General Contractors, said the work "greatly extends the normal construction season." He also said contractors in this area were capable of doing the job that they would have to be "flexible" because new construction methods had to be used.

Guess said on construction projects he had observed in the Cheyenne area, the ICBM project scheduled for Spokane about 1960 to 2000 workers are needed.

Estimates from Washington, D. C., on the number of jobs it would provide is perhaps a little optimistic," he said.

W. N. Sproul, head of Spokane's city finances, thought the contracts involved in building the missile base (building cost estimates range between \$20,000,000 and \$100,000,000) would be "wonderful for the city."

Roy Rofinet, president of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, said the awarding of the base to this area reflects "fine military-civilian relationships."

## \$25 Million Work Due to Begin by Early Fall

The Spokane area has won a mighty role in the missile age. With Fairchild air force base designated as a launching center for intercontinental ballistic missiles, a major construction job involving 3000 to 4000 workers will start here in late summer or early fall.

The air force's formal announcement yesterday said approximately \$25,000,000 might involve other major contractors. Convair builds the airframe of the Atlas ICBM and the ground support equipment necessary to launch it.

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**Personnel in Total 750**

This same announcement said approximately 750 air force personnel would be assigned in the support and operation of the missile base. Horan added that during the peak of construction work the project probably would provide 3000 to 4000 jobs for the Spokane area.

The air force announcement said the Cheyenne base would be a "major development with a banner line which read 'Spokane' as likely site for giant new multimillion dollar ICBM base."

**One in Wyoming**

This story said the base would be somewhat similar to the one awarded Cheyenne, Wyo., several months ago and noted a Wyoming senator had described the Cheyenne base as "the biggest thing for the state since the coming of the Union Pacific rail."

If Fairchild AFB gets the Atlas, the prime contract likely would be let to the Convair division of the General Dynamics corporation which produces the Atlas in southern California. Convair has already been awarded the prime contract for the Cheyenne base which now is estimated to cost \$55,000,000 but may ultimately hit the \$100,000,000 figure.

**How News Broke**

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WASHINGTON, April 18. (U.P.)—The "air force broke the story" today through the Washington state congressional delegation here.

Then about two hours later a press release was issued by the Air Force which said both Fairchild and Offutt air force bases near Omaha, Neb., would get the new intercontinental ballistic missile launching sites.

Offutt is headquarters of the strategic air command and Fairchild is SAC's main heavy bomber base in the Pacific Northwest. Both bases will assume the dual function of supporting heavy bombing and missile missions.

The announcement said today that the air force ballistic missile division at Andrews, Calif., recommended it be turned over to the general services administration for disposal of the base.

Other aspects of the design and all construction will be accomplished through the corps of engineers of the army, acting as construction agents, the announcement said.

Representative Walt Horan, Washington, said:

## Former Allied Leader is Dead

PARIS, April 18. (U.P.)—Gen. Maurice Gustave Gamelin, 85, who served briefly as allied supreme commander in World War II, died tonight.

Gamelin, who was in top command of French forces as they crumbled before the Nazi advance, died in a Paris hospital where he had been confined for several weeks. He was stricken with paralysis in February.

## Repulsion Lost

Gamelin was swept to military fame by one German invasion and to obscurity by the second. His failure to stem the German advance into France, as supreme allied commander in 1940, cost him his command, subjected him to imprisonment and shattered a military reputation that covered his chest with medals.

Yet, he had achieved his honors largely because, as a junior officer, he correctly predicted the path the German armies would take in World War I.

## Nevada Town Fights 'Hoppers

LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 18. (U.P.)—This city's war against the grasshopper continued today.

The "hopper invasion" hit here yesterday, and for a while the insects were several inches deep on downtown streets.

Officials said the grasshoppers come out in force at night, attracted by the bright lights.

## Robbers Get \$20,000

HOUSTON, Texas, April 18. (U.P.)—Two armed men wearing handkerchief masks slugged and robbed an east end supermarket employee of \$20,000 in cash today.

"I apologize for mentioning such small sums to you," Rickover said, after calculating out loud that members of congress spend the taxpayers' money at the rate of some \$2,000,000 a minute.

"In the future," he said, "you will be known as the most generous people who ever inhabited this planet."

That's a rather doubtful compliment, said Representative Rickover, who developed the atomic submarine, rocked the space committee with his proposal that it get out of America's hands the money it has been spending on the atomic submarine, and has indicated the public purse is wide open for space research spending.

## Independent Agency

Rickover also urged the committee to help the President establish an independent civilian agency for space, outside military control.

"The defense establishment to date is already too big as it is, it will soon be controlling the entire country," he said.

"If I'd been able to build the Nautilus in the atomic energy commission rather than in the navy," Rickover said, "I'd have built it a damn sight faster."

## FEDERATION ELECTS

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, April 18. (U.P.)—Granley Adams, an Oxford-educated lawyer and Barbados political figure, was elected first prime minister of the new British West Indies federation today.

## Taxes!

The Tax Foundation reports that in the 1957 fiscal year federal, state and local governments collected an average of \$100 in taxes from every person in the nation. It taxes to pay for the government to turn around what it takes in extra cash like this:

Mr. Crowley, 2818 Cincinnati, has paid \$100 in taxes as a result of our Want Ad in The Spokesman-Review."