



THREE MEMBERS of the Civil Defense Commission of Pennsylvania look over material to be presented to Pennsylvania newsmen at the Atomic Energy Seminar held at Penn State last week. They are (left to right): John McCullough, chief of public affairs for the Commission and a staff member of the Philadelphia Inquirer; Colonel Alton C. Miller, director of the Commission; and Dr. Richard Gerstell, consultant and author of "How to Survive an Atomic Bomb."

### AEC Finishes Atomic Trails

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 6 (AP)—The fifth and biggest atomic blast at the new government range near here shook Las Vegas today and shattered show windows in two auto agencies. Later, the Atomic Energy Commission announced that it has concluded its experiments for the present and is "completely satisfied" with the results. Today's blast, as previously, just before dawn, hit Las Vegas with two stiff jolts. Today's was No. 14 in a worldwide series of atom blasts, starting in New Mexico in mid-summer, 1945, and including those at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and one set off by the Russians.

### Train Wreck Kills Sixty-one

WOODBIDGE, N. J., Feb. 6—(AP)—A speeding Pennsylvania railroad commuter train cracked up on a temporary overpass tonight killing at least 61 persons. Middlesex county Coroner Samuel Kane said there were 61 known dead in hospitals and morgues. The toll is expected to rise. Nearly 400 were injured. The train plunged some 20 feet from the trestle to a street below. The 11-car train roared onto the trestle and swayed sickly. Then the steam engine left the rails, dragging five of the cars with it. The crash occurred at 5:45 p.m. The train—"The Broker"—was carrying passengers to the wealthy North Jersey shore from New York City 30 miles away. The train carried a large number of commuters who normally travel on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, which was shut down today by the switchmen's "sick call" walkout. Both lines service the area. Some of the cars telescoped into a mass of sharp, deadly metal wreckage that ground to pulp some of the passengers. It was the third major railroad disaster in the New York Metropolitan area in less than a year.

#### Weather Forecast

Extended forecast for the period Wednesday, Feb. 7 through Sunday, Feb. 11: Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern New York and Mid-Atlantic States: temperature will average two to four degrees above normal; milder Wednesday, colder Thursday and Friday and mild again about Saturday and Sunday; rain Wednesday and in northern portions early Thursday; rain again about Saturday; total rainfall about one-half inch. Western Pennsylvania, Western New York, Ohio and West Virginia: temperature will average two to four degrees below normal; colder at beginning of period and again Sunday; rather mild Friday and Saturday; snow flurries at beginning of period and rain about Saturday; total rainfall two to four-tenths of an inch.

### State Senators Introduce Turnpike Extension Bill

HARRISBURG, Feb. 6 (AP)—Four northern area senators introduced a bill today authorizing a new extension of the Pennsylvania turnpike between proposed links of the present toll road to Scranton and Erie.

"Such a road would have far-reaching effects on the progress and development of the entire northwestern part of the commonwealth," declared Sen. C. Arthur Blass (R-Erie).

Co-sponsors with Blass are Sens. Leroy E. Chapman (R-Warren), James S. Berger (R-Potter), and Guy B. Robinson (R-Susquehanna).

Blass said no definite route for the road was planned as yet but that it would run from a point near Erie to a point near Scranton.

Extensions of the present turnpike to those two cities were authorized by the 1949 legislature. The general assembly directed the Pennsylvania Turnpike commission to make preliminary surveys.

Blass said the northern extension would "take trucks off the public highways" leaving them open to motorists.

In addition, he said, the toll road would form an important link in a contemplated "speedy through-way from Chicago and other midwestern cities to New York City."

### Symphony Concert In Schwab Friday

The Indianapolis symphony orchestra will present the fourth Community Concert of the season in Schwab auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Playing under the direction of Fabien Sevitzyk, the orchestra will open the concert with the prelude to "Die Meistersinger" by Wagner. Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D, Opus 73, will follow.

After intermission, the orchestra will present "Restoration Suite" by Deems Taylor. The program will conclude with Delibes' suite from the ballet "Coppelia."

Only holders of memberships in the Community Concert association will be granted admission to the concert. Membership cards must be presented at the doors.

### Sweden Accepts UN Group Post

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 6—(AP)—Sweden consented last night to serve on the United Nations good offices committee in the place India refused to take. The committee is seeking a settlement of the Korean conflict.

### Diplomats See No War In '51

FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 6—(AP)—The best guess of key American diplomats in Europe is that Russia will not start a world war in 1951.

They feel, however, another struggle is almost inevitable in the years to come if the Kremlin's pressure against the West goes on unabated.

They are pessimistic that anything but propaganda wrangling would result from a new four-power conference, but they expect one will be held.

These are viewpoints widely shared among American diplomats from iron curtain countries who met in Paris last week and those from Western European capitals who are now conferring in Frankfurt.

### MI Circulars Travel South

Three circulars of the Mineral Industries experiment station are being circulated in South American countries.

The circulars, numbers 31, 33, and 35, were written by Dean Edward Steidle of the School of Mineral Industries. The circulars are entitled "Roots of Human Progress," "A Philosophy for Conservation," and "Wanted: Mineral Industries Colleges."

The circulars were printed in Spanish in Veritas, published in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and in Portuguese in O Observador in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Parts of the circulars were printed in Spanish in Dyna, National School of Mines, Medellin, Colombia, and in Portuguese in Revista de Estola da Minas, National School of Mines and Metallurgy, Ouro Preto, Brazil.

A second edition of circular 33 was published by the Bituminous Coal Institute of the National Coal association.

#### FINE SETS PRAYER DAY

HARRISBURG, Feb. 5 (AP)—Gov. John S. Fine today proclaimed Friday, Feb. 9 as "world day of prayer" in Pennsylvania.

## Artillery Paves Way For Seoul Advance

TOKYO, Wednesday, Feb. 7 (AP)—Two Allied tank-infantry raider columns, making gains up to four miles Tuesday, rammed into the main Chinese line near Seoul and stirred up a pitched battle with Red tanks and fresh troops.

Some U.N. forces were reported only three air miles south of ruined Seoul. Allied artillery, warplanes and warships offshore poured a withering stream of fire all day into the battle area, where Chinese troops were swarming.

About 50 miles east of Seoul, South Korean infantry drove to within 25 air miles of the 38th parallel. Then they were forced to fight desperately to hold a mountain ridge in this deepest penetration of Red territory since the limited offensive began two weeks ago.

#### Battle In Mountains

The republican troops were battling 1,500 Reds in the mountains of Central Korea. The South Koreans had driven six air miles north of Hoengsong under cover of U.S. artillery and Fifth Air Force fighter-bombers.

The heaviest action Tuesday, however, was on the western front near Anyang, eight and one half miles south of Seoul.

With the jagged hills "loaded with Reds" according to an intelligence officer, the Communists sent at least three Russian-made tanks trundling out into the battlegrounds for the first time in the current allied drive.

#### Meet Resistance

It was the second straight day that the raiders had been shooting up Communist rear areas on daring behind-the-lines attacks.

A.P. war correspondent Jim Becker in a dispatch from Anyang said the two allied columns ran into bitter resistance.

One Red tank and self-propelled anti-tank guns fired on an armored task force that pushed about five miles northwest of Anyang.

The other task force pressing northeast of Anyang gained two miles before retiring to defensive positions. This column fought the entire day in retaking ground it had given up voluntarily Monday. Communists had infiltrated the area Monday night.

### Council Wants Dorms Open

Nittany dorm council voted at a meeting Monday evening to reconsider its proposal to close certain dorms in that area for the spring semester.

The action was based upon the return of many students to the area who had previously planned living in the West Dorms or dropping out of school.

The council decided to ask the College to allow those dorms it feels are most desirable because of convenience and the number of occupants to remain open. These dorms will be selected by the council by a survey now under way.

The constitution of Barons, a new social organization in the Nittany area which will replace the council's recreation committee, was presented. Reading was postponed until the next meeting.

Robert Gilmore was elected secretary of the council to replace William Deemer.

An amendment to the council constitution abolished the office of financial secretary. The duties of this office will be assumed by the council treasurer.

### Pope Asks Lenten Evangelistic Effort

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 6—(AP)—Pope Pius XII today urged a special effort during Lent to bring into the Roman Catholic Church the "weak, languid and vacillating."

Lent, a 40-day period of prayer, abstinence and penitence in preparation for Easter, begins tomorrow, Ash Wednesday. On that day Catholics have their foreheads marked with ashes to remind them that they will one day become dust.

### Soviet Charges U.S. For China Air Violations

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 6—(AP)—Russia charged the United States with 238 air attacks on Red China in November and December and called on the U. N. to condemn "these illegal acts by the government of the United States."

Semyon T. Tsarapkin, Soviet delegate, told the 60-nation political committee of the U. N. assembly that United States war planes violated Chinese territory 328 times between Aug. 28 and Dec. 31. This total included 90 violations previously charged by Russia. He said 16 persons had been killed and 115 wounded in the raids.

The U. S. has answered that the attacks were made along the Yalu River against supply lines for the Red Chinese troops in Korea. The United States has disclaimed any intention to bomb deliberately any Chinese territory.

Tsarapkin presented a resolution which charged that American planes violated the Korean-Manchurian frontier and that a U. S. military vessel bombarded, detained and inspected a Chinese merchant ship. The resolution asked the U. N. to condemn these alleged acts and require the U. S. to pay damages.

The U. S. last summer met similar charges in the Security Council with a demand for an impartial committee to determine the damages, but Russia refused to accept such a group.

The political committee voted 32 to 6 against having its secretary read a long statement by Red China on the charges, but approved circulation of the document as a U. N. paper for information of the delegates. Burma voted with the Russian bloc to have the paper read.

### House Pushes Civil Defense

HARRISBURG, Feb. 6—(AP)—Gov. John S. Fine's far-reaching civil defense program was advanced another notch toward a vote by the House today. Final passage there next week seemed assured.

The legislation, supported by both Republicans and Democrats, received initial House approval and went up to the amendment stage of the legislative process. Republican leaders indicated some minor changes would be made tomorrow.

The package of five bills would arm the state Council of Civil Defense with wide powers, fix death as the penalty for sabotage, and allow \$5 a day for workers called into action in an emergency.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders threw their support to the legislation, which was introduced only last night with bipartisan sponsorship. Three days are required to pass a bill in each branch.

"I know of no opposition to these bills," said Rep. H. G. Andrews, the Democratic leader. "They should pass the House on Monday without any trouble."

Fine, meantime, moved for a showdown on the prolonged dispute over confirmation of his cabinet by the senate.

#### PA. DRAFT QUOTA SET

HARRISBURG, Feb. 6—(AP)—Pennsylvania's draft quota for April was fixed yesterday at 5651 men.

Col. Henry M. Gross, state selective service director, said the quota was Pennsylvania's share of the national quota of 80,000 men.