

British Atomic Blast Gouges Wide Crater

CANBERRA, Australia, Sept. 27 (AP)—Britain touched off her fourth series of atomic explosions today with a test at the new Maralinga proving ground that ripped out a crater half a mile wide. Although supposed to be relatively small, the blast rattled windows in the transcontinental Dar-

win-Adelaide train 200 miles away and wrecked everything within a two-mile radius.

Centered on Tower Site

The Sydney Morning Herald correspondent said it dug a "shallow, ash gray circle centered on the site of the vaporized tower which appears about half a mile wide."

"The ground for the further mile around is seared and gutted as if by a bush fire," he added. "A collection of steel huts ringing the tower at various distances are total wrecks. Buildings closest to the flash have disappeared and others a mile distant have collapsed."

Reassembled Mushroom

The eyewitness report said the explosion formed a perfect mushroom, and a "fireball mounted the column as a great glowing bubble" but there was a notable absence of shock wave after the blast.

Sir William Penney, British scientist in charge, previously announced that four atomic weapons equivalent to a few thousand tons of TNT—in contrast to the devices of a million tons or more reported fired by the United States and Russia—would be set off. Two, he said, would be fired from towers another "operational weapon of a service type" would be dropped from a bomber and a fourth of comparatively small power would be set off on the ground.

It is generally believed the devices are intended to become warheads in guided missiles being developed in Britain and tested at the Woomera rocket range adjoining Maralinga.

State's School Districts To Receive \$75 Million

HARRISBURG, Sept. 27 (AP)—Andrew M. Bradley, budget secretary to Gov. Leader, said today the Commonwealth will borrow 75 million dollars in the next 60 days to make certain prompt payment in state aid to schools.

About 125 million dollars in school subsidies are payable in October and November.

Clark Drive Criticizes State Setup

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27 (AP)—Joseph S. Clark, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, said today "the spoil system is rampant" in Pennsylvania and has hindered Gov. Leader's idealistic approach to good government.

Clark, campaigning to unseat Republican James H. Duff as the junior senator from Pennsylvania, spoke at a news conference following a luncheon at the Pittsburgh Press Club. In a question and answer period he said:

State is Patronage-Ridden

"Pennsylvania to my deep regret is a patronage-ridden state. The merit system is a joke.

"Under the Leader administration the same thing has been done at Harrisburg that was done under every Republican administration, namely to use patronage to the hilt."

Commends Leader

But Clark said he believes Gov. Leader is the "best governor of Pennsylvania since Gifford Pinchot, and perhaps before. He is honest and earnest and he has vicious opposition from the 26 Republicans in the State Senate."

The former mayor of Philadelphia said he doesn't see any particular difference between the Republican and Democratic use of the patronage system.

Eleven German Paintings On Exhibition in HUB

Eleven paintings by German artists are now on exhibition in the Hetzel Union Building.

The collection includes watercolors, oils, and drawings loaned to the University by the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

Suez Stand Reiterated By West

PARIS, Sept. 27 (AP)—British and French spokesmen reiterated today their government's determination to press for international control of the Suez Canal while maintaining a joint military buildup in striking distance of Egypt.

The French-British stand was emphasized after a conference here between Premier Guy Mollet and Prime Minister Eden and their foreign ministers.

French, British Agree

They expressed full agreement on the line to be followed in the U.N. Security Council's pending debate on the Suez issue even as President Eisenhower indicated in Washington he would be willing to compromise on the kind of international operation which would be worked out for the waterway.

U.S. Is Reluctant

The British and French have insisted the canal must be run internationally and they have displayed annoyance at what they feel is U.S. reluctance on this point.

Eisenhower expressed hope at a news conference that a provisional method of canal operation could be worked out, perhaps along the lines of the 18-nation majority proposal at the first London Suez conference for international supervision.

Prisoners Seize Airliner

SALTA, Argentina, Sept. 27 (AP)—A planeload of Bolivian political prisoners overpowered armed guards and seized their airliner in flight high over Bolivia today. They then turned the plane around and landed in Argentina, seeking asylum.

Tito Startles West; Flies with Khrushchev

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Sept. 27 (AP)—President Tito surprised Western capitals today by flying to the Soviet Union with Soviet Communist party leader Nikita Khrushchev.

The trip was officially described as a vacation. There was a widespread belief the real purpose was to continue talks on the future role that Yugoslavia will play in relations with other East European Communist parties.

Arrival Unexpected

Khrushchev arrived unexpectedly in Belgrade Sept. 19 on a visit also described as a vacation. Tito and the Russian leader spent several days talking privately on Brioni Isle in the Adriatic. The main subject was generally believed to be Tito's independent brand of communism.

Talks Continue

The fact Tito returned to Russia with Khrushchev was taken as an indication their eight-day talks here were not conclusive. There was speculation the conversations had reached a point where the Russian needed to consult his Kremlin colleagues.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, reporting the Tito-Khrushchev party left on a special Soviet plane, said the party will spend several days resting.

Metals Society to Meet

The American Society for Metals will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Delta Sigma.

Adlai Blasts GOP Methods

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27 (AP)—Adlai Stevenson compared the Republican campaign tonight with the "Bread and circuses" which the Roman emperors used to keep the people contented. He predicted the Republicans won't be any more successful than the Romans were.

The Democratic presidential nominee flew here to deliver another "give 'em hell speech" after telling a crowd at Kansas City, Kan., earlier in the day that the Democrats favor taking the country away from General Motors and "turning it back to Joe Smith."

Stevenson said the Republicans are trying "with movies, jeeps, girls and gadgets of all kinds" to sell the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket again "to a docile, complacent, carefree people, all happily chanting: 'Peace, prosperity and progress, ain't it wonderful!'"

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