

U.S. May Run Test On N-Bomb Theory

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first tentative experiments to try out the theory of a neutron bomb, to kill men but leave everything else untouched, may be made in Nevada underground test caverns.

When preliminary field research might start or whether it had begun was a tightly held official government secret yesterday.

Various papers and comments by nongovernmental and former government experts during the past several years have suggested that such neutrons could penetrate steel armour and even several feet of concrete. Soviet nuclear physicists have speculated similarly.

Officials from the White House declined to comment on reports published by the New York Daily News and the New York Journal-American that the neutron bomb project has high priority in the current U.S. tests.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, (D-Conn.), urging resumption of tests in the atmosphere, said this country must press "every possible effort

to convert the neutron bomb from a theoretical concept to a practical reality."

Saying the work on the project had gone as far as it could go without testing when the moratorium on tests began in late 1958, Dodd said in a statement: "The neutron bomb would not only be a far more effective battlefield weapon than any now available to us.

In a statement issued in Providence, R.I., Sen. John O. Pastore, (D-R.I.), said the United States should explore development of the neutron bomb and an antimissile missile. He said both operations would require tests in the atmosphere.

Without making any mention of the N-Bomb, Sens. Clinton P. Anderson, (D-N.M.), and John G. Tower, (R-Tex.), also called for resumption by the United States of atmospheric tests.

The testing and potential use of N-bombs would be within U.S. international policy because atmospheric contamination from the tests would not occur or be at very low level; if eventually the weapon were used in combat, its "selectivity" would be of high order—it could be applied against enemy forces on a battlefield without menacing nearby civilian populations.

Algerian War Ends 7th Year

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Scores of demonstrators were killed and wounded yesterday as Algerians rallied by the thousands in wild demonstrations on the seventh anniversary of the outbreak of the rebellion against France.

By official count, 86 were dead and more than 130 hurt. Unofficial reports said the final toll might be much higher.

The war, which has claimed at least 200,000 lives, thus entered its eighth year with peace hopes marred by terrorism, racial hatred, revolutionary passion and fresh bloodshed.

Most of the dead and wounded were counted in clashes with police and troops at small towns and in raids by uniformed nationalist commandos on army posts, mostly in eastern Algeria.

Rusk Opens Conference By Asking Cooperation

HAKONE, Japan (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk opened the first conference of the U.S.-Japan Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs today with a call for cooperation in aiding underdeveloped nations.

The committee was formed by President Kennedy and Premier Hayato Ikeda in Washington last June.

Pa. Senators to Support Kennedy on Test Policy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pennsylvania's two senators agreed yesterday that they would support President Kennedy if he decides it necessary for the safety and security of the United States to resume atmospheric nuclear testing.

Vietnamese Take Offensive

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Government troops were reported on the offensive yesterday in the Communist stronghold where they suffered a sharp setback last September. Informed sources said 100 Communist Viet Cong rebels were killed in the new fighting.

West Berlin Police Check Red Papers

BERLIN (AP)—West Berlin police yesterday began demanding identity papers of Soviet civilians driving from Red-ruled East Berlin—just as East German police demand identification from American civilians.

It suits the Communists to recognize West Berlin police. They feel this is another step to converting West Berlin into a "free city"—run by West Berliners and rid of occupation authorities.

The U.S. government, on the other hand, has objected strongly to its civilian officials showing any identification to the East German police—the "Vopos." The reason is that the United States does not recognize the East German satellite regime and insists that the Soviet Union accept responsibility in East Berlin as an occupying power.

Despite the West Berlin police checks, however, an American spokesman insisted there was no agreement that would change border-crossing procedure for Americans.

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