

CHRONOLOGY OF ATOM BOMB

Here are some of the high lights in the international drama of the atom:

Jan. 26, 1939—United States physicists learn of European experiments showing one of uranium isotopes undergoes fission with release of nuclear energy when bombarded with slow neutrons.

Dec. 2, 1942—First self-maintaining atomic pile initiated at Stagg's Field Stadium, Chicago.

July 16, 1945—First atomic bomb explosion in history set off in New Mexico desert.

Aug. 6, 1945—First atom bomb used in warfare dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

Aug. 11, 1945—Second bomb this time on Nagasaki.

June 14, 1946—United Nations Atomic Energy Commission holds first meeting, hear plans of Bernard M. Baruch, American delegate, for international control.

July 11, 1946—United States "Test Able," Bikini atoll, explosion in air against target ships, similar to Nagasaki and Hiroshima blasts.

July 25, 1946—"Test Baker," shallow underwater explosion against target ships.

Dec. 30, 1946—UN Atomic Energy Commission adopts report, 10-0, with Russia and Poland abstaining, embodying Baruch plan for controls.

Jan. 4, 1947—Baruch resigns from Atomic Commission, recommends appointment of United States delegate to Security Council.

Feb. 18, 1947—Russia submits 12 amendments to atomic report.

March 10, 1947—Security Council votes to return problem to Atomic Energy Commission.

March 19, 1947—Atomic Energy Commission reconvenes.

June 11, 1947—Russian plan set forth to commission, calling for destruction and outlawing of bombs before control convention, demanding retention of veto in case of enforcement action.

Sept. 4, 1947—Commission adopts second report, over Russian objections, embodying elaboration of Baruch plan.

Nov. 6, 1947—Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov says the secret of the atom bomb has "ceased to exist."

April 5, 1948—Commission rejects Russian proposals.

May 17, 1948—President Truman announces three new atom bombs developed at Los Alamos, N. M., were tested at Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific. UN Atomic Energy Commission announces it has reached a deadlock.

Oct. 1, 1948—Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky tells UN in Paris "it is a mistake to think there is just one state which has a monopoly over the atomic bomb."

Jan. 15, 1949—Palmiro Togliatti, Italian Communist boss, says "the atomic bomb is no longer a secret."

June 3, 1949—President Truman says the United States would use the bomb again if necessary.

June 19, 1949—Russia: move to outlaw atomic weapons defeated in UN arms conference at Geneva.

July 26, 1949—Paris newspaper Samedi Soir says "the U. S. S. R. has the atomic bomb." Reports bomb exploded July 10 in Soviet Asia.

July 29, 1949—UN Atomic Energy Commission gives up attempt to reach agreement, says it's up to the U. S. and Canada.

Aug. 9, 1949—United States, Britain, Russia, France, China and Canada begin atomic energy talks.

Sept. 20, 1949—United States, Britain, and Canada open three-power atomic energy talks in Washington.

Sept. 23, 1949—President Truman announces there is evidence of a recent atomic explosion in Russia.

THE MAP

By RICHARD HILL WILKINSON (A Short Story)

PEDRO, THE HALF BREED, watched with narrow, thoughtful eyes as the form of the old prospector appeared over the top of the rise. Behind the prospector came the burro, loaded down with equipment of the old man's trade. The prospector's name was Matthews, and to Pedro, as to everyone else in Desert Valley, he and his mule were familiar figures. Pedro sucked in his breath. A number of thoughts had occurred to him all at once. First, the old man's step was brisk and his head high. Second, Matthews shouldn't be coming out of the hills at this time of year. He was a month earlier than usual. Why?

To Pedro there was only one answer to that question. He clucked to his horse. His thin lips flattened against his teeth.

"You have made the strike, eh, Old Man Matthews?" Pedro said, folding one hand on top of the other over the pommel of his saddle. His smile was friendly, too friendly.

Old Man Matthews cackled and shook his head. He told Pedro that for 20 years he had been going into the hills in search of gold, and this time he had been as unsuccessful as before.

Pedro ignored the explanation. "You have made the strike, else why do you come out a month ahead of time, eh? Perhaps you have a map of this strike, eh?"

Old Man Matthews knew then that he was in for it. He removed his battered old hat, scratched his head and tried to look indifferent. But Pedro got off his horse, and one hand was resting on the butt of his six-shooter.

Old Man Matthews had lived long and hard and he believed himself capable of withstanding almost anything in the way of physical pain. But he did not know the tricks of this man Pedro. Twice, when it seemed that all the gold in the world was not worth such torture, he almost gave in. But he didn't. And finally Pedro, sweating and angry beyond description, stopped to rest.

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sombrero that Old Man Matthews had been wearing. He folded it, his thin lips contemptuous, and tucked it beneath a saddle strap. Then he mounted and spat down at the old man.

Old Man Matthews watched his tormentor ride away driving the burro ahead of him. He knew, as Pedro knew, that no death could be worse than a day spent on the desert beneath that blazing, torrid sun without a head protection.

Old Man Matthews sighed and lay still for a moment or two. For the first time in his life he had something to live for. So presently he got to his knees and crawled to the scant shade of a cactus. He lay there gasping. Strength came back slowly. After a while he got to his knees again and, using a rock for a weapon, began to hack at the cactus.

Ordinarily Old Man Matthews would have given up, believing his efforts useless. Now it was different. Now, somehow, he must make a head protector from the cactus and get back to town...

Meanwhile, Pedro, riding home, was beset by a fear. The hat, he should, of course, dispose of it. But if he discarded it here, there was the slight possibility that Old Man Matthews would find it. Or someone else. If he kept it, someone would notice and begin to wonder. What to do with the hat? Ah, there was a way. He would stop by the shack that Old Man Matthews occupied on the edge of the town. He would arrive at night. He would leave the hat in the shack and the burro outside. Someone would see the burro, would go in search of the old man, find his body on the desert and come to the logical conclusion that the burro had wandered off on home and Old Man Matthews had perished on the desert. Of old age perhaps.

Toward mid-morning of the next day, Lefty Barrows, riding in from the Lazy Y, saw what he believed to be an apparition. He reined in, then sent his horse galloping across the desert.

Old Man Matthews was delirious. He kept mumbling something about his hat, and about Pedro. Lefty looked with astonishment at the slab of cactus that Old Man Matthews had been holding above his head. He was curious, but he would save his questions until later.

Lefty reached Matthews' shack a half hour later. He carried the old man inside and fed him water slowly. It was an hour before the old man came to life. He looked around the shack.

Lefty said, "How does Pedro figure in this?"

Matthews raised himself on an elbow and reached for the hat that he saw lying on a table. Lefty brought him the hat. Old Man Matthews, his fingers trembling, ran his hand along inside of the sweatband. A weak cry of exultation escaped his lips. He brought out a folded scrap of paper. Lefty looked at it. It was a map!

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Say Russians May Use Atom Bomb In Rockets

WASHINGTON—Russia's atomic bomb is probably designed as a warhead for transatlantic rockets that could hit the United States, informed Washington sources declare.

Hitler developed giant rockets to bombard America. It is believed the Russian's plan to put atom bombs in their nose.

Russian occupation of the Peenemunde laboratories in Germany gave them the blueprints and plant, along with the German scientific personnel.

American intelligence has learned of Russian experiments with long-range rockets. Sweden, a year ago, reported flights of "strange missiles."

Mail Box Stingers

SALEM, N. H. — Rural letter carriers of southern New Hampshire have something new to combat beside the traditional sleet and snow. Carriers complained that swarming hornets have vested in letter boxes and dive them off when they try to deliver the mail. They asked residents to spray poison in their boxes.

YOUR brain budget

- "Crime and Punishment" was written by (a) Balzac, (b) Booth Tarkington, (c) Dostoevski, (d) Dillinger.
- Salvador Dali is associated with (a) cynicism, (b) stoicism, (c) solicism, (d) surrealism.
- Recently appointed United States delegate to the United Nations general assembly was (a) John Sherman Cooper, (b) Herbert Lehman, (c) Bernard Baruch, (d) Glenn Taylor.
- The U.S. senate recently voted an hourly minimum wage of (a) 75 cents, (b) \$1.00, (c) 40 cents, (d) \$1.50.
- With what school story do you associate Greer Garson? (a) "A Yank at Oxford," (b) "Tom Brown's School Days," (c) "A School for Scandal," (d) "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

ANSWERS

- (c) Dostoevski.
- (d) Surrealism, in painting.
- (a) John Sherman Cooper, former senator from Kentucky.
- (a) 75 cents.
- (d) "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," by James Hilton. Miss Garson played in the movie version.

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