

# Questions Raised On Megaton Bomb

MOSCOW (AP) — Accounts in the official Soviet press raised a question Wednesday as to exactly what Soviet Premier Khrushchev said about setting off a 50-megaton bomb. The question: Is the Soviet Union actually going to do so or is it just a probability?

The official press, including the party newspaper Pravda, quoted Khrushchev as telling the 22nd Soviet party congress Tuesday: "In conclusion of current nuclear tests we shall probably explode a hydrogen bomb equivalent to 50 million tons of TNT."

In a later paragraph, as quoted by Pravda, Khrushchev seemed to drop the qualification.

At least four Western reporters who listened to his speech did not hear the "probably"; two said they did.

The speech was translated simultaneously into 29 languages, and some of the correspondents

listened to translations conveyed by earphones, some to the original Russian. One who understands Russian well and listened to the Russian version said he did not hear the qualification.

The statement was not part of Khrushchev's prepared text, and was not published here until late Tuesday night, presumably after Soviet editors received guidance.

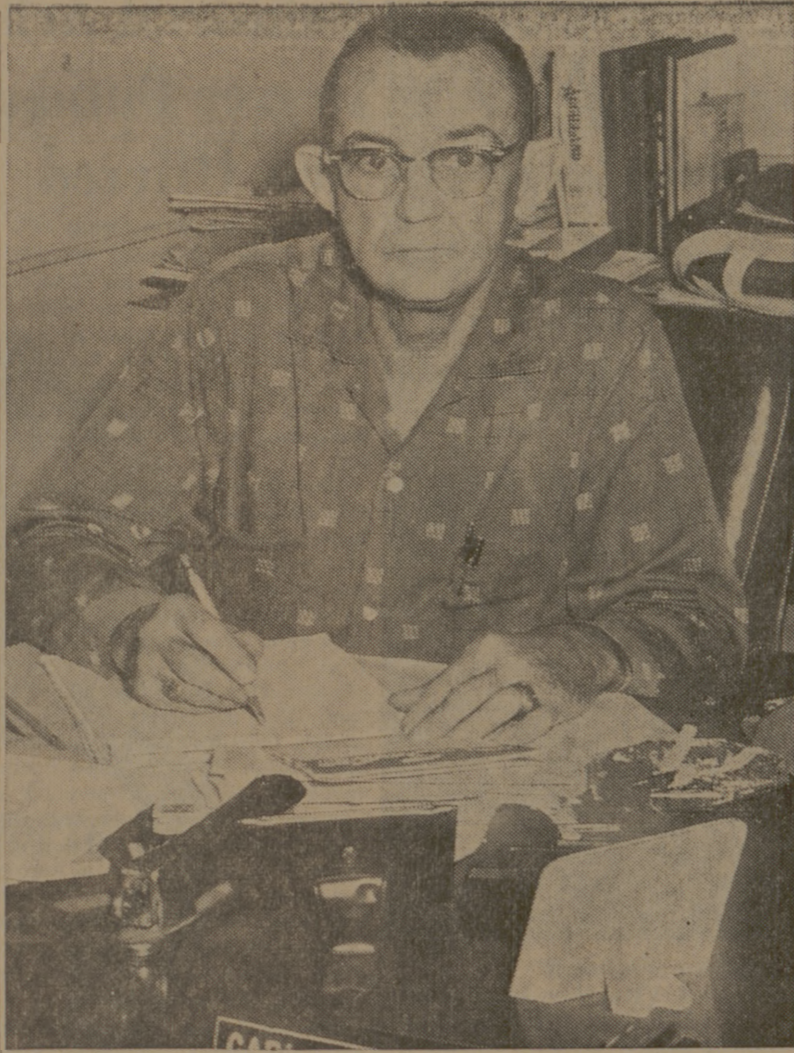
According to Pravda this was the way Khrushchev said it: "These tests will soon be completed by us—evidently by the end of October."

"In conclusion, we shall probably explode a hydrogen bomb equivalent to 50 million tons of TNT."

"We have said that we have a bomb equal to 100 million tons of TNT. And this is true."

"But we shall not explode such a bomb . . . But in exploding a bomb equal to 50 million tons of TNT, we are thereby also testing a device for the explosion of the bomb equal to 100 million tons of TNT." The official Soviet news agency Tass gave a slightly different version.

Its summary included this paragraph: "Khrushchev said the tests would probably end with the explosion of a hydrogen bomb with a yield equivalent to 50 million tons of TNT. . . By touching off a 50-megaton bomb we shall test the device for triggering a 100-megaton bomb."



**Aggies' Loyal Birdwell**

Come good or bad times, Carl (Doc) Birdwell, manager of the Exchange Store, stands ready to assist students at the college-operated business. In the past his requests have been numerous and varied, but they have been filled. (Photo by Johnny Herrin)

## FEATURED IN MAGAZINE

# Aggie Customs Find Place In 'Doc' Birdwell's Heart

By RON TREAT  
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Carl (Doc) Birdwell, manager of the Exchange Store, was featured in the August issue of the College Store Journal, a national trade magazine for college and university stores throughout the United States.

Serving as Exchange Store manager for the past 15 years, "Doc" has made many friends and answered many requests from his customers—some of which are very peculiar.

One of these requests, he recalled, came in the fall of 1950 when the Cadet Colonel of the Corps asked him if he could get 4,500 pair of white parade gloves which had been adopted as part of the uniform the night before. The corps commander told "Doc" he wanted the gloves for the parade in Austin for the Thanksgiving Day game which was about a week away.

"Doc," remembering a dealer in New York, called the man and arranged to get the gloves in time for the game. The last of the shipment came in on Thursday morning but a supply officer was waiting, ready to take them to Austin. So the Corps was able to make the parade in white gloves that year, thanks to "Doc" Birdwell.

An amiable person, "Doc" is always willing to sit back and talk with visitors and those people bringing strange requests. This is, of course, in addition to his regular duties of checking invoices and all other things necessary to running a college store.

In his many years of experience, Birdwell has found that student customers usually are honest. If they don't have enough money for a package of cigarettes, for example, they are asked to "drop by tomorrow" with the money. Very little has been lost and many a friend has been gained. On one occasion a boy, who had at one time stolen a fountain pen from the store, wrote "Doc" after graduation and apologized with a \$10 bill.

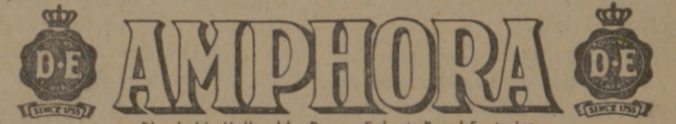
Since 1949, the Exchange Store has contributed over \$260,000 from its profits for student welfare and recreation, band trips and uniforms, student activities and a host of other services.

The man who is partly responsible for this is "Doc" Birdwell, who thinks his employees and college student customers are "the finest people in the world."

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Maj. Gen. Arthur Charles Short, retired director of public relations of the British War Office, will speak on "The Nature of the Cold War" Tuesday, according to Dr. J. M. Nance, head of the Department of History and Government. The lecture will be in the MSC Ballroom at 8 p.m. Students, faculty and the public will be admitted without charge.

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