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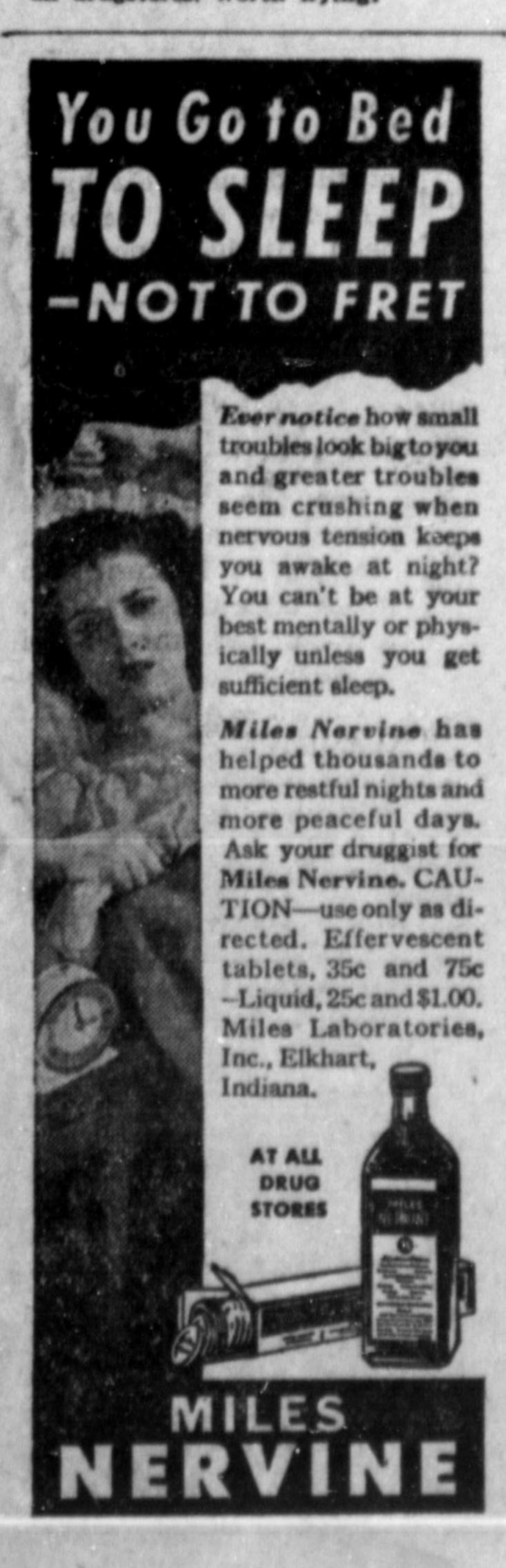
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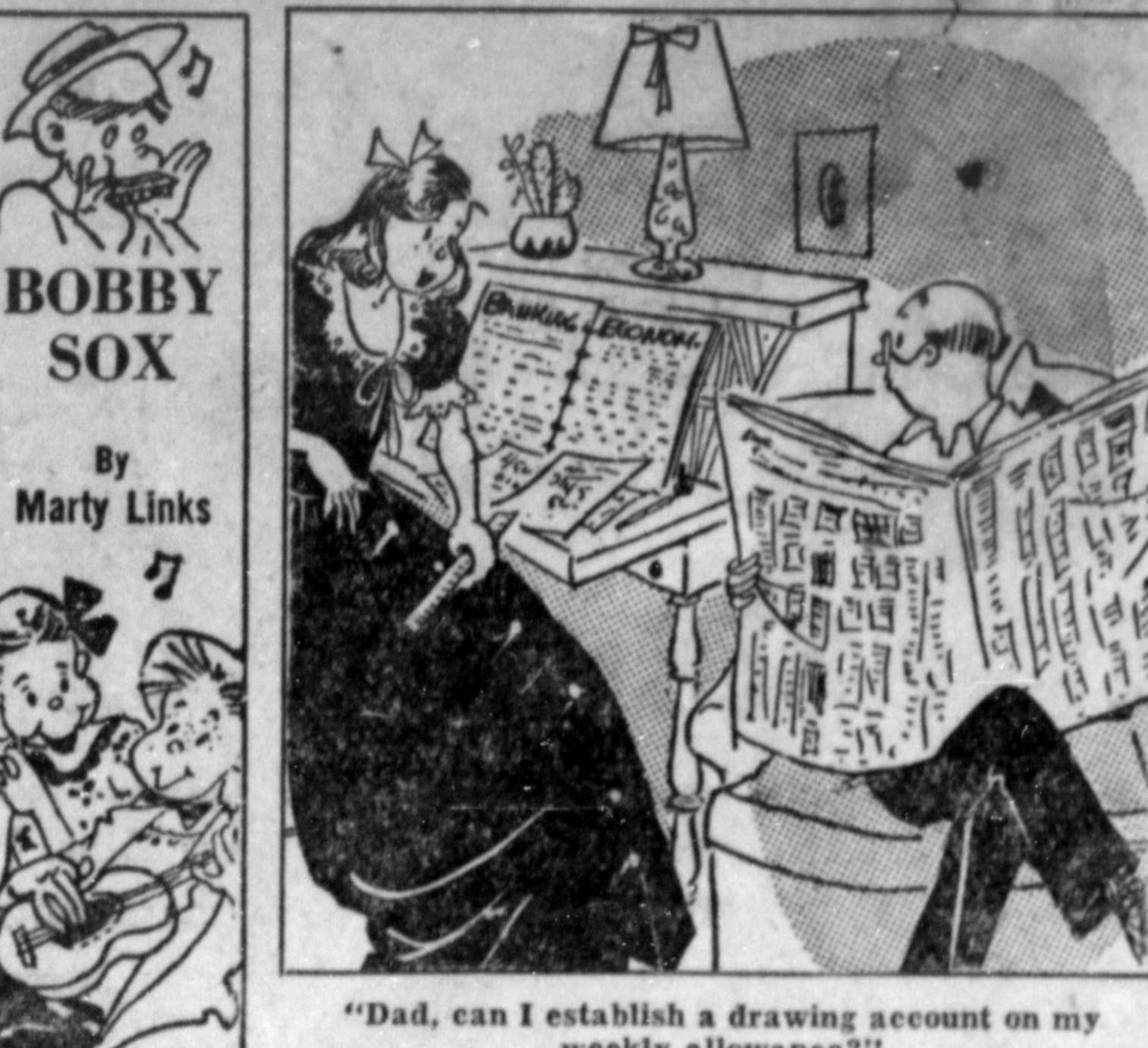


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Atomic Bomb Must Be Outlawed, Or Civilization Is Doomed

President's committee, headed by Sen. Carl Hatch (D., M.) which observed the atomic bomb tests at Bikini, and the military evaluation board of the joint chiefs of staff have submitted their first report on these naval experiments in atomic energy.

After reciting the results of the two blasts, the President's committee tersely said: "The tests at strongly indicate that future wars employing atomic bombs may well destroy nations and change present standards of civilization."

This reporter, as one who witnessed the Bikini experiment, is firmly convinced that unless there is a change in thinking, a veritable revolution in the minds of the American people regarding the future of atomic energy, and specifically the atomic bomb . . . unless there is an end to our monopoly of this tremendous force, we may keep our secret for a few short years, but we shall gain the hate and envy and suspicion of the entire world.

There is no alternative . . . either we share the secret of the atomic bomb and not only outlaw it internationally as a weapon of war, and outlaw war itself, or we surely are headed toward a third world war of annihilation. This nation and no other nation can protect itself against atomic power merely by outlawing it as we have outlawed gas. There is a defense against poison gas. Within a few years other nations will have mastered the secret of the manufacture of atomic bombs, and against these bombs there is and there will be no defense.

No matter how holy we may be in our determination not to use this absolute weapon aggressively, we will continue to reap the distrust and suspicion of every other nation. We have used it against Japan. Why would we not use it again? Such is the reasoning of worried realists

everywhere. The Baruch report to the United Nations, without question, should be And the United Nations ban the bomb, and to keep it banned, should organize an international inspection or police force to make certain there is no evasion afoot.

'Golden Rule' Cited

Speaking on the atomic bomb and atomic energy recently, Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace said:

"We have all heard of the golden rule. Some of us say that it is a beautiful ideal, but not very practical. I say that Christian morality, not as practiced during the last 1900 years, but as Jesus himself taught it, has finally become the most practical thing in the world.

"The golden rule means that we look at things from the other fellow's point of view as well as our own. If every nation in the world could, for one week, drop its selfish, hateful, maneuvering and adopt the golden rule, we would work out an international moral code that would permit us to use atomic energy safely so as to unlock for us one door after another to abundance and joyous living."

The scientists and physicists who discovered and successfully manufactured the atomic bomb are the most international-minded people in the world. They have real international co-operation and international thinking. International peace will not come until the rest of the peoples of the world have this same feeling of co-operation. Scientists are aware of the horror they have created in the atomic bomb . . . they are aware of the danger of the Frankenstein boomerang . . . and no group has been more vocal than they in urging that their secret, now our secret, be given to all the nations and that international con-

trol for protection be set up in the United Nations. The committee report pointed out that the bureau of ships is studying the results of the Bikini tests and says, "undoubtedly they will point the way towards changes in ship size, design and structure." The report further says that such changes in ships can offer increased immunity from flash and blast effect, but such changes will not protect manpower from the catastrophe of deadly gamma and neutron radiation.

This reporter believes that once atomic energy is let loose in war, there will be no need for navies. There will be nothing for them to protect, no cities, no navy yards, nor harbor installations. Neither will there be any need for armies. For war with atomic bombs will mean a war of extermination of civilian populations. The wisest minds now working in our military establishment can see no adequate defense, not even much chance of minimizing the terrible destruction which would ensue even by going