

# GATEWAY GAZETTE

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## ATOM BOMB TEST

*By Harold Moore*

The United States conducted an unannounced upper atmospheric test of an atom bomb, resulting in widespread disruption to communications and failure of many electronic instruments. This unanticipated side-effect of the test was due to what scientists term an "electrical magnet pulse." Government sources say that the test was highly successful, other than the disruption to electrical systems. The atom bomb was lifted high into the atmosphere aboard a NORAD ICBM rocket, where it was detonated while earth-bound instruments recorded the results of the test. The Soviet Union immediately issued a strong protest against the unannounced test, calling for a United Nations resolution condemning what it termed "irresponsible testing of unpredictable weapons," and claimed that hundreds of Soviet citizens were killed due to a failure of heating systems in Siberia as a direct result of the atomic test. So far no evidence has been produced to support these claims.

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## METEOR HITS OCEAN

*By Hubert Hubbersmith*

A large meteor crashed into the Pacific Ocean, leaving an immense trail of fiery light to mark its passage. Skywatchers who were fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of this spectacular display report that it was nearly as bright as the moon as it entered Earth's atmosphere. Such large falling stars are extremely rare, according to astronomers. Most meteors are quite small and burn up before reaching the surface of the planet.

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## DRAKE REPORTED ILL, BUSINESSES FACE SLUMP

*By Prescott Price*

William Francis Drake, one of the leading businessmen of Sunset City, is reported to be suffering from a serious illness which will prevent him from directly managing any of the various businesses that make up Drake Industries. Business analysts have expressed concern over the future of Drake Industries should Mr Drake's illness prove to be of long duration. Speaking for the Board of Directors of DIC, the holding company for Drake Industries, Benito Bossini expressed confidence that Drake's absence from day-to-day oversight will be temporary, and will have no negative effects on the financial health of the companies.

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## SCIENCE CONFERENCE

*By Jack Kemp*

Presidential Science Advisor Dr Lex Luthor has announced that he will be hosting an international conference on science and technology. "It is past time for the scientists of the planet to come together in the interest of mutual progress," Dr Luthor stated. "We look forward to welcoming the leading thinkers of the entire world, to discuss problems that affect us all." The conference is planned to take place in Metropolis in the near future.

## FARFIELD TO COMMUNISTS: "REGRET MISUNDERSTANDING"

*By Jack Kemp*

President Ferris Farfield, well known for his conciliatory attitude towards the Soviet Union, responded to Russian protests against the recent US atomic test by expressing his regret for what he called a "misunderstanding." He promised that the United States will consult with other countries regarding future tests. Military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, expressed feelings of alarm at the president's reaction, which they fear the Soviets will interpret as American weakness.

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## MYSTERIOUS SUPERTECH SPHERE STOLEN

*By Kendall Caperman*

The high-tech sphere that the criminal Chessmaster used in his attempt to hold the city ransom has been stolen from the government laboratory in Metropolis where it was being studied. Sources report that the scientists who were studying the sphere were all found unconscious, apparently stunned by high-tech weapons similar to those used by Chessmaster during the kidnapping of Chess Grandmaster Vladimir Victorov.

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## CALL FOR "HERO" LEGISLATION

*By Hubert Hubbersmith*

Nobel Prize Laureate and National Science Advisor Dr Alexander Luthor called on Congress to begin consideration of legislation on the growing number of so called "superhumans" who utilize powers beyond those of normal humans. "I am not supporting General Drywater's 'Metahuman Registration Act,'" Dr Luthor explained, "But it is past time that the US Government addressed this issue, and developed a clear and consistent policy."