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U. S. Moves To Hold Advantage In Atom Weapons

SHRINE LOT PROPOSED FOR AUDITORIUM

Soviet Bomb Story Causes World Stir

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The United States still holds a vast lead over Russia in the field of atomic weapons and in all probability will never lose it, top American officials said today.

"They'll never catch up with us," said one high security official in the wake of President Truman's disclosure yesterday that there has been an atomic explosion in Russia.

While it was calmly worded, the President's statement itself exploded throughout the Western world with terrific impact.

It brought urgent—and hopeful—new demands from lawmakers, scientists, diplomats and others for effective international atom controls—a demand which merely echoed Mr. Truman's own words.

It caused a general withering of Congressional opposition to sharing American atomic secrets with Britain and Canada.

QUESTIONS RAISED

And it raised questions enough to keep the world guessing for months.

How did the news reach this country? One official who knew said "hundreds of persons" and numerous agencies were involved. Another said it was a "miracle of intelligence."

But whether it involved spies, ground equipment, or airborne radiation-detecting instruments — or all three — no one would say for sure.

Was it definitely an atomic bomb, or just an accidental explosion? A bomb, absolutely, experts agreed, and, apparently, the Soviets' first yesterday (Moscow time).

But when and where the explosion occurred, how efficient the Russian bomb may be, and what effect it might have on future relations between the East and the West — these questions and dozens of others went unanswered except for hints and guesses.

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Intelligence Agents Get Top Credit

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Two high Government officials today told part of the story behind President Truman's dramatic disclosure that an atomic explosion had occurred in Russia.

The men, both top-level security officers, said the White House learned of the Soviet A-bomb blast —and both emphasized that it was indeed a bomb—through the efforts of various intelligence agencies in this country, Britain and Canada.

"It was teamwork," one said, "involving the State Dept., the military, central intelligence, the British, Canadians, and long-range planning.

HARD WORK

"The methods and sources of the discovery are a deep dark secret. It wasn't dramatic. It was plain, old grind. Several hundred people were involved. But the evidence is unmistakably scientific, and it is complete."

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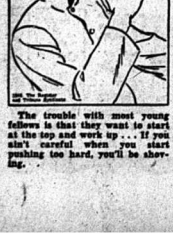
Frost On Pumpkin In Middle West

CHICAGO —(AP)— Frost nipped at the Midwest today while the rest of the nation had clear skies and pleasant weather.

The U. S. Weather Bureau reported the lowest early morning temperature was 28 degrees at Land O' Lakes, Wis. Frost was reported fairly general throughout the Midwest under the impact of low temperatures and clear skies.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER



The trouble with most young fellows is that they want to start at the top and work up . . . If you aren't careful when you start pushing too hard, you'll be shoving.

HENRY BLACKMER HOME FROM EXILE

Henry M. Blackmer, 80-year-old Colorado millionaire, arrives in Boston to end his self-imposed exile in Europe for 25 years. He went abroad in 1924 rather than testify at the investigation into the Teapot Dome oil scandals. He faces Federal income tax evasion charges in Denver. (AP Wirephoto.)

U. S. More Willing To Share Secrets

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Russian atomic explosion announced by President Truman appears to have wiped out Congressional opposition to sharing with Britain and Canada the full know-how of the A-bomb.

Alarmed lawmakers called for a tighter linking of defense tasks among North Atlantic treaty nations, with concentration of atomic weapon making in this country.

In addition, there were:

1. Renewed demands for United Nations efforts to control atomic bomb development.

2. Fresh proposals for President Truman to meet with Premier Stalin to try for a solution that would end the cold war.

3. Conflicting views on whether Russia's ability to produce an atomic blast outmodes the strategy of rearming Western Europe's ground forces.

Sen. Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic leader, took the lead in urging co-operation with Britain and Canada in atomic developments.

That program now is under discussion here by representatives of the three governments. Involved is a division of production from the world's chief source of uranium — needed in making bombs — as well as a proposed wider exchange of information between the three countries.

Lucas said the question of sharing secrets with the British and Canadians "now is merely academic," adding:

"We are going to co-operate with them."

Sen. Russell (D-Ga), a member of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, agreed. But he added:

"We ought to concentrate bomb making in this country where it is farthest from invasion, and not dissipate our efforts."

Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash), a member of the Armed Services Committee, urged a tightening of co-ordinate defense plans among the North Atlantic treaty nations.

In his announcement yesterday that the Soviets had fired an atomic explosion, President Truman took the lead in a chorus of proposals for new United Nations efforts to reach an agreement for international control and inspection of atomic weapons.

That stand was seconded vigorously in Congress.

Lucas said he knows American diplomats stand ready to try again to find a feasible and acceptable control plan.

Sen. Graham (D-NC) said that past Russian vetoes must not discourage new attempts.

Chairman McMahon (D-Conn) of the joint atomic group touched off new proposals for a Truman-Stalin meeting. He said Mr. Truman ought to go to Moscow, if the two can't meet elsewhere.

Mr. Truman has brushed aside suggestions that he confer with Stalin outside this country, but has said repeatedly he would meet with the Soviet Premier if the latter wants to come here.

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala) said he would be glad to see a meeting arranged.

Lawmakers couldn't agree about the effect of the Russian development on Western Europe and Western hemisphere defense plans.

Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) said he thinks Russian possession of the A-bomb makes it somewhat silly to spend money building up ground forces in Western Europe.

Soviet Drive Against Tito Is Denounced

Threat To Peace Seen By Chile

By MAX HARRELSON

NEW YORK, — (AP) — Russia's campaign against Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia was denounced by Chili today as a flagrant threat to peace.

Hernan Santa Cruz, Chile's ardently anti-Communist chief delegate, brought the Tito-Cominform conflict into the debate of the United Nations assembly for the first time, after blasting Russia as the moving force behind the Chinese Communists.

Santa Cruz told the 58-nation Assembly it should weigh Russia's so-called peace offer of yesterday in the light of these and other problems, such as Greece and Korea.

Santa Cruz did not indicate whether he would make a formal complaint on the Cominform-Tito issue, as he did after the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia early in 1948.

POLE ASSAILS U. S.

Santa Cruz spoke immediately after Polish Delegate Stefan Wierblowski opened the day's debate with a bitter attack on the Western powers. The Pole followed the lead taken by Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky yesterday in blaming the United States largely for world tension.

Wierblowski called on the other big powers to accept Russia's proposal for a five-power peace pact. Russia's proposal, a great majority of other United Nations delegates, unimpressed, A U. S. delegate labeled it propaganda.

Many delegates obviously were disappointed that Vishinsky's speech on the floor yesterday ignored any reference to President Truman's earlier disclosure about an "atomic explosion" in Russia. They felt Vishinsky's talk turned out to be little new than an anticlimax to the big news of the day.

Some showed open skepticism in the face of Vishinsky's accusations that the U. S. and Britain were fomenting war with an armaments race and propaganda. He coupled these with talks of peace.

Others shrugged off comment until they could weigh Vishinsky's words—mostly familiar—but milder than his past comments.

The propaganda label came from U. S. Delegate Warren Austin who has sat in the United Nations through many sessions, hearing similar Russian charges.

U. S. Ship Loads 1,278 At Shanghai

SHANGHAI —(AP)— The American evacuation ship Gen. W. H. Gordon took aboard 1,278 of Shanghai's thinning ranks of foreigners today. She prepared to sail early tomorrow.

The passenger list of the American President Lines' ship, given safe conduct by the Chinese Nationalists through their blockade of the Communist-held coast, included:

Nearly 400 Americans, over 200 British and more than 600 Jewish displaced persons who fled central Europe before the Nazis.

MOTHER REGAINS CUSTODY OF BABY

Mrs. Bonnie Flinn, 32, of Pensacola, Fla., has regained custody of her nine-month-old son Shaughin after a court jury acquitted her of neglecting the baby to go night-clubbing. The court ordered the child restored to her. Deputy sheriffs said they found the child in a closed room cluttered with whisky bottles. They arrested Mrs. Flinn in a near-by night spot and charged her with depriving the baby of necessary care.

Drummond May Get Temperance Post

WINSTON-SALEM —(AP)— The Western North Carolina Methodist conference today was expected to hear the nomination of Dan Drummond of Winston-Salem to the conference board of temperance.

The nomination of Drummond, co-chairman of forces which recently won the battle against establishment of ABC stores in Forsyth County, was to be made by the Board of Temperance in its report at the afternoon session.

The report of the board, originally scheduled for yesterday, was postponed again this morning and scheduled for first attention at the afternoon session.

The Methodists confined themselves mainly to intra-conference matters, including a report of the board of education and a report of the Commission on World Service and Finance. The latter report drew discussions on a point of apportionment to the Children's Home of Winston-Salem. The Conference finally accepted the report as presented by the Rev. C. C. Herbert Jr., of Salisbury, which recommended that churches give 10 per cent of the amount of the pastor's salary and an additional two per cent if they desire.

The conference voted to dedicate its 1949 Conference journal to the Rev. L. B. Abernathy of Charlotte, conference missionary-secretary.

The conference also passed a resolution "vigorously protesting" the playing of the annual football games between the Charlotte Clippers and the College All-Stars in Charlotte on Sunday.

The resolution presented by the Rev. Charles Bowles of Statesville requested the administration of the conference's church colleges "to consider seriously advising the members of their football teams to decline to participate in this contest unless the playing date is changed from Sunday."

The Board of Missions and Church Extension reported missionary specials had amounted to $116,482, recommended missions in industrial sections, suggested seminars for young men and women anticipating full time Christian service, saluted the Rev and Mrs. D. H. Dennis for their work in the Cherokee Indian mission, and approved a minimum salary of $2,100 for all members of the conference.

Daughter Kills Dying Father

STAMFORD, Conn.—(AP)—A police sergeant died today in his hospital bed after being shot by his twenty-year-old daughter because he was hopelessly ill with cancer.

"She didn't want to see him suffer," said Police Chief John B. Brennan.

Sgt. Carl Paight, 50, died at Stamford hospital of a head wound. Brennan said the daughter, Carol, shot her father with his own service revolver yesterday a few hours after she learned his case was inoperable.

No one in the hospital heard the shot. Leroy Brown, hospital superintendent, said the girl had been left alone with her father when a nurse's aide left the room.

When the aide returned, Brown said, she found Miss Paight standing in the hallway sobbing. "Please look at my father! Please look at my father."

The aide found Paight unconscious on his blood-stained bed.

The girl collapsed in hysteria after the shooting and was put to bed in the hospital, not far from her father's room. A police guard watched at her bedside.

Chief Brennan said no charge has been placed against her. Sgt. Paight underwent an exploratory operation for cancer at the hospital yesterday afternoon. The surgeon, Dr. William H. Smith, reported Carol was with her mother when he informed them that Paight was "riddled with cancer" and the case was inoperable.

The girl, "very strongly attached" to her father, begged hysterically that his condition be kept from him, Dr. Smith said. Then, after regaining her composure, she left the hospital with her mother and friends.

Carol, a student at the University of New Hampshire, returned alone to visit her father in the late afternoon. It was then, Chief Brennan said, that she shot him with the service revolver she had brought from their home.

QUAKES RECORDED

NEW YORK —(AP)—Two "fairly severe" earthquakes in the South Pacific area were recorded last night on the Fordham University seismograph.

Transaction Is Shrouded By Secrecy

Letter Sent To Shrine Officials

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A proposal whereby the property of Oasis Temple on S. Tryon St. might be deeded to the City Government, under certain concessions, as the site for a municipal auditorium today was in the hands of officials of the Shrine fraternal order.

While the utmost secrecy shrouded the transactions and Mayor Shaw declined to make any statement, it was learned from other authoritative sources that such a proposal has gone to E. Y. Jordan of Asheville, potentate of Oasis Shrine.

The suggested plan, which would have to be formally approved by the members of the Temple, scheduled to meet in Asheville late next month, would call for deeding of the property to the City as the site for the long desired and long-sought auditorium.

In exchange ample quarters would be provided in the auditorium for the exclusive use of the Shrine Temple, which in addition would be granted free use of the auditorium for a stated number of ceremonials a year.

The property in question adjoins the Masonic Temple at 2nd and Tryon Sts., and fronts on Tryon St.

It was also learned that leading officials of the temple have been favorably impressed with the possibilities of the plan, seeing in it the chance to give Charlotte a downtown auditorium and at the same time, give the clubs adequate quarters for the Shrine.

However, the proposition is by no means settled yet. It must be voted on by the Shrine membership but it was believed that no serious objection will be encountered because of the mutual benefits for the City and the Temple.

BONDS NEEDED

If the plan is approved, financing of the structure, which would represent an outlay at perhaps between $1,000,000 and $2,000,000, would have to be through a municipal bond issue.

And this will necessitate a special bond election for an approving vote on the general municipal obligation bonds.

Investigation had been made of the possibility of financing the auditorium through revenue bonds but investment representatives say this kind of building does not lend itself too well to that type of financing.

If the Shrine property deal can be worked out, it is believed that Charlotte will stand a good chance of getting a modern and adequate auditorium. Of course, the final decision will rest with the people, who will be called upon to vote their approval of the bonds.

3 Hungarians Given Death

By ENDRE MARTON

BUDAPEST, Hungary — (AP) — A People's Court today sentenced Laszlo Rajk, former No. 2 Communist, and two of his seven codefendants to die for plotting to supplant Hungary's Government by a regime obedient to Yugoslav Marshal Tito.

Two other defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment and another got 15 years.

But the court passed no sentence on the other two defendants—Lieut. Gen. Gyorgy Palffy, former chief of the Hungarian Army, and Bela Korondy, colonel of police. The court said it was not competent to deal with them and they were held for court martial.

Sentenced with Rajk to die were Dr. Tibor Szenyi, former member of parliament and a Communist Party official, and Andras Szalai, another party official.

Executions in Hungary are carried out by hanging in the case of civilians and by firing squads in the case of military personnel.

Life sentences were imposed on Lazar Brankov, counselor of the Yugoslav embassy, and Pal Justus, a member of parliament and president of the Hungarian radio.

Milan Ognyenovic, a confessed Yugoslav professional spy, was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment.

The indictment against Rajk, former foreign minister and interior minister, accused him of working with an American spy ring and plotting with Tito to bring about the downfall of the Budapest government. During the trial the defendants had eagerly admitted most of the accusations against them and even elaborated on the government's charges.

Jeweler, Woman Held In Bizarre Plot

Murder Charged In Canadian Plane Crash

QUEBEC, Que.—(AP)—J. Albert Guay, Quebec jeweler, was arraigned today on a murder charge connected with a bomb explosion aboard an airliner which sent his wife and 22 others crashing to their deaths Sept. 9.

Guay, 30, was accused of inducing Mrs. Arthur Pitre, 40, to place a package of explosives aboard the plane. She was arrested yesterday after taking an overdose of sleeping pills. She is recovering. Police said she told them she put the package aboard not knowing what it contained.

The jeweler was charged specifically with the slaying of his wife, referred to by the court clerk by her maiden name, Rita Morel. Mrs. Pitre was under detention in her own apartment.

Royal Canadian Police officials described the bizarre episode as part of a love triangle intended to get rid of an unwanted wife and collect $10,000 in insurance on her.

"We have definite proof that explosives were placed aboard the plane to get rid of a woman," said Inspector Rene Beleo.

There was no indication as to what kind of device caused the explosion which preceded the plane crash, but officials said it occurred in the luggage compartment. Police said Guay had worked four years in a Quebec arsenal.

ARREST ENDS HUNT

Mrs. Pitre's detention ended a two-week hunt for a "mystery woman" who delivered a package —addressed to a non-existent person in Montreal, Quebec —to the ill-fated Canadian Pacific Airways plane just before it took off.

Police said the $10,000 insurance policy on Mrs. Guay's life was taken out only a short time before she boarded the plane for Baie Comeau. Guay was beneficiary of the policy.

During today's arraignment, Crown authorities said three search warrants have been issued in connection with the case and that "other charges" are expected to follow. There was no elaboration or explanation.

The dead included three New York executives of the Kennecott Copper Corp. They were President E. T. Stannard, President-Designate Arthur D. Stoke and Vice-President R. J. Parker.

Mrs. Pitre is held as a material witness. She told police she did not know the contents of the package, that she thought it contained a "statue."

She was reported to have carried the package gingerly en route to the airport, and to have asked her taxi-driver to drive carefully and not speed.

Mrs. Pitre went to a hospital Tuesday in a serious condition from an overdose of sleeping pills. Police said she took the pills after Guay suggested she end her life because of the police hunt for the "mystery woman" in the air crash.

OVERDOSE OF PILLS

Her police indicated that before Mrs. Pitre took the pills, she was overheard when she spoke of her alleged part in the disaster. Officers guarded her while she was in the hospital and detained her in her apartment yesterday a few hours after she was released from medical care.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police started the investigation into possible sabotage of the plane after eyewitnesses said a loud explosion preceded the crash 40 miles east of Sault Au Cochon.

The Mounties said later their investigation did not reveal "what kind of contraption" exploded, but a source close to the probe said explosive experts had determined dynamite was used.

One police source said he believed the explosive had been set off by one of whom the package was opened, and that something went wrong with its mechanism.

Filipino Woman, 5 Men Held In Similar Plot

MANILA—(AP)—A Filipino woman and five men have been accused of a love triangle murder by blowing up an airplane with a time bomb in the Philippines last May. Authorities called it a crime without parallel.

The woman's husband and twelve others aboard—including two Americans—were killed in the explosion of a Philippines Air Lines plane on a flight from Daet to Manila. Daet is 140 miles east of Manila.

Authorities said on June 7 the lovers would be arrested and their identity revealed "at the proper time." They were listed in the formal murder charges as Mary Ros and John Doe. There has been no announcement since.

The other four men named in the murder charges were accused of delivering a box containing the bomb to the airport. Preliminary hearings were set but the four have not gone to trial.