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British Believed To Have A-Bomb In Production TAKES THE STAY

Seeks Way To Halt Reds

Jessup To Make Asia Survey

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Philip C. Jessup, a top Administration official on Far Eastern policy, is leaving for a two-month survey of the Communist situation in the United States and abroad.

State Department officials said Jessup is especially well qualified. For the past three months he has headed a special advisory group which Secretary of State Acheson set up to help him develop American foreign policy toward the Far East as a result of the loss of China to the Communists.

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2 Or 13 Dead In Texas Fire

NOTAN, TEX.—(AP)—Twenty or thirteen people, possibly 20, died today in a four-room frame house on a farm about eight miles northeast of here.

Blackened ruins of the four-room frame house were found at 9 A. M. today in West Texas about 80 miles northeast of Abilene.

Protestants Concerned Over Unity, Individuality

GREENWICH, Conn.—(AP)—A conference, aimed at drafting a blueprint for a union of American Protestants, today explored this key question: "What effect would a consolidation of Protestant denominations have on the individual church units?"

al and diocesan levels, with local churches remaining separate as they are. "The individual churches would not need to merge, he said, "even if they were to unite in some way."

Once Over Lightly



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By HAROLD W. WARD
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Claim Made By London Newspaper

U. S. Scientists Think It Likely

By HOWARD W. BLAKELEE
Associated Press Science Editor
NEW YORK (AP)—The report of the London Daily Mirror that Britain has the A-bomb affirms a belief scientists have held.

When World War II broke out, Columbia University's head of physics, Dr. George B. Pegram, went to England to confer with the British about the possibility of Germany making an A-bomb.

Nude Body Of Woman Found

OCEAN DRIVE BEACH, S. C.—The nude body of a young married woman was discovered on a lonely road near this ocean resort today and officers started a search for her husband.

Bridges Granted Execution Stay

RALEIGH — (AP)—A stay of execution was obtained today for John Robert Jack, Briton who was scheduled to be executed today for the murder of a Negro.

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By FRANCIS M. LE MAY
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President Silent On New Taxes

Holds Surprise Press Conference

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
KEY WEST, Fla.—(AP)—President Truman said today that Treasury and Congressional staff experts are making studies to determine whether war-time excise taxes can be repealed.

In a surprise vacation news conference, the President declined to say how he will add new taxes of Congress.

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