

Declares Japanese Had Atomic Bomb

Army Skeptical Of Reporter's Story

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 3. — (UP) — Japanese scientists developed an atom bomb and tested it successfully three days before the V-J day, the Atlanta constitution said today in a copyrighted dispatch signed by David Snell.

Snell, a reporter for the newspaper who served in Korea as an agent of the U. S. army's investigation department, said the seven key scientists on the project were captured later by the Russians who tortured them to learn the secrets of the bomb.

The reporter said his source for the story was a Japanese officer

to whom he gave a pseudonym "at the request of the U. S. army."

(The war department in Washington said it was unable to confirm Snell's story. Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, chief of the atomic bomb project, said "it's all news to me.")

The newspaper dispatch said the site of the Japanese atomic project was in Konan, Korea, an area now rigidly controlled by the Russians. After the war, the dispatch said, an American B-29 en route to Konan was shot down by four Russian yak fighters from nearby Hamming airfield.

Snell said the Japanese destroyed the entire project, including unfinished bombs and papers, hours before the Russians arrived, but the Red army took all personnel key scientists captured by the Russians escaped to the American prisoners. Later one of the seven zone by Korea and reported that the Russians had tortured them

to learn the "know-how" of the atomic bomb, Snell reported. The escaped scientist said the other six atomic experts were taken to Moscow.

Snell said he obtained his information from a member of the Japanese counter-intelligence corps at the atomic project.

"He had names, dates, facts and figures on the Japanese atomic bomb project which I submitted to the United States army intelligence in Seoul," Snell said.

He added that the war department is withholding much of the information "to protect the man who told me this story."

This story may throw light on Stalin's recent statement that America will not long have a monopoly on atomic weapons," Snell wrote. "Possibly it helps explain the stand taken by Henry A. Wallace."

Snell said his source, whom he identified by the pseudonym Capt. Tetsuo Wakabayashi, knew that

he was speaking for publication when he talked to him. The interview took place in a former Shinto Shrine on a mountain overlooking Seoul.

Snell said the Japanese officer told him the bomb was as catastrophic as those dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Japanese had started work on

the atomic bomb project in 1938

and in 1940 they constructed one of the largest cyclotrons in the world.

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Motorcycle Badly Damaged By Fire

Firemen were called to a curve on federal road 224, one mile east of Decatur about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday when a motorcycle caught fire.

The owner of the vehicle, which was badly damaged, was not identified.

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Charges Vast Hoard Of Meat In Storage

Chicago Newspaper Reports On Survey

Chicago, Oct. 3. — (UP) — The Chicago Sun reported today that a two-day survey had uncovered a "vast store" of 18,000,000 pounds of fresh meat in the city's eight largest cold storage plants.

All the meat found was exclusive of army holdings, the newspaper said. It quoted storage company officials as saying that some of the total held belonged to hotels, restaurants, and large and small packers.

The trend, despite record consumer demand, is into rather than out of cold storage," the newspaper said. It pointed out that it was not illegal to store meat, so long as none was sold at above ceiling prices, but said that movement of meat into storage was "abnormal and suspicious."

The Sun said its survey was inspired by Gov. Maurice J. Tobin's Massachusetts meat hunt which uncovered 6,000,000 pounds in a single warehouse, and by a Sept. 16 department of agriculture cold storage report.

At Mattoon, Ill., state representative Paul Powell, Vienna, downstate Democratic chairman, called on Gov. Dwight Green to investigate reports of hoarding in Illinois cold storage plants.

Werner W. Schroeder, Republican national committeeman for Illinois, told a Chicago radio audience last night that a Democratic congress was to blame for meat shortages.

The shortages, he said, result from the "incompetence of the national administration, whose policies are formulated and sustained by the Democrats in Congress."

STEP UP FIGHT

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age of 21.

All physically and mentally fit youths not covered by a navy training program, would receive six months training at army installations. The young men then would have some choice about the way they spent the other six months.

They would be permitted to elect, from eight choices, the manner in which they desired to complete the year's training. The only limitations placed upon their choice would be their own qualifications and the quota established.

Chief among the options are enlistment in the national guard, organized reserve or regular army, or enrollment in a service academy.

Trainees would retain civilian status. They would not be available for combat or other military service except in an emergency declared by congress.

The war department would direct the military training, but a civilian advisory board, appointed by the President, would advise on all non-military matters.

In-camp training would start with eight weeks basic training. The balance of the six months would be given over to more advanced and technical work.

The army proposes to spread its trainees among existing establishments rather than to set up separate headquarters for the program.

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Decatur Girl Scouts Register October 12

Registration of Girl Scouts will be held at the Lincoln School, Saturday, October 12 at 9:30. This registration is for all Brownies, intermediates and senior Scouts, Scout leaders and committee women are to be present.

A short program will be given at this time.

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WORK STOPPAGE

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ly after the nationwide maritime strike ends. The longshoremen are pledged to strike in sympathy with the marine engineers anyway.

At Hollywood, the largest turnout of stars in motion picture history voted overwhelmingly to ignore studio picket lines. If they had voted to respect the picket formations, the studios might have been forced into a settlement with strikers, because without the stars production would halt.

Negotiations in the Pittsburgh power walkout were kept strictly secret, but another session was scheduled today by a federal conciliator. Power continued at about 35 percent of normal, and 70,000 workers in the Pittsburgh area remained idle as the result of shutdowns or sympathy walkouts.

The CIO transport workers union at Columbus placed 60 union-driven automobiles in service to carry passengers stranded by the union's streetcar and bus strike. The service was free. Another joint meeting between the union and the Southern Ohio Electric Co. was scheduled in an attempt to settle the strike.

At Chicago, bus drivers crowded a union hall in a night-long meeting designed to halt service until wage demands are met by the Chicago Motor Coach Co. U. S. conciliator Walter Munro called an emergency meeting with officials of the company and the AFL drivers' union.

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FEW SERVED

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the first conflict.

Included in the group are: Alfred Ullman, H. Vernon Aurand, Joseph Colchini, Walter J. Bockman, Lloyd V. Baker, Anthony Schenck, Joseph Brennan, Charles Ryman and Francis Howard all residents of Decatur.

In addition the list includes Roy Girod, formerly of Berne and now a resident of the state of Oregon; Si Hale of Geneva; Eden Yeoman and Ed Winans, no address given.

Persons knowing of any name omitted from the list are asked to contact Mr. Aurand or any of the other above named men residing in Decatur.

While no navy veterans' organization is functioning here, Mr. Aurand stated that a number of the above named men as well as War II sailor veterans have joined the Navy club at Ft. Wayne and in other cities. Most of the men are members of either the local Legion or VFW posts or both he said.

Meanwhile, plans for the Navy Day celebration here are underway. The day is expected to include a school program and a special observance in the local veterans' organizations.

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BYRNES WARNS

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treaty should be for at least 46 years.

Byrnes immediately agreed to the 46-year suggestion. At Stuttgart he suggested "25 or even 40 years."

Yesterday Byrnes called on Molotov for their first private talk since the 21-nation peace conference began more than 10 weeks ago.

He concurred in Stalin's recent statement that there is no immediate danger of war.

"I hope that will put an end to the unwarranted charges that any nation or group of nations are seeking to encircle the Soviet Union, or that responsible leaders

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NOTICE

I will be out of my office Monday, Oct. 7 through Saturday, Oct. 12.

Dr. Fred Patterson

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NOTICE

We will be closed All Day SATURDAY, Oct. 5, in observance of Jewish holiday.

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