

American Atomic Secrets Rapidly Being Lost Or Stolen

Authorities Doubt Holes Are Plugged

Russia Has Blueprints Of Special Machinery

Read 'Atomic Control', Page 16

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Atomic secrets have been exposed or stolen at a great rate in the United States. No one knows today whether the leaks are plugged.

Responsible officials are alarmed not only about Soviet Russian espionage but about the happy-go-lucky manner in which atomic security has been punctured like a sieve.

Bernard M. Baruch recently wrote to the editor of the Philadelphia Bulletin that we really do not know any more what is secret about the atomic bomb and what is known to other countries.

Mr. Baruch said it was a certainty that the secret of the great weapon ever discovered no longer is all wrapped up in one envelope.

Bill Restricts Sales

For instance, it is known that the Russians still are attempting to purchase here certain machinery used by the United States in the manufacture of the A-bomb. Such purchase is forbidden by the McMahon act which established the civilian atomic energy commission now awaiting confirmation by the senate.

Mr. Baruch discovered the first known Russian efforts to purchase atomic energy machinery early last year before he was named United States representative on the United Nations atomic energy commission.

Russia Sent Order

A manufacturer who had made equipment used in one of the atomic fission plants received an order from Russia for the purchase of certain specialized machinery.

The manufacturer advised Mr. Baruch by telephone of the order. Mr. Baruch replied:

"You haven't got the machinery, have you?"

The manufacturer took the hint and refused the order. At that time, however, there was no authority by which a manufacturer could have been prevented from making such a sale as there is now under the McMahon bill.

Later the machine appeared in full diagram in a trade magazine. Publication of such material in trade magazines is considered one of the big leaks of atomic energy information.

Many Regret Smyth Report

Isaac Don Levine in the February issue of the magazine "Plain Talk" refers to the foregoing incident. He says the order was for \$1,500,000 worth of machinery accompanied by specifications and blue prints which "could only have been stolen in the United States and Canada."

Whether the specifications were obtained by espionage, carelessness or stupidity is not yet determined.

Much information about atomic fission was made public last year in the Smyth report, publication of which now is regretted out loud by some officials.

For a certainty, the armed services now figure that in any study of the future we should assume that other nations also would have atom bombs. One closely guarded atom bomb secret was that we still were making them, Mr. Baruch himself, let that one out last month.

Warnings of Espionage

Release of much material is attributed to carelessness or mistaken judgment. But through all the public and private talk of atomic problems runs the thought of espionage by the Soviet Union.

From Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, who commanded the wartime atomic fission project and released the Smyth report, to Mr. Levine, whose article is on the newstands today, there has been a constant repetition of the warning against espionage in the United States, as in Canada.

Gen. Groves and others have urged that the Canadian royal commission report on espionage should be required reading for persons in responsible positions. Of the report, Mr. Levine wrote:

"The report of the Canadian royal commission, which lifted a corner of the curtain hiding the enormous network of Soviet atomic espionage, should be made compulsory reading for all atomic scientists. It reveals the incredible political simplicity of our best scientific minds. It also shows a frightening moral degeneracy among idealists fallen under the spell of totalitarian propaganda."

Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU Feb. 11, 1947	
Sunrise 6:48 Sunset 5:17	
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m.	0.00
Total precipitation since Jan. 1	4.00
Excess since Jan. 1	1.00
The following table shows the temperature in other cities:	
Atlanta	32
Boston	27
Chicago	20
Cincinnati	20
Cleveland	24
Denver	24
Evansville	24
St. Paul	24
St. Louis	24
Indianapolis (city)	24
Kansas City	24
Los Angeles	45
Miami	65
Minneapolis	24
New Orleans	42
New York	27
Oakland	41
Omaha	23
Pittsburgh	21
San Antonio	47
San Francisco	42
St. Louis	24
Washington, D. C.	24



WED BY CANDLELIGHT
Mary Churchill, youngest daughter of the former prime minister, was married today to Capt. Christopher Soames of the Coldstream Guards. The ceremony took place at the height of the power crisis with only four candles burning in fashionable St. Margaret's church. Thousands braved the biting cold and waited outside the church for a glimpse of the bride and her father, who gave the bride in marriage.

5 Million Out Of Jobs In Britain

Further Regions Face Blackout

LONDON, Feb. 11 (U. P.).—The wheels of British industry slowed toward a halt today.

The government said today that the nation was barely holding its own in the crisis and warned that the industrial power blackout might spread within three days to those regions of the country not yet affected.

Already an estimated five million workers have been thrown into idleness.

The fuel shortage confronted the Labor government with a political crisis of growing magnitude. Conservative party members, under the leadership of Winston Churchill, angrily leaped to attack the government for ineptitude, inefficiency and lack of far-sighted planning.

Third of Plants Down

No end was in sight. The crippling power restrictions which already have closed down about one-third of British industry and left homes with only restricted heating and light.

With severe cold and snow persisting many quarters believed that the power blackout would have to be extended to the entire United Kingdom to build up a back-log of coal supplies.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee told the nation by radio last night that public response on the first day was "most encouraging." He urged even greater effort.

Charges Undue Delay

Mr. Churchill charged the Labor government with failure to act soon enough when the approaching crisis became evident. He predicted things in Britain would get steadily worse under "half-baked socialism in action."

"The brute fact is that socialism means mismanagement, bad house-keeping, incompetence in high places and progressive degeneration in our island life," the Tory leader said.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton closed the debate for the government with the prediction that the immediate crisis "may not be of such long duration as some panic mongers have suggested."

Army May Aid

The government today was considering the possibility of enlisting the aid of the armed forces to try and boost coal production. British coal miners heretofore have resolutely resisted any plan to send soldiers into the pits.

Freezing, snowy weather covered the country.

16½-Lb. Baby Born

NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 11 (U. P.).—Mrs. Sam Earl, 26, mother and her 16-pound eight-ounce girl baby were doing fine in Charity hospital today.

'Wayward Dress' Case Closed by Senate Probers

Itinerant Sorter Blamed for Donated Garment Sold in U. S. Instead of Being Sent Abroad

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (U. P.).—The senate executive expenditures committee closed its books today on the strange case of Mrs. Lara Midjass' dress.

The committee couldn't be too sure of its solution. But the best guess was that the key figure in the mystery was a down-and-out Chicago clothes sorter. He saw a chance to pick up a few cents.

The mystery began when Mrs. Midjass, who lives in Fairdale, N. D., donated her dress to the victory clothing drive. She pinned a little note in the sleeve wishing "lots of luck" to the needy European woman who got it.

Committee Steps In

When an answer came from Miss Elizabeth Ohlhouse, Hazelton, N. D., Mrs. Midjass was understandably miffed. She called it to the attention of her senator. That's when the committee stepped in.

Today, treasury special agent Myles C. McCall told the committee that the following was the most reasonable theory:

Mrs. Midjass' dress probably came in too late to be mailed in the victory clothing drive. It may have been

Bandit Gets \$198 In Store Holdup

Robberies, Sluggings Sweep Indianapolis

Another wave of sluggings, hold-ups, burglaries and purse snatchings swept through Indianapolis streets last night.

Richard Dransfield, 22, of 2908 Westbrook ave., Mara Hill, was found unconscious in the grease room of a filling station at Stadium dr. and 16th st. last night.

He didn't know what happened to him but it was obvious that someone had slugged him on the head. Also \$70 was missing from his pockets.

He was found on the floor of the station by Lavel Shuler, 34, R. R. 3, Box 240, proprietor, upon his return to the station after an absence of only 15 minutes.

Store Robbed

A hatless and coatless bandit walked into the Kaletter liquor store, 3312 E. 10th st., last night and said: "I'm desperate... give me your money."

Drawing a gun from his pocket, the bandit forced Miss Setty Rhoades, 926 St. Peter st., clerk, to turn over \$198 of the store's cash to him.

Two suspects were held by police today in connection with the theft of a safe from the Robinson Products Co., 1015 E. 21st st., last night.

On a report that someone was pounding on metal in a lot in the 1900 block, Cornell ave., police found a safe battered open and its contents scattered over the ground. The safe was from the Robinson firm's office.

Neighbors had reported seeing three men around the lot earlier. Detectives later saw two men running out of a restaurant in Yandes st.

They captured one of them, who gave his name as Garland Wilson, 20, of 1501 Yandes st. He was placed under high bond for questioning. Later police arrested Aaron Brown, 19, of 1728 Yandes st., as a second suspect in the case. The third suspect was not found.

Check Recovered

Alfred Williams, 5641 Broadway, proprietor of the Robinson firm, said the safe contained about \$40 in cash and a check for \$364. The check was recovered.

Near the safe in the vacant lot was a one-ton truck-trailer which had been stolen from the Indiana Gear & Machinery Co., 912 E. 21st st. Harold Masterson, 24, Logansport truck driver, reported that an armed bandit jumped on his truck when he stopped for a traffic light at 25th st. and Northwestern ave. and robbed him of \$19.

Pfc. Marion Mills, 26, of Ft. Harrison, said two men he had been drinking with in a W. Washington st. tavern last night, slugged him and robbed him of \$90 after he left the place with them.

Miss Margaret Hinkle, 16, of 1251 Sheffield ave., said a man snatched her purse containing \$7 as she was walking on Morris st. near her home last night.

Miss Betty Melth, 23, of 2367 Finley ave., said two teen age boys wearing ear muffs grabbed her purse containing \$3 in the 300 block, E. Michigan st., last night.

Bain Sets Record For Prison Terms

An all-time high in sentences to prison was reached in Criminal court here during the week ending Feb. 3 when Judge William D. Bain imposed 29 penalties, none suspended.

In 11 grand larceny cases, Judge Bain found all defendants guilty and sentenced each to prison for one to 10 years.

Two of three bandits convicted of holdups with firearms were sentenced to the maximum of 10 to 25 years. A third bandit who used no gun got one to 10 years. A fourth bandit was found not guilty when state's witnesses failed to testify.

Eleven burglary cases brought prison sentences of one year and two to five years. In two assault and battery cases Judge Bain imposed sentences of six months to one year and in two cases of assault and battery with intent to rape, sentences of one to 10 years were imposed.



NATIONAL 24-HOUR FORECAST SUMMARY: Temperatures have moderated over the nation. Minimum readings in the Canadian border states will remain above zero. Windy conditions have already decreased appreciably over the Great Lakes and will abate in the Atlantic states tonight.

Temperatures in the Gulf states are expected to be in the forties tonight as warm moist air from the Gulf of Mexico flows inland. This air flow will cause cloudiness and precipitation in the Gulf states and Mississippi Valley as it rides over colder surface air on its inland journey. (See cloudy and precipitation areas on map).

Snow will fall in Minnesota, Iowa and western Illinois tonight and tomorrow while rain or snow will occur in Missouri. A large rain area is foreseen over eastern Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, western Mississippi and eastern Oklahoma.

Clear skies will be confined to parts of the Ohio valley, the New England states and the eastern and southern sectors of the mid-

die Atlantic states. Considerable cloudiness will blanket the Mississippi valley, the lower Lakes, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, northern Colorado and western Montana. (See partly cloudy and cloudy areas map).

The freezing line of the Forecast is drawn through points where minimum temperatures will be 32 degrees tomorrow. Still lower mercurial readings will occur north of this line. Freezing temperatures will not cause further damage in southern Georgia and Florida.

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Re-elect Directors Of Lincoln Life Co.

Directors of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. were re-elected and a full slate of officers named at the annual company meeting.

Officers are A. J. McAndless, president; L. J. Kalmbach, vice president; and F. J. McDiarmid and F. J. Travers, second vice presidents. Dr. H. Clive McAllister was appointed medical director and V. G. d'Unger, assistant secretary.

Union Election Ordered In Terre Haute Plant

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (U. P.).—The national labor relations board today ordered an election among production and maintenance employees of the Modern Machine & Pattern Co., Terre Haute, Ind.

The workers will vote on whether they want the C. I. O. United Steelworkers, the A. F. of L. Molders and Foundry workers or neither union to represent them for collective bargaining purposes.

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