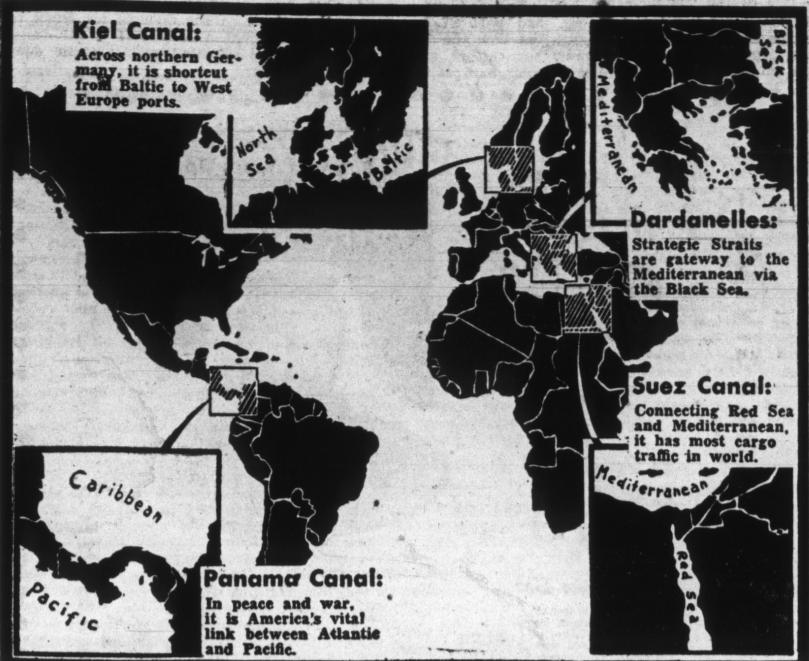


'Wild Bill' Donovan Maps Plan To Fight Russia Without Shooting



Highlighted on this map are the four strategic waterways Gen. Donovan thinks we should consider closing to Russia and Soviet satellite nations as one step toward taking the initiative away from the Soviet Union in a program to "compel Russia to peace."

Washington Calling—

Air Force Canceling Orders for Blackhawk F-87 Jet Fighter Craft

Forrestal Seems Definitely Out as Defense Chief; Marshall Still Ace-High, Can Stay If He Likes

By The Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Air Force is dropping part of its jet fighter program. Curtiss-Wright F-87 Blackhawk lands too fast, is considered dangerous.

Air Force contract called for delivery of 58 F-87's and 30 RE-87's this year at estimated cost of \$60 million. Two have been built, costing more than \$5 million. No more will be bought and a \$1.5 million engineering and tooling contract with Curtiss-Wright is being renegotiated.

First Blackhawk had four turbo-jet engines. Second was changed radically, had two turbo-jets, both larger, more wing area, and improved streamlining. But Air Force says that won't do, either.

Plans call for replacing Blackhawk with Northrop F-89. It is exceeding Air Force specifications.

Blackhawk contract was Curtiss-Wright's part of Air Force's \$1.9 billion plane-building program.

Up to Marshall

KEY WEST: If Secretary Marshall leaves Cabinet, he'll go or his own accord. President still has highest regard for him, would let him have anything he wants.



Secretary Forrestal seems definitely out; going on his own motion, with no protests from White House. Friends say he'll be relieved to go, yet fears he'll go down in history as a man who failed as first Defense Secretary.

All talk of other changes in top personnel is guesswork. President hasn't made up his mind.

Members of Truman's inner circle all have their own purge lists and that's where dope stories start. But the lists don't agree, and all prospective purges seem to have some defectors at court.

LECTION REACH: Truman camp went wrong on Illinois and Maryland in pre-election pollsters: figured Dewey would carry Illinois and Truman, Maryland. It was just the other way round. White House tally put Ohio, California and Iowa in Truman column. At least that's what Truman aids say now.

Possible Choices

ADD POSSIBILITIES to succeed Mr. Forrestal:

John J. McCloy, president of World Bank, and Henry L. Stimson's Assistant War Secretary.

Also Dr. Karl T. Compton, ex-president of MIT, who recently became head of Research and Development Board. Dr. Compton's highly regarded in Forrestal's office. Boom for him may be designed to head off Louis Johnson, former war undersecretary, who seems to have inside track.

Meanwhile, some Democratic Congressmen are showing up in Peiping, in the birthplace of communism. These men are the exits from their foreigners.

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