

# Atomic Bomb Theory Not Secret But U. S. Alone Has Industrial Know-How

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It would be easy to draw false and dangerous conclusions by indulging in speculation about the top-level secret talks being held in Washington on atomic dealings with Britain and Canada.

Are our British friends seeking some boon? Are we so far ahead of them now in atomic developments that they need a report on progress to bring them up to date? Do the uranium mines in the Belgian Congo, said to be controlled by British interests, enter into the picture, inasmuch as Uncle Sam has been getting supplies there?

So the queries go, and inevitably they have intensified speculation in the public mind as to whether Britain has the full secret of the atomic bomb and, more to the point, whether Russia has it. In short, is America still the sole possessor of this terrible knowledge?

There is widespread belief among scientific observers that both Britain and Russia must have at least the theoretical knowledge, as distinguished from the industrial knowledge, of how to make the bomb. One of these experts is my colleague, Howard Blakeslee, AP science editor, who has made an exhaustive investigation of the subject and was present at the historic Bikini tests of the atomic bomb.

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## President Roosevelt's Policy In Asking "Unconditional Surrender" Of Germany Meets British Censure

LONDON, July 22.—(AP)—Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said in parliament yesterday they doubted from the beginning the wisdom of President Roosevelt's unconditional surrender policy for Germany.

Bevin said in a House of Commons foreign policy debate the policy had left "a shambles" upon which to rebuild Germany. If he had been consulted at the time, he said, he never would have agreed to it.

Bevin, who was a member of Churchill's war government, said he first saw the surrender phrase in the newspapers. He said he would not have agreed if he had been consulted at the time.

Churchill, now leader of the opposition, said he first heard the phrase from President Roosevelt "without consulting me."

"But it was not the idea I had formed in my own mind," Churchill said. "But working in a great alliance with loyal and powerful friends across the ocean, we had to accommodate ourselves."

He added that he doubted the British coalition cabinet would have agreed to the unconditional surrender policy if they had been able to consider it at the time.

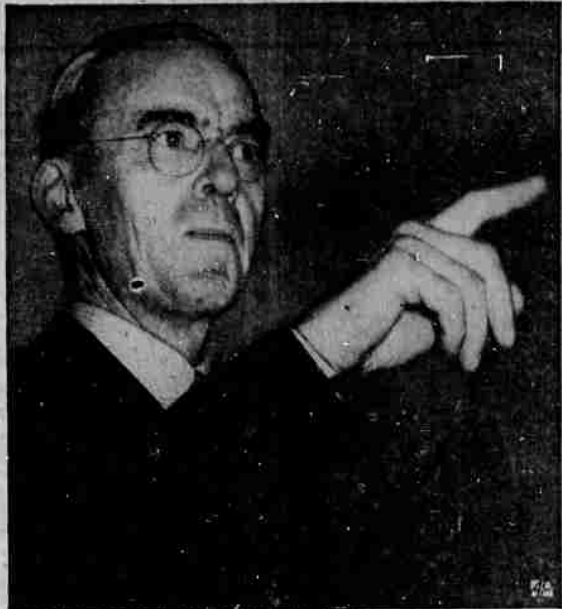
The unconditional surrender policy was announced in January,

know-how, and so has Russia. As a matter of fact many experts say Britain was ahead of America in experiments with nuclear fission when the war came. And since British scientists helped in designing the first atomic bomb, they aren't likely to have forgotten what they learned. Blakeslee goes even further, for he remarked to me:

"Considering the high quality of British science, and the fact that they were the largest contributors in developments that produced this bomb, it is entirely possible that the British are actually ahead of the United States in knowledge of how to make better bombs."

As for Russia, at the end of the war she had full access to the studies of German scientists who claimed to have solved the problem of nuclear fission, though they had no industrial equipment with which to manufacture bombs. Communist spies also have been busy since the war seeking information in Britain, Canada and America.

"No, our protection doesn't lie in possessing sole knowledge of atomic bomb structure. It lies in the fact that foreign nations, as did Hitlerian Germany, lack the industrial facilities and industrial knowledge for the manufacture of atomic bombs."



BANS DOLLAR SPENDING—Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, tells, in London, of the government's ban on all dollar spending for the next three months.



HITS U. S. REDS—Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, of New York, director of the American Jewish League Against Communism, tells House Un-American Committee members that U. S. Communists are engaged in a "deliberate conspiracy to inflame religious and racial minorities" in this country. Ultimate objective, he said, is "to throw this land into confusion, paving the way for Stalinist revolution."

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## Pacific Coast's Economy Remains Sound During Business Adjustment

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—(AP)—Dire predictions that the Pacific coast's war swollen economy would stagger under the current business adjustment haven't materialized.

"Actually, no greater decline has occurred here than in the rest of the country," the Federal Reserve bank said yesterday. Its report was based on a special survey of the 12th district. The district includes Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The report said the predictions were based on the assumption that the district had a one-industry economy and the fact that the percentage of unemployment is greater in the district than nationally.

The district did experience a greater drop in business late in 1948 and early this year than the country. Conditions in March and April were relatively better however, and by the end of April the district position compared favorably to that of the country.

The district does not appear to be any more seriously affected by recent events than the country as a whole," the bank concluded.

"In fact, allowing for differences in timing of the peak reached, several series (relating to business activity) indicate a stronger position here than nationally."

"These indications should not be seized upon, however, to predict a less severe adjustment in the district."

The favorable economic trend of March-April, the bank said, continued into May and June.

## Squawks Because His Taxes Are Too Low

LOS ANGELES, July 22.—(AP)—Ever hear of a taxpayer who squawked because his taxes were too low?

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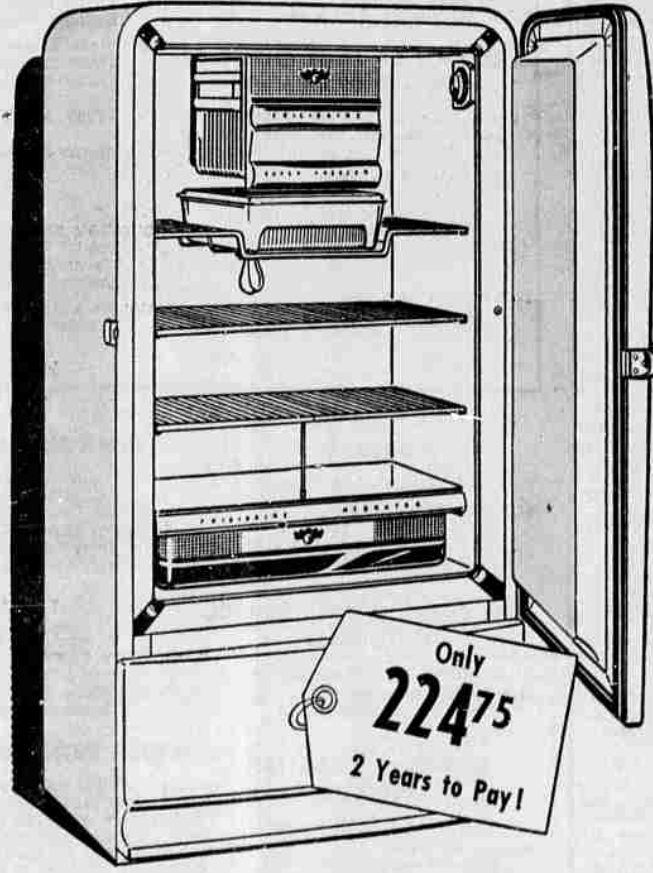
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