

Former Officer Says Hopkins Helped Send Atomic Secrets To Russians As Early As 1943

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A former lend-lease officer's story that plane loads of U. S. Atomic and other secrets were sped to Russia with the late Harry Hopkins' help has set off a congressional inquiry.

Chairman McMahon (D-Conn.) of the Joint Senate-House Atomic Energy committee said the committee's staff had been instructed to look into the account.

His announcement followed a statement from Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), ranking republican on the committee, that he would insist that the group make inquiries.

And Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) told a reporter that if the Atomic committee did not act he would urge that the Senate Investigating Subcommittee headed by Senator Hoey (D-NC) go into the story.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), an Atomic Energy committee member, also joined in the demand for clearing up what he called "very serious charges."

These expressions of congressional concern followed a broadcast interview in which former Army Capt. G. Racey Jordan related experiences as a lend-lease inspector at Great Falls, Mont., on the route over which planes for Russia were flown in 1943 and 1944.

He said he saw suitcase after suitcase full of State department and other documents in Russian baggage.

He said he saw references to "energy produced by fission or splitting," to "neutrons and protons" and "walls five feet thick of lead and water to control flying neutrons."

All that was long before anybody but a select few in the United States had been let in on the secret that there was such a thing as an atomic energy project.

The former captain said he got personal telephoned instructions from Hopkins, lend-lease administrator and confidential aide to the late President Roosevelt, to expedite the Russians' shipments in every way, to "disregard the manifests," and not even to report anything he saw to his superiors.

Hopkins, he said, "was the button the Russians touched every time they needed emergency help."

Jordan, now with a New York engineering and construction firm, said he didn't know the significance of it at the time, but related that he checked through shipments of uranium, the raw material for the A-bomb, in big lots. He said one shipment came to 500 pounds, another to 1,150, and a third to half a ton.

And he said there were 40-pound carboys of "heavy" water, which is used in the creation of fissionable material for the A-bomb.

Insane Escapees Still At Liberty

SALEM, Dec. 5.—(AP)—State police said today they don't even have a clue about two escaped criminally insane patients.

Of the four who escaped Friday night from the state hospital, Marlor Watson, 21, and Robert Burr, 23, were still at large today.

The two inmates who were recaptured Friday night and Saturday morning told officers that Watson and Burr plan to stay near Salem for a few days before moving on.

Officers continued today their intensive search of empty houses and barns.

The four men escaped by overpowering two attendants and taking their keys.

Dr. Charles E. Bates, superintendent of the hospital, said he is investigating to place the blame for the break.

Both of the men still at large are described as dangerous.

Soft Coal Miners Trek Back To Their Jobs

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June 30. They maintain they can't afford to increase wages. And they want Lewis to tighten up the welfare and pension fund which has been financed entirely by the 20-cent-a-ton royalties the operators pay for all coal mined.

One Break Occurs
The only report of a break in the stalemate has come from a small group of small Kentucky operators. They are truck mine operators who employ only about 800 diggers.

It is reported the Kentuckians are considering signing a contract with Lewis this week. If they do, they'll go on a five-day week. The truck operators insist they have to work a full week to break even.

Other mine owners reported the contract being considered by the Kentucky group calls for a 95-cent daily pay boost, bringing the diggers' base rate to an even \$15. And the 20-cent royalty payments reportedly would be upped to 35 cents.

Action Is Belittled
Top industry spokesmen minimized the significance of the "Kentucky plan."

"It's practically a shotgun wedding with a small group of smaller-type operators," said President Joseph E. Moody of the Southern Coal Producers association.

Laurence T. Tierney, Jr., president of the eastern coal corporation of Bluefield, W. Va., and an official of the SCPA, commented tersely:

"The abortive action of these fly-by-nights does not mean legitimate mine operators will follow suit. It is just another attempt by Mr. Lewis to get off the hook he is on."

Moody and his board of directors are slated to meet in Washington today to talk over the general situation. But no new contract talks are in sight.

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INSPECT BAPTIST CONSTRUCTION—Mrs. Howard Colwell, center, president of the North Baptist convention, journeyed to Roseburg recently to inspect building progress on the new Baptist church in this city. This marked the second visit by a convention president. A year ago, past-President Dr. Sanford Fleming was one of the Baptist dignitaries present at the ground-breaking ceremonies. Pictured at left with Mrs. Colwell is Mrs. Blanche Hodge of Portland, past-president of the Oregon Baptist State convention. At right is Mrs. Ralph Walker, wife of the pastor of Portland's White Temple church.—(L. B. Hicks photo).

Charge Of Uranium Sent To Russia Under Probe

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and "bomb powder" were flown to Russia in 1944 under hurry-up instructions telephoned Jordan by the late Harry Hopkins, Hopkins was a right hand man to President Roosevelt.

The question for the House committee was whether to allow its senior investigator, Louis J. Russell, to unfold in public the information the committee has dug up.

More than a year ago, John McDowell of Pennsylvania, then a member of the committee, said the group had evidence that atom bomb material had been shipped to the Russians by way of Great Falls, Mont., and the Alaskan route.

McDowell said two prominent administration officials were involved and that the names would come out in public hearings. The hearings never took place. McDowell was defeated in the last election. He was a republican.

Jordan was stationed at Great Falls as a liaison officer between U. S. and Russian officers at the time he says atomic materials were handled through that base.

Suitcases full of secret government documents, some dealing with the atomic project, also were loaded aboard a board Russia-bound planes at Great Falls, Jordan said.

Jordan Contradicted
He added that he had reported these activities to the then air inspector general. This official, Maj. Gen. Junius W. Jones, now on duty near Sacramento, Calif., said he knows nothing about such a report, does not recall Jordan, and has "no knowledge of the incident or anything like it."

The air force began digging through its records for the report Jordan said he made. As yet it has found none, it said, adding that no formal investigation is being made—just a check for any report received from Jordan.

Meantime, in New York, Robert E. Sherwood, who was closely associated with Hopkins and President Roosevelt during the war, called Jordan's statement "one of the most amazing cock and bull stories I have ever heard." He said that "Hopkins did not discuss topmost secrets over the public telephone." He added that Hopkins was away from the White House, "a very sick man," at the time Jordan was based in Great Falls.

SEATTLE.—(AP)—A former soldier says he was ordered out of a Russian lend-lease plane by a tommygun-carrying guard when he sought to inspect the plane's interior.

George F. Roberts, 33, now a printer at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, told interviewers the incident occurred at Nampo airport, 19 miles north of Edmonton, Alta., in 1945.

"When I first arrived at Nampo," Roberts said, "I looked into a C-47 and started to inspect its interior. Two plain clothesmen who looked like Russians

aimed a tommygun at me and shoved me out."

Roberts said he saw "huge crates" in the planes but did not know what they contained. He added it "seemed illogical to me to have tommygun guards on American planes going to Russia."

Rogers, who was stationed at Nampo airport during the war to brief pilots on the northern route, told the story in connection with Washington charges that Russian couriers carried atomic secrets out of the United States via lend-lease planes.

Nisei Raps Abuse Of Compatriots

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SPOKANE.—(AP)—A Japanese American speaker at a conference here said Nisei are proud to be Americans but he expressed some dissatisfaction with treatment accorded his group.

The speaker, Mike Masaoka, of Washington, D. C., told more than 100 second-generation Japanese from Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Hood River, Ore., that the Nisei have given of their devotion to America in their own blood on the field of battle.

Masaoka is a veteran of the 442nd infantry battalion most decorated unit in American history which distinguished itself in World War II battles in Italy.

Targets of his criticism included the incarceration of Japanese-Americans in "American concentration camps," the alien land law and the Hood River American Legion post, which removed the names of Nisei from its honor roll.

Serious Water Shortage Perils New York City

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rain by tomorrow. Water rationing was threatened in a number of heavily populated North Jersey communities.

Among the areas with serious water shortages were the San Joaquin Valley of Central California, the Salt River valley around Phoenix, Ariz., and the high plains region of Texas.

Births at Mercy Hospital

MARSH—To Mr. and Mrs. George William Marsh, route 4, Box 1240, Lookingglass, Dec. 2, a daughter, Judith Ann; weight eight pounds.

MILLER—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth William Miller, 2443 N. Stephens street, Roseburg, Nov. 30, a son, David William; weight eight pounds.

HATCHER—To Mr. and Mrs. Merton Harry Hatcher, route 2, Box 160-A-6, Nov. 30, a daughter, Sharon Marie; weight eight pounds one ounce.

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William Benton New U. S. Senator From Connecticut

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Connecticut's new U. S. senator will be 50-year-old William Benton of Southport, who between 1945 and 1947 served as assistant secretary of state for public affairs—a big postwar job.

Official announcement of Benton's appointment was made from his former advertising agency partner, Gov. Chester Bowles, a Democrat.

Benton, a self-described Independent who supported the late Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Harry S. Truman, is to succeed Raymond E. Baldwin, a Republican.

Baldwin has resigned, effective Dec. 19, when he becomes a Connecticut Supreme court associate justice.

As assistant secretary of state, Benton was one of the originators of the "Voice of America."

Ancient Shotgun Given Senate's Sgt.-At-Arms

MIAMI, Ariz., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Peace will prevail in forthcoming sessions of the United States senate, or a gun-toting sergeant-at-arms may be forced to use a newly obtained weapon.

Joe Duke of Globe, Ariz., who holds the senatorial position, was presented with an ancient shotgun here yesterday with specific instructions to use it on members of any party if necessary.

"It will subdue the frenzy of warring Republicans, overcome the fury of controlling Democrats and destroy the fierceness of those hostile Dixiecrats," he was told.

The weapon was presented by Dr. Nelson D. Brayton of Miami at dedication ceremonies here for the new Pinto creek bridge.

Educational Film To Be Shown Evergreen Grange

The public is invited to attend an educational motion picture to be shown Friday, Dec. 9, at the Evergreen Grange hall, Besse Lounsbury, secretary, reports. The picture, it is stated, will be of particular interest to all farmers. The entertainment will be held at 7:30 p.m. and regular Grange business will be conducted after the show.

DEFICIT THREAT SEEN
PORTLAND.—(AP)—The city may have a million dollar deficit by next July, warns Commissioner Ormond R. Bean.

He blamed disruption of anticipated revenues by legal actions involving the city's new licensing program. A referendum on the major revenue ordinance has blocked collections from this source.

Bean said tax payments under the license plan since June have been about 16 per cent of the anticipated revenue.

Wind Saves Work Of Razing Garage

Tom Winniford won't have to tear down his garage; the wind did it for him.

The heavy blow Sunday afternoon carried off the aluminum-roofed structure, but Winniford didn't mind, because he has saved the labor of razing it himself.

He had started construction of the building, then changed his mind and decided to make a larger structure. Framing had been covered with aluminum roofing. Aluminum sheeting had been placed on one side.

Sunday afternoon's windstorm carried the structure of its foundations and folded it up like a deck of cards.

Fortunately, Emma Leah Winniford, sister of Tom Winniford, had moved her automobile out of the garage only 10 minutes before the accident.

The Winnifords reside in lower Garden valley.

Law Student Confesses Slaying Of Sweetheart

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—(AP)—A 22-year-old law student yesterday confessed the hammer-slaying Nov. 9 of his Evansville high school sweetheart who he said had entreated: "Let's die in each other's arms."

The body of pretty 16-year-old Mary Ellen Harmon, five months pregnant, was found beneath leaves and bushes in a deep sinkhole near Hopkinsville, Ky.

Franklin Thomas Slay of Griffin, Ind., a student at Florida State college, made a written statement to Evansville police and then drew a map showing where the body was found.

The young student said he drove to a bridge and tried to jump off but "my last nerve cracked and I couldn't do it. I hereby plead guilty to the unpremeditated murder of Mary and ask, no lenience whatsoever."

Argentine President To Prosecute Papers

BUENOS AIRES.—(AP)—President Juan D. Peron announced he intends to prosecute LaPrensa and LaNacion, two of South America's biggest newspapers, for reporting a speech which said he had become rich while in office.

The president summoned foreign correspondents to a news conference for the first time in two years to defend himself against the charge. In a dramatic statement, he declared he had been maligned by an unnamed politician and that LaNacion and LaPrensa, "to a certain degree, supported this uncalled-for calumny."

Susan Myer, Infant Of Sutherlin, Passes

Susan K. Myer, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arville Myer, Sutherlin, died Sunday night at her home. Besides the parents, a brother, Kenneth, survives. Funeral services, under arrangements by Stearns Mortuary, Oakland, will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

Heart Attack Fatal To Congressman Gorski

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Rep. Martin Gorski, 63, staunch supporter of Democratic party policy measures and labor-approved legislation, died unexpectedly yesterday.

He was stricken, apparently with a heart ailment, Gorski, a bachelor, had represented Illinois' fifth district in Chicago since 1942.

Before election to Congress Gorski had been an assistant Cook county attorney and had conducted a private law practice here.

He was born in Poland but had lived in Chicago since he was three years old.

Woman Driver Cited In Sideswiping Incident

A woman driver was cited for nonstop and driving with no operator's license, following a sideswiping incident on Winchester street Sunday, reported Police Chief Calvin H. Baird.

The driver, Hazel Martin, Roseburg, allegedly "ran" the red light, then sideswiped a parked logging truck as she pulled over to the curb at the sound of a police car siren.

FORFEITS BAIL

Zachary Sherman Chapman, 44, Drain, forfeited \$20 bail posted on a drunk charge when he failed to appear in municipal court today, reported Judge Ira B. Riddle.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon
Mostly cloudy with showers today—clearing Tuesday.
Highest temp. for any Dec. ... 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. ... 65
Highest temp. yesterday ... 69
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