

FDR Approved Pre-War Move to Sell Blueprint of Super-Battleship to Russ

By EDWARD E. BOMAR

WASHINGTON (AP)—Long secret American state papers disclosed Saturday that President Roosevelt on the eve of World War II personally sanctioned a proposal to sell plans for a 62,000-ton super-battleship to Soviet Russia.

The plans were to have been sold by a private firm of naval architects and a special mission of naval architects was sent to Moscow to negotiate but the Soviets turned down the deal.

The story was disclosed with publication by the State Department of more than 1,000 documents bearing on the troubled relations of the United States and Russia during 1933-39.

The reports, messages, and other documents included also an account of the discovery of an apparent attempt by Soviet agents to wire-tap the American Embassy in Moscow. Wires were found in 1937 fixed in a wall near the desk of Ambassador Joseph Davies and later a microphone was discovered and photographed.

Russ Negotiated
The battleship matter came up here in 1938, after the Soviet government had negotiated with the New York firm of Gibbs & Cox, naval architects, for the drawings of a 62,000-ton battleship to be armed with 18-inch guns.

It would have been far more powerful than any American warship then afloat.

A long memorandum from Secretary of State Hull and Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison to Roosevelt, dated June 8, 1938, quoted marginal notes by the President giving his sanction to the transfer of plans.

But if a battleship were built for Russia in the United States, Mr. Roosevelt said there must be a 45,000-ton limit on its size, to conform with an existing treaty.

Another Roosevelt marginal note said "give all help" to the Soviets in their efforts to arrange for naval construction in this country.

The Hull-Edison memorandum said the battleship plans would "reveal no military secrets" and their sale would violate no law, so that the decision was entirely on policy grounds.

Plans Rejected
The outcome was a Dec. 17, 1938, message from the American embassy to the State Department saying that the Soviet government turned down the plans, in favor of a conventional warship with 16-inch guns. This dispatch quoted retired Naval Capt. C. S. Joyce, head of the group which took the drawings to Moscow.

It quoted Joyce as saying confidentially that what Russia wanted was 16-inch guns complete with turrets and fire control apparatus for ships the Russians themselves planned to build.

The whole idea of helping Russia add to its military might was dropped as the outbreak of World War II neared and the Soviets engaged in their conflict with Finland.

The State Department published the documents as part of its long-established practice of opening its archives after a time lag of some 15 years.

Other Disputes
The papers disclosed or shed

new light on numerous disputes with Moscow, including:

1. When the U. S. recognized Russia in 1933, the Soviets made a "gentlemen's agreement" to settle American claims of about a billion dollars against pre-Soviet Russia. But Soviet Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinov later came up with demands which conflicted head-on with what Roosevelt, Hull and others understood Moscow would do. No settlement was ever reached. Hull commented that "Litvinov won his victory when he obtained recognition and regards everything else as of minor importance."

2. Welcoming Ambassador William C. Bullitt as the first U. S. envoy, Premier Stalin personally promised a favored site in Moscow for a new U. S. embassy. Later the Soviets placed so many restrictions in the way that construction had to be abandoned.

3. Moscow repeatedly brushed off American protests against the support it gave Communist activities in the U. S. in violation of a Soviet pledge. Litvinov said flatly in 1935 that Moscow would not restrain activities of the Communist International in this country.

4. Bullitt advised Hull when he left Moscow: "We should not cherish for a moment the illusion that it is possible to establish really friendly relations with the Soviet government or any Communist individual."

5. Ambassador Davies expressed the conviction that the Soviet Union could do more for the U. S. than any other country and praised its material progress. Yet he commented: "The pity of it all is, that one sees these wonderful things corroded, disgraced, corrupted, and defiled by a ruthless mistaken zeal for the betterment of humanity, which is nothing other than terrible tyranny." The State Department said this passage was omitted from Davies' book "Mission to Moscow."

18-Inning Tie

SEATTLE (AP)—Night game: 18 innings.
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Anthony, Fisher 9, Shepard 9, Walsh 10 and Sandlock; Schanz, Widmar 9, Johnson 10 Hall 11 and B. Wilson.

RED GUERRILLAS ACTIVE

PUSAN (AP)—Martial law was clamped Sunday on south-eastern Korea, including the provisional capital of Pusan, as the result of renewed Communist guerrilla attacks.

2 Deaths Result From Shooting In Washington

ARLINGTON, Wash. (AP)—One man was killed, another wounded and a third committed suicide in a shooting affray in a lumber office Saturday.

Killed was Ernest R. Meier, 60, former mayor of Arlington and president of the Arlington Lumber & Plywood Co. He was shot at the company offices at the Arlington Airport.

Clifford Knudson, 42, also an officer of the company, was wounded in the face, the bullet passing through the back of his neck.

Police Chief William Bagley said the third man, C. A. Gilson, died shortly afterward in Arlington of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

He said Gilson had shot the other two men and then drove into town to take his own life.

Knudson, in good condition at a local hospital, later told this story. Snohomish County Coroner Ken Baker said:

The trio had a long standing disagreement that led two years ago to buying out Gilson's stock. He had left town but returned early this week. Saturday morning he visited Meier and Knudson in their office at the lumber company.

Gilson offered to sell the partners some stock in a California lumber company but was rejected. "Let's put it this way," Knudson said, "you don't like us and we don't like you, so why bother?"

Gilson left. The partners thought the matter was closed. They were surprised to see Gilson return in a few moments.

"Just to show you I came prepared for anything," Gilson said, and pulled out an automatic pistol. He fired twice, one shot striking Knudson and the other going wild. Then he turned on Meier and shot him through the head, killing him outright.

Baker said Gilson then left the office and drove toward town, stopping at an intersection and firing a bullet into his own body. The suicide was witnessed by Mrs. Mabel O'Sullivan, who was standing nearby.

She called the sheriff's office. Baker said Gilson was about 48 years old.

Presbyterians To Utilize TV

NEW YORK (AP)—Leaders of the Presbyterian Church in the USA adopted Saturday a broadcasting policy calling for the use of radio and TV to win converts and help different religious groups to understand each other better.

The church's 164th annual General Assembly, top governing body of the 2,500,000-member denomination, also approved setting up a department of radio and TV to "serve the general interests of our church in religious radio and television."

More than 2,000 Presbyterian leaders are here for the week-long meeting.

Texas Gunman Shoots too Fast

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—All Texans are supposed to be quick on the trigger and Robert Robarkey is no exception.

He proved that Saturday. Robarkey spotted a snake on a stump and drew his .22 caliber pistol so fast that he shot himself in the right buttock.

The snake got away.

Delegates From Minnesota May Switch to Ike

By The Associated Press

Minnesota, which gave Harold E. Stassen 21 delegates in its primary election, Saturday appeared likely to give its entire strength to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower after the first ballot at the Republican convention in Chicago.

Three-at-large delegates, who are nominally committed to Stassen on the first ballot, were selected and all favored Eisenhower. There was talk at the state convention of instructing all 24 to vote for the general after they fulfilled their obligation to Stassen. Eisenhower won four delegate votes in the primary.

This move, coupled with Eisenhower's advantage in the State of Washington convention, where it appeared he may get 20 and possibly all 24 of the states votes, more than offset any advantage Sen. Robert A. Taft supporters claim in the Maryland delegate selections Saturday.

There, 24 GOP votes were pledged to favorite-son Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin. But Taft supporters claimed they would get a majority of them after that. McKeldin, who said he controlled at least 18 of them, hasn't said which way he might head them after the first ballot.

A delegate favoring Taft was chosen by Alabama fifth district Republicans at Gadsden, Dr. A. L. Isbell said he would support Taft but keep an open mind when the convention gets going.

Pennsylvania's big 70-vote delegation met for a routine session with the state committee, but Gov. John S. Fine, who probably can control at least 30 of the 70, said he is "waiting for development of real sound issues before I take my stand."

The other 40 are about equally divided between Eisenhower and Taft.

On the Democratic side of the picture, Delaware elected five uninstructed and unpledged delegates and one who is openly supporting Vice President Alben Barkley for the presidential nomination.

Both parties will go into heated delegates elections this week, with the Republicans choosing 86, notably in Texas, New Mexico and Connecticut. Democrats will select even more—191—but their race is wide open and few contests are looked for.

Up through Saturday's conventions, Taft led Eisenhower in delegates selected and pledged 399 to there.

There are 165 daily newspapers in Great Britain.

British, Canada Troops on Koje Amid Jeers

By WILLIAM JORDEN

KOJE ISLAND (AP)—Communist prisoners, shouting, singing and waving defiant banners and Red flags from behind barbed wire stockades, gave an unruly greeting to British and Canadian troops on their arrival here Sunday. Red flags were flying again from at least 12 of the 17 prison stockades. They had been hauled down briefly Saturday.

A company of red-bereted soldiers of the Royal Canadian Regiment were the first ashore to strengthen the Allied hand on this strife-ridden island. The Communists spotted them as the Canadians were loaded into Eighth Army trucks.

As the trucks rumbled by, the Reds crowded close to their barbed wire enclosure, broke out their Communist flags and began to sing and shout.

"Quite a good welcome," observed Maj. D. D. Bancroft of Kensington, London, commander of a detachment of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. The Tommies followed the Canadians ashore.

The Canadians and British soldiers arrived with full battle packs, machine guns and were combat ready.

They were disappointed to be on Koje, Bancroft said. Their move had been kept secret until they boarded a landing ship in Pusan harbor and a rumor had spread that they might be taking part in a landing in North Korea.

The Canadian troops moved into a camp in "Kidnap Valley" near Compound 85 and the British Detachment was taken to a spot near Compound 66.

Then, apparently on orders, the Reds started a demonstration, shouting slogans and waving banners.

In Compound 66, which houses 2,700 North Korean officers and about 50 soldier servants, hundreds of the Reds lined up in squads along the barbed wire fence.

More than 200 flags suddenly appeared and the Communists began to chant slogans. Cloth signs protesting "terrorism and massacre" were raised.

The British soldiers said they thought it was a "church parade" at first, before they realized it was their "welcome" to the island.

The Canadian detachment, commanded by Maj. E. L. Cohen, received a quieter but similar welcome. Their compound houses 3,000 North Korean soldiers, apparently not as fanatical as the officers guarded by the British troops.

Reappearance of the Red flag was another symptom that all was not quiet with the 80,000 self-disciplined North Korean and Chinese prisoners on Koje. Control is maintained inside the barbed wire enclosures by Red commissars.

Flags Reappear
On Saturday the flags over 12 stockades were hauled down, but remained fluttering over five enclosures. By late afternoon they

Molalla Whizz Marble Champ

Portland (AP)—Sonny Myrick, 13, of Molalla, beat out a field of more than 200 Saturday to win the state marble championship tournament sponsored by the Oregonian. Myrick, winner of the class B division for contestants over 12, won the title in a three-game playoff with George Cleveland, 12, Pendleton, winner of the Class A division for those 12 or less.

Myrick will receive from the Veterans of Foreign Wars an all-expenses-paid trip to Durham, N. C., to compete in the national tournament.

Other top shooters included: Class A—Bobbie Vestal, Silverton, third; Ernest Yoder, Sheridan, fifth; Fred Allan, Dallas, sixth; Class B—Foy Cockling, Sweet Home, second.

St. Paul Senior Class Service Slated Today

ST. PAUL (AP)—Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of St. Paul Union High School will be held at 10 a. m. Sunday at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Graduation exercises will be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the City Hall. C. A. Howard, former state superintendent of schools, will be the principal speaker. Charlene Buysie is valedictorian, and Joseph Shaw is salutatorian.

George Polischneider, school board chairman, will present the diplomas and Principal H. W. Bowers will present special awards. Mrs. Rose Coleman will play the processional. The program will include musical selections by Betty Frith, Maxine and Claudia Ernst and the high school glee club.

ALLIES RAID RED LINES
SEOUL (AP)—Allied patrols raided Red positions on the eastern Korean battlefield Saturday, striking in the pre-dawn darkness with hand grenades and machine guns.

BIRTHDAY FOR QUEEN
LONDON (AP)—Queen Mary will observe her 85th birthday anniversary Monday with her accustomed vigor.

had re-appeared in all but five of the 17 enclosures.

It was believed the Communist prisoners had acted originally on a message—and then decided it might not be authentic.

The new display of defiance came as Brig. Gen. Haydon Boatner fired his chief deputy commander and shook up the remaining staff. He was wearing a tough international security force from five nations.

Boatner had given fair warning to die-hard Reds to obey regulations—or face the consequences. The deputy commander, Col. Maurice J. Fitzgerald, has been replaced and assigned to duty as an advisor to the Korean national police.

Daylight Time

The following cities in Oregon are on Daylight Time (with their clocks one hour ahead of Standard Time):

Albany	Lakeview
Astoria	Milwaukie
Beaverton	Newberg
Bend	Oregon City
Corvallis	Portland
Cottage Grove	Prineville
Eugene	Redmond
Forest Grove	Roseburg
Gresham	Sandy
Hillsboro	Scappoose
Junction City	Seaside
Klamath Falls	Sweet Home
	Tigard
	West Linn
	(Hood River and McMinnville on DST June 1)

Hicks to Give Main Memorial Day Address

A Marine officer recently returned from Korean action will deliver the main address Memorial Day at the Marion County courthouse.

He is Lt. Col. Leonard Hicks, who spent 18 months overseas.

His address will follow a parade, scheduled to start at 10:45 a.m. from Marion Square. Other ceremonies will include a program at the veterans circle in City View Cemetery by the American Legion, water ceremonies at the Center Street bridge by the Marine Corps.

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