

Japanese Cautious On Russian Peace

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese government cautiously said Saturday it was ready to talk peace with the Soviet Union. A high cabinet official also predicted Red China would follow the Russian peace bid.

Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu said he would be ready to consider peace negotiations if the Kremlin confirmed that an unsigned and undated note delivered to Premier Ichiro Hatoyama was official.

World Leader Of Adventists Gives Views

Increased church construction throughout the nation indicates that the American people are turning to the church to solve their complex problems, Elder R. R. Figuhr, world president of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, said in Eugene Saturday.

Elder Figuhr came here from Washington, D.C., to participate in the dedication of the new SDA church at 13th and Polk.

The world churchman, expressing hope for a peaceful settlement of the Formosan situation, said that a truce under proper conditions might be a solution.

The SDA president returned two weeks ago from a trip through South and Central Africa, where he visited Adventist hospitals and missionary establishments.

Elder Figuhr was accompanied at the dedication by W. B. Ochs, vice-president of the SDA church in North America, and L. E. Biggs, president of the Oregon Conference of SDA's.

The dedication of the new Eugene church is a culmination of efforts by Seventh Day Adventists in this area which began in the late 30's when the present property was purchased. Construction of the new building began in 1951.

The pastor of the new church, D. D. Doleman, said that the dedication was planned only after all debts and encumbrances had been eliminated.

LOVELAND WAITS VALENTINE RUSH

LOVELAND, Colo. (AP)—The Loveland post office is getting ready for its annual valentine rush—as busy as the Christmas season for postal workers here.

Already the post office has received more than 150 valentines for remailing with Loveland's valentine cachet, a cowboy cupid.

The cachet includes the message: "From romantic Loveland the kid with the dart sends valentine greetings to the young at heart."

The unorthodox note was delivered to Hatoyama by A. I. Domnitsky, chief of Russia's unrecognized diplomatic and trade mission here.

Moscow Radio announced Saturday that Domnitsky told Hatoyama the Soviet Union is ready to have "talks aimed at normalizing Soviet-Japanese relations."

The Soviet broadcast carried the text of the note Domnitsky delivered to Hatoyama and said reports of the meeting in the Japanese press "contained inaccuracies and distortions."

The radio broadcast of the note put the full weight of the Kremlin behind the actions and statements of Domnitsky.

"The Soviet side considers that it would be apposite to exchange views on the question of talks aimed at normalizing Soviet-Japanese relations," the broadcast said. "The Russians are ready to appoint representatives for negotiations in Moscow or Tokyo with the Japanese."

Shigemitsu said he would not reply to the note or decide the time, place and level of the peace talks until he had proof that the Kremlin's move was official.

An informed source said that Japanese embassies have been instructed to sound out Soviet intentions, but not to seek neutral intervention.

The premier was reported by close associates as anxious to proceed with the Soviet peace talks before the Feb. 27 general election. Hatoyama's cabinet chief, Ryutaro Nemoto, said he expected "considerable progress" on the talks before the elections.

He also predicted that Peiping would make a similar peace offer.

The government refused to disclose details of the talk between Hatoyama and Domnitsky. However, informed sources said that the Russians offered to refer to Moscow any specific terms Japan set as conditions or problems to be discussed in the talks.

These were said to have included the Soviet occupation of Shikotan and Habomai islands off northern Japan, Russia's holding of more than 10,000 Japanese "war criminals" and the Russian ban on Japanese fishing vessels in waters north of Japan.

Students think Polynesian navigators obtained sailing data from waves which can show differences in contour for hundreds of miles after they pass islands.



(Register-Guard photo, Wilshire eng.)

LAST LICKIN'S—The youngest member of the Wallace M. Holmer family, Leland, 1½ years old, gets the last little bit of frosting off his mother's latest culinary effort. Mrs. Holmer, 645 N. 18th St., Springfield, bakes colorful house-type cakes for fun whenever the occasion for a party arises. The effort pictured above was her third of this kind. It is now awaiting a party to be held at her home. The cake is white-frosted, with decorations in brown, green, and other cake-decorating colors.

AEC Recovers 'Unimportant' Papers

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\$253,000 Missing From Texas Bank

LEWISVILLE, Tex. (AP)—Federal bank examiners pored over the books of the closed First National Bank here Saturday, checking closely the accounts from which \$253,000 already has been found missing.

Just three days before the bank was closed by examiners Friday, Cashier E. R. Jake Wolters, a bank employe 16 years, shot himself to death.

Reed Dolan, chief bank examiner of the 11th Federal Reserve District, said he could "only surmise" as to what happened to the missing funds.

AEC Report Hints at New A-Weapons

Vague Message Stirs Speculation

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission held out the prospect of new "major developments" in the field of atomic weapons.

The AEC said in a semiannual report to Congress that "new areas of research" were opened by last spring's "Operation Castle" tests in the Pacific.

It said also that new tests scheduled to start in about two weeks at the Nevada test site are needed "to obtain scientific knowledge essential to the development and utilization of nuclear weapons for defense of this nation and the free world."

The AEC gave no details in the report and officials declined to elaborate on it.

There was unofficial speculation, however, that the "new areas" might have to do with:

- Long-range hydrogen bomb guided missiles.
- Shorter-range missiles aimed at knocking out atomic-armed aerial invading craft.
- Better ways of making atomic weapons.

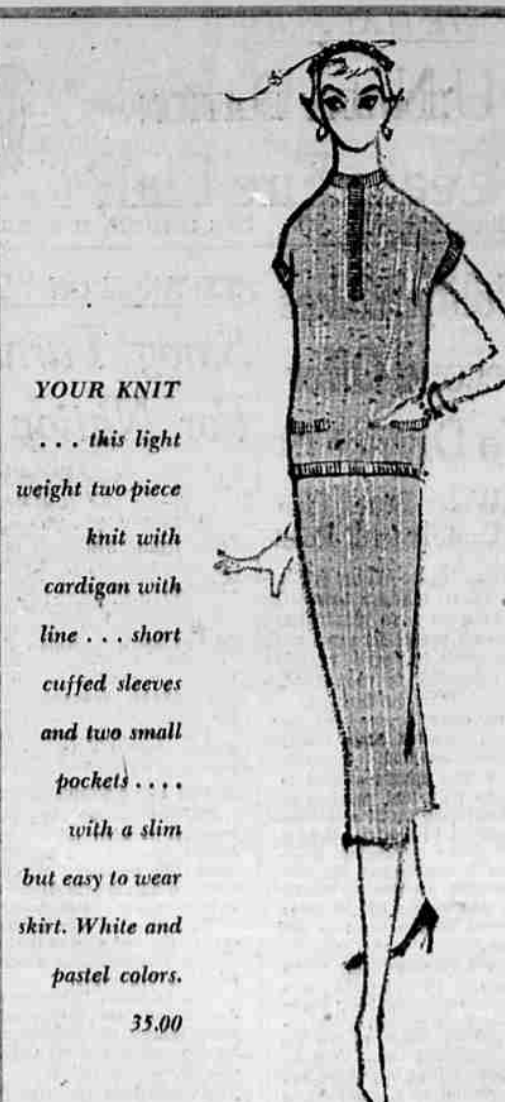
Air Secretary Talbot told the House Armed Services Committee last Thursday this country has made a "marked advance" in a race with the Soviet Union to develop intercontinental missiles with atomic warheads.

SUPER H-BOMB
Another possibility—that some sort of super-hydrogen bomb might be in the works—appeared less likely. AEC Chairman Lewis Strauss has said there seems to be no need to develop a more powerful bomb than the existing type.

Similarly, there have been official throwdowns of speculation that an ultra-powerful cobalt bomb—which in theory could wipe out all life on earth—might be under study.

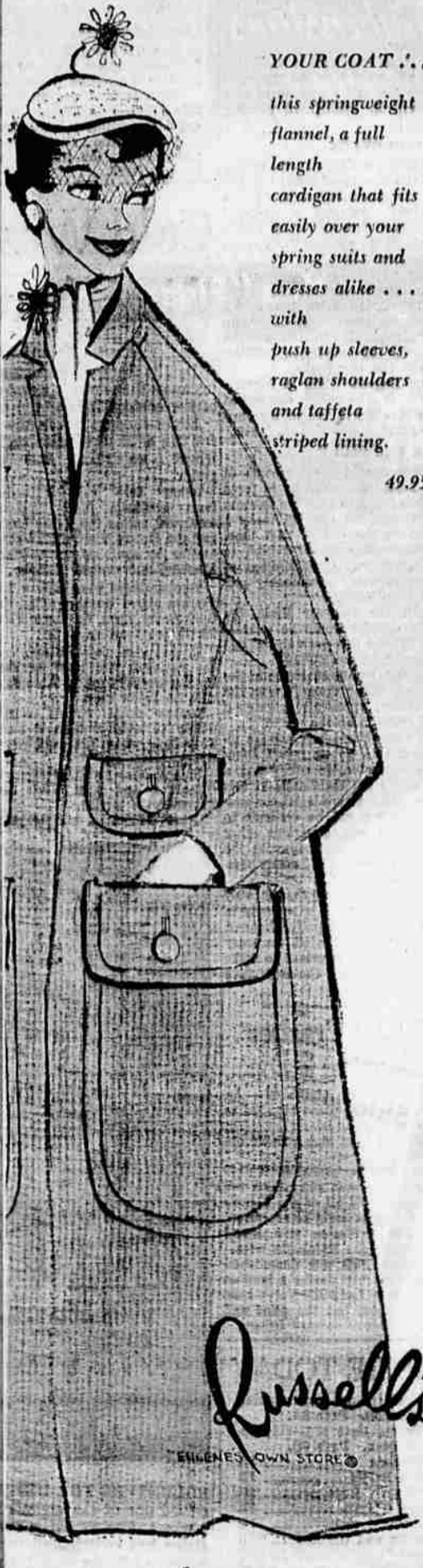
Not to Be Read

HAMILTON, N. Y. (AP)—Colgate University has opened a library where students can hear great books. Much literature—like plays—was written to be spoken, the English department explained. The new library room has records, not books, in its stacks.



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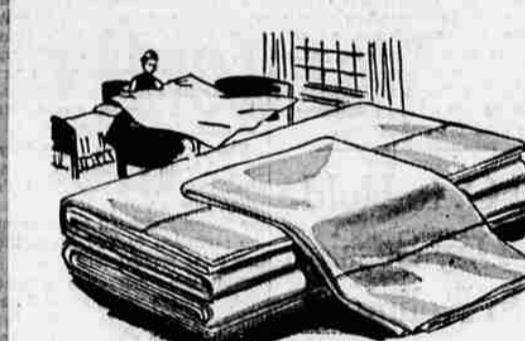
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