

Yalta Papers Reveal Early Atomic Work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Yalta papers' publication disclosed that nuclear physicists were working toward development of a "baby" atomic bomb at the very outset.

Among the documents made public Wednesday night was a memorandum from Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, chief of the wartime Manhattan District which developed the first bombs, to Gen. George C. Marshall, then Army chief of staff. Dated Dec. 30, 1944, it was stamped "top secret."

Along with other disclosures, this memorandum showed that:

1. It was hoped that by the spring of 1945 there could be developed a nuclear fission bomb "which would be equivalent to about 500 tons of TNT." The bombs finally perfected for the first wartime use in Japan in August 1945 had an energy release equivalent to that of 20,000 tons of TNT.

Hiss Opposed 3 U.N. Seats For Soviets

NEW YORK (AP) — Alger Hiss said Wednesday night that he unsuccessfully opposed Russian proposals at the Yalta conference to admit extra Soviet republics as independent members of the United Nations.

Asked about the Yalta documents, made public by the State Department, Hiss said he has considered that "my position at all times was pro-American" rather than anti-Soviet.

Hiss, whose role at the Yalta conference has been a controversial issue for years, clarified some cryptic notes published by the State Department as part of the Yalta documents.

Hiss' notes, written in an amateur shorthand, concerned the agreement at the 1945 Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference to allow Russia 3 votes in the General Assembly of the United Nations, then being launched. Russia got votes for White Russia and the Ukraine as well as for itself.

Hiss, recently freed from prison where he served a term for perjury, was interviewed at his apartment here after the State Department issued the Yalta papers.

Hiss, a State Department official, was assigned at the Yalta conference to keep records and advise his superiors on matters dealing with the U.N.

According to the documents issued by the State Department, the late President Roosevelt told Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin that the matter of allowing Russia 2 extra votes was "very embarrassing to me."

Hiss said in the interview that he believes Roosevelt's embarrassment concerned publication of the decision at that time.

Plumbers Set Meet

The annual convention of the Oregon State Assn. of Master Plumbers will be held at the Osburn Hotel April 8 and 9. Officers of the Assn. are: Grover C. Motley, Klamath Falls, president; Ray Clearwater, Beaverton, vice president; Arthur H. Stites, Klamath Falls, secretary, and Charles C. McCoy, treasurer.



BACKYARD VOLCANO—Gobs of lava hurtle through the air from a volcanic cone that pushed its way up from the earth 50 feet from the home of Katsuto Hayashi near the town of Pahoa, Hawaii. The house, ablaze from the fiery lava, burned down within 20 minutes. (NEA)

McCarthy Knocks 'Co-existence'

Senators Seek Ways to Repudiate Pact

By JACK BELL
Of The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) indicated Thursday the administration is seeking ways to denounce Russian violations of the Yalta agreement without giving the Soviets any legal advantages.

Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) called on President Eisenhower in the Senate Wednesday to "announce the support of his administration for formal congressional action repudiating the Yalta agreements."

WAIT 'FULL STUDY'

Knowland, Republican floor leader, did not comment on McCarthy's demand. But he said in an interview that as far as he is concerned, any action will have to await "full study" of the 1945 conference record made public Wednesday night by the State Department.

CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

McCarthy told the Senate Republicans had failed to live up to a 1952 platform pledge to repudiate the Yalta agreements. He said he is "not optimistic" about GOP chances in 1956 "if we come

before the American people with a series of broken campaign promises."

He blamed Eisenhower's brother Milton and "holdovers from the Roosevelt regime" for swaying the President from a policy aimed at "liberation" of the Iron Curtain countries to one of "coexistence" with communism.

"I merely mention Milton Eisenhower because he is typical of the palace guard of New Dealers which lead like around without his knowing exactly where they are taking him," McCarthy said.

The White House had no comment. Efforts to reach Milton Eisenhower were unsuccessful. President of Penn State University, he has sometimes acted as adviser to the President on Latin-American affairs.

COUNTERACT CLAIMS

Knowland indicated repudiation of the Yalta agreements might counteract American claims that the Soviets failed to hold the free elections they had pledged for what are now Iron Curtain satellites. Repudiation also might wash out the basis under which the Big Four now control Berlin.

There was little immediate comment on the 500,000-word Yalta record. A number of Congress members said they had not had time to study it.

Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.), however, said it showed the late President Roosevelt had made "an almost unpardonable error" in granting concessions to the

Russians, but he added: "In all fairness, he was a sick man."

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said publication of the documents was "a very dangerous step . . . to satisfy the more vitriolic elements of the Republican party." He named no names. As for the papers themselves, he said, they "will provide interesting reading but, I fear, will do nothing to settle our present-day problems."

President Chiang Kai-shek, in southern Formosa, was not expected to comment.

The matter was not even mentioned at a routine Cabinet meeting, according to a minister who attended.

'NOT REPRESENTED'

Foreign Minister George Yeh issued this statement:

"China was not represented at the Yalta conference. Nor was she consulted before or during the conference on any of the understandings reached between the participating powers."

"The publication today of these secret documents will enable the free peoples of the world better to assess the far-reaching consequences of the agreements in the light of the events that have since taken place."

Ousted Envoys Leave for Home

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Under the watchful eye of a heavy police guard, 2 Czech legation men ordered expelled from Sweden on charges of espionage left by plane Thursday for Prague. They were Capt. Zdenek Jan-

sa, assistant military attache, and Pira Sladek, whose job was listed by the legation as a chauffeur. Their wives and children accompanied them. Also taking the plane was the wife of Maj. Frantisek Nemec, the military attache.

Prince Succumbs

VADUZ, Liechtenstein (AP) — Prince Alois, father of ruling Francis Joseph II of the tiny principality of Liechtenstein, died Wednesday night in the family castle here. He was 88.

Nemec left hurriedly by plane for Prague last Saturday when Swedish security police cracked down on Communist spy suspects, arresting 11 persons. Jan-sa, Sladek and Nemec had been listed by Sweden as persona non grata — diplomatically unacceptable.

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