

London Newspaper Says Britain Has A-Bomb

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New York, Dec. 16 (AP)—The report of the London Daily Mirror that Britain has the A-bomb affirms a belief scientists have held. This belief was first, that the British knew how to make them; second, that Britain would probably be the first foreign nation to make A-bombs. The London Mirror story does not say how long Britain has had A-bombs but indicates the first might have been made two years ago.

To scientists, it was incredible that there could be any secrets of A-bomb structure from the British. Sir John Cockcroft, who came to the United States to work on the American bomb project, was the discoverer of the particle that splits the bomb atoms.

Before him, Lord Rutherford gave the scientist world its first proof of what goes on inside of atoms that are emitting atomic energy.

When World War Two broke out, Columbia University's head of physics, Dr. George B. Pegram went to England to confer with the British about the possibility of Germany making an A-bomb.

What he and other American scientists learned then from British scientists was shortly afterward part of the evidence that stirred President Roosevelt to authorize the American A-bomb project.

At Bikini, before the present McMahon law prohibited exchange of information, a British scientist was one of the members of the scientific staff.

His identity was so secret that when he talked to reporters in a conference on the press ship Appalachian, the newspapermen were requested to omit his identity.

Legion Plans Shoot
Woodburn — The Woodburn American Legion post will sponsor another turkey shoot tonight at the Legion hall on the highway at Woodburn. Both turkeys and hams will be available as prizes. Pat DeJardin is general chairman of the shoot.

Hershey Asks Keep Draft As 'Insurance'

Washington, Dec. 16 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service believes an extension of the draft act would be insurance against aggression. Speaking at an Elk club luncheon Wednesday, Hershey said

"Intelligent people don't let their insurance lapse just because they haven't needed it." The selective service act expires June 24, and speculation here has been that the armed forces will have a hard time getting it extended.

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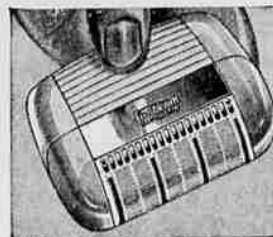
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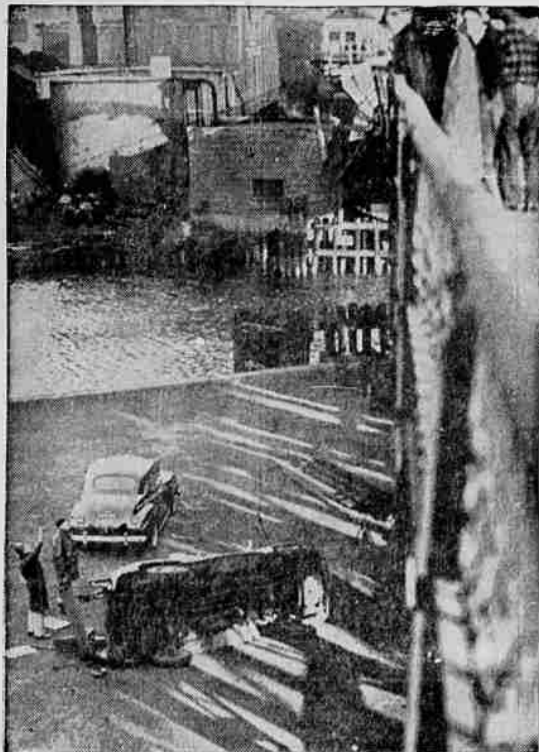
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Death of Attractive Girl, 21, Investigated by Detectives

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16 (AP)—Homicide detectives today investigated the death of 21-year-old Jean Costello, an attractive airline employe, at Peter Bent Brigham hospital.

Miss Costello, of Herington, Kan., "space control" girl for apital airlines in Washington, had been flown here Saturday for emergency treatment. She died Tuesday night.

Medical Examiner William J. Brickley ordered the investigation after performing an autopsy. Washington authorities also were asked to check into the case.

Dr. Brickley said the girl was an expectant mother and that death resulted from blood poisoning due to perforation of an internal organ. He said he was unable to determine in the autopsy whether she had undergone a criminal operation which might have led her to death.

Miss Costello collapsed while at work in Washington last Thursday and was admitted to Georgetown hospital as an emergency patient. She was found suffering from loss of blood and "blocking" of both kidneys.

Dr. William Leary decided she should be brought to the Peter Bent Brigham hospital which has a "mechanical kidney," a device used in such cases.

Miss Costello was flown here in a plane provided by Capital Airlines. She was accompanied by Dr. Leary, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Costello of Herington, and a brother, Richard, 24.

Piloting the plane was the late William J. Davis of Alexandria, Va., the pilot of a Capital Airlines DC-3 which crashed Monday night in the Potomac river at Washington killing him and three others.

Questioned here, the girl's parents said they had hurried to the capital from Kansas after being telephoned by their daughter's landlady and told of her illness.

"We are just poor people," Costello said. "We had not seen our Jean for two years."

"It was her first real job since graduating from high school and her mother and I went to see her at her Washington home where we found her ill."

Her parents made plans to fly her body back to Herington for burial.

Farm Bureau Raps Brannan

Chicago, Dec. 16 (AP)—The American farm bureau federation convention today heard the Brannan farm program termed "an opening wedge which eventually would result in government supervision and permanent agricultural poverty."

"There is no good reason why the government should pay part of the grocery bill of every citizen," a resolution read to delegates to the 31st annual convention of the federation added.

The Brannan plan resolution and others were submitted to the convention for action. A vote is expected late today, and the tone of the first three days of the meeting pointed to approval of the farm organization's policy statement.

Federation leaders have spoken against the farm plan proposed by the secretary of agriculture, President Allan B. Kline of the federation termed it "a political scheme to get the votes of both farmers and consumers."

Brannan did not speak at the federation's annual meeting. The principal speaker, a role usually reserved for the government's incumbent agriculture chief, was Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (R., N. M.), former secretary of agriculture.

Anderson told federation delegates yesterday that farmers should "speak for themselves" first of all "by exercising their civic responsibility to take an active part in public affairs" . . . and through their own farm organizations."



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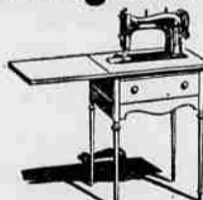
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