

Russians Claimed to Be On Par With West In Atomic Knowledge

(Editor's note: The United States is now reported to be considering whether to manufacture a hydrogen bomb, which has been estimated to be 1,000 times more powerful than the atomic bomb which leveled Hiroshima. Two big questions are posed in connection with this decision: Would Russia make a hydrogen bomb, can Russia make a hydrogen bomb? In the following interview with the United Press, Pavlo D. Lysenko, brother of one of the top Russian scientists, gives his views on these questions.)

By Gene D. Symonds
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New York, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—A top Ukrainian scientist who broke with the Soviet Union says that Russia has "as much or more" atomic know-how as the western powers and would not hesitate to build a hydrogen bomb if the Kremlin thought it necessary.

Pavlo D. Lysenko, once one of the top Soviet industrial chemists and a brother of Trofim D. Lysenko, leading Soviet biological theoretician, said in an interview yesterday that the Russians would not be stopped from building an H-bomb because of moral or financial reasons.

Russians Have Technical Know-How

He said that if Russia decides, or already had decided to build an H-bomb, they have the technical know-how to do the job.

Lysenko said Russian experiments with atomic energy, combined with what they had learned through espionage, placed them at least on a par with the western powers in atomic knowledge.

Lysenko broke with the Soviet regime shortly before his capture by the Germans in 1942. He was brought to this country last year by the international rescue committee to enable the government to make use of his knowledge.

Since that time he has kept himself informed on scientific developments in Russia through Russian publications and "other sources," presumably other eastern European expatriates.

Acquisitions in China Provide Uranium

He said that through Russian technical publications available here and the "other sources" he was able to have a fairly composite picture of scientific study in Russia.

He said recent "acquisitions" of huge portions of China by Russia would give it the great amounts of uranium needed to build a large stockpile of atomic bombs.

Asked whether he thought the manufacture of the hydrogen bomb now by the United States would help to prevent war, Lysenko said the Soviet government "does not take the hydrogen or atom bombs as decisive weapons and thinks the way to victory will be through political 'blunders' committed by the western powers."

'Open Letter to Stalin' Planned Soon

He said he would elaborate on how the key to peace lies with the United States in an "open letter to Stalin" which he plans to publish in the near future.

Lysenko said that unlike the psychological situation in America whereby the atomic weapons are looked upon as absolute weapons, Kremlin planners think of them merely as subsidiary weapons to be correlated with other methods.

Lysenko is living in the New York City area with his wife and two young children under the protection of the international rescue committee and a security agency of the government.

Washington, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Bernard Baruch said today that this country ought to make the hydrogen bomb if it can.

The elder statesman and author of the world atomic control plan rejected in the United Nations by Russia made his views known to the United Press as atomic officials explored the subject in a secret hearing with key congressmen at the capital.

"If you knew of any instrumentality to defend your life, would you try to get it?" Baruch asked. "The question answers itself."

We Ought to Be Willing to Listen

Asked whether he felt the hydrogen bomb issue—with which President Truman and his advisers are struggling—means a new effort should be made toward an atomic control agreement with Russia, Baruch replied:

"We ought to be willing to listen to anything that Russia or anybody else has to propose."

But he made it clear that any control proposal would have to provide fool proof safeguards to be acceptable to the United States.

The one vital factor "we must keep in mind," he said, is whether the plan would assure "peace to the world."

Surprise Storm Hits Northwestern Oregon

Portland, Ore., Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Northwestern Oregon was hit by a surprise snowstorm early today.

The snow blew in from a storm that had been hovering southwest of the area and brought not only freezing temperatures but heavy rain along the coast and in the southern section of the Willamette valley.

Snow in Portland

Six to eight inches of snow fell in the Portland metropolitan area, with more piling up in the heights around the city. Traffic was slowed throughout the morning.

The weather bureau said the storm was moving on into central and southeastern Oregon and would strike there late in the day.

Communications troubles began to plague western Oregon again and the Bonneville power administration announced that Eugene-Mapleton 115,000-kv line serving the central Lincoln county PUD, including Newport and Toledo, went out at 8:33 a.m. The Pasco-Benton 45,000-kv line went out at 5 a.m. from a broken conductor and service was being maintained over a Pacific Power and Light company alternate route.

Rain at Dorena

The army's corps of engineers announced that overnight rain at Dorena dam reached 1.4 inches and more than an inch fell at Cottage Grove dam, Lookout Point dam and Fernridge dam. During the morning the rain turned to heavy snow.

The Dalles-Celilo canal lock

Ski Conditions

Prospects for skiing at Crater Lake were poor today with nine and a half inches of new powder snow and week-end prospects at Sky Trail at Siskiyou summit were said to be good.

Six inches of new snow have fallen at Sky Trail on packed ski run. The top tow and lunch room service will be open there Saturday and Sunday.

Nine and a half inches of powdery new snow have fallen at Crater Lake park, to make a total of 266 inches since January 1. This exceeds the former all time record of 256 inches recorded in January 1933.

It was snowing hard at park headquarters this morning. Maximum temperature in past 24 hours was 23, minimum was 15 and reading at 8:30 a.m. today was 17. Present depth of snow is 114 inches. The rim road was closed temporarily by snow this morning.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Rain in valley, and snow in mountains tonight and Saturday. Continued cold.

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Fire Consultant To Assume Duties Here February 1

Portland Captain Is 'Loaned' to Medford

Senior Captain Leo E. Weidner of the Portland fire department, will arrive in Medford about February 1 to take over his duties as consultant and acting fire chief. It was announced today by Mayor Diamond Flynn.

The Portland city council late yesterday passed an ordinance which will permit Captain Weidner to be "loaned" to Medford for a period of four months. Negotiations for his services have been under way for some time, Mayor Flynn said.

The Medford city council announced late in December that it hoped to obtain the services of a qualified man to review Medford's fire protection needs this year. He will serve as acting chief of the department while he is here.

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Soil Conservation District Election Expected In March As Result of Hearings In County Yesterday

The state soil conservation committee is expected to order referendum election in Jackson county March 22 as the result of yesterday's hearings in the formation of a soil conservation district.

Two members of the committee, Otto Bohnert, Central Point, and William L. Teutsch, Corvallis, conducted the hearings during the day to determine the need for, and the interest in, the formation of a district with boundaries coinciding with the boundaries of Jackson county.

Opinion Divided

Less than 15 landowners attended the hearing in Rogue River yesterday afternoon and were divided about half and half for and against the formation of a district. At last night's hearing in Phoenix more than 100 landowners from widely scattered parts of the county met in the Phoenix Grange hall to express almost unanimous approval of the proposed district.

As a result of the lack of interest shown in Rogue River, representatives of the committee were advised to exclude



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Union To Protest Election Results, Voters Challenged

Employees of Bear Creek orchards and Southern Oregon Sales, Inc., yesterday voted to turn down a bid by an AFL union local to represent them in collective bargaining at the two plants, but the union today declared it would protest the election and ask that the results be thrown out.

M. E. Linder, elections examiner for the national labor relations board which supervised the voting, said a total of 149 employees cast ballots during the day—10 of them from SOS and 139 from Bear Creek orchards. Three of the Bear Creek employees voted in favor of the union, and seven against. Bear Creek workers voted 41 for the union and 37 against with one ballot declared void and 39 voters challenged by either union or employer observers.

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Secret Service Cracks Counterfeit Ring

New York, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Federal authorities announced today the cracking of "one of the biggest counterfeiting rings in the country."

Four men were arrested here and one in Los Angeles.

Secret service agents recovered \$200,000 in counterfeit bills.

Assistant United States Attorney Irving H. Saypol said the gang had been selling phony American dollars for 20 cents on the dollar.

Those arrested here were Anthony Chiarella, 33; Vincent Pitalano, 35; Anthony Pitaranelli, 26; and Joseph Nardone, 49.

Commercial artist John J. Stan- cin, 33, was arrested in Los Angeles.

Chiarella, Pitalano and Pitaranelli were held in \$100,000 bail each when arraigned early today before U. S. Commissioner Edward W. McDonald. Nardone, a taxi driver, was held in \$20,000 bail.

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Russia Defiantly Tightens Squeeze On Berlin Traffic

Pileup Of Trucks Worst Since Saturday

Berlin, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—The Russians tightened their squeeze on traffic between Berlin and west Germany today in defiance of a protest by the western Big Three.

Police at Helmsdorf, where the main Berlin highway crosses the zonal border, said the pileup of trucks there was the worst since the slowdown began last Saturday.

They said more than 250 trucks were jammed bumper to bumper in a four-mile line on the west side of the Soviet checkpoint, and another 50 were on the east side.

For the first time, police said, milk trucks were made to line up with the other trucks. They said the delay would endanger the supply of milk for Berlin children.

Fur-capped Russian border guards were passing from two to six vehicles an hour compared to a normal rate of 15 to 20 an hour.

Charles A. Dix, Berlin's American transport chief, said the average Berlin-bound truck was forced to wait from 30 to 40 hours for clearance. West-bound trucks waited an average of 12 hours, he said.

Immediate Steps Asked

The three-power western protest was delivered last night to the Soviet commander, Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov. It demands that the Russians take "immediate" steps to free traffic between Berlin and west Germany.

The protest said the three western Berlin commanders felt "it is the Soviet intention to thwart the decision" of the Big Four foreign ministers conference in Paris guaranteeing normal travel.

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hospital associations attempted to "dictate how to treat my patients."

Doesn't Approve

"I don't approve of that," McKeown testified. "They told me when to do GI studies, when to take x-rays and when to use surgery."

In cross-examination Government Attorney Philip Marcus asked McKeown if it wasn't true "that the state society and your association (Coos Bay Hospital association) prepaid plan formed by doctors got together and decided to boycott the commercial hospital associations?"

"I deny that emphatically," McKeown replied.

Dr. John D. Rankin of Coquille testified he didn't approve of commercial hospital associations "primarily because the hospital associations ran the doctors, rather than the doctors run the hospital association."

Like Own Autonomy

He said Coos county doctors decided to keep the doctor-owned Coos Bay Hospital association rather than take the Oregon physicians service because "we decided we liked our own local autonomy."

Dr. George W. Smiley of Astoria said he no longer took commercial hospital association patients because they are "detrimental to the best interests of the public and the medical profession. I think they should be forced to operate strictly on the indemnity principle—which we can do by refusing to take tickets."

Dr. Russell W. Parcher of Seaside testified he "knew how I wanted to practice my profession" and that did not include accepting hospital association tickets.

The government has charged Oregon doctors and doctor groups with conspiring against commercial hospital associations.

Weather Halts Work On Refloating Big Mo

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—The navy stopped all operations on the refloating of the stranded battleship Missouri today because of stiff winds and heavy seas.

A navy spokesman said it was hoped the salvage work could be resumed tomorrow.

North-northeast winds of 20 to 25 miles per hour, with gusts up to 40 miles per hour whipped the Hampton Roads area. Visibility was poor and the seas rough.

Submarine pontoons were to have been put in place beside the stern today and ammunition was to have been removed.

Barge Explosion In Louisiana Injures Two

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—A barge blew up in the Mississippi river today and though the explosion was so violent that it shook the 36-story state capital building and capitol annex, police said only two men were injured.

Police said both the injured men are Negroes. They were working on the barge, which probably had gasoline or other chemical fumes in it. One of the men was believed to be injured seriously.

Author Denied Use Of Portland Auditorium

Portland, Ore., Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Portland school directors have decided to deny use of Benson Technical high school auditorium to Carey McWilliams, California author, on grounds McWilliams had been affiliated with organizations described as "subversive."

The decision was based largely on a recommendation by Capt. William D. Browne of the Portland police department and American Legion.

C-54 Transport Plane Missing In Yukon

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—An American air force C-54 transport plane carrying 44 persons including a woman, a child and military personnel on furlough was missing today and a "hot" reported seeing ground flares 225 miles east of here.

The flares were sighted near Watson Lake, B. C., on the British Columbia-Yukon border.

Depoe Bay, Ore., Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—A Japanese horned mine which washed up on Gleneden beach six miles north of here will be exploded today by a demolition expert.

Eight European Nations Will Get U. S. Assistance

Washington, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—The United States and eight Atlantic pact allies today signed formal mutual aid agreements providing for rush delivery of \$1 billion of American arms to free western Europe within the next few months.

In return, the eight nations getting the free weapons promised to use them to prepare their defenses against a possible Soviet attack. They also promised to help arm each other and to give the United States what bases and strategic materials they can without endangering their own economy.

Supplement To Pact

The agreements, a supplement to the Atlantic pact, bound the United States into the closest peacetime alliance in its history.

Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson signed the separate agreement for the United States in ceremonies at the state department auditorium. Top diplomats signed for the European countries—Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Denmark and Norway.

British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks signed the British pact at his embassy several hours before the others and took off immediately for London for consultations with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. The others signed in a group.

Each of the agreements varied in detail, but generally covered the same ground, stating specifically that the American arms gift is "designed to promote the integrated defense of the North Atlantic area."

The text of the agreements made public after the signing showed that Great Britain won the right to transfer the American weapons to other areas if he replaced them in the western European arms pool.

The British pact, which had bogged down on that point for months, set the tone for the others and proclaimed the principle that "economic recovery is essential to international peace and security and must be given priority."

Solon To Ask New Hiss-Chambers Probe

Washington, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R., Cal.) said today he will ask the house un-American activities committee to reopen its investigation of the Alger Hiss-Whittaker Chambers spy case.

Nixon, the ranking GOP committee member who played a leading role in gathering evidence in the case, said he felt the committee should pick up where it left off when Hiss was indicted more than a year ago.

In a speech on the house floor yesterday, Nixon reviewed the events leading up to Hiss' conviction of perjury. He said the nation should "know the scope and extent" of the infiltration of communist espionage agents into the state department so it can guard against "any such situation in the future."

Assailing both President Truman and the late President Roosevelt for "failure to act on evidence that the Russians tried to steal A-bomb secrets," Nixon said the Hiss case "should be compelling proof that the statute of limitations for espionage should be extended to 10 years instead of the present three."

Radio Highlights

Radio Station KYJC (1230 kc) will broadcast the Rocky Castellani-Ernie Durando boxing match from Madison Square garden tonight, starting at 7 o'clock.

Station KWIN (1400 kc) will aid the Southern Oregon college-Chico State basketball game from Ashland tonight, starting at 8 o'clock, and will broadcast the Oregon-Washington game from Eugene at 8 p.m. Saturday. Immediately following, KWIN will air, by delayed broadcast, the Medford-Central Point game being played at Central Point.

AWAIT SENTENCES

Arlon Gene Stockton and Christopher Holder Jr. yesterday entered a plea of guilty in circuit court on a charge of grand larceny. They are accused of taking a motor and generator from a car owned by Pearl Brewster, 7 Chestnut street, on January 20. District Attorney George Neilson said they are being held pending pre-sentence reports.