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Spy Gave Russ H-Bomb Start

Washington, Feb. 4—(U.P.)—Congress was told today that the British scientist now under arrest as a Russian spy had enough information to launch the Soviets on a race with us for the hydrogen super-bomb.

Shocked and angry members of the joint congressional atomic committee also were informed that Dr. Klaus E. J. Fuchs may have given the Russians "well over a year's advantage" in developing the uranium bomb they exploded last year.

Gen. Groves Speaks
Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, the retired army officer who ran this country's first atomic bomb project during the war years, broke that news to the committee at a three-hour closed hearing.

He said that the German-born Fuchs worked in the project from 1943 to 1948 as "top man" of a 20-man British mission at Los Alamos, N.M., and had "complete access" to American atomic secrets.

Improving Weather Seen For Airplane Search In Alaska

Whitehorse, Y. T., Feb. 4—(U.P.)—An expected improvement in flying conditions tomorrow led ground crews Saturday night to prepare every possible plane for flight in the search for a missing C-54 army transport.

Officers directing the search for the plane, lost with 44 persons aboard nine days ago, said nearly 40 aircraft should be able to go aloft tomorrow if skies clear as expected.

Only 15 planes were able to fly today as snow storms lowered ceilings and closed down most flight sectors.

Ground crews were licking maintenance problems as officers reported "no untoward" mechanical trouble in the fleet of search planes. Earlier, cold weather breakdowns plagued the searchers.

The U. S. coast guard's weather ship Escanaba picked up a weak signal on the 8280 kilocycle distress frequency this morning and alerted all direction finder stations.

A 15-man trail crew tramped through deep drifts near Haines Junction west of here where a forest ranger reported a column of smoke rising from the treacherous, tree-studded terrain.

Portland Gas Fumes Kills One, Hurts 3

Portland, Ore., Feb. 4—(U.P.)—Gas company officials today blamed fumes seeping from a two-inch, underground line for the death of one man and the injury of three others.

Hans H. Smith, 65, was found dead in his home by police. Three others, who were overcome, were taken to hospitals from their residences.

Meanwhile, residents in three southeast district blocks were alerted as the fumes traveled along underground connections into houses.

Soviet Ship Herded Into Korean Waters

Seoul, Korea, (Sunday) Feb. 5—(U.P.)—The Soviet tanker Pamir was herded by South Korean patrol vessels into North Korean waters last night after being challenged Friday south of the 38th parallel boundary.

The navy said the Russian ship was kept under constant surveillance by South Korean patrol ships for more than 24 hours until she crossed the parallel dividing American and Soviet controlled sections of Korea.

The navy said there were no further reports of the sighting of two other unidentified ships yesterday.

Navy Court Of Inquiry Probes Big Mo Disaster

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4—(U.P.)—A naval court of inquiry studied the log books of the USS Missouri today and a civilian compass expert said magnetic mine fields in Hampton Roads might have caused the battleship to go aground last January 17.

Headed by Rear Adm. Milton E. Miles, the three-member court is seeking to fix responsibility for the accident which stranded the navy's only active battleship for 15 days on Thimble Shoals.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers Sunday and Monday; continued mild.

Temperature: 34-42
Precipitation: Trace
To 9:30 yesterday: Trace

Chairman Brien McMahon (D., Conn.) told newsmen that Fuchs "certainly" had an inside track on super-secret American hydrogen bomb data. Groves agreed.

Truman Orders Start
President Truman only last Tuesday ordered the atomic energy commission to build the H-bomb which, in theory at least, will have an explosive power 1,000 times that of the old uranium bomb. The H-bomb still is so secret that the president has ordered American officials not even to discuss it in general terms.

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'MAN OVERBOARD'—Rescue operations of the aircraft carrier Midway in the Atlantic were enlivened when a sailor, R. L. Beasley (arrow, left), was accidentally knocked overboard. Beasley was rescued from his unswerving bath by a helicopter and brought safely back to the carrier's deck (right) three minutes after the mishap.

Lane County Picked To Start All-Out Unemployment Drive

Salem, Ore., Feb. 4—(U.P.)—The state of Oregon has picked Lane county, with its populous Eugene-Springfield area and its terrain ranging from the coast to the Cascades, as the place to start its all-out drive against increasing unemployment.

Gov. Douglas McKay's council of employment, holding its organization meeting here Friday, decided that Lane county would be as apt a place as any to start the campaign for increased employment. Other areas are expected to get into the drive within a few weeks.

First Meeting Held
Dr. Calvin Crumbaker of the University of Oregon, chairman of the employment council, is expected to name local representatives in Lane county soon and the council will hold its next meeting in Eugene February 24 to give the local organization support in its kickoff for the campaign.

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By Aldo Forte
United Press Correspondent
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In an exclusive interview with the United Press—his first interview since the baby was born Thursday—Rossellini said the baby's full name will be "Roberto Ingrid."

He explained that the surname was the Swedish masculine equivalent of Ingrid.

He said he would marry Miss Bergman in a civil ceremony as soon as the Swedish actress obtains her Mexican divorce from Dr. Peter Lindstrom, and that he would make a formal declaration of the paternity of "my son" immediately after the ceremony.

Eugene and M. E. Steele and George Brown of Portland, all representing labor, and Jack Jennings of Portland, J. C. Compton of McMinnville and Andrew Collier of Klamath Falls, representing management.

Council members were invited to attend the next inter-governmental conference of Pacific coast states in Portland March 3, when