

Background on Russia's Spying on Nixon Told

Editor's Note: In the controversy over spying and counter-spionage, the United States recently disclosed that a listening device was put by the Russians in a seal in the American Embassy in Moscow several years ago. A further Soviet attempt to "bug" the American Embassy before Vice President Nixon's trip to Russia last summer is recounted in the following dispatch. The author accompanied Nixon on the trip.

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Washington—UPI—The Russians planted a spy device in the U.S. Embassy residence in Moscow shortly before Vice President Richard M. Nixon visited the Soviet Union last summer but it was discovered and removed before Nixon arrived.

The abortive Soviet attempt to penetrate the Embassy residence, known as Spasso House, was disclosed by sources who also said:

There were hidden listening devices in all of the Soviet guest houses where Nixon stayed on his way through Russia, including Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's dacha some 25 miles down the Moscow river from the Soviet capital. These were permanent installations placed there long before Nixon's visit. The guest houses—in Leningrad, Novosibirsk, and Sverdlovsk (near where the American U2 spy plane was brought down)—are used by visiting dignitaries of other countries as well as Soviet officials who go there to rest. This suggests the Soviets listen in on their own people.

Thoroughly "Bugged"

Khrushchev's dacha, where the Vice President and Mrs. Nixon spent their first Saturday night in Moscow as guests of the Soviet Premier, is thoroughly "bugged." It is even equipped with a recording room to pick up conversation from all points in the building. There is evidence that this is not Khrushchev's residential dacha, but a place where top Communists meet for high level discussions.

There was evidence that baggage of members of the Nixon party who stayed in one of Moscow's newer hotels had been opened, examined and the contents photographed and their hotel rooms also where "listened in on."

The spying device focused in Spasso House was concealed in a second floor chandelier, close to the study used by U.S. Ambassador Lewellyn Thompson. This study was used by Nixon later for consultations with Thompson and others.

The device was described as a highly sensitive and sophisticated one which could pick up conversation on a given command by an outside control point and relayed or broadcast to a point outside the Embassy residence.

The device apparently was installed surreptitiously while painting, cleaning and remodeling were being done inside the residence prior to Nixon's arrival. Such refurb-

ishing is done by the Russians, who insist on this arrangement because Spasso House is Soviet property. This is in contrast with the arrangement here where the Russian Embassy is owned by the Soviet Union and the Russians do their own maintenance, wiring and other work.

The spying device was discovered by Embassy personnel in a regular check up after Russian technicians came to the residence to do some work.

Before and after Nixon's arrival, Embassy personnel kept a careful monitoring check in the area of the residence where the device had been found. The area was swept electronically before each conference Nixon held. During the conferences, American technical personnel stood by and monitored the conversations in order to detect whether any other device was picking up conversation.

There was no evidence that any other outside device was found in the Embassy residence, but American technicians kept close tabs on the telephones in the Embassy residence to guard against hidden microphones inasmuch as all wiring entering Spasso House is under Communist control.

Evidence that listening devices were installed in the guest houses Nixon visited was furnished as a result of an experimental conversation which did not involve security matters. In this experiment there was a conversation about a member of the Nixon party. For purposes of the experiment, this member was given a certain rank which he did not actually hold. The following morning Soviet officials addressed this member by his phony rank and treated him with greater deference than he had hitherto received.

U.S.-Mexico Drug Negotiations Asked

Washington—UPI—Sen. Thomas C. Hennings Jr. (D-Mo.) has called for negotiations between the U.S. and Mexico to crack down on widespread narcotics peddling and prostitution along the 1200-mile border between the two countries.

Hennings issued a statement in advance of publication of the annual report of his Senate Juvenile Delinquency Committee report recommending "bold measures to control the insidious trafficking in drugs."

The senator said heroin and marijuana smuggling across the border lead to teenage drug addiction, which in turn leads to holdups, burglaries and robberies committed by addicts for funds to feed their habit.

Tokyo—UPI—Frank H. Bartholomew, president of United Press International, arrived today from New York in connection with UPI's coverage of the visit of President Eisenhower.

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TRUCK-ENGINE CRASH—A gas truck hit a deisel switch engine pulling a string of freight cars at Jacksonville, Fla., Friday. The first seven cars of the train were afire from the burning gas. Six persons were rushed to the hospital in critical condition after the accident happened when traffic was heaviest in the evening rush. —(UPI Telephoto)

Weather Warning System Tested In Middle West

Boston—(Science Service)—A new automatic weather system that pinpoints lightning discharges from severe electrical storms over most of North America is now under test in the central U.S.

The new method detects lightning discharges at a distance of 2,000 miles and relays the information to a central collection point.

The equipment, developed by the U.S. Army Signal Research and Development Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, N.J., is operated by personnel of the Air Weather Service. It represents a further development of the so-called "sferics," a system of locating and tracking storms through the radio static caused by lightning.

The central station for the automatic weather system is at Kansas City, Mo., with six auxiliary stations in neighboring states. The detector stations are equipped with special radio receivers that pick up static generated by lightning. Each station detects the discharges and simultaneously records the time and compass direction. This information is then relayed to the central monitor at Kansas City.

An electronic device plots and displays on a special map of North America the position of the lightning within a tenth of a second after receipt. Thus an operator, watching the map, can follow increasing electrical activity that

might indicate developing thunderstorms or possibly tornadoes.

When more stations are in operation, the new weather warning system will be particularly valuable in tracking electrical disturbances over ocean areas where there are no permanent observing stations. The system is reported in the current Weatherwise, published for the American Meteorological Society here.

Salem—UPI—The State Board of Education has appointed Dr. Leona Tyler of Eugene, of the University of Oregon psychology department, to the professional advisory committee of the Oregon Education Department's vocational rehabilitation division.

Okinawa Group To Protest Ike

Noho, Okinawa—UPI—An Okinawan political group has vowed to mobilize 15,000 persons to demonstrate against President Eisenhower during his brief visit here June 19. But Okinawan officials said no demonstrations would be permitted.

The Council for the Return of Okinawa to Japanese Control said it definitely would hold a noisy but non-violent demonstration.

Officials of the group said they would pass out thousands of Japanese "rising sun" flags for the demonstrators to wave. Japanese flags normally are banned here but U.S. civil administration officials said the President's visit is non-political and the flags may be flown except from government buildings.

Reclamation Projects Studied

Walla Walla—UPI—The Bureau of Reclamation is studying four possible projects in southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon which could irrigate some 30,000 acres, according to Harold T. Nelson, Boise, regional director of the bureau.

Nelson said the project would be along the Touchet river above Dayton, the Gardena unit near the Oregon border and on Blue creek in Washington and on the Walla Walla river above Milton-Freewater, Ore.

The Gardena project would involve use of water from McNary dam pool and the others would mean construction of dams. Nelson said about \$45,000 had been authorized for the study.

Eugene—UPI—The building committee of the State Board of Higher Education has accepted low bids totaling \$2,525,000 for Classroom Building South at Portland State college.

4-H NEWS

Applegate Sewing Susans
Five members and five visitors attended the last meeting of the Applegate Sewing Susans.

Alicia Elmore is to contact the absent members about the visitor's picnic day. It was moved and seconded that the club pay Sandy Brewster the money for the refreshments for the Mother's tea.

The club discussed summer camp. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Susan Head, Reporter.

Kennedy Expects Minimum Pay Vote

Washington—UPI—Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said Monday he felt sure the Senate Labor Committee would complete action this week on his bill to boost the federal minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour.

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.), also a member of the Committee, agreed that "good progress" had been made on the measure and work soon would be finished.

The Committee met behind closed doors today to continue consideration of amendments.

Grange News

Griffin Creek
Master Herman Kamping presided at the June 11 meeting of Griffin Creek Grange. Candidate Harry Haertle was obligated in third and fourth degrees by Kamping.

It was announced by the Home Economics club chairman that a covered dish dinner would be served at the next meeting of the club. It will be held Wednesday, June 15.

It was reported that 10 of the trees planted by the Grange are flourishing. Lecturer Cyril Farnsworth was in charge of the program.

Subsidies Signed For Fishermen

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower has signed a bill to provide \$7,500,000 in subsidies to help the nation's fishermen build new boats, the White House has announced.

Some 60,000 fishermen—many of them in the New England area—are expected to benefit from subsidies. The law provides \$2,500,000 a year for the three-year period to help construct new vessels in U.S. shipyards.

The federal government will pay the difference between foreign and domestic construction up to one-third of the lowest domestic bid.

The new law is expected to provide a financial shot in the arm to the U.S. fishing industry which has been ailing since 1947 because of foreign competition.

Pendleton—UPI—Railroad officials said today a broken wheel on the 22nd freight car from the front caused derailment of 29 cars of a 124-car Union Pacific freight train 40 miles west of here Wednesday.

BIRTH RATE
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