

Russ, U.S. Atom Tests Mysterious

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A third atomic blast has occurred in Russia, the White House announced late yesterday, and "there may be more such explosions from time to time."

Giving those bare details, White House Press Secy Joseph E. Borchert said the third atomic blast in the Soviet was "apparently . . . part of a test series."

The announcement came on the same day that the U. S. atomic energy commission set off a puzzlingly small atomic blast on the Frenchman's Flat testing ground near Las Vegas, Nev.

Unofficial observers some distance from the scene reported the explosion flared for only a tenth of a second or so. Officials in charge said the "desired scientific data had been obtained" but declined to comment on implications of the test.

SUCCESS

Dr. Albert G. Crovino, scientific test chief for the AEC, declared: "It was not a fizzle or a dud."

The test, delayed first by faulty wiring in some of the intricate test mechanism and then by unfavorable weather, was conducted from a 100-foot steel tower, which was demolished.

"There's nothing left of the tower out there," Test Mgr. Carl L. Tyler told newsmen. He added that all AEC personnel wore dark glasses and took the same precautions which have been taken in the more spectacular previous tests.

U. S. atomic scientists are known to have been working for some time on smaller atomic tests suitable for tactical use against enemy troops on the battlefield, and onlookers speculated that such a bomb may have been tested at Las Vegas.

TINY BOMB

The detonation came just at sunrise yesterday, and the small flash had little chance of carrying far against the sun's strong rays. Yet observers who did see the tiny blob of light from a mountain 50 miles away were skeptical that they could have seen much more of it in darkness.

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The White House announcement about the Soviet exploding atom just use the word "bomb," which was employed October 3 in the announcement by Premier Joseph Stalin on October 6. Stalin had said:

"The testing of atomic bombs of various calibers will be carried out in the future . . . according to the plan for our country's defense against the Anglo-American aggressive front."

To such questions as when the next Soviet blast occurred, Short said "it is not in the national interest to say more than I have already said."

This country could obtain information about Russian atomic tests by any of a number of scientific detection methods or directly by espionage, getting data from informers behind the Iron Curtain.

The first announcement of an atomic explosion in Russia was made by the White House on September 23, 1949.

Manila Papers Offer News

MANILA, (AP)—American military authorities here say the arrival time of Gen. J. Lawton Collins, U. S. army chief of staff, is a top secret. They declined to release the data to American news correspondents for publication.

But Manila newspapers are not restrained by U. S. military regulations. They report:

Collins will arrive at 4:30 p. m. tomorrow on his world tour, he honored at a reception by U. S. Ambassador Myron M. Cowen, and leave at 9 a. m. Friday for Korea and Japan.

FRED A. KNIGHT

ROSEBURG, (AP)—Fred A. Knight, 73, died Monday afternoon at his home here following a long illness from heart ailment. Born in Farmer City, Ill., he was engaged for many years in the butcher trade. He came to Roseburg with his family from Nebraska in 1921. In 1938 he joined with his son-in-law in the automotive repair firm of Knight and Porter.

Vatican Recognition Act Protested

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Opposition by Sen. Connally (D-Texas) gave weight today to a Democratic move to avoid a vote on Pres. Truman's nomination of Gen. Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican.

Connally based his fight against the appointment on Clark's world war two command of the 36th Texas national guard division in the bloody Rapido river crossing in Italy.

But a Democratic senator who usually supports Mr. Truman's proposals told a reporter he and others hope for avoidance of the religious issue raised by the president's move to give full diplomatic recognition to the Vatican.

This senator, who asked that his name not be used, said he believes the president's action has put on a hot political spot every senator running for reelection next year in states where the result is in doubt between Democrats and

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ALIKE

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REASON

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Potato Man To Congress

BANGOR, Me. (AP)—A big Artootook potato man who never sought public office before is Maine's new congressman-elect.

Republican Clifford G. McIntire, 43, of Perham, will take office January 8 as successor to Rep. Frank Fellows (R) who died last August.

McIntire, a grower and executive of the world's largest potato co-operative, defeated two opponents in a special third district election yesterday.

Practically complete returns, unofficially tabulated, gave him 25,771 votes to 8,621 for Mrs. Katherine M. Hickson (D) and 2,219 for Ralph A. Dyer, Jr., an independent.

Connally's was the first opposition voiced by a senator to Clark personally. In a statement yesterday, Connally said the nomination "is dead" unless a recess appointment is made. White House sources indicated none would be made because of doubt that Clark could serve and retain his military status. He has said he will not give that up.

Connally heads the senate foreign relations committee, which would have to pass on any subsequent nomination.

'UNFIT'

Connally asserted Clark had "mistreated and discriminated against the Texas 6th division and other Texas troops" in the Rapido crossing.

"He showed himself unfit to fill any high position, either military or civil," Connally declared. Former Secy of War Robert Patterson has defended Clark's conduct of the Italian campaign.

Clark, a four-star general, now in serving as chief of the army's field forces.

OBJECTIONS

Many prominent Protestants have objected to the action, arguing that establishment of full diplomatic relations with the Vatican violates a constitutional injunction that church and state affairs be kept separate. The White House said "a few hundred" letters and telegrams had come in, most of them critical.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in America summoned a special meeting in New York on October 31 to discuss the matter. The 125-member general board of the council was called into special session. Churches represented in the council have some 31,000,000 members.

The St. Louis Baptist Minister's Conference called the action by Mr. Truman, himself a Baptist, a move "to secure the Roman Catholic vote" and said it will oppose the president if he seeks re-election.

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