

By FRANK JENKINS From London: Freedom has been restored to the first man convicted as an atom bomb spy...

The dispatch adds: "Dr. May confessed to giving atomic secrets to Russia for what he called the SAFETY OF MANKIND..."

Did he get off too easily? Should he have been kept in jail for life?

I don't know. But— Personally, I'm not much afraid of a fellow who is in custody...

I suppose you've noted the fact that all the convicts who, with infinite toil and patience, bored a tunnel under the walls of the Washington state prison at Walla Walla...

Most of them (if memory serves me right) made the mistake of coming into Oregon...

This is the point that intrigues me: Why did these men toil and slave and plan and contrive to dig a tunnel under the prison walls...

I think this is what happened: They were BORED beyond endurance. They planned their escape attempt to RELIEVE THEIR BOREDOM...

What to do about it? Again I have to confess I don't know. But I do have a hunch...

They were given good food, CONSTRUCTIVE work to do and paid a reasonable wage which would be turned over to them to do with as they pleased...

Atom Spy Released

WAKEFIELD, England (AP)—The Western world's first convicted atom spy, Dr. Alan Nunn May, was released today from prison for "good behavior"...

Doctors Said Heartened By Brodie Twins' Health

CHICAGO (AP)—The official word on the Brodie Siamese twins today was still "no substantial change," but surgeons were heartened by their tenacious grip on life...

KOREAN WAR ACTION FLARES

Grand Jury Probes Justice-U.N. Case

By HARRY P. SNYDER WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department seemed to want to frighten a New York grand jury against making a report on Communists on the United Nations staff...

Charles J. Harsany, assistant foreman of the jury, said both the Justice and State Departments hampered the jury's investigation of subversives among American citizens employed by the U. N.

A number of U. N. employees have been fired after they refused to testify before a Senate subcommittee also investigating Communists in the U. N.

Harsany testified at the opening of hearings by a House Judiciary subcommittee looking into reports that the Justice Department tried to interfere with the grand jury probe.

The New York juror said the FBI made investigations of U. S. personnel but the jury "had some doubt" that State Department officials had relayed the FBI reports to the U. N. organization.

He added that State and Justice Department officials, labeled as "confidential," a list of State Department officials who handled the FBI reports.

He said the jury was unsuccessful in efforts to get the names of persons investigated or the names of State Department officials who handled the reports.

Harsany's jury disbanded Dec. 7 with a recommendation that a new grand jury dig deeper into possible Communist infiltration of the U. N. staff.

He testified neither the State nor Justice Department seemed to want such a report filed.

He said Myles Lane, U. S. attorney for the southern district of New York, asked the jury to delay its report when the jurors first discussed the idea of making a presentment last October.

Later, Harsany said, Lane told the jurors if they made a finding which mentioned names they would subject themselves to charges of libel.

"He left a definite impression he wanted to frighten us against making the report," Harsany testified.

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The investigating agency, he went on, was required to deal with the U. N. through the State Department.

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The jury then appealed to a federal judge for an order forcing out the information. "But no decision was ever handed down," Harsany said.

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Judge Orders Law

BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP)—Federal Judge John Knight Monday declared constitutional the injunction provision of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act.

His decision came as he granted the government an 80-day injunction under the act, restraining workers from continuing a strike at the Dunkirk plant of the American Locomotive Company.

In reply to questions, Hagerty said he had no information regarding a published report the Senators plan to seek Eisenhower's views on the issue of changing Senate rules to make it easier to limit Senate debate.

Hagerty said that matter is not on the agenda, and he suggested newsmen ask the Senators in Washington whether they plan to take the initiative in bringing up the debate limitation matter.

(In Washington, Republican Senate leaders let it be known they will discuss the whole subject of filibusters and civil rights legislation with Eisenhower.

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Holiday Toll Claims 725

By The Associated Press More than 700 Americans were killed in accidents during the four-day Christmas holiday period.

The toll was heavy but it did not exceed the previous record.

The total of fatalities during the 102-hour period between 6 p.m. Wednesday and midnight Sunday (local time) was 725.

This included 539 traffic deaths, 82 fire deaths and 104 deaths attributed to a variety of other accidental causes.

The all-time high for accidental deaths during a four-day Christmas holiday period—789—was attained in 1951.

The record for traffic fatalities—555—was set during the four-day Christmas holiday period in 1948.

National Safety Council statistics for the first 11 months of 1952 showed that traffic deaths averaged 102 for every 24 hours.

This included victims who died of injuries days or weeks after they were injured.

The average death toll for a 102-hour period would be about 433, which would be far under the number recorded during the 102-hour Christmas week end.

The total fall short of the council's pre-holiday estimate of 590 traffic deaths.

W. I. Dearborn, council president, said the traffic toll came "tragically close" to the advance estimate. He added:

"The important thing now is—are we going to go out and do the things we've planned to do to celebrate the New Year? Or are we going to learn a lesson from the terrible Christmas traffic toll—the lesson that death takes no holiday?"

The New Year traffic toll can be held to halt this Christmas toll if each of us will drive as if our life depended upon it. Believe me, it does."

Six Killed in Oregon

By The Associated Press The windup of the four-day Christmas holiday claimed six lives in Oregon.

Four were lost in traffic crashes. A 27-year-old sailor, A. J. Henke, name at Gresham on leave from the Navy, was thrown in his death Sunday night in a traffic collision a mile east of Gresham.

W. I. Graham, 52, Sheridan fuel distributor, died Sunday night in a McMinville hospital of injuries suffered Friday night in a car-truck crash on Highway 13, three miles east of Sheridan. His companion, driver, Edward Munson, also of Sheridan, and the truck driver, Clyde Tilden, Sheridan, suffered minor injuries.

Earlier Sunday, a fire in a trailer house at Portland killed the son of Joseph Ray Bonart, 31, Portland. Firemen said he apparently fell asleep while smoking a cigarette.

All the deaths came on the last two days of the long Christmas holiday.

Mayor Fete Due Tonight

Horseplay is to be the principal order of business at the testimonial dinner for Mayor Bob Thompson this evening.

The dinner is open to the public and tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, city clerk's office or at the hotel this evening.

Thompson is leaving the mayor's office Dec. 31 to devote his time to his business, the Pioneer Telegraph and Evening News.

He is to be succeeded as mayor by Paul Landry.

Mac Rebuffs HST Remark

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's description of a statement by President Truman as "inaccurate and misleading" today started a series of year-end interviews around the general's ouster as Far East commander.

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U.N. Planes; Land Forces Strike Reds

SEOUL (AP)—Chinese Reds struck by one of the heaviest Allied air strikes against a single North Korean target since last August, struck back with a ground assault on the Central Front Sunday night.

Dug-in U. N. troops drove them back in pre-dawn darkness Monday morning.

The war slackened off Monday to a verbal offensive in which the Reds urged Allied soldiers to surrender and enjoy a "big New Year's celebration" in North Korea.

Cloudy skies and snow squalls grounded most U. N. warplanes and gave the Reds a respite from hammering Allied air blows.

SABRE JETS Sabre jets patrolled MIG alley but found no Red warplanes.

The Air Force buried a 200-plane raid on a sprawling Red supply center near Pyongyang, the North Korean capitol, Sunday, sending clouds of black smoke billowing high.

The Fifth Air Force said its bombers and fighter-bombers struck hard at troop billets, barracks and supply buildings.

Many secondary explosions were touched off, indicating ammunition dumps had been hit.

Protective Sabre jets destroyed two MIGs, probably destroyed a third and damaged a fourth, the Air Force said.

U. S. B-29 Superforts roared across the Sea of Japan Sunday night and dropped 120 tons of bombs on a Red airfield at Pyongyang.

The Superforts cratered a 3,800-foot runway, which the Air Force said might be used by nuisance-type Red planes.

TRAFFIC B-26 invaders kept up the pace with attacks against Communist road and rail traffic.

The Air Force said 35 trucks and 13 box cars were destroyed and one locomotive was damaged.

The Red ground attack hit Allied positions on Rocky Point, a spur of Sniper Ridge just before midnight Sunday.

The Reds hit first with two platoons, then built up to company strength—about 200 men.

For five hours the crack of rifle and machine gun fire echoed over the frozen Kimhwa ridges before the Communists fell back in the face of massed Allied troops.

The Reds hauled their loudspeakers up the Central Front Monday night and asked U. N. troops to "come North and join relatives and friends."

Crater Snow 6 Feet Deep

Snow depth at Crater Lake today humbles many folks who have complained about it in the immediate Klamath Falls area, but even up there it's nothing this year compared to last.

