

Intentions, Abilities Of Reds Probed By U.S. Intelligence

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Getting information on the intentions, plans and secret moves of Russia's rulers stood out today as the No. 1 problem of U. S. intelligence agencies.

Finding out what Russia can do is much easier than determining what she intends to do, the experts agree.

The evidence is that President Eisenhower and his top officials would like to know a great deal more about what goes on in the Kremlin than they do. But the best information they can get is "highly speculative."

That, at least, was the phrase used by Eisenhower yesterday when he was asked at a news conference whether he was satisfied with intelligence estimates he had received on the status of Marshal Georgi Zhukov in Soviet ruling circles. He said some weeks ago that Zhukov's position had appeared to be greatly strengthened.

The removal of Zhukov from his job as defense minister last Saturday caught the U. S. government by surprise and without any very good guess as to what was going on. Only after Soviet Communist party boss Khrushchev spoke Tuesday of finding a new assignment for Zhukov was it clear to authorities here that Zhukov had been downgraded.

They still do not really know why, although the guessing is that he was removed by Khrushchev in some kind of power struggle, possibly over political control of the Red Army.

Eisenhower said that "any effort to penetrate the Soviet mind, or at least the mind of the Kremlin to determine their reasons for doing anything, is highly speculative, and that is all it is."

"I don't think that any intelligence system can give you a complete and positive answer on this."

Intelligence experts make a sharp distinction between facts bearing on the capability of another country to do something and those bearing on its plans or intentions. Thus before the Korean War started in 1950, the U. S. government knew that the Communist in North Korea had the capability of launching a strong attack on South Korea but they had no solid information on Communist intentions and the actual attack caught Washington by surprise. The situation was about the same several months later when the Red Chinese forces joined combat.

There have been times in the past when intelligence successfully penetrated into the inner circle of a hostile government. Early in World War II the Western Powers had such good information not only on Nazi Germany's military capabilities but on its plans and intentions that they warned Russia flatly of Hitler's impending assault.

Political intelligence of this high order is the optimum that intelligence agencies seek, the experts

say. Precisely how well the United States is doing in this respect in regard to Russia is a matter known only to a few people here—apart from such comments as that which the President made yesterday.

Allen W. Dulles, director of the

Central Intelligence Agency, described himself in a speech in San Francisco last month as the head of "the silent service," whose results cannot be advertised.

CIA is the clearing house and analytical center for all U. S. intelligence information. The secrets

of its operations are closely guarded. Not all Soviet announcements of major developments hit the United States as a surprise. Russia's successful testing of long range rocket missiles is reported to have been detected well in advance of the actual announcement last month by U. S. radar equipment in Turkey.

Russia's Sputnik launching was anticipated by at least some scientific experts in the government, according to statements which have been made since the satellite was announced. "Electronic detection devices for many years have kept track of Soviet atomic tests.

All such information as this gathered by well located electrical-mechanical equipment has an important bearing on Russia's military capabilities. But it does not provide facts bearing on what Russia intends to do with those capabilities.

Navy Chief Backs Scientific Pool

SEATTLE (AP) — The time has come, Navy Secretary Gates believes, to pool the Western world's scientific brains and exchange its researchers.

This, he told a Navy League meeting here yesterday, is a necessary part of providing a "military force adequate to insure, working with our allies, the peace and security of the free world."

COSTLY CALL
FORT WILLIAM, Ont. (AP) — A customer who obtained permission to use a cafe telephone here called Toronto and talked for 23 minutes. For not paying the \$11.35 bill he was arrested and fined \$100.

Scientist Says Human Life Span Has Hit Maximum Point

CLEVELAND (AP) — Human beings have about reached the limit on how long they can expect to live.

This conclusion was reported today by Dr. Morris Rockstein, associate professor of physiology at New York University, to the opening session of the 10th annual meeting of the Gerontological Society.

New Malaria Drug Tested

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tests on 16 volunteer federal prisoners from the U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga., indicate that certain drugs mixed with ordinary salt can lessen the severity of malaria attacks.

Dr. G. Robert Coatsy of the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., told a meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicines and hygiene yesterday the drugs used were pyrimethamine and chloroquine.

Volunteers took the drugs mixed with salt and then were bitten by malaria-infected mosquitoes. They suffered much less severe attacks than did untreated volunteers, Dr. Coatsy said.

He added that the method may be of great use in under developed areas where spraying against malaria is impractical.

Chance Meeting Leads To Arrest

NEW YORK (AP) — A bus line executive met his bookkeeper at Newark, N. J., airport yesterday, with both holding tickets for the same flight to Miami. The chance meeting resulted in the bookkeeper being arrested on a grand larceny charge.

Police gave this account: Sidney Engelhardt, president of Gray Line Bus Tours, Inc., discovered a \$6,000 shortage when his bookkeeper for three years, Raymond Farrell, 33, of Brooklyn, failed to report to work last Monday.

Engelhardt notified police but went ahead with plans for a Florida vacation.

When he met Farrell boarding a plane Engelhardt called airport police.

Gerontology is the scientific study of old age.

To back up his conclusion he cited studies of animals and mortality date which shows that—like the color of their eyes, hair and skin—human beings inherit most of the conditions which decide how long they'll live.

Since man has no control over these inherited conditions, he said, human beings are arbitrarily limited to about the present length of life.

"With a considerable number of records of 100 years or over existing for the longevity of male and female humans," he said, "this suggests itself as being close to the potential maximum for the majority of human beings of the future."

One proof, he said, of the limits lies in the fact that despite the advances in medicine and public health the life expectancy of people who've reached 65 hasn't changed much over the years.

Another, he said, is the evidence from animal experiments which shows that the life span is almost always shorter for offspring which are borne or produced by older parents.

Rockstein said, however, that despite the fact that human life is limited by heredity, many actual living conditions affect how long a person may live. And, he suggested, by the proper control of these conditions more and more people could expect to reach their inherited limit.

These conditions, he said, include climate, diet and, probably, marriage.

Marriage, he said, is "a relatively little-discussed factor which appears to be involved in . . . the life spans of the members of different species."

"In humans it is a fairly well-known statistical fact that at any age the mortality of bachelors or spinsters far exceeds that of their married counterparts."

One possible explanation of this, he said, may be that marriage environment is more favorable than living alone.

"Nevertheless, this advantage of wedded bliss is also observed in the laboratory where white rats which have been mated appear to live longer. Indeed even the presence of an additional member of the same sex in a cage is generally considered favorable to longer life."



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Soldier Faces Spy Charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has filed espionage charges against M. Sgt. Roy Adair Rhodes, who testified as a government witness at the recent New York trial of Russian spy Rudolph Abel.

The 40-year old soldier testified he didn't know Abel and never worked for him.

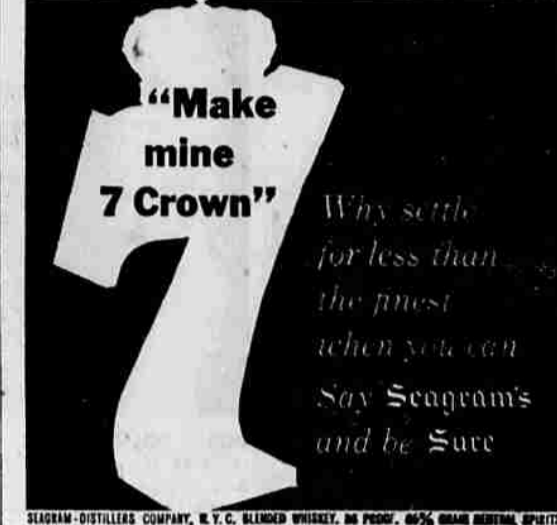
But Rhodes also said in court he received between \$2,500 and \$3,000 from the Russians for information he supplied them while assigned to the U. S. Embassy in Moscow. He was there from May 1951 to July 1953.

An Army announcement yesterday said Rhodes had been charged

in court-martial proceedings with two specifications alleging a conspiracy to violate the espionage laws, and one specification alleging he signed an official document without disclosing his prior association with Red agents.

Rhodes, from Eatontown, N. J., now is being held at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Conviction could carry a maximum of life imprisonment.

Abel was convicted Oct. 25 in New York and will be sentenced Nov. 15. The Army sergeant was brought into the case after testimony indicated Abel had a file on Rhodes under the code name "Quebec."

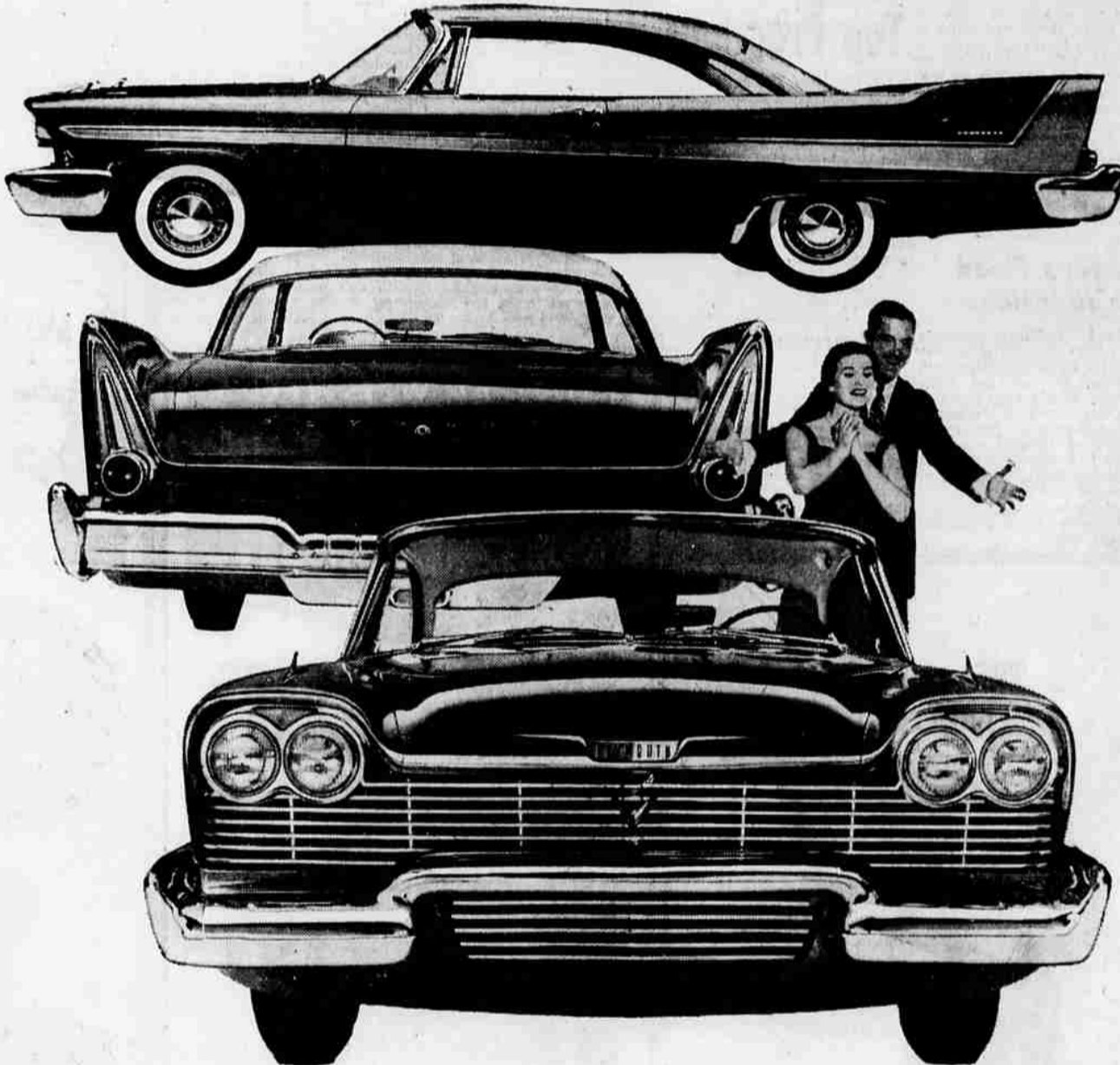


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