

Military Orders Silence In Discussing Nerve Gas

By ROGER GREENE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Could a few ounces of lethal germ crystals wipe out the population of New York City — even annihilate all life on the North American Continent?

Could plague germs spread by an enemy touch off a nationwide epidemic?

Could enemy planes or saboteurs destroy this country's crops and livestock, reducing the land to starvation?

The truth about gas and germ warfare is shrouded in secrecy and mystery.

Last May the North Atlantic Treaty Organization warned in an official report: "The Russians are capable of waging biological (germ) and chemical warfare on a large scale."

But the United States' policy on the use of these fearful weapons is top secret, says the Pentagon.

One high Pentagon official puts it bluntly: "We're scared to death even to mention germ warfare."

One man who presumably should have the answers is Maj. Gen. Marshall Stubbs, chief of the Army Chemical Corps.

It took seven weeks for the Pentagon to approve a newsman's interview with Gen. Stubbs. The event turned out to be little more than a handshaking formality.

Stubbs said frankly he would like to clear up many points of confusion but had been ordered to observe strict silence.

A written question was submitted to the Pentagon asking if we have enough biological warfare weapons now to combat the enemy if they used them first. After 25 days came back the reply: "The Chemical Corps has a capability in biological warfare."

In such an atmosphere of secrecy, it is little wonder that the most lurid distortions and conflicting statements about germ warfare go virtually unchallenged.

Item — Dr. Brock Chisholm, director-general of the United Nations' World Health Organization, says scientists have discovered a substance so deadly that seven ounces would be enough to kill all the people in the world.

Item — Army pamphlet No. 8-12 entitled "What You Should Know About Biological Warfare": No

kind of biological warfare could kill or sicken every person in a large area or city. Talk of one ounce — of toxic material — killing millions is silly."

Item — The British Medical Journal says two or three drops of nerve gas on the skin will kill within 30 minutes; one drop in the eye or a tiny amount inhaled as vapor kills in a few minutes.

Item — Chemical Warfare Service handbook, issued by the Army Chemical Center at Edgewood Arsenal, Md.: "A single droplet of nerve gas in a person's eye could kill him."

Item — Col. D. G. Brothaus, commanding officer at the Army's Rocky Mountain Arsenal where nerve gas is manufactured: "Nerve gas does not have the super-powerful attributes that some writers would have you believe. One drop on the skin will not kill in 30 seconds, and one quart jar will not kill every living thing in a cubic mile."

Item — Military experts engaged in the Army's 1955 "Exercise Sage Brush" mock warfare maneuvers in Louisiana said a cloud of concentrated nerve gas could kill men at a distance of 30 miles from the point of release within 15 minutes.

Item — Dr. Selman A. Waksman, famed co-discoverer of streptomycin, director of Rutgers University Institute of Microbiology: "Maybe if you stood directly under a germ-bomb explosion with your mouth open or had some skin cuts, there would be an infection."

What then, are you supposed to believe in all this welter of conflicting statements?

Tight official silence has created a virtual blackout on authoritative information. Yet the Pentagon, in response to written questions submitted by a reporter, allowed the following sentence to remain among heavily censored answers:

"The Chemical Corps is anxious to put the true facts before the public so that the nature of chemical and biological warfare can be viewed in its proper perspective."

Maj. Gen. William M. Creasy, former Chemical Corps chief, had chafed at the bonds of secrecy imposed on him. Before resigning to enter private business last Sept. 1, he publicly urged:

"We must strip all mystery from these munitions so that our understanding of their nature will not be clouded. The job of education will not be completed until the public knows as much about the realities of Chemical-Biological-Radiological (C-B-R) warfare and defenses against it, as it does about atomic warfare."

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



Illustration by [unintelligible]

Officials Talk Of Record As Cubans Heading Home

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Cubans are streaming home from exile in numbers that have consular officials talking of records.

All that acting consul Oscar Ramirez, 35, can think of today is a bath and bed.

"We are doing business as never before," the Miami man said.

"Fees for processing outbound Cubans are running to \$2,000 a day. In the days before Batista fell, daily receipts from the same source were \$100 to \$200."

In addition to expediting the return of Cubans, Ramirez Tuesday was helping about 40 newsmen who planned to take advantage of the revolutionary government offer to fly from Miami today for an eyewitness view of the mass meeting scheduled in the Presidential Palace Square at Havana this afternoon.

Ramirez was manager of Miami's bi-lingual Flagler Theater and a wheel horse of the revolutionary underground.

Now he has a job waiting for him in Cuba when a permanent appointee relieves him in the consular job he took over without ceremony from Edouardo Hernandez.

He said he plans to work in the Tourist Information Bureau in Havana, his home.

Another Cuban who hurried happily home was Dr. Antonio Buch,

Business, Old Profession Linked; Racket Exposed

NEW YORK (AP) — Do call girls play an important role in helping big corporations swing business deals?

No, say businessmen.

Yes — to a degree — says the city's chief magistrate.

A Senate committee should investigate, says the AFL-CIO.

We'll investigate, says the city police department.

The new twist in the world's oldest profession got a thorough airing Monday night on the CBS radio program, "The Business of Sex," narrated by Edward R. Murrow.

Unidentified speakers from the business world and the demimonde told of company policies that include keeping prostitutes on public relations payrolls or paying them monthly fees for dealings with customers.

As spokesmen from the top ranks of big business generally denied the sex-for-sales practice, Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy ordered an investigation.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner's office said: "We will not tolerate such scandal and vice in the city."

Kennedy, acknowledging the difficulty of detecting call girl set-ups, appealed for any information that might aid the probe. He promised to protect informants but threatened to prosecute any businessmen found employing prostitutes.

A promise not to disclose names had been made to participants on the Monday program by CBS officials, who refused Tuesday to identify speakers to police.

Deputy Police Commissioner James R. Kennedy said the network employees "fully cooperated to the limit they could" and that he respected their right to refuse.

"No one is going to jail here," he said.

This was an apparent reference to Marie Torre, New York Herald Tribune television columnist who recently served a 10-day jail sentence for contempt of court for refusing to divulge a news source in a court case.

Murrow was to be questioned

today, but Kennedy said he expects to get another zero.

A parallel investigation was promised by Manhattan Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan.

Deputy Commissioner Kennedy said he would discuss the program's contents with Hogan, but added that he did not believe there was a sex ring or syndicate in the city.

Chief Magistrate John M. Murtagh, author of "Cast the First Stone," a book on the problem of prostitution, said it is "undoubtedly true to a degree (that) vice is used to promote business," but to what extent no one knows.

He said the program appeared to exploit the subject for audience interest.

In Washington, Chairman Al J.

Hayes of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee suggested an investigation by the Senate Committee on Labor-Management relations. He said he was shocked. Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), committee chairman, and Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-SD), senior Republican member, declined comment.

Outraged comment came from Akron, Ohio, where General Tire and Rubber Co. distributors are holding an organization meeting. Denouncing the program, General Tire Vice President L. A. McQueen said, "No legitimate business concern in this nation would permit the use of such unethical selling practices."

Spokesmen here for more than two dozen firms in banking, manufacturing, oil, steel and utilities said they never had heard of any company hiring call girls to advance business. They declined use of their names.

One executive familiar with the garment industry conceded some sales managers may cement friendships with buyers by providing girls as part of an evening's entertainment.

Crew 'Chutes; All Survive

OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — A flaming engine on a Navy patrol bomber forced 11 men to bail out in a snowstorm Tuesday. All landed safely.

The plane crashed and burned in a pasture near Ottawa, Kan. The two-engine Neptune, based at Glenview (Ill.) Naval Air Station, was on a training mission to San Diego, Calif., when the left engine caught fire 50 miles northeast of Kansas City.

The Olathe Naval Air Station, southwest of Kansas City, started to guide the plane to a landing by radar, but the fire was too hot.

A veteran of three previous emergency jumps, Lt. Cmdr. E. J. Funk of San Lorenzo, Calif., was the pilot.

"I shut off the engine and feathered the prop," Funk said. "The fire seemed to go out."

"We dropped from 12,000 to 8,000 feet as we approached Olathe. Then the fire started again. I unfeathered the prop to try to blow out the flames. It didn't work."

"When the blaze kept getting hotter, I gave orders to bail out."

The other 10 men dived into the snowstorms from a rear hatch. Funk was cut off by the explosions amidship so he went out through the nose wheel hatch.

The 11 men were strung out over 10 miles when they landed.

Besides Funk the crewmen were Lt. T. J. Miller, Manchester, Ind., co-pilot; AD2 J. P. Klaus, 38, Chicago, and AD1 George Mulcahy, Mount Prospect, Ill.

Their passengers were Cmdr. W. H. Longley, 42, Alledo, Ill.; Lt. Cmdr. Richard C. Thommen, 38, Park Ridge, Ill.; Lt. R. H. Wright, 33, Bloomfield, Iowa; Lt. Charles D. Walker, 29, Glenview, N.S.; Lt. H. K. Cooke, 33, Dover, N. J.; Lt. J. J. Puttkammer, 35, Milwaukee, and ADC W. R. Braun, 37, Chicago.

Demos Host Wayne Morse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight new Democratic senators were hosts at a luncheon here Tuesday for Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore).

Morse, who campaigned on behalf of all eight in the November election, was presented a western saddle in appreciation.

The hosts were Sens. Clair Engle (Calif.); William E. Proxmire (Wis.); Eugene McCarthy (Minn.); Phillip A. Hart (Mich.); R. Vance Hartke (Ind.); Stephen M. Young (Ohio); Jennings Randolph and Robert C. Byrd (both W.Va.).

Also present were Paul Butler, Democratic National Committee chairman; Sen. Lyndon Johnson (Tex.); Senate Democratic leader; and Sen. John A. Carroll (Colo.).

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actor Henry Silva and writer Cynthia Conroy have announced their engagement.

It will be her first marriage, and the second for Silva, who portrayed the dope pusher, "Mother," in the movie, "A Hatful of Rain."

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PORTLAND (AP) — Last year was the second most profitable in the history of the First National Bank of Oregon, with net earnings of \$6,055,843 or \$3.78 a share, C. B. Stephenson, bank president, said Tuesday.

Stephenson told the annual stockholders meeting things also look good for 1959.

Two new directors named are Herman Oliver, Grant County cattleman and president of the Grant County Bank, and Thomas Sandoz, president of the Columbia River Packers Assn.

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