

America's A-Bomb Defers Russian War Against Western Europe At Least Until Spring, Satellite Diplomats Assert

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PARIS—(NEA)—Despite 175 Soviet divisions which could strike without warning against a defenseless Western Europe, satellite diplomatic circles in France see little likelihood of open aggression by Moscow before next spring.

They base their reasoning on these major points:

1. A growing belief that the United States is determined to save its atomic weapons for use only if Soviet Russia launches an invasion of the West.

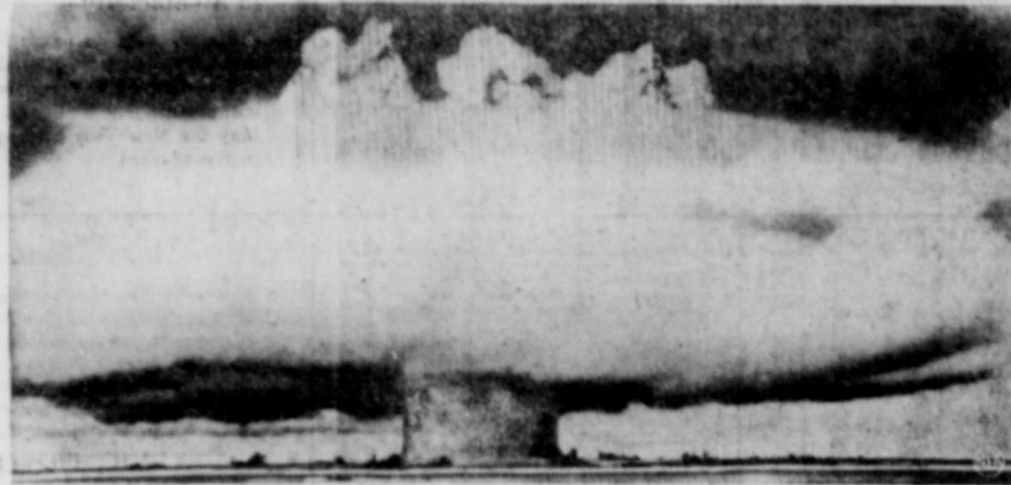
2. An increased suspicion that the Russians—despite their own and President Truman's reports—have not yet succeeded in producing an effective atomic bomb. By having skillfully maneuvered the United States into a full-scale conflict with Communist China, my informants feel that the Kremlin has won the first diplomatic round in a "hot war" it has not yet exploited fully. The process of softening up and dividing Europe has not yet been completed.

Stalin would welcome an "Atlantic Munich," of course. He would welcome even more America's use of the atomic bomb against China. This might temporarily reverse the course of military events in the Far East. But it would give the Russians an enormous propaganda advantage in Europe. It might also broaden the wedge now dividing the badly-frightened Atlantic community. And it is in Europe—rather than in the Far East or elsewhere—that the battle against Soviet imperialism will either be won or lost.

The consensus here is that Washington has decided against the use of the atomic bomb in China.

While war-jittery Europeans are thus facing a dismal holiday season, the potential battlefields remain ominously calm. But Communist political activity is again at full blast.

The Cominform has recently been subjected to another purge and has now emerged as a better-



CHECK-REIN ON MOSCOW: America's atomic bomb, shown here in the midst of its awesome underwater test at Bikini, is what's keeping Russia's 175 divisions from an invasion of Western Europe, according to diplomats from Iron Curtain nations.

organized and better-disciplined military organization.

Particularly severe was the purge in Western Germany, where 200 agents are said to have been recalled to the Eastern zone. Most of those recalled have either been imprisoned, deported to Russia or sent to the special school in Neu-Ruppin which trains agents for sabotage activities.

Moscow apparently does not trust its German agents, even though when they are sent for sabotage work in the Western zones they must leave their families behind as security. The new Cominform agents now operating in Western Germany, according to U. S. Intelligence sources, are Russians who speak German fluently and have a thorough knowledge of the country.

They come to the Western zones either as members of various satellite missions or as respectable representatives of Italian and Austrian commercial firms, liberally supplied with funds and false passports. It is estimated there are now about 3000 such Russian agents operating in the Bonn Republic.

According to Henri Lafond, one of the best informed anti-Communist French trade union leaders, the Cominform is also mobilizing its followers for a winter of strikes and sabotage activities in France.

A new wave of Communist-sponsored political strikes is expected soon in the steel, coal, railroad and shipping industries. The Communists, I am informed, are especially active in the ports

where they hope to prevent the discharge of U. S. military equipment for France.

The Russians, in Lafond's view, which also coincides with the views of other close students of Soviet strategy, will not strike in Western Europe until they have succeeded in completely breaking the spirit of the middle-of-the-road man and woman.

He was particularly critical of the growing group of French newspaper editors, politicians and "parliamentarians" who advocate French neutrality in the coming war "between the United States and Soviet Russia."

"These are the people who betrayed Europe in 1939," he said. "They will betray it again in 1951."



LEADS FRENCH ARMY—Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, above, one of France's ablest and most experienced military men, has taken over command of French forces in Indo-China. As both military and political commander in the area, he will direct the war against Communist rebels in Indo-China.

15,000 Yards Bunting For Sugar Bowl

By Elizabeth Eosney
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30 (UP)—Among all the football fans gathering in this Sugar Bowl-conscious town is a tiny, blonde woman who is more concerned about yards draped at the stadium than yards gained.

The yards she's talking about—15,000 of them—are red, white and blue bunting draped around the top of the Sugar Bowl.

"My dear, you would just be surprised at how much trouble those football crowds go to just to pull down the decorations," sighed Betty Finnin, the nation's only woman city decorator, who each year decorates this city for holidays, football games and Mardi Gras.

This is the third year Oklahoma has played here and this time I think I have everything out of their reach," Miss Finnin said.

Seems the first year they stood on each others shoulders and pulled a 55-foot "sweep" draped over one bowl entrance. Last year, the city decorator recalled with satisfaction, the fans just managed to cut pieces out of the drapes.

The job of planning fan-proof football decorations is done in the decorator's cluttered, high-ceilinged office in an annex of the city hall. Miss Finnin, a lifelong resident of New Orleans, "just sort of worked into the job" 12 years ago.

"The worst time I can remember was when I brought in six tons of sugar cane from the plantations to decorate the top of the stadium," Miss Finnin said. "They took down those sugar canes and hit each other on the head with them."

She vowed then and there that nothing more dangerous than flags would go up in the Sugar Bowl.

"But even the flags are more trouble than they used to be," Miss Finnin said. "I used to put up the flags of the nations along with the school flags of the teams that played in the Sugar Bowl. But this year I'm just using the American flag with the school colors."

Along with a growing suspicion of high-spirited football fans, Miss Finnin over the years has had to admit reluctantly that world affairs also affect her decorating plans.

"You put up a nation's flag one day, and my dear," sighed Miss Finnin, "that evening you read that that nation is against you."

P. S. She thinks the Kentucky-Oklahoma game will be a tie.

"You'll Never Know How I'm Counting On You!"



13 Lucky Guys

by FRANK R. ADAMS
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THE STORY: Sgt. Eddie Engstrom's squad is wiped out by a bomb, and the men realize they are dead when they find themselves back home in Westway.

WHEN they left Margie Lou's house Eddie allowed himself to be persuaded to go downtown. Joe pretended to want to see the sights which had been so highly touted to him. Probably he thought it might take Eddie's mind off from his stymied love affair. Joe didn't believe there was any possible answer to that problem. Eddie didn't either, that's why he was so miserable.

There were lots of soldiers and sailors in town. Most of them looked terribly young. That was because they had not yet come into contact with the branding irons of battle which sear the lines of maturity across the faces of boys.

Eddie and Joe encountered an occasional Army or Navy officer. From force of habit they saluted but none of them returned the courtesy. After they had almost decided to stop doing it, a Marine second lieutenant's arm went up in a snappy response. Then he said:

"Hey, you fellas, wait a minute."

Eddie and Joe turned and the lieutenant came back to them.

"I want to ask you a question, sergeant," the young officer said. "I've walked almost the entire length of Main Street and met 50 enlisted men. You two are the only ones who have saluted. Isn't there any discipline around here?"

Eddie and Joe looked at each other. Joe nodded in reply to Eddie's unspoken question.

"May I ask the lieutenant a question?"

"Certainly, sergeant. Go ahead."

"Does the lieutenant know where he is, in what city, I mean?"

when this scrap is over—a veteran."

Eddie just then caught a full-face glimpse of a short, swarthy soldier who stood alone nearby.

"Look, Joe," he said. "See that guy in uniform over there. He's a Jap. What's he doing here?"

"Wearing an American outfit!" Joe was equally startled and his voice rose above the hum of all the other conversation.

The soldier whom they were discussing heard them. "What other uniform could I wear?" Eddie noticed that he had a sergeant's stripes on his sleeve and the Army Air Corps insignia on his shoulder. More than that there was a rainbow of campaign ribbons on his chest.

"We oughta tear it off," said Eddie harshly.

THE stranger smiled bitterly but unafraid. "Two of you against one of me? Is that the American idea of a fair fight?"

"When did you so-and-so's ever fight fair? But bring on one of your friends—or a dozen of 'em. We don't care."

"I am so sorry, please, as Mr. Moto used to say, but I have no friends."

Joe got the idea sooner than Eddie. "He's an American, Eddie. Born in the United States the same as you and I."

The Jap favored Joe with his cynical smile. "Correct, soldier, and regular Army since '39. What are you going to do about it? What," he added with a note of despair in his voice, "is anybody going to do about it? It was my good luck that I was Tail-End Charlie in a bomber shot down over Berlin. What could I have done if I had lived until after the war—explain to everybody I met that I was born with the Stars and Stripes in one hand and knew the Constitution of the United States better than they did? Out."

"Sorry, sergeant," said Eddie. "I don't know what to say."

"Nobody does. I'll be going so you won't have to think about it." He turned away. "See you in Valhalla."

He went through the door without opening it. (To Be Continued)



WHO!—ME!—Miss Jeanning Holland, Houston, Texas, left, was photographed at Memphis, Tenn., just as she was told she had won the 1951 "Maid of Cotton" contest. Ann Brooking Adams, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, right, also registers surprise for Jeanning. (NEA Telephoto).



MOTHER SEES QUADRUPLE AMPUTEE SON—Pfc. Robert L. Smith, Middleburg, Pa., the nation's first quadruple amputee of the Korean war, smiles as he is visited by his mother, Mrs. Clara E. Smith, in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. Standing behind Pfc. Smith is Joseph McCracken, Penn State Legion Commander who brought Mrs. Smith to Washington to see her son. (NEA Telephoto)

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Parent Teachers Meeting Wednesday

City Council of the Parent Teachers will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:20 at the high school. The Junior High School will be host for the occasion. Everyone is asked to attend the meeting.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ervin had the following children home for the Christmas holidays: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ervin and children, Jack and Billie Ruth of Hornel- eight; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams and Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Owens and sons, Butch and Bobby of Ranger; another son, Loyd C. Ervin and family of Albany, Ga. were unable to be here. Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hise of Amarillo visited in the home also. Mr. Hise is Mrs. Ervin's twin brother.

Mrs. E. T. Mathews had as her guests over the holidays her brother, Sam Cloud from California; a daughter, Mrs. J. E. Knowles and husband and little daughter, Karen from Fort Worth; a son, Sammy Mathews, wife and daughter, Donna from Ft. Worth. Another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Huckaby and children, Jimmy Don, Linda and Marilyn. She is expecting another daughter, Mrs. B. A. True and Mr. True and two children, Norma Gail and Martha Ann from the Rio Grande Valley to be here for New Year's Day. Mr. and Mrs. True are moving to Avoca, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl White had as Christmas guests in their home, Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Bill Hatfield of Ranger; a sister, Mrs. C. B. Minter and children, Jimmy, Mrs. Charles Hill and son, Paul and Cathy of Odessa; Mr. G. T. Minter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Snelson, Mike and Gary; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Jimmy and Wayne, Ann Junior, Beverly, Donald and Ronald, all of Ft. Worth. A brother, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hatfield and Margaret of Phillips.

Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall and Mrs. James P. Morris have returned from Mexico City where they spent their vacation. They made the trip by air.

F. P. Kribbs has returned from Odessa where he has been visiting a son, Phillip Kribbs and Mrs. Kribbs and a daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blue.

Society-Clubs

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McGee-Johnson United In Double Ring Ceremony In Bride's Home

Miss Ora Mae McGee became the bride of Captain Mark L. Johnson in a double ring ceremony, Thursday night, December 28, at 8:00 p.m. in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McGee at 519 South Austin.

The Rev. Ralph Perkins of the First Baptist Church performed the ceremony. Mrs. M. E. McGee, sister-in-law of the bride was the bride's only attendant and A. B. Richardson of Odessa, brother-in-law of the bride, served the groom as best man.

Mrs. Johnson chose for her wedding a gabardine suit with wine accessories. Her corsage was an orchid. The bride's mother, Mrs. M. A. McGee, wore a black dress and a corsage of white carnations. Mrs. M. E. McGee wore a blue suit with a corsage of pink carnations.

A reception was held in the home following the ceremony. The table was laid with a lace table cloth. Mrs. A. B. Richardson, sister of the bride, presided at the silver coffee service and Mrs. Wilson Simpson, another sister served the three tiered wedding cake which was topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Mrs. Johnson has been employed by Scotts Store for several years and at the time of her marriage was assistant manager. After the wedding trip the couple will make their home in Macon, Georgia where Captain Johnson is stationed with the Air Force.

Those present at the wedding and reception were: Miss Velma Brown; Miss Helen Jennings; Mrs. Wayne Simpson; Mrs. Glenn Yeager; Mrs. Jim Howard and son, Olin; Mr. and Mrs. Will Long; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dasker and daughter, Faye; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Simpson and son, Bill; Miss Pauline Brock; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McGee and son, Johnny; Mrs. Lonnie Simpson, all of Ranger, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson and daughter, Ann of Odessa.

Girl Scout Leaders Club

The Girl Scout Leaders Club will meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 in the Scout Little House. All leaders are requested to bring their registration list.

Brownie Troop Will Meet, Tues.

The Brownie Troop No. 6 will meet Tuesday afternoon in the Scout Little House under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Rayfield. Mrs. Rayfield asks that every member be present.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Reeder and son, Ronald of Port Arthur will spend the New Year's holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fuguo Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warden of Portland, Oregon have been visiting friends in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crow of Corpus Christi visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hatfield this week.

Mrs. Katie White had as guests in her home during the holidays: Mrs. Doran Reid of Levelland; Mrs. J. G. Wright and Jerry of Kermit; Mrs. Inez Jones of Waco; Mrs. M. L. Agnew and daughter, Pamela of Harlingen; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shaw of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hise of Ranger and Vivian, A son, Mr. and Mrs. Carl White and children, Charles, Gene and Linda Kay of Ranger. A granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wade and son, Wayne of Kermit. Another son, Truman White of Appomattox, Virginia, was not present. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Agnew of Lubbock visited in this home later in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arrendale had the following guests at their home: Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Bruce and children of Gustine, Tex.; Mrs. A. Bruce, Sr. and Nancy Moore, daughter of Mrs. James Arrendale, Maud Dean Coleman, all of Freer, Tex. Mrs. Bruce Sr. is the mother of Rev. Bruce and Mrs. James Arrendale.

Former Inmate Goes Berserk, Kills Parents

AKRON, O., Dec. 30 (UP)—A berserk former inmate of an insane asylum hammered his parents to death today and set fire to their home, smothering his young nephew and niece.

Police arrested 28-year-old Irvin Snodgrass, found running around naked in the snow, and said he calmly confessed to the massacre.

Snodgrass is a World War II veteran who was released last year from Hawthornden State Hospital for the insane.

Sheriff Robert L. Smith said Snodgrass confessed that he killed his father, James L. Snodgrass, 48, with repeated blows from a

hammer and then crushed his mother's skull as she sat in a living room chair early this morning.

The people and pastor of the Church extend best wishes to Ranger for the New Year in prayer for God's crisis to a just and

SCENES AROUND RANGER

Take a quick peek over your shoulder and you'll see 1950 go staggering by. Haggard, worn and confused, the year that marked the mid-century is leaving a turbulent heritage to 1951. The New Year will shoulder an almost unbearable burden—almost as difficult to handle as the new resolutions we're fixing to swear to and break.

So, it's out with the old and in with the new. And though the bells of the incoming year may sound a bit discordant, we can still look forward to incense, taxes, a break in the drouth, colder weather, hot August, football and another Christmas.

Rumors had Barton Perry dead for a few hours Friday. Somebody got the word around that Barton had been killed in an automobile wreck Thursday night. Investigation showed that everybody was talking about it but no one knew just what was going on. Needless to say, Barton's mother was frantic with worry. Ranger police called Weatherford and Ft. Worth asking for information. Finally, Barton himself called from Ft. Worth saying he was very much alive and a bit in the dark about the news of his "death."

The Times lost another employee to the service. Following in former editor Loyd Andrew's steps was stereotyper Gerald "The Olden Flash" Renfro who enlisted with a group of local boys in the Air Force Wednesday. Renfro was the joker of the paper's backshop and kept us all laughing. After working hours he played for the Willy Willys store of Eastland. Last heard from, he was headed "hataway" toward some airfield.

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Calves compared last Friday: 1.00-2.00 higher. Good and choice slaughter calves 29.00-32.00, common and medium 22.00-29.00, culls scarce, medium and good stocker calves 25.00-32.00.

Sheep compared last Friday: All classes poorly tested throughout the week as receipts were small. Prices strong to 50 higher. Good shorn slaughter lambs 28.00, medium and good woolled lambs 29-30, few head yearling wethers 24.00 down, aged wethers 18.00 down, aged ewes 12.00-15.00. Feeder lambs up to 29.50, record high on this market.

Hogs: Compared last Friday: Butchers 1.25 higher, sows 50-1.00, higher, feeder pigs unchanged. Weeks and closing tops: Butchers 20.50, sows 18.50, feeder pigs 17.00. Late bulks: Good and choice 190-290 pound barrows and gilts 20.25-25.50, 150-185 pounds 18.00-20.25, good sows 17.50-18.25, feeder pigs 17.00 down.

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High Geared Coyotes Given Nod Over Austin

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 30—(UP.)—High geared Wichita Falls and low-g geared Austin clashed today for the second straight year with the Texas Class AA schoolboy football championship at stake.

A crowd of 20,000 was expected to nearly fill Dal-H stadium for the return finals battle between the two clubs which fought on virtually even terms for the same crown last year with Wichita Falls getting the nod by a 14-13 margin.

Season records had nothing to do with establishing the champion Coyotes as one-touchdown favorites. For the champions brought an eight-win, four loss record into the title game while the Maroons won 12 of their 18 starts.

But Coach Joe Golding's champions roared back from a dismal season start that saw them lose four of their first five games to feature a whirlwind offense that bowled over everything it sight with only one real close call—last week's 34-27 final play victory over Highland Park.

Austin, meanwhile, squeaked by two of its playoff opponents on Mike Higgins' extra-point kicking, 13-12 over Temple and 7-6 over Baytown and didn't look particularly impressive in any of its championship playoff battles.

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15 Yr. Old Tex. GI Missing In Korea Action

CHILDRESS, Tex., Dec. 30 (UP)—Pfc. Huey P. French, 15-year-old boy who joined the Army last March because he didn't like school, has been reported missing in action in Korea, his parents said yesterday.

Mrs. French said her son was only 15 years old, two years less than the legal minimum for military service, although he looks older.

"He worried and worried us until we decided to let him join," said Mrs. French. "He had set his heart on entering the Army after becoming dissatisfied with school."

Mrs. French said the boy's last letter, dated Oct. 22, said he was en route to the North Korean front and hoped "to be home soon."

She said the young soldier's enlistment papers listed him as 17.

Vermont was the first state to pass legislation naming an official state flower, the red clover.

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