

Britain May Explode Atom Bomb In 6 Months

By Arthur Gavahan

LONDON, (AP)—Britain is out to explode her first atom bomb in about six months if Prime Minister Churchill has his way.

A qualified source tonight said Lord Cherwell has been given orders to speed up Britain's whole atomic energy program, which includes the development of atomic weapons. Lord Cherwell is paymaster general, with atomic affairs in his charge.

Churchill has publicly stated he thinks atomic weapons are a factor in modern diplomacy. He told parliament last December that the West would be silly to promise it will not use the atom bomb first.

Such a pledge, he argued then, would amount to holding fire "until you have been shot dead."

News of Churchill's order came after the Supply Ministry announced American-British-South African talks have begun in Johannesburg to boost African uranium production. Several pilot plants have started to extract uranium—the fissionable material which gives atom bombs their force—from mine residue at key points along the Witwatersrand gold reef.

Lord Cherwell—formerly professor Frederick Lindemann of Oxford—was Churchill's wartime scientific adviser. He has been given cabinet rank and a house next to the prime minister's residence.

Truman Envoy Has Long Talk With Churchill

By Fraser Wighton

LONDON, Nov. 3.—(Reuters)—Averell Harriman, President Truman's special envoy, paid a flying visit to London today and for six hours discussed world problems with Winston Churchill and three of his top cabinet men.

Precautions were taken to prevent any news leaks from the closed-door session, but three main topics are thought to have figured. They are:

1. Plans for a personal meeting between Churchill and President Truman.
2. Whether 1954 may have to be abandoned as target year for fulfilling the Atlantic Pact rearmament plans because of the strain on Western Europe's economy.
3. The Iranian oil crisis and Britain's troubles in Egypt, with their impact on Western plans for creating a Middle East command.

Present at the talks were Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Richard Butler, chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord Leathers, minister co-ordinating transport fuel and power, and Walter Gifford, United States ambassador.

The strain of rearmament is the chief problem confronting Harriman as chairman of the Paris temporary committee of the N.A.T.O. council set up to consider the gap between the defence plans and their fulfillment, and as U.S. mutual security director.

An important United States plan for the settlement with Iran, which has nationalized the British-developed oil fields, has been conveyed to the British Government.

Despite strict secrecy here, it is believed to visualize the total exclusion of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company from operations in Iran and its replacement by some foreign operating company.

The advisability of an early Churchill visit to Washington for talks with President Truman was considered at a further meeting of the new Conservative cabinet today.

Harriman reached London while the cabinet was reviewing for the second time in two days Britain's financial predicament—believed to be worse than Conservatives realized when they took over from the defeated Labor Government last week.



ANNOUNCES GIANT NEW FORD PLANT

Construction of a huge new factory near Oakville, Ont., has been announced by Rhys M. Sale, president of the Ford Co. of Canada. The new factory, in which 5,000 persons will be employed, will be started in 1952, completed in 1954. Mr. Sale said the new Oakville plant would not mean the reduction of staff or output of the Ford factory at Windsor.

Bad Storm Hits Upper Lakes Area

SAULT STE. MARIE, Nov. 3.—(CP)—The first bad storm of the season whipped across Lake Superior yesterday.

It endangered a barge with 13 men and two women aboard, stopped shipping in the Upper Lakes, and did thousands of dollars worth of damage to low-lying parts of the Sault.

The highest water level on record was reported at the Great Lakes Power Company Plant. Waves swept over the ship canal as the wind pressed Lake Superior water to the southeast against hastily-built sandbag dikes.

The gale, with gusts reaching hurricane force of more than 73 miles an hour, was centred about 100 miles from North Bay, Ont. Its hardest force on land was felt in Michigan State.

Air and land travel was little affected but lake vessels anchored to ride out the weather in the Upper Lakes.

Western Bakeries Appeal Conviction

CALGARY, Nov. 3.—(CP)—The six western baking concerns who were found guilty on a charge of conspiracy to unduly prevent or lessen competition in the industry in the three western provinces and fined \$30,000 and costs yesterday filed notice of appeal against conviction and fines in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta.

The accused bakers listed 18 grounds of appeal on questions of law alone and asked the appeal be heard at the next sittings of the appeal court starting Nov. 16.

S.M.T. To Appeal Court Decision

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Nov. 3.—(CP)—L. McC. Ritchie, K.C., counsel for SMT (Eastern) Ltd., said tonight that an appeal will be made to the Privy Council against a recent decision by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The court ruled unanimously Oct. 22 that provinces cannot constitutionally control interprovincial and international highway traffic. As court action in the case began before the end of 1949, the decision may be appealed to the judicial committee of the Imperial Privy Council.

Mr. Ritchie said that preliminary steps for the appeal have been taken.

OLD STAND—Winston Churchill puffs away on his cigar as he leaves 10 Downing Street, London, after holding his first Cabinet meeting since regaining the post of Prime Minister.

BOOKWORM

COWLEY, England.—(CP)—Student Ian Bennett might really be called a bookworm. He buys books with the money earned selling worms to biology classes.

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Canadian Army Casualties

OTTAWA, Nov. 3.—(CP)—The army today issued its 70th casualty list of the Korean war, reporting six men wounded in action.

This brought to 408 the total number of casualties so far suffered by Canadian troops in Korean action, including 87 dead, 287 wounded, 32 injured and two missing.

Wounded in Action

Anderson, George Robert, Pte.; R. C. I. C.; Vancouver; Mrs. Theresa Anderson (wife), Lac La Biche, Alta.

Dempsey, James Joseph, Pte.; R. C. A. M. C.; Picadilly Post Au Port, Newfoundland; Mrs. Margaret McIsaac (sister), Codroy, Nfld.

MacKay, Marvin Kenneth, Pte.; R.C.I.C.; Mrs. Viola MacKay (mother), Nashwaak Bridge, N.B.

Morin, Jean Paul, Sgt.; R.C.I.C.; Maurice Morin (father), Authier, Que.

Schmidt, Edward, Pte.; R.C.I.C.; Alexander, Man.; Mrs. Eva Schmidt, (mother), Estevan, Sask.

Spearing, Thomas Richard, Cpl.; R.C.I.C.; Mrs. Nellie Spearing (mother), Ottawa.

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Nine Jet Battles Fought Friday

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS, Korea, Nov. 3.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Allied jet planes fought a record number of nine separate engagements with Russian-made MiGs over Northwest Korea Friday. Ground action continued in a lull.

The United States Fifth Air Force reported one Mig shot down and four damaged. All Allied fighters returned safely.

Its final estimate put the total planes involved at about 225 MiGs and half that number of U. S. Sabre jets, Thunderjets and Australian Meteors.

A South African force of propeller-driven Mustangs escaped unharmful from Mig attackers north of Pyongyang the Red Korean capital.

Frontline air and ground operations were hampered by the weather, which varied from cloudy to cold to clear and milder. The night temperature fell to 12 above zero.

Court Martial Over Munitions Contract

CHINWELL, England, Nov. 3.—(AP)—A military court was told today how two women—one Egyptian and the other Israeli—fought a love battle to entice a million dollars worth of munitions from British officers during the 1948 Palestinian war.

The Israeli woman won and an army major accused of delivering munitions into the Israeli camp because of her influence on his colonel was convicted tonight on charges of "scandalous conduct unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman."

The colonel is awaiting trial on similar charges, the War Office announced. The major's sentence, maximum of which could be dismissal from the Army, will be given later.

The court was told that the major, 39-year-old Ralph Newman, had given investigating officers a statement telling of the romantic tug-of-war in which the two women fought for the favor—and the munitions—controlled by a man identified by the prosecution as Col. T. G. Gore.

Maj. Newman was accused of getting £16,000 for his part in delivering truckloads of the arms and ammunition to the Israelis. He pleaded innocent at the trial.

But the court was told it was the colonel who had decided whether the warning Arab side or the Israeli would get them.

Newman's statement read to the court told of the colonel's love affair, first with the Egyptian woman and his plans to deliver £250,000 worth of munitions to the Arab armies.

The plan, the statement said, was to sell the munitions to the Arabs and make it appear as an ambush in which the colonel and the major were killed. Then, the court was told, the officers would disappear and take up a new life full of love and luxury somewhere deep in the Arab world.

But the Israeli woman came onto the scene before the munitions deal with the Arabs could be completed and the colonel's ardor for the Egyptian woman began to cool. The court was told that the colonel slowly switched his affections and his munitions to the Israeli side.

A sergeant who testified for the prosecution said Newman told his men the munitions were being turned over to the Israelis under secret orders from British intelligence agencies.

The sergeant said he had gone along on several trips to deliver the weapons to officers of the Haganah, the Israeli underground which fought the British troops during the English Mandate over Palestine.

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