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Missile gap question provokes possibility of weapons probe

Nuclear sub plans stolen

LONDON (AP) — A court witness said today details of Britain's first nuclear submarine were among the Royal Navy secrets stolen by five persons accused of spying for Russia.

The witness was Capt. George Symonds, director of the underwater weapons section of a naval research station at Portland.

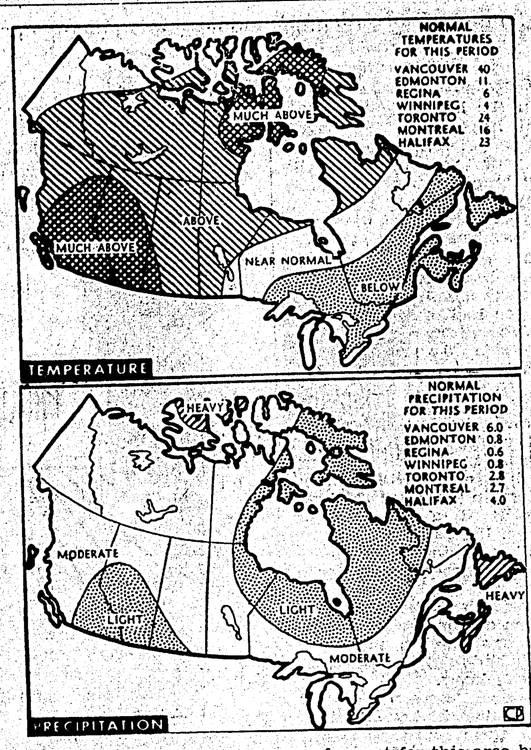
Symonds was shown photographs alleged by detectives to have been found in the possession of Gordon Lonsdale, one of the defendants, when he was arrested January 7.

The officer said the photographs were of pages of a secret book giving particulars—many of them highly secret—of British war vessels, including the nuclear sub Dreadnought.

The Dreadnought is powered with an atomic reactor based on U.S. Navy designs.

The magistrate adjourned the hearing for lunch after Symonds' testimony and announced that the afternoon session would be held behind closed doors.

He explained this was necessary because highly secret matters were likely to be dealt with during cross-examination of the captain.



ABOVE NORMAL temperatures are forecast for this area by the United States Weather Bureau in their latest long range forecast. Rainfall during this 30-day forecast is forecast as moderate. The outlook is, of course, subject to sudden change due to variations in weather patterns. — CP Newsmap

News reports stir Republican storm

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fresh congressional weapons inquiry was in the making today as Republicans assailed as political President Kennedy's statement that he isn't ready to say if there is a missile gap.

Responding to a demand by Senator Prescott Bush (Rep. Conn.), Chairman Richard Russell (Dem. Ga.) said the State armed services committee will call service chiefs of staff before it about February 20 for questioning on the issue.

Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen of Illinois called on Defence Secretary Robert McNamara to "tell the truth" about a Pentagon briefing of reporters which led to published reports there is no gap between American and Russian missile strength.

Senator Styles Bridges (Rep. N.H.) challenged as a "shifting of position to avoid the facts" Kennedy's repudiation of these reports at a press conference Wednesday.

Dirksen said in an interview he is writing McNamara asking if a press briefing was held and whether the secretary wants to say that reporters were wrong in quoting a Pentagon spokesman as saying there is no missile gap.

APPREHENSIONS EXCITED

"When you deal with missiles as President Kennedy did and make them the burden of your campaign and the centre of the security section of your platform, you excite the apprehensions of the people," Dirksen said. He added:

"If President Eisenhower was right in saying there is no missile gap, then the Democrats do not owe him an apology, but they owe one to the American people."

Bridges, who heads the Senate Republican policy committee, said in a statement that during the election campaign Kennedy had contended there was a growing gap. Bridges noted that a Pentagon spokesman who Kennedy conceded was McNamara, had said Monday there was no such gap.

"Mr. Kennedy, apparently has felt the need to squelch the candor of the Pentagon in order to avoid discrediting the recent campaign tactics of the Democratic party," Bridges said.

IMMERSED IN BUDGET deliberations, the Board of Trustees, School District 52, study the intricacies of school administration. From left to right: A. J. Dominato, Mrs. A. L. Bell, William Dibben, Chairman W. J. Scott, Secretary Mrs. M. M. Roper, K. F. Harding and Joseph Phillipson, district superintendent. — Staff photo by John Pain.

City receives election lists

Federal election material has been received, Prince Rupert Returning Officer Alek S. Bill, reported today.

The material to date is only for possible enumerating lists in the event of a federal election being called, he said, adding that he had no indication or information that one was in prospect.

Mr. Bill also said that Terrace and Kitimat have been reclassified as urban areas and as such will now have their own advance polls. He pointed out that advance polls are open to all who may not be home on the date of any possible election.

He said that in the event of an election being called the following towns would have their own advance polls: Burns Lake, Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Ocean Falls. These are all centres with a population of more than 1,000 voters.

Pyrotechnic displays expected in Legislature

VICTORIA (CP) — Today's the day that Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi has promised to tell the legislature all.

Fireworks, unmatched even by the earlier uproars of the two-week-old session, are expected as the minister closes the throne speech debate.

Mr. Gaglardi, under personal attack since being fined $1,000 for contempt of court in paying out department funds to a contractor against a court order directing them into a trust account, will be third speaker during this afternoon's session. He follows Alan Macfarlane (SC-Oak Bay) and CCFer Leo Nimsick of Cranbrook.

Wednesday, when Gordon Dowding (CCF — Burnaby) accused him of refusing to testify under oath in court for fear of cross-examination, the highways minister told the House in interjected remarks: "Just you wait until tomorrow."

J. Gordon Gibson (L - North Vancouver) denied he had ever asked for personal or business favors from Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston, an accusation levelled by the minister the previous day.

Mr. Williston shot back that a certain company had sought such favors on a particular timber contract, to which Mr. Gibson shouted: "I have not a single share in that company.

The minister, in effect, then retracted, stating, "I accept that."

PROJECT DETAILED

Mr. Williston spent 90 minutes detailing the Columbia River power project, stressing these two points:

"I should like to emphasize that the present agreement with the United States will not provide an abundance of cheap elecricity at this time . . . and even if the 3.77 mills cost to Vancouver quoted by Justice Minister Fulton was accurate the impact of this initial quantity of power on the total provincial load picture would have a relatively small effect on the bills of individual consumers."

The minister said it will be some time before the international treaty, setting out principles for development of the Columbia, can be ratified by Ottawa. Water licences had to be granted first and there were many steps to be completed before these could be granted.

The most important point in the entire issue, he said, is the matter of financing the project.

"The largest single item of expenditure which must be paid for in the development . . . is the cost of money."

Vocal protest made by choir

WINDSOR, England (AP)—The dean of Windsor has ordered the Gentlemen Choristers of Windsor Castle to stop scalping their tickets to the annual parade of the Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Order is headed by the Queen and includes members of the Royal Family and the country's most eminent statesmen and soldiers.

Once a year—usually in June—the knights parade in their rich robes and floppy hats into St. George's Chapel, behind the ancient grey walls of Windsor Castle, for a service honoring new members.

The general public is not admitted. But in recent years camera carrying tourists have crowded windows of the cloister across from the chapel to watch the procession.

They got there by buying tickets from the Gentlemen Choristers—the 30 members of the chapel choir — who each get 30 complimentary tickets for the parade as an extra reward for their £350-a-year ($980) job.

The tickets were sold for up to £15 apiece across the bars of Windsor pubs.

Last weekend Bishop Eric Hamilton, the dean of Windsor, told his choir the sale of tickets to tourists must cease. The tickets must go only to friends and relatives of the choristers.

Some of the choirmen sang an indignant chorus after the bishop's announcement.

Oil burner sets boat alight

A flooded oil burner on a boat owned by Norman Pettersen of 2063 Seal Cove Circle brought firemen to the Home Oil dock about 3:22 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Firemen quickly had the situation under control and no damage was done.

Mr. Pettersen's home was extensively damaged during a recent fire.

The fire department responded to a call about 4:32 yesterday afternoon near Fourth Avenue East and Eberts Street but it proved to be a false alarm.

Atomic tests abandoned by France in Sahara

PARIS (Reuters) — France will not carry out any more atomic tests in the Sahara Desert, official sources said today.

France has so far exploded three atomic devices at its Reggan desert site. The tests aroused widespread protests in African countries.

The decision was made known following a speech by Senegalese Foreign Minister Doudou Thiam in Lagos, Nigeria, Wednesday in which he said: "We have told France it is not good and opportune to carry out nuclear tests in the Sahara."

Some reports of Thiam's speech quoted him as saying France would not explode more atomic bombs in the Sahara and "has chosen another site for her experiments."

ASSETS FROZEN

The Sahara explosions, on February 13, April 1 and December 27, led to temporary freezing of French assets in Ghana and, after the last explosion, to breaking off in diplomatic relations by Nigeria.

Reports last month that France intended to test its first hydrogen bomb in the Kerguelen Islands in the south Indian Ocean were denied by the French embassy in Canberra after concern had been expressed in Australia.

France was also reported last month to be planning its fourth and last nuclear blast of the Reggan series in the near future, but no official comment was forthcoming on security grounds.

Reliable sources who reported the plans said France was preparing a new test site in the Hoggar Mountains of the southern Sahara near Tamanrasset where underground explosions are planned.

Kinsmen enter swim contest

The gauntlet thrown down by Dr. H. W. MacDonald, manager of the Gyro Club's swimming team, yesterday, has been picked up by R. W. (Bill) Long, manager-coach of the Kinsmen Club's swimming team.

Speaking on the service club's relay race which will be a feature of the February 14 swim meet to be held by the Prince Rupert Amateur Swimming Club, Dr. MacDonald said yesterday that his club's team is "an impressive group."

He said: "Our swimmers are in top condition and it looks like a one-sided affair at the moment.'

In answer to this, Mr. Long told the Daily News today that: "The Kinsmen Club is glad to enter the swimming competition but will concentrate their efforts on swimming and not bragging."

B.C. ROUNDUP

BCTF accused of using Chant report politically

VICTORIA (CP) — The B.C. Teachers Federation Wednesday denied charges by W. C. Gelling, chairman of the Greater Victoria School Board, that it is playing politics with the Chant report on education.

Charles Evans, secretary-treasurer of the federation, said BCTF is concerned that the recommendations of the report may be implemented "piecemeal and thus destroy its overall effect." Mr. Gelling said he assumed teachers were seeking a delay because they didn't want salary negotiations on a provincial basis instead of by individual districts.

Will use B.C. labor

VICTORIA (CP) — A spokesman for West Coast Transmission Company said Wednesday the firm has "every intention" of using B.C. labor to build a $30,000,000 oil pipeline from the Peace River area to Vancouver refineries.

Religion 'worthless'

VICTORIA (CP) — Teaching religion in schools was described as "worthless" by a school teacher at the Victoria presbytery meeting of the United Church Wednesday night. Ken Buffan, a Sunday school supervisor, said churches lost out years ago on teaching religion in schools.

Grave uncovered

VICTORIA (CP) — An Indian graveyard more than 100 years old was unearthed last week by municipal work crews in nearby Oak Bay. Don Abbott, assistant provincial anthropologist, said he found one skull and evidence of three others along with bones.

Unemployment fraud

VANCOUVER (CP) — A man who said he "lived like a dog last winter," will be told next Wednesday if he has to go to jail for unemployment insurance fraud. Edmund Anstice's sentence was deferred a week after he told court he almost starved to death last winter.

Car ban seen

VANCOUVER (CP) — A transportation expert said here the time is coming when automobiles will be banned from all major cities in North America and people will have to take the bus. George Smith of Simpson and Curtin, a transportation engineering company in Philadelphia, made the statement. He is in Vancouver to survey the B.C. Electric's bus service.

Shoplifter nets $110 in foray

A 35-year-old logger, James Sidney Gee of no fixed address was remanded in custody until February 17 for sentencing when he pleaded guilty this morning in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite to a charge of theft over $50 (shoplifting).

RCMP told the court that the charge was laid after an incident yesterday when Gee was found to have shop lifted more than 60 pairs of socks and a pair of pants valued at $110.50 from the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's Co-op Centre on Third Avenue.

Magistrate Applewhaite said that he wanted to obtain a pre-sentence report.

Prince Rupert has now gone 755 days without a fatal traffic accident.

World News Briefs

BONN (Reuters) — An envelope containing a fuse and a small tube of gun powder was mailed Saturday to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, an interior ministery spokesman said today. A similar envelope arrived Monday for Defence Minister Franz Josef Strauss.

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PARIS (Rutoers) — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer arrived here by air today to confer with Charles de Gaulle on the French president's proposals for tightening political links within the six nations of the European Common Market.

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VIENTIANE, Laos (Reuters) — The right wing government of this civil war-torn Indochina kingdom will discuss in a few days the possibility of a new coalition regime including opposing leftist elements, it was announced today.

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SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — The United States is badly in need of an advanced jet interceptor to counter the Russian bomber threat during the next 10 years, the head of the North American Air Defence Command said today.

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MOSCOW (AP) — A. I. Fedoseyev was fired as first secretary of the Communist party's Odessa regional committee, Tass reported Wednesday night. Fedoseyev's successor is M. S. Sinits. The dismissal came in the wake of Premier Khrushchev's crackdown on party leaders responsible for agricultural shortcomings last year.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A petition with the names of more than 400 citizens urging the House of Representatives to abolish its un-American activities committee appears in the New York Times as an advertisement.

New ratepayers association ask role of city in airport

The Community Ratepayers Association of Prince Rupert has written to the city council requesting a speaker to inform the next meeting of the association of the role the city will play in the operation of the new city airport.

The last meeting, held on February 6, under the chairmanship of James Prusky, appointed a nominating committee of Frederick Hogan, Neil MacDonald and Arthur Murray to select officers for the revived organization.

Arrangements have also been made for Harold Rankin, vice-president of the Central Council of Ratepayers in Vancouver to speak to the local association when he is in this city for the spring assizes.

Mr. Murray said that the aims of the new association are to promote the general interests of the city and district, to support civic government in all matters that commend themselves and to arouse interest in all matters of local importance.

A general meeting is expected to be arranged in the near future, he said.

Parked car hit

RCMP are searching for a vehicle which struck a car parked near the Rex Cafe Wednesday morning, caused about $100 damage and then failed to stop.

Police said that a car owned by Daniel J. Comea of 1218 Second Avenue West was struck in the trunk and rear bumper sometime between 1:15 a.m. and 2:15 a.m. today.

NAPLES (AP) — Steel-helmeted police patrolled downtown Naples today after a night of rioting by 4,000 commuters left stranded by a snap transport strike called at the height of the homeward rush.

REAPPOINTED a member of Joint Senate and House of Commons Committee on Indian Affairs, is CCF MP for Skeena, Frank Howard. The committee will be dealing with such matters as welfare, liquor, the provincial land question and education. Committee, he said, hope to complete their work this session.

Reduction won

NANAIMO (CP)—A 16-year-old youh who was sentenced to 18 months definite and two years less a day indefinite for escaping from Brannan Lake School won a six-month reduction when he told court the sentence was too severe and that he wanted to take an automotive trade course.

Varied hauls in fish catch

Fish landings in Prince Rupert for the week ending February 4 amounted to some 3,675 tons of herring and 205,576 pounds of other fish, according to the weekly report from the Department of Fisheries.

The report showed that the 200,000-pound catch included: 9,000 pounds of sole; 158,000 pounds of grey cod; 5,000 pounds of ling cod; 32,076 pounds of mink feed; 1,000 pounds of abalone; and 500 pounds of shrimp.

Herring was taken by 24 seines and 10 mid-water trawls operating in the north, central and Queen Charlotte Islands subdistricts.

Bottom fish was landed by seven draggers which operated in Areas 4 and 5, while abalone was caught in Area 5.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Livingston T. Merchant, nominated by President Kennedy for a second term as United States ambassador to Canada, says border problems between the two countries are "inevitable."

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Little change in temperature. Southwesterly winds 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 35 and 42.

TIDES

Friday, Feb. 10, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	08:30	10.2 feet
	21:47	16.3 feet
Low	02:04	0.3 feet
	15:20	5.0 feet

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