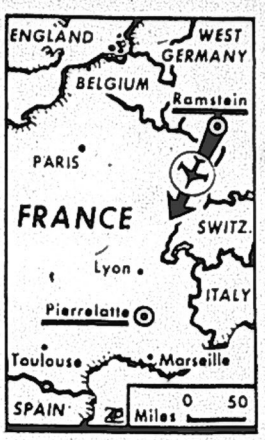
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France Charges U.S. Spied On Big N-Plant



PARIS (AP) — France accused the United States of aerial espionage at its supersecret nuclear complex, where enriched uranium for the French hydrogen bomb is produced. The incident plunged American-French relations to a new low.

French officials said Monday a U.S. Air Force RF101 reconnaissance plane made four passes over the nuclear complex at Pierrelatte last Friday and took 175 photos despite interception by a French fighter plane. A formal protest was lodged with the U.S. Embassy in Paris by the French Foreign Ministry.

American officials in France and in West Germany, where the photographic reconnaissance plane is based, declined all comment after details of the incident were reported in a French Defense Ministry communique.

State Department officials in Washington said only: "The investigation is continuing."

Some hours later, the Defense Department in Washington issued a brief statement saying, "There was no intent to overfly any prohibited area in France." It added, "We are continuing to investigate the matter."

Earlier, American officials said that on the basis of first reports, the plane had been on a routine training mission. They said a thunderstorm caused the plane to go off course, but expressed belief it had not flown over the Pierrelatte complex.

But the French version contradicted these statements. A communique said the American plane committed three infractions: overflight of a restricted zone, photography without authorization, photography of a restricted zone.

The Defense Ministry said the American plane made four successive photo passes over the plant. A French Vautour fighter plane intercepted the RF101 on its second pass and identified it, the ministry said, but at that point the American pilot turned on the afterburners and sped away for two additional photo passes.

The French said they then determined the American plane's German base and asked for the photos as soon as the plane landed. Development of the film, the French said, showed 175 views centered on the Pierrelatte plant.

Jacques Baumel, secretary-general of the Gaullist Union for the New Republic party, told a luncheon meeting Monday of the Anglo-American Press Association the Americans gave the pictures to the French. He said the pictures included 28 excellent photos of the Pierrelatte plant.

The French Foreign Ministry asked that a U.S. Embassy official appear at the ministry. Robert H. McBride, the No. 2 official in the embassy, was received by Charles Lucet, French director of political affairs, and Lucet made the protest to him. McBride assured Lucet the incident is being investigated.

The plane incident was first made public in general terms by French papers Saturday. It was generally treated then as a minor incident, particularly after American officials said the flight was a training mission.

One Paris paper said it was "flattering" to think that the Americans were checking up on French nuclear development while they were busy with the Mariner flight to Mars.

The incident aggravated French-American relations coming at a time when Paris and Washington are poles apart on the Viet Nam and Dominican Republic crises.

France has been busy producing its own nuclear strike force despite U.S. objections to proliferation of nuclear weapons. The United States has refused to aid France in this effort and this has been a sore point in their relations.

France has successfully exploded several atomic bombs at its Sahara testing grounds and has equipped several of its Mirage bombers with atomic bombs. France now is working on a testing ground in the Pacific where it intends to explode a hydrogen bomb in coming months. No date has been announced for an H-bomb test.

Only July 12 France announced she has begun making a new and improved version of her atomic bomb. No details were given.

Pierrelatte, the uranium plant which the French accuse the Americans of spying on, is an industrial complex which sprawls over 861 acres along the banks of the Rhone River south of Montelimar and north of Pont-St. Esprit. The so-called "low" plant has been operating at capacity since last Christmas. It produces uranium 235 enriched to 3 per cent. The "middle" plant is scheduled to go into operation at the end of this year. The "high" plant is under construction, and the "very high" plant has yet to be started. These plants are steps in the enrichment process which is expected to produce uranium 235 enriched to 90 per cent as the end product of the "very high" plant. Enriched U235 may be used in atomic bombs, or to trigger hydrogen bombs. The whole area is considered a classified military zone and is guarded by French troops. It draws its power from three large hydroelectric plants across the Rhone at Donzere-Mondragon.

Bramhall Fire Station Construction Deferred

By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON
City Hall Reporter

City councilors deferred action to construct the new Bramhall Square fire station Monday night because they felt the cost is too high.

They tabled an order which would have awarded a $377,000 contract to the Cimino Construction Co., and tabled another order to transfer $50,000 from one capital improvement fund to another to cover the extra cost.

As proposed, the new station would cost the city $389,000 more than the $85,000 it already has spent for site acquisition. The estimated cost of the project, and the amount placed in the 1965 capital improvement program (CIP), was $324,000.

In order to meet the extra cost, councilors were asked to transfer $50,000 from the proposed North Deering fire station CIP account, and include it in the Bramhall account.

Besides that, $15,000 left over from last year's site acquisition account would have to be applied to the cost of the new station.

Over all, counting the original land cost and $50,000 in federal contributions for a civil defense center at the new station, total cost would be $524,000.

As far as the city is concerned, the cost means about $65,000 more than it expected to pay, or than it included in the CIP this year.

Councilor Daniel B. Felix said he was "disturbed" by the cost figures.

"Maybe I haven't been on the council long enough, or don't know enough about construction costs, but it seems to me we should stay within the figure included in the CIP," Felix said.

"When we give an architect a job, he should live within that (CIP) figure," Felix added.

Had the council approved the fire station Monday night, construction would have started within a week or 10 days.

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3 Americans Killed In Cong Night Raid

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — The Viet Cong killed three Americans and wounded several in their overnight attack on newly arrived elements of the 1st Infantry Division near the Bien Hoa airbase, a U.S. spokesman said Monday.

The guerrillas struck under cover of a torrential rain. They opened up with a mortar barrage that resembled the roll of thunder, then moved in infiltrators. The infantrymen shot back. Helicopters strafed suspected Red positions until the action died in midmorning. Viet Cong casualties, if any, were not determined.

Vietnamese military spokesmen said government troops killed 33 Viet Cong and captured four, without losses of their own, in an operation Sunday 15 miles northeast of Hue. Hue is a provincial capital about 40 miles from North Viet Nam's frontier.

U.S. Marines expanded their lines guarding the Da Nang base, 380 miles from Saigon. Leathernecks in new lightweight fiberglass helmets moved south to block a route used by the Viet Cong in the attack July 1 that killed one American and destroyed three planes at the base. Vietnamese troops had been guarding the area.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara flew afield again on a survey that is expected to result in a sharp increase in the number of U.S. troops in Viet Nam. Accompanying him were Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, the outgoing ambassador; and Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the commander of U.S. forces in Viet Nam.

It was announced a U.S. Navy A6 Intruder was shot down Sunday a short time after McNamara watched the big jet and 13 other planes catapulted from the 7th Fleet carrier Independence for an attack on port facilities at Ham Rong, 85 miles south of Hanoi.

A spokesman said the two crewmen parachuted to land, but a search and rescue operation failed to locate them and it was assumed both were captured. Returning pilots said antiaircraft fire was very heavy, but they destroyed a number of buildings with bombs and rockets.

A railway link between Red China and North Viet Nam — the Kunming-Hanoi line — was the target of three attacks by U.S. Air Force pilots.

The deepest penetration of the campaign was made by four U.S. Air Force F105 Thunderchiefs, a spokesman announced. They bombed the tracks northwestward from a point 90 miles from Hanoi.

Briefing officers said others cratered the approaches to the Am Thing railroad bridge, 60 miles northwest of Hanoi, and heavily damaged the Yen Bai freight yards, 20 miles farther up the line.

Twelve F105s bombed the

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AP Wirephoto

Seeing For Himself

Sen. Edward V. Long, D-Mo., takes a look through a "snooperscope" Monday at a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee hearing in Washington studying use of wiretaps and other devices.

Rusk To U.N., McNamara To State, Is Capital Talk

WASHINGTON (UPI)—There was a sudden spurt of speculation in Washington Monday that Secretary of State Dean Rusk might be shifted to the post of U.S. ambassador to the United Nations left vacant by the death of Adlai E. Stevenson.

The same speculation suggested that Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara might be Rusk's successor as secretary of state.

White House and State Department sources said they had no information to support this. And the report came as a considerable surprise to Rusk, according to his close associates.

But all concerned emphasized that they did not know what plans the President had in mind for the major post of U.N. ambassador.

One usually well - informed congressional source said he understood Rusk would like to have the U.N. job, which would be less strenuous than the day-and-night grind of his present post. He has headed the State Department for more than five years with only a one-week vacation.

This source said he understood McNamara wanted Rusk's job at the State Department if the change were made.

The only on-the-record comment came from James L. Greenfield, assistant secretary of state for public affairs. He said, after talking with the secretary, that Rusk had not had any discussions with Johnson or anyone else on the subject of Stevenson's successor.

Johnson said only last Tuesday he had no intention what-ever of moving Rusk from his present office. Johnson at that time described Rusk as "one of the most able and most competent and most dedicated men that I've ever known" who "ranks first in the Cabinet and he ranks first with me."

Snooped On Sun Bather, Says Suspended IRS Man

WASHINGTON (UPI) —A suspended income tax agent testified Monday that he sneaked into a Boston man's home to check what proved to be a clothes closet and on another occasion spied on the man's wife taking a sun bath.

Another agent from the Boston headquarters of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) told a Senate subcommittee that he attended a "bug and snoop" school sponsored by the Treasury Department in Washington.

The Senate subcommittee investigating government snooping activities also heard testimony about bugging conference rooms in Boston and the assignment of an agent to pose as a Coast Guard petty officer during an income tax investigation.

The hearing was highlighted by this testimony:

—Jack Harris of Norwood, Mass., who said he had been suspended because of an indictment in a bribery case, related that as an IRS agent he broke into a home under instructions and also watched the owner's wife through a long - range "Snooperscope" while she was sunning herself.

—Arent James R. O'Neil of Canton, Mass., told the Senate group that in 1961 he attended a two - week "technical investigation aid school" as an employe of the Treasury Department. He said that in 1963 he was sent to a special eight-week course at Fort Bolabird, Md., to take a more detailed course in electronic eavesdropping.

O'Neil said that after the 1961 training in Washington, he was able to place electronic listening devices, to hook up a telephone number-detecting gadget, pick a house lock and bug automobiles. He also acknowledged he was familiar with burglar tools.

"They also taught you lock picking in Washington?" he was asked by an astonished senator.

"Yes," the mild - mannered, balding witness conceded.

Harris said he sneaked into the Milton, Mass., home of Bernard McGarry, who was under investigation by the IRS.

McGarry, a Boston tavern owner, never has been convicted on any tax charges.

Harris said he was instructed to sneak into the McGarry home to look at what appeared to be a vault in the basement. He testified he spent about six or seven "nervous" minutes in the house and discovered the "vault" was a cedar clothes closet.

The suspended agent also told

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20-Year Lease Signed

Black Hawk To Start Mining At Blue Hill

By FRANK SLEEPER
Business Reporter

AUGUSTA — Maine's geologist, Robert G. Doyle, predicted Monday that Black Hawk Mining Ltd. will start operating a "good-sized mill" to refine zinc, lead and copper at Blue Hill within 10 months.

Doyle said Black Hawk has signed a 20-year mining lease, renewable for the same period, with the state's mining bureau.

Land in the operation which lies under Second Pond belongs to the state.

AS A RESULT OF THE LEASE, Doyle said Maine will collect "optimistically" about $150,000 over the 20 years. In January, 1966, under terms of the lease, Maine will collect a flat $10,000.

After that the state royalty varies with a minimum of five cents a ton, or several thousand dollars a year.

The state, under the Maine mining law, gets five per cent of all profits before taxes on metal taken from state-owned land.

Signing of the long-term lease would seem to assure that Black Hawk, controlled by Denison Mines Ltd., Toronto, the world's leading independent producer of uranium, will build its refining mill and employ about 250 at Blue Hill for at least 10 years.

IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT, released Monday, Black Hawk says, "there have been some delays in the progress of development mainly because of the lack of skilled mining labor and technicians in the New England states."

Doyle said Denison has 16 trained miners available for on-the-job training at Blue Hill. "Unskilled men with good backgrounds can probably go right up there and get a job," he

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Johnson Leads Dignitaries In Paying Final Respects To Adlai E. Stevenson

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson, whose diplomacy, wit and charm made him at home in all the great cities of the world, was buried Monday among his ancestors in a quiet, pleasant country cemetery.

President and Mrs. Johnson, Vice President and Mrs. Hubert H. Humphrey, Chief Justice and Mrs. Earl Warren led an impressive list of dignitaries who came to pay their respects to the man who twice made, and twice lost, bids for the presidency.

They heard Stevenson praised as an eloquent, farsighted leader whose fame will grow in the years ahead.

Or, in the words of Dr. Dana McLean Greeley of Boston, president of the Unitarian-Universalist Association:

"Neither ancient Israel nor modern New York could produce a more articulate spokesman for justice and the right. In that distant day when nobody rattles a saber and nobody drags a chain, his name will shine with ever-increasing luster."

Monday's services were a startling change from previous public memorials held for him in the Washington National Cathedral and in the Capitol in Springfield, where Stevenson, a Democrat, was governor from 1949 until 1953. He was his party's unsuccessful nominee for president in 1952 and 1956.

At the end, Stevenson was surrounded only by family and friends. Final rites for this politician-diplomat — he was U.S. ambassador to the United Nations when he died at 65 of a heart attack in London Wednesday — were held in the Bloomington Unitarian church, where

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AP Wirephoto

Meditation

President Lyndon Johnson, seated beside flag-draped casket of Adlai Stevenson, bows head in meditation during funeral services in Bloomington, Ill., Monday.

Hallowell Airman Dies In Crash Off Viet Coast

HALLOWELL (AP) — The parents of U. S. Navy Lt. Malcolm A. Avore said Monday that their son was killed when his plane crashed in the South China Sea off Viet Nam.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Malcolm Avore of Hallowell said Lt. Avore died Sunday.

A spokesman at the Brunswick Naval Air Station reported that the Hallowell man's plane plunged into the sea after an "apparently normal" catapult launch from the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany.

The Navy spokesman said the body was not recovered.

Avore attended Hallowell High School and graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., in 1960.

He is survived by his parents; his widow, the former Margaret Whitaker of Augusta, and their two children.

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Prayer For Today

O God, amid the clash of thunder and lightning's charge we delight in the magnificence of Thy power. Teach us not to fear these great exhibits of Thy works but to appreciate and respect their purposes in keeping the earth watered and our lives sustained. So may our lips give praise and our hearts rejoice in the presence of Thy greatness; in Christ's name. Amen.

—Richard L. James, Jacksonville, Fla., minister, Riverside Avenue Christian Church.