

# British Now Possess A-Bomb--Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 26—(AP)—Winston Churchill told Commons tonight that Britain has the atom bomb and won from a House a 318 to 285 vote of confidence on his foreign policy.

Fighting off Labor Party attempts to censure him for a controversial speech before the U.S. Congress last month, the 77-year-old Prime Minister denied vigorously making any secret agreements in his Washington talks with President Truman.

He insisted that Britain's policy toward China remained unchanged.

### Secret Program

Churchill said the labor government defeated in last October's election not only produced the atom bomb in secret but also set up a plant for regular production.

The program was so secret, the prime minister said, that he learned about the bomb himself only after coming back into power four months ago.

In the angry, bitter debate over foreign policy, Churchill lashed back at pacifist elements in the Labor Party. He claimed the former labor government itself had been ready as far back as last May to join in taking action "not confined to Korea" in the event of heavy air attacks on United Nations forces from bases in China.

### Laborites Protest

Laborite Aneurin Bevan—who has led the anti-American policy group in the Labor Party—led a howl of protests and demanded that Churchill produce proof on the statement.

The laborite censure motion that precipitated the debate and its disclosure of the atom bomb charged that Churchill misled the U.S. Congress in his declaration Jan. 17 that Britain would take "prompt, resolute and effective" action alongside the U.S. if a Korean truce, once reached, was broken.

Churchill's disclosure gave point to a British announcement 10 days ago that, later this year, Britain will test an atomic weapon on a vast desert proving ground in the heart of Australia.

## Green Files Suit On MacArthur Case

HARRISBURG, Feb. 26—(AP)—The Commonwealth was sued today to restore Gen. Douglas MacArthur's name on the presidential preference ballot in the April 22 primary.

Andrew W. Green, Harrisburg attorney, filed three separate actions in Dauphin County Court seeking an order to nullify MacArthur's withdrawal from the race.

The actions were directed at Gene Smith, secretary of the Commonwealth, who ruled that MacArthur could legally strike his name from the ballot.

Removal of MacArthur's name left only Harold E. Stassen, president-on-leave of the University of Pennsylvania, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on the GOP presidential preference ballot.

Ripples in bedrock, 35 to 50 feet high were raised as much as two miles from the crater, when a meteorite struck the earth at Chubb Crater in northern Canada.

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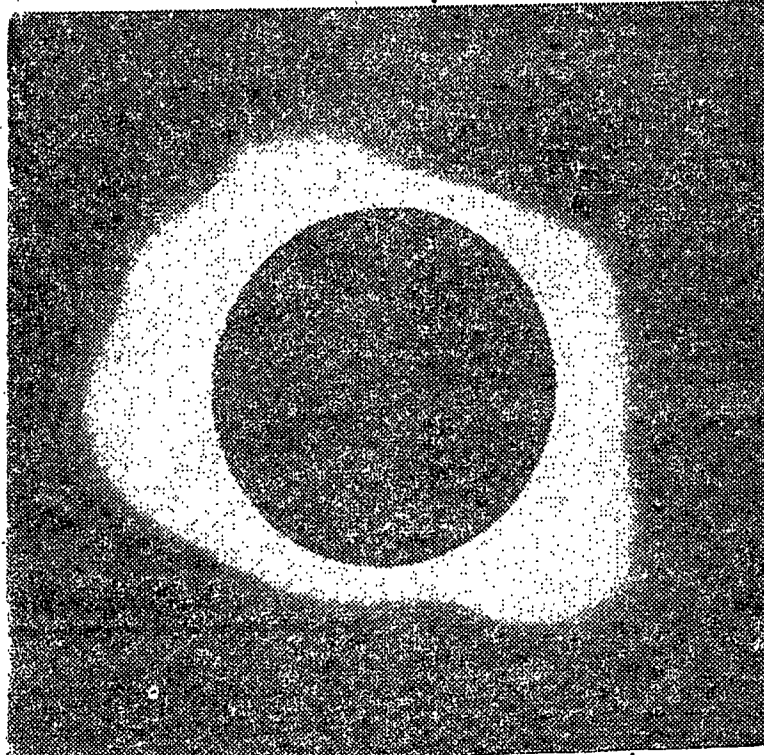
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## The Hiding Sun



AN AWESOME FLARE surrounds the hidden sun in this view of the total eclipse observed Feb. 25 in Khartoum, Sudan, by 70 scientists from 10 nations.

The three-minute eclipse started at 4:09 a.m., eastern standard time, and was visible along a 9000-mile path from mid-Atlantic to Siberia. Scientists chose Khartoum, virtually in the center of the eclipse's path, to record the phenomenon. (U.S. Navy photo via radio from Cairo and AP wirephoto)

## Final Stage Nearing on 4 Issues in Korean Talks

MUNSAN, Wednesday, Feb. 27

—(AP)—Korean truce talks neared the showdown stage on Russia and three other big issues today.

Most non-controversial details have been cleared away by Communist and United Nations staff officers, leaving bare, hard areas of disagreement.

Staff officers will make another attempt to break the deadlock today. Their meeting was scheduled for 11 a.m. in Panmunjon.

Red insistence that Russia help police a Korean armistice bogged the talks Tuesday on truce supervision.

The UN command communique glumly reported a compromise proposal to reduce the number of neutral nations from three to two for each side by dropping Norway and Russia was "categorically rejected" by the Reds.

The number of ports of entry which neutral teams would inspect during a truce also remained an unsolved issue. The UN command wants six ports for each side. The Communists insist five inspection ports are enough.

On prisoner exchange terms, the staff officers had only a few

minor translation difficulties to straighten out. But the big issue of voluntary repatriation demanded by the UN was unresolved. The Reds demand compulsory repatriation regardless of the individual's wishes.

Since the reports last week of the Koje Island prison riot, the Reds have stiffened their opposition to voluntary repatriation. One American soldier and 75 Korean civilian prisoners were killed in the Communist-led riot.

### State Speeding Policy Hits Snag in Courts

HARRISBURG, Feb. 26—(AP)—The Commonwealth disclosed today its policy of suspending driving privileges of convicted speeders is finding opposition in many courts of Pennsylvania.

T. Elmer Transeau, director of the State Bureau of Highway Safety, said the state is currently winning only about half of the appeals brought against suspension orders.

## Bonn Defense Costs Set at \$2½ Billion

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 26—(AP)—West Germany has agreed to pay out 11¼ billion marks (\$2,670,000,000) a year to help bolster western defenses against Red aggression, the big three foreign ministers announced today.

The United States, British, and French ministers also sent orders to their high commissioners in Germany to start talks for unleashing many of the defeated nation's war industries.

The two steps open the way further for linking of West Germany's vast resources of men and machines to the Allied arms build-up.

### Internal Defense

Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Britain's Anthony Eden and France's Robert Schuman headed home tonight from one of the most business-like Allied parleys since the war.

A spokesman for the three said 1,050,000,000 marks of the West German defense contribution would be used for internal defense, such as frontier guards and defense of Communist-ringed Berlin.

In Bonn, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government announced it had accepted the proposed total "with reservations."

### Budget Breakdown

The German defense budget—the rate of 850,000,000 marks a month and effective July 1—will be lumped into the funds of the projected six-nation European Defense Community (EDC), of which Germany is to a member.

EDC will divide it up two ways: About 70 per cent will be paid out to help support United States, British and French troops in Germany.

About 30 per cent will be paid out to raise and run German forces, to gear up German factories to military production and to cover the numerous items that crop up when a military machine begins to move.

### U.S. Forest Service Interviews Foresters

During the past week two officers of the United States Forest Service visited the College for interviews with students and consultations with staff members of the Department of Forestry.

The two foresters were Karl McNasser, of the division of information and education in the regional office of the Forest Service in Philadelphia, and Sidney Weitzman, of the Mountain State Research Center of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, Elkins, W. Va.

## Vinson Praises, Arends Assails UMT in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—Universal Military Training was praised in the House today as a wise plan to provide "adequate preparedness" and assailed as "undemocratic peacetime conscription."

The rival arguments came, respectively, from Chairman Vinson (D.-Ga.) of the House armed services committee and Rep. Arends of Illinois, the Republican whip, or assistant leader.

They spoke at the start of four days of House debate on a bill which would authorize a start on UMT. The bill calls for six months of compulsory military training by all fit 18-year-olds, followed by seven and one-half years of reserve status.

House voting is due next week, with the outcome in doubt. A move to send the bill back to Vinson's committee for more study is expected.

The Senate armed services committee has approved a similar bill, but no time has been fixed for Senate debate.

When it extended the draft law last year, Congress created a five-man commission to work out details of a UMT program. Vinson and other proponents have contended this action constituted approval of UMT in principle, but Arends disputed that today.

### 4 U.S. Destroyers Start Good Will Tour

YOKOHAMA, Wednesday, Feb. 27—(AP)—Four sleek U.S. destroyers, veterans of the Korean War, slipped away from their berths in the cold grey dawn this morning and started a trip around the world "to show the flag."

The good will cruise was reminiscent of the famed White Fleet cruise of 1908 when 16 warships under Rear Adm. R. D. Evans toured the world and dropped anchor at Yokohama to impress Japan.

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