

Harold Ickes Takes Bikini Experiments Increase Suspicion And Distrust Of U. S.

By HAROLD I. ICKES
(Former Secretary of the Interior)
A year ago Ickes, the Atomic Energy Commission, was the recipient of a bomb in New Mexico. President Roosevelt well had made one of the most momentous decisions in all history when he authorized the expenditure of more than two billion dollars in preparation for the atomic bomb. A fateful year of fruitless indecision followed. It was not until the summer of 1945, during which the governments of the world have failed to agree that the human race might survive.

Suspense and suspicion are on the increase. Exactly one month ago, the Baruch proposal for international control of atomic energy was submitted to the United States Atomic Energy Commission. Five days later Russia offered another proposal. Fundamentally these two plans are diametrically opposed; Baruch, as do the rest of us, wants the high price of it of trusting the atomic secret with the United Nations. Russia, too, wants peace and proposes to pay for it by an "outflow" of an agreement which has never worked and never will work. And Russia must know this. Meantime, even an effort is being made to reconcile the differences in the two plans. This Nation proceeds with its atomic bomb tests.

WHAT'S THE REASON?
I confess that I am perplexed as to the nature and purpose of the Bikini tests which are being conducted by the reckless expenditure of money in connection with them for the scientific purposes. In late May of this year, the Federation of American Scientists stated that it was not a "scientifically interested" in these tests, and that they were purely military. "Scientists expect to gain little scientific value and little of technical value to peacetime uses of atomic energy as a result of these tests," the statement said. Further, the scientists say that their co-operation in the tests is only because of the armed forces of the Nation, a co-operation that is given them in the interest of national defense. It is the physical scientists who take this position. Biologists, ethologists and other scientists say that the experiments are of value.

are they for military purposes? Perhaps. And yet it seems to me to be shocking to have the Bikini tests conducted by one nation for that matter, should at this time give any indication of a "hot war" that is preparing for atomic warfare. This is not a time for military tests, but a time for public exercises in the art of modern war. The Navy asserts that the tests are necessary to determine what changes in ship design or equipment are required as the result of the atomic bomb. Various Senators have urged the expenditure of the five billion dollar naval appropriation as an indication of the "hot war" that is being waged.

But let us agree that the Bikini tests are not warfare tests; not atomic tests, designed to impress upon the peoples of the earth that the immediate international control is imperative? Is the Bikini experiment a diplomatic gesture of goodwill? Is it in bad taste and badly timed?

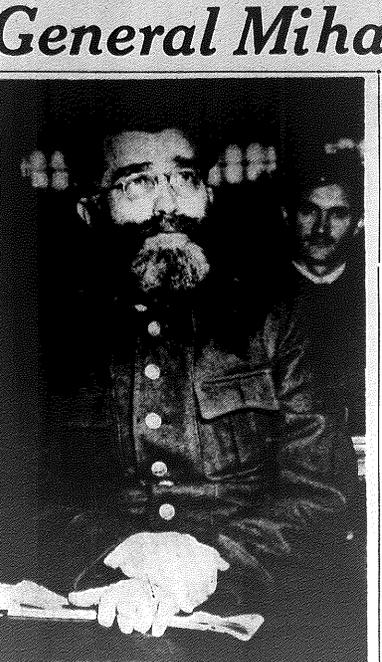
OTHERS CONCERNED
Whatever the purpose it is important to believe that the United States will not be regarded as acting in the future, and that the Bikini tests that are carrying out the atom bomb tests, some of them in the Bikini Islands, let us say, a great many Americans would find cause for complaint in the future. One might point out that distrust begets distrust.

The Baruch proposal expands upon the excellent ideas originally embodied in the Baruch report. It is now under serious consideration by the United States and is generally regarded as a sagacious and practicable approach to the problem of atomic energy control. I feel sure that if the President were to announce on this anniversary, that because of the desperate necessity for arriving at some mutually acceptable plan for international atomic energy control, he was ordering the suspension of further tests for a reasonable time so that some agreement might be reached, it would undoubtedly strengthen America's position. It would raise the level of the allied faith in America's unsalterable will to peace and would enhance the probability that the acceptance of the Baruch plan.

Peace for humankind is in jeopardy at Luxembourg Palace, Paris. France and the United States are today hearing a price tag of \$425,000.

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GETS DEATH—Gen. Draza Mihailovic, above, Yugoslav partisan leader, has been sentenced to death before the firing squad on charges of collaborating with the Germans during the war.

Says U. S. Served

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today signed the \$3,750,000,000 British loan agreement, terming it a major step to carry out a program "for reviving and expanding international trade."

President Signs British Loan Bill

The loan, Mr. Truman said in a statement, serves the immediate as well as long-time interests of the United States, "by helping to restore world trade." At the same time, he added, it enables Great Britain to "co-operate in creating a pattern of mutually beneficial economic relations among the nations of the world."

Mr. Truman signed the measure in a ceremony attended by a large group of officials, including Louis Howland, the British Ambassador, Secretary of State Byrnes, Chief Justice Vinson, Treasury Secretary Snyder and members of both political parties from Capitol Hill.

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Mr. Wilson To Go On Sale
PASADENA, Calif.—(AP)—Famed Mr. Wilson, site of the world's largest telescope and future television center, will be on sale today bearing a price tag of \$425,000.

Ten Other Defendants Given Death

Yugoslav Court Issues Decree

BELGRADE (AP)—Gen. Draza Mihailovic, former Chetnik leader, and ten of his 22 co-defendants were convicted today by a Yugoslav military court on charges of collaborating with the Germans and were sentenced to die before firing squads.

Prison sentences ranging downward to eighteen months were imposed on the remaining defendants.

It was not immediately announced how soon the death sentences would be carried out. Two of those sentenced to die were tried and convicted in absentia.

Others sentenced to be shot with Mihailovic were: Redoslav Rade Radich, 56-year-old former commander of the Bratislav Chetnik unit.

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Mladen Zujew, 51, former Chetnik commander believed to be in Paris and sentenced in absentia.

The verdict against the Serbian defendants climaxed a trial which began June 16. Mihailovic maintained stoutly throughout the proceedings that he was innocent of collaborating with the Nazis and that he had fought to drive them from the country.

The crowd cheered when the verdict was announced against Mihailovic, who took the decision with outward calm.

NEW YORK (AP)—The highest prices for cotton, live beef and hogs since around the First World War were paid today in wholesale and futures markets.

Butter, eggs and poultry in sharp contrast, dropped sharply. Cotton for future delivery broke through the 35 cents a pound level with the market up 20 to 35 a bale and the highest since 1923. The \$5 increase is the largest allowed in a day's trade.

Price records standing since 1919 were wiped away in the Chicago Union Stockyards when hogs sold at \$19.00 a hundredweight. The advance followed lower receipts.

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Veto May Signal End Of Attempt At Revival

Adjournment Talk Brought Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic Leader Barkley, Kentucky, indicated today Congress is making its final effort to pass OPA revival legislation by telling reporters he hopes for adjournment by July 27.

Barkley's statement was made at the White House after legislative leaders held their customary Monday morning conference with President Truman. It promptly was interpreted at the Capitol as a sign that Mr. Truman does not intend the bill next sent him by Congress, no further effort will be made to extend OPA's general authority.

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Bastille Day Celebrated

PARIS—(AP)—Winston Churchill speaks in Metz yesterday at a Bastille Day celebration marking the 175th anniversary of the French Revolution, called on Europe to "rise from her ruins and spare the world a third and possibly final holocaust," a goal which he said necessitated a "strong France."

Meanwhile French President Georges Bidault, speaking at a similar celebration in Paris, voiced "the gratitude of the French people to the United States for her role in the liberation of France from the Nazis and said differences between the two countries were like 'old friends' quarrels."

TRUMAN SALUTE
From Washington President Truman. In a recorded speech broadcast in the United States, he carried on her first postwar Bastille Day in seven years.

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Five-Year-Old Dies In Air Shaft Plunge

NEW YORK (AP)—Five-year-old Kenneth Ryan's mother said she died in his mother's arms after he fell from a window in his home.

The boy awoke at 1 A. M., and asked his mother, Martha, for a drink and permission to get into her bed in another room of their third-floor apartment.

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Canadian Spy Charge Made

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