

Decoded Messages Taken From State Department Files By Russian Agents

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WASHINGTON — Government cryptanalysts got a bad jolt when they learned that decoded messages had been taken from the State Department files in 1937 and delivered to Russian agents.

But any decoded message might still be in the final gap in a code-breaking job which might have been going on for years.

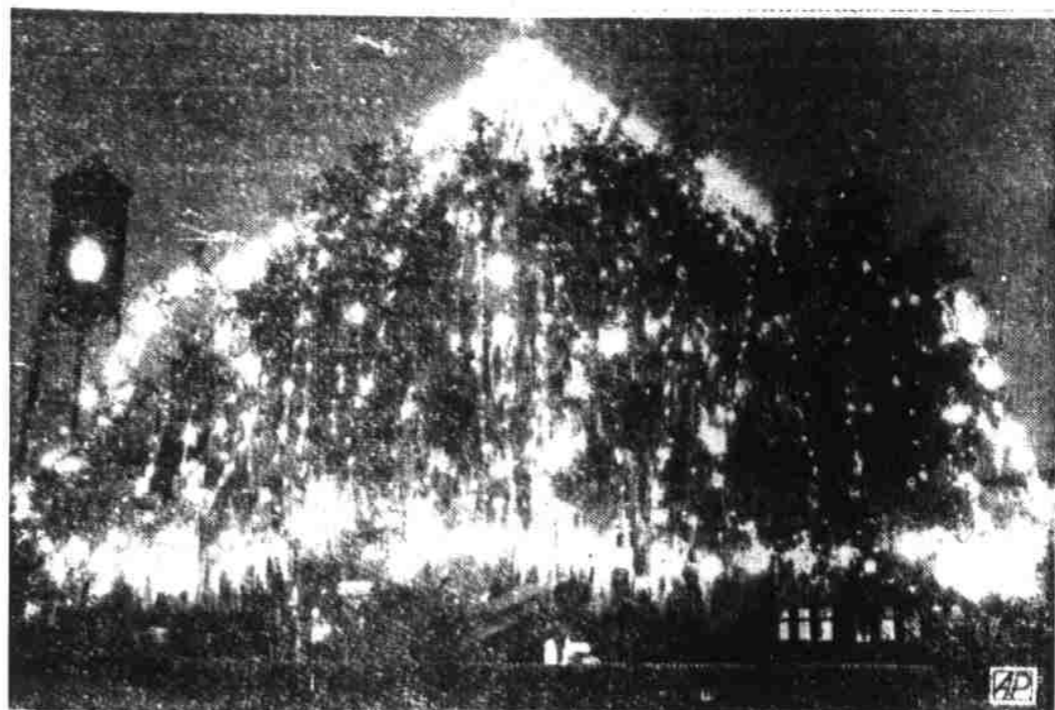
American codes would have been much easier before the war than now. Early in the war the State Department and armed services began to make a wide spread use of code machines. With these a great many more code systems can be employed, and they can be changed more frequently.

Code making and code breaking is an age-old war between cryptographers and cryptoanalysts. The former devise the codes, and the latter try to break them.

And in cryptanalysts achieved a notable victory when they broke the Japanese and German codes before the last war. What they had done was revealed in the "Code" by J.P. H. Johnson in the "New York Times" in 1946.

After the war, when other code systems were used, it was not until the late '30s that the Japanese and German codes were broken. It was not until the late '30s that the Japanese and German codes were broken. It was not until the late '30s that the Japanese and German codes were broken.

'World's Biggest' Christmas Tree At Wilmington



This community Christmas tree at Wilmington is regarded in some quarters as the 'world's biggest'. It is a living tree and is decorated annually at Christmas time in city-wide celebration of the Yuletide. (AP Photo)

ELEVATORS TO SKIP-STOP
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UP)—A 12-story apartment house incorporating modern design and low-cost maintenance is being built near the banks of the Charles River. One feature of the \$3,000,000, 216-apartment building will be skip-stop elevator service. Elevators will stop only at every third floor. Private balconies will lead directly to neighbors on floors above and below the elevator stop floor.

TUNNEL SETS TILING RECORD
NEW YORK (UP)—The longest continuous strip of tile ever laid in the United States is being installed in the Brooklyn-Battery tunnel, New York's \$80,000,000 answer to the problem of easing traffic between Manhattan and Brooklyn. The tunnel lining will require more than 780,000 square feet of clay tile, or enough for 6,500 average size bathrooms. It will extend 9,117 feet.



May we never grow deaf to the ringing of Christmas bells. May each Christmas waken in our hearts, echoes of past joys and future hopes.

Operation Noel For Europe's Needy Children
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AP News-features

Old Santa has some special Christmas treats in store for thousands of Europe's needy children. War orphans and DP children will find at scores of Yuletide parties given by Americans in Germany, France, Italy, and other countries. There'll be warm meals and goodies for all. Many will receive toys and clothing.

Throughout the U. S. some in Germany, France, Italy, and other countries are putting in with American civilians to collect food, toys and clothing for homeless kids.

And not even the Russian blockade of Berlin has stalled the plans. The U. S. Army's European Command has set up a plan to handle Christmas gifts for Berlin from Army personnel.

It's called "Operation Noel".

Proved collections from military posts will be shipped by rail to the city and stored until the air lift is ready to deliver them to Berlin.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Commander, has allotted an air lift space to handle the Christmas donations.

Clothing is coming in from the United States and other parts of Germany. From individuals in England and the Scandinavian countries pledges of more than \$1,000 have arrived unsolicited. They heard over the American Forces Network the story of the Berlin Christmas party fund.

China's Civil War Hits Paint Brush Industry

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—The paint brush industry in the United States is feeling the pinch of the civil war in China.

Fighting in the north of China has diminished greatly the supply of prime bristles from which brushes are made. The American Brush Manufacturers Association reports some 50 per cent of the bristles used by the industry come from Tientsin, Tsinghai and Manchuria.

Industry spokesmen here said the slim supply of bristles may compel a return to the manufacture of the brush made during World War II. The bristle content of those brushes could not exceed 50 per cent. Of that, 45 per cent was horsehair. Most of the horsehair came from Canada, the U. S. and the Argentine.

Silent Salesmanship Gets Rid Of Papers

SPOKANE, Wash. (UP)—Mary Frances Ackerman didn't know what to do with the stack of newspapers she had left after clipping them for her publicity work with the new-how-see-cycles.

She piled them neatly in the hall and one day found them in the corner of the room. When she returned, the stack was much smaller.

Early on top was 60 cents in cash and dimes.

It really isn't every American who has a stack of newspapers for the Christmas party. The \$17.30 raised so far in the silent salesmanship party for the needy children of the city is a good sign.

Cap. Philip J. O'Neil, German Youth Activities officer, is in charge.

The hope, which at first seemed faint, that our community could be able to provide 76,000 children with a Christmas party, including a dinner, candies and gift certificate is now a reality.

"We are now assured that not a single needy child in the American sector of Berlin or those within its orphanages and hospitals will be without a Christmas dinner and we shall be able to give some institutional children in other sectors a share."

In addition to the drive for funds, there is a drive in Berlin to have been collecting clothing and making for the needy some 22,000 toys will be ready for Christmas distribution.

In the Frankfurt area, Yule parties are planned for 150,000 German and DP children. Brig. Gen. Edwin D. Pratt, commanding the Frankfurt Military Post, says the goal is to enable every German and DP child in the post area to participate in some way in Christmas celebrations.

Even Germany's Communist is getting ready for the kids. The noted poet of the U. S. Air Force's 2nd Tactical Wing at Neuburg in Germany is organizing a drive to collect funds for Christmas parties in Munich and Berlin.

At Frankfurt, the American Women's Club has gathered 4,000 pounds of gifts, food, toys and candy. They will be flown to Berlin.

Anonymous in some cases have helped to finance the drive for Yule parties. And once are aboard the ships of the U. S. military government in Germany have started a campaign to make Christmas a joy for the needy children in the state of Westphalia. They hope to have cryptographers revise special codes for them. They plan to launch a \$100,000 for one code system.

Spurned Scottish Lover Gets Those Teeth Back

COATBRIDGE, Scotland (UP)—Lawrence Marshall bought his first friend an upper set of false teeth to prove his love. The romance ended some time later.

Marshall, a 28-year-old theater usher, next appeared in court on an assault charge. He was fined \$8.

On meeting his former girl friend with another man he snatched the false teeth from her mouth. Police said the teeth were in his pocket when he was arrested.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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As we raise our voices in this old familiar Christmas song, let us be reminded of the birth of Him whom we worship on this Christmas morn. May the spirit of His teachings guide us toward a world of better understanding with happiness and good fellowship for all.

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