

U.S. Has 'Effective' Defense for H-Bomb

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Call on Dulles

Russia Gets Brush-Off on Missing Spy

By the United Press

The United States has given the diplomatic brush-off to Russia's second bid for information on Yuri Rastvorov, missing Soviet diplomat-spy, the State Department disclosed Thursday.

Department press officer Lincoln White said Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin "raised the question of Rastvorov," who dropped out of sight in Tokyo two months ago, during a call Wednesday on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

White said in response to questions that Dulles "told the ambassador he would give the matter his attention." This frequently is a diplomatic way of consigning a matter to the file-and-forget category.

The United States has been playing a cat-and-mouse game with Russia ever since Rastvorov, a former member of the Soviet secret police, disappeared the night of January 24 just before he was scheduled to return to Russia, possibly for purging.

While this country has erected a tight curtain of secrecy about the episode, there is every indication Rastvorov is in U. S. hands.

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The Senate Armed Services Committee said Thursday present plans will assure "effective defense" of the United States but there can be no guarantee of complete protection against an atomic assault.

The committee made the statement after hearing what was described as "the most top-secret briefing ever given the committee."

The statement was issued at the conclusion of a special study undertaken last fall because of "the growing menace of Soviet development in the nuclear and thermonuclear fields."

It said: "The measures now under way and planned for the future should, together with our offensive forces, provide an effective defense for the United States commensurate with the threat."

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.), chairman of the committee, gave out the statement after the group secretly heard a two-hour report by Robert C. Sprague, electronics expert and manufacturer from North Adams, Mass.

Sprague conducted the special study, and his report will be turned over to President Eisenhower Tuesday by a group of Senators including Saltonstall.

The committee said: "Information in Mr. Sprague's reports strongly supports the conclusion that the specific programs now underway combine to constitute a sound overall continental defense program."

The statement cautioned, however, that it will not be possible to "buy complete assurance that we will not be attacked, nor complete protection in the unfortunate event of an atomic attack."

Sprague is known to be one of the Nation's leading experts on radar and other aspects of air defense.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) in leaving the hearing described Sprague's report as "the most top secret briefing I have ever been in." Asked if he considered that matter the "most secret" the committee has ever handled, Saltonstall said: "I think it is."

The Senators designated to carry the report to Mr. Eisenhower are Saltonstall, Styles Bridges (R-N. J.) and Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.). They will be accompanied by Brig. Gen. Robert Cutler, director of the National Security Council staff, Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sat in on a part of Thursday's report by Sprague and then left without comment.

Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D-Wyo.) described it as "the best briefing, by far, I have ever heard."

Saltonstall refused to say whether Sprague's recommendations involve major budget changes, but a phrase in the committee statement suggested that the measures regarded as advisable have already been started.

The statement said: "Substantial defense programs, both military and non-military, now have considerable momentum and there has been gratifying cooperation with Canada to insure the development of a coordinated system."

"Mr. Sprague's reports... Emphasize that they are probably the minimum programs that should be accepted as goals, yet because of certain controlling factors, they are probably the maximum feasible programs that can be obtained..."

Earlier, two leading Democratic senators, Mike Mansfield of Montana and John Stennis of Mississippi, urged President Eisenhower to give the Nation

all the facts he can reveal about the full power of the atomic and hydrogen bombs.

They joined Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.) in the demand following disclosure that super-weapon production schedules have been revised sharply upward.