

Tuesday January 24, 1950



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Overview

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- At his fourth interrogation by MI5 investigator William Skardon, at Skardon's home near the British atomic research laboratories at Harwell, Oxfordshire in physicist Klaus Fuchs, German émigré and physicist, confessed to being a Soviet spy. For seven years, he had passed top secret data on U.S. and British nuclear weapons research to the Soviet Union;
- The new Constitution of India, declaring the Dominion of India a Republic, was approved and signed by the 284 members of India's Constituent Assembly. On the same day, the assembly elected Rajendra Prasad as the nation's first President, and approved the song *Jana Gana Mana* was made the national anthem for the Republic of India.
- Before a crowd of 18,000 at Carls Court Arena in London, American boxer Joey Maxim (Giuseppe Antonio Berardinelli) defeated the world light heavyweight champion, England's Freddie Mills in a knockout in the 10th round to win the world title. Four of Mills's teeth were knocked out as well during the fight, and legend has it that three of the teeth were later found embedded in Maxim's boxing gloves.
- **Born:** Gennifer Flowers, American model who claimed to have been the mistress of Bill Clinton; in Oklahoma City; and Benjamin Urrutia, Ecuadorian-born religious scholar, in Guayaquil

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"GUNS INSTALLED ON KOREAN PATROL CRAFT The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on Wednesday started placing guns on the vacant mounts of the Korean Naval Patrol Craft 'Bak Dusan'. Scheduled for installation on the craft is one 3" anti-aircraft gun and six .50 caliber machine guns. The work at the local shipyard was authorized by the Secretary of Defense. Shown above are shipyard workers placing the 3" gun on the mount while Korean Naval Officers watch the operation. The 'Bak Dusan' which arrived in the Islands from New York on [January 24](#), is enroute to its homeland."

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