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## Kennedy Says Kent's Tips to Nazis Forced U. S. to Change Code

By the Associated Press.  
HYANNIS, Mass., Sept. 6.—America's diplomatic communications all over the world were "blacked out" in the crucial weeks before the fall of France because of the arrest of a code clerk who had access to documents containing "exact and complete" data on England's war plans, Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to Great Britain, disclosed yesterday.

Mr. Kennedy said that after the arrest in October, 1940, of Tyler Kent, who was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment after a trial on charges of violating the British Official War Secrets Act, it was suspected that Germany had received not only copies of original documents, but also coded copies.

It was assumed then, Mr. Kennedy said, that Germany had penetrated the code, and thus could have access to any diplomatic messages transmitted via cable or radio anywhere in the world.

Blackout for 2 to 6 Weeks.  
The blackout lasted for 2 to 6 weeks, he said, until couriers reached embassies with new codes. Mr. Kennedy indicated that Italy may have been ordered to stay out of the war for the first 14 months of the conflict because she was more useful to Germany as a transmission belt for information on Britain's activities.

Mr. Kennedy stated that Kent had copied 1,500 documents covering vital British war plans, but it wasn't until after his arrest that a connection was found between Kent and the Italian Embassy in London.

"Italy, you remember," Mr. Kennedy said in a telephone interview, "did not go to war until after Kent's arrest."

Mr. Kennedy denied Kent was an emissary between President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, as was charged in the British Parliament by John McGovern, British Laborite.

Charged Secret War Deal.  
Mr. McGovern asserted that Kent had been imprisoned to prevent disclosure of a reported prewar agreement between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, which was described as a pledge for the United States to help England if she entered the war.

In Washington, Kent's mother, Mrs. Ann M. P. Kent, said the State Department's statement issued Saturday, "left entirely unanswered the point on which the American people demand an investigation, i.e., the existence or nonexistence of secret prewar agreements made by the President of the United States without the advice and consent of the Senate."

Mrs. Kent's statement was in a letter to Secretary of State Hull which she made public. She said her son had been called upon to code and decode "secret agreements between Roosevelt and Churchill," and she quoted her son as having said after his sentencing in England: "At times I was almost nauseated at the part I had to play."

Mother Denied Passport.  
Mrs. Kent said she had been refused a passport to visit her son in England, and said she planned to petition Congress "for redress of grievance."

"The department doubtless heard of my intention and accordingly issued its release at this time," she said.

Mr. Kennedy said his first knowledge of the Kent affair came when a Scotland Yard man called at the Embassy and laid the facts before him.

Later, Mr. Kennedy said that "we went to Kent's rooms and found copies of 1,500 documents locked in a strong box."

Mr. Kennedy said that Kent had been followed to a photography shop where the documents were copied on microfilm, but that while Kent was suspected of delivering the material to the Axis, the "beans were spilled" when the Italian Embassy called Kent's rooms while Scotland Yard men and American Embassy officials were there.

Copied All Secret Data.  
Mr. Kennedy said that Mr. Churchill had agreed to supply "exact and complete" information on British war plans and preparations to President Roosevelt, when the war began.

The documents which Kent had copied, Mr. Kennedy said, covered "all the messages between Churchill and Roosevelt."

"Churchill had given me a very frank and complete picture of England's unpreparedness," Mr. Kennedy said, "of her military and naval power and military placements, the status of her industries and week-by-week developments for forwarding to President Roosevelt."

Mr. Kennedy said that if this country had been at war he would have recommended that Kent be sent back here to be shot. As it was, he waived diplomatic immunity with the approval of the State Department, and turned him over to the British authorities for trial.

Can't Understand Kent's Action.  
The State Department in Washington has said that American action in the Kent case awaited completion of his sentence, when he would again come under jurisdiction of American courts.

Mr. Kennedy said that he could not understand Kent's action, "but somewhere along the line he had developed an anti-semitic complex."

"When he was arrested I asked

him what he could have been thinking of. He showed no remorse, but went into an anti-semitic blast that was a terrible thing."

## Army Insists on Equality In Camps, Patterson Says

By the Associated Press.  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 6.—The War Department, Acting Secretary Robert P. Patterson asserted in a letter to Gov. Chauncey Sparks, has insisted during the war that "all soldiers, regardless of race, be afforded equal opportunity to enjoy the recreational facilities which are provided at Army posts, camps and stations."

Mr. Patterson added that the War Department is "not an appropriate medium for effecting social readjustments."

His communication was in reply to a recent telegram Gov. Sparks sent to President Roosevelt protesting a War Department memorandum eliminating segregation of races at military installations.

Mr. Patterson said Gov. Sparks' telegram had been referred to him for reply.

"I agree," said the Governor in commenting on Mr. Patterson's letter, "that Negroes should be given equal facilities, but not the same facilities as white soldiers. There should be segregation."



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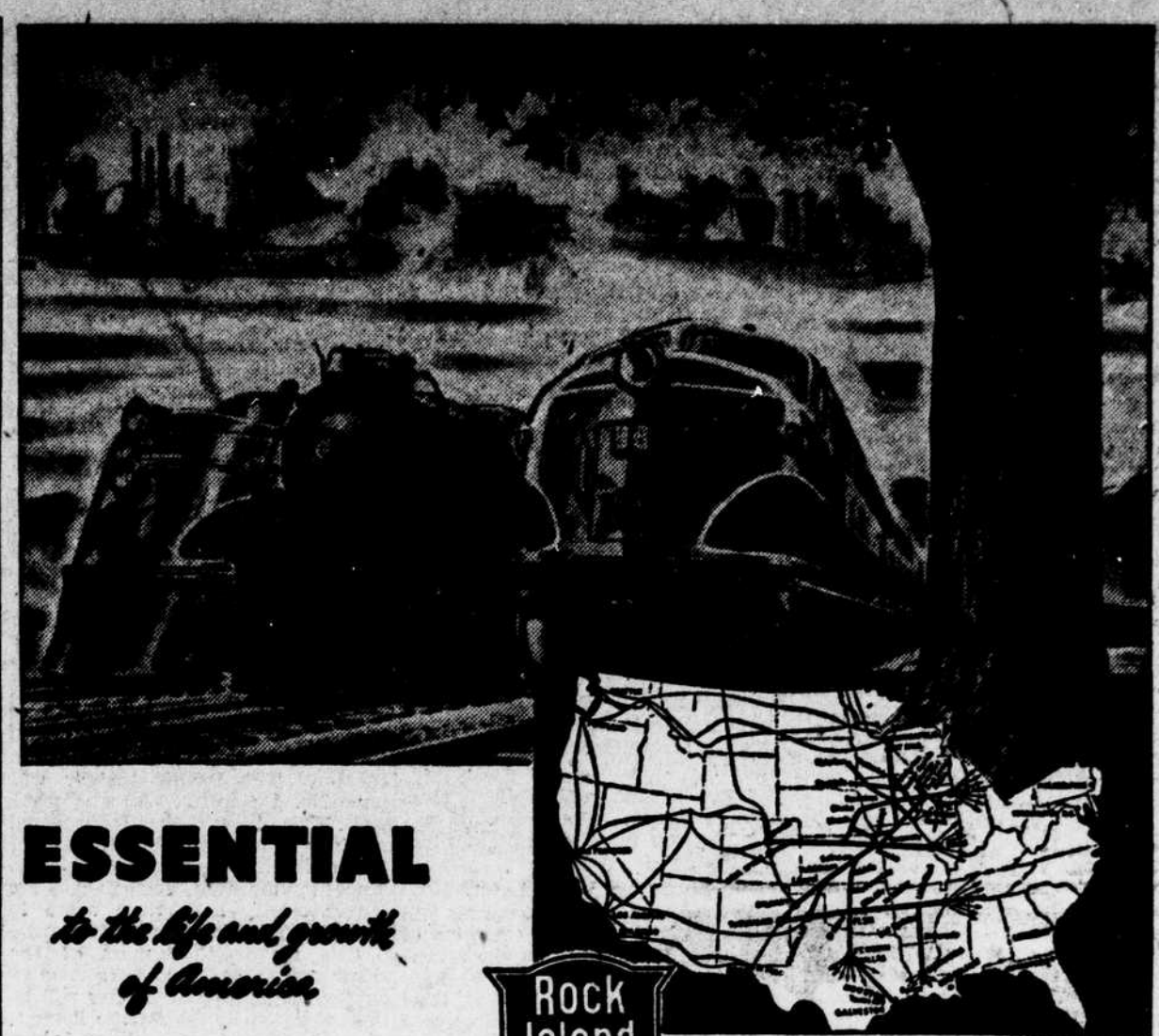
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