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DREW PEARSON (ABC) PREDICTION NO. 5, The Yalta Agreement:

The State Department will soon make public the wartime secret agreements and here is my prediction regarding one important secret affecting the peace of the world. The Yalta agreement, I predict, will show that Franklin Roosevelt urged Stalin to enter the Japanese War just as soon as Germany surrendered. In order to get such a promise from Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill finally gave Russia the following territory: The Kurile Islands, all of Outer Mongolia, and two vital seaports in Manchuria, Dairen, and Port Arthur. Despite this guarantee that Russia would enter the Japanese War, I predict that history will show that Stalin came to the Potsdam Conference with a Japanese peace proposal in his pocket but he did not disclose this joyful news to Churchill and Truman. Actually, they knew he had a Japanese offer because we had been decoding Japan's secret cables and so Truman and Churchill vaited several days for Stalin to make known the Japanese proposal. However, when Stalin said nothing Truman and Churchill regretfully concluded that Russia did not want the Japanese war to end and I predict that history will show this was why Truman and Churchill finally decided to drop the atom bomb.

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