

New York Justice Refuses To Extradite Ex-Communist On Seattle Perjury Charge

NEW YORK, May 16 — (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Aaron J. Levy refused Thursday to extradite George Hewitt, 42-year-old Negro former Communist, to Seattle, Wash., where he is wanted in connection with a perjury warrant.

Justice Levy sustained a writ of habeas corpus and released Hewitt.

The warrant was issued on an

affidavit by Melvin Rader, a sociology professor, who charged that Hewitt testified falsely before a Washington State Legislature's Un-American Activities Committee on July 23, 1947.

Justice Levy said he was convinced that Hewitt committed no crime.

"There is nothing to warrant my sending this man to slaughter," Justice Levy said.

"If I were he, I'd be very careful about my person in view of what we've been told has happened to others who were similarly situated. I am convinced that this man has committed no crime whatsoever and if perjury is the complaint against this man, it is Rader who should be the subject of perjury before the grand jury, rather than this accused."

Justice Levy announced his decision after hearing testimony by Hewitt and two other Negroes, both former Communists, as well as a review of the case by District Attorney Samuel J. Foley. Rader held Untruthful Foley referred to a report by a

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joint fact-finding committee of the Washington State Legislative Committee investigating Un-American activities, which stated it was the unanimous conclusion of the Committee that Prof. Rader "did not tell the truth." Foley said he agreed with that finding.

Justice Levy complimented Foley as an "heroic district attorney because of his humane attitude and acknowledgement of justice."

Prof. Rader, a doctor of philosophy at the University of Washington, had charged Hewitt perjured himself in testifying that Rader attended a school conducted by Communists near Kingston, N. Y., in the summers of 1938 and 1939.

The professor said he could not have attended the school, because in the summer of 1938 he taught a summer session at the University in Seattle and spent his vacation at Canyon Creek Lodge near that city.

Foley told the court that in 16 years as district attorney he never brought back to the Bronx anyone for trial unless there had been an indictment.

"Rader waited three weeks before he charged Mr. Hewitt with perjury," Foley said. "That was 10 months ago and in all that time there has been no grand jury indictment in that state."

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WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP) — Coast Guard Headquarters received a letter from Cambridge, Neb., today which left it completely baffled.

"Dear Sirs," the letter read, "will you please send me some of your free airplanes and ships. I would appreciate it very much." The signature on the hand-penned letter was not made public.

The Coast Guard promised to reply as soon as it can think up a good answer.

Airlift Personnel Merits Praises In Overcoming Blockade Of Berlin

By JAMES THRASHER

The men who flew the airlift rate a cheer, and a big one, from the whole country as well as from Defense Secretary Johnson, who sent them a commendation through General Clay.

"Undaunted by time and weather, working hour after hour, day and night, you have demonstrated to the world unified American national defense in action," Mr. Johnson said. "Your achievement takes its place beside the great American victories of all time."

The secretary was not exaggerating. It was indeed a great victory. And more than that, it was typical of the process leading up to other great American victories, especially those in World War II.

The United States did not expect this major battle of the cold war, which is what the Berlin blockade was. It was not prepared for it. It did not want it. But when the job clearly had to be done, the armed forces did it—and, we might add, how!

U. S. Prestige Increased
The beginning was tentative, uncertain, maybe a little hopeless. First one C-47, then another, and then a few more. Ten months later when agreement was finally reached to end the blockade, "flying boxcars" were in service on a round-the-clock schedule.

The airlift crews had flown more than 50,000,000 miles. At great expense to their country, at great danger to themselves at times, they had done the unprecedented and the seemingly impossible. They had sustained a divided city of more than 2,000,000 people. They had not only brought in the bare necessities of food, clothing and fuel, but also enough to keep up what passes for normal life in the battered German metropolis.

It was a feat as impressive as it was unprecedented. It could scarcely fail to increase American prestige among the Germans. And, like them or not, it is better

to have the Germans for us than against us. It must have given a comforting assurance of latent American power to the friendly governments of Europe. Most of all, it must have provided a lesson which the Soviet government will ponder and remember.

Cruel Purpose Fails
The Russians started out with heartless, cruel purpose of starving the population of Berlin, if necessary, in order to force the Western Powers out of Berlin. Well, the Berliners did not starve and the Western Powers did not leave. With a determination that never flagged, they not only thwarted the cynical Soviet plot but also turned it against the

Opponents of CVA Comprised Of Selfish Interests Bent on Area's Exploitation, Davidson Declares

WASHINGTON, May 16 — (AP) — Assistant Secretary of the Interior C. Girard Davidson said Friday a proposed Columbia Valley Administration is being opposed by "people who have sought to exploit the resources of the public domain for selfish interest."

Davidson, in a speech prepared for a National Resources Conference, identified the opponents of the CVA legislation now before Congress.

"The private utility corporations, the power lobbies . . . operated behind front organizations such as the development associations, reclamation associations and water users protective councils recently organized in the Northwest, . . . the railroads and

the chambers of commerce." Anthony W. Smith, CIO attorney and assistant director of the industrial union councils, questioned the scope of authority of river development agencies and said there are resource problems which can be handled only on a national basis.

"Surely it is clear that at present the critical problem in a number of river basins is too many dams under way, too badly planned," Smith said.

"It would be a gain if a number of the projects now authorized on the Missouri and Columbia rivers could be slowed up and fitted into broader plans."

Davidson declared that the federal government is "the only fiscal agency large enough to advance the capital needed to finance the Pacific Northwest's tremendous system of multiple-purpose river control structures."

"There is general agreement that the administration for regional development shall be located in the region and that there should be a large measure of local participation," he said.

"Generally speaking, these points on which people are agreed are the principles which guide the TVA in its operations."



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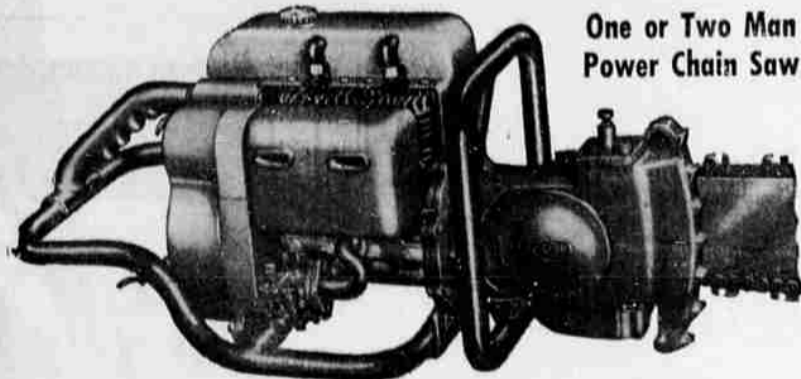
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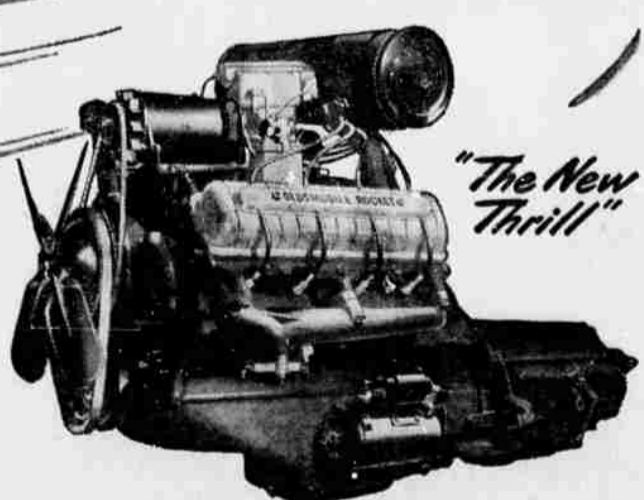
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