

Former Atomic Scientist Balks At Red Question

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(P) Former atomic scientist Irving David Fox refused Tuesday to tell house spy hunters whether he has been a communist. He was questioned at the reopening of the House un-American Activities committee investigation into wartime atomic espionage by Russia.

Now a student and teaching assistant at the University of California at Berkeley, Fox testified that for more than three years he worked in the university's radioactivity laboratory—which did part of the work on the atom bomb.

Counsel Frank Tavenner told Fox it has been "reported" to the committee that he was a member of the communist party and of a communist cell at the radiation laboratory.

On grounds he might incriminate himself, Fox refused to answer questions on whether he belonged to the party or the cell. Tavenner remarked that the hearings have become of "extreme importance" in view of President Truman's announcement last Friday that Russia has set off an atomic explosion.

The committee has said in an official report that communist leader Steve Nelson, serving as an espionage agent, got an important atomic formula in March, 1943, from a "scientist X" employed at the Berkeley laboratory. The committee never has named scientist X but may do so shortly.

Fox said he worked in the radiation laboratory from 1942 to 1945 and for another three months in 1946. He said he knew "more or less" that the laboratory was working on nuclear fission.

Rep. Case (R-S.D.) pressed him as to the nature of his instructions about security.

Fox said he was told the work was secret, that he would be told only what he needed for his work, that he was not to pass information to unauthorized persons and to be careful in not giving too much information to authorized people.

"I've never known of any case of espionage in the laboratory," he said.

For a new kind of dessert, put a cup of drained canned fruit cocktail in a container, add a cup of sour cream and two cups of cut marshmallows; mix well, cover, and allow to stand in the refrigerator overnight. Serve chilled in sherbet glasses to six to eight people.

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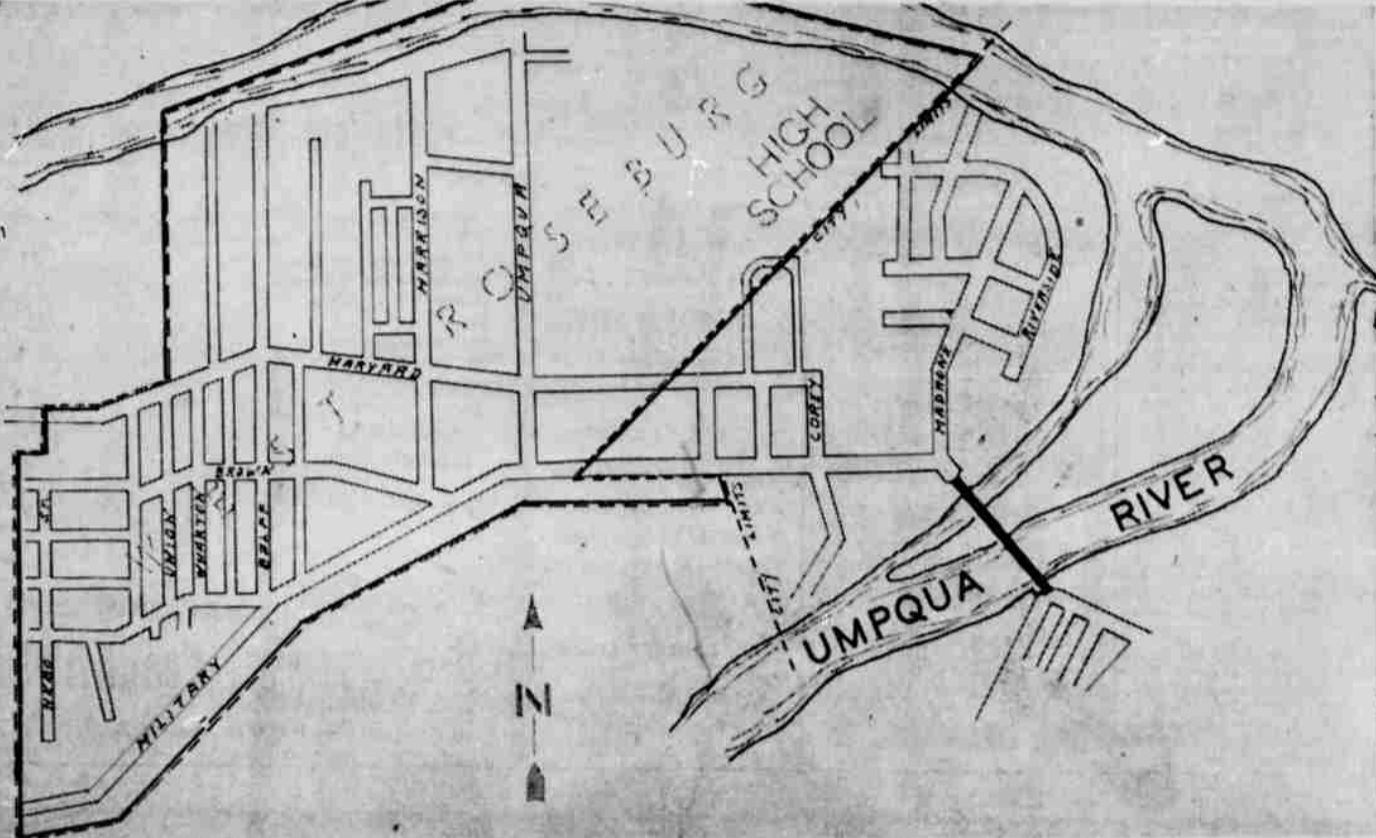
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PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION—The above map shows the West Roseburg area, one of the two large suburban sections which have petitioned to be annexed to the city of Roseburg. The other area, a map of which will be published later, is the Miller's addition-Sleepy Hollow area south of the city. The city council Tuesday passed an ordinance setting Nov. 1 as the date for an election to be held in the two areas. The city election to vote upon acceptance will not be held until after the outcome of the elections in the areas to be annexed is known. This is made possible by a recent state law to avoid the cost of a city election, in case the annexation vote should fail to carry. The West Roseburg area extends from the present city limits west to include Coates addition, and 100 feet south of the old Coos Bay Wagon road.

Mock Assault On Hawaii To Involve 50,000 Service Men, Formidable Navy Segments

FORT LEWIS, Wash., Sept. 29.—(P)—Tail-end units of Fort Lewis troops were leaving this virtually deserted army post today to complete the first stages of a maneuver that will cover millions of square miles and involve more than 50,000 service men.

Nearly 15,000 2nd division troops reached San Diego this week. And three more troopships will unload there during the rest of the week. Before they return to this and other Pacific Northwest posts, the men will have participated in a mock assault on the Hawaiian islands.

Between now and then, the men from this post, Fort Lawton and Fort Worden will engage in vast exercises off the coast of California in cooperation with navy and marine force personnel.

Following landing and reloading exercises at San Diego, transports, supply ships and landing ships which started from Puget Sound ports will be joined by aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, submarines and other navy craft. This will form what is known as the Western task force of nearly 100 vessels.

The Western task force will attempt to stage a surprise approach to the beaches of Oahu, which theoretically are defended by an enemy force which landed there in June.

The enemy or "aggressor" force is made up largely of Fifth regimental combat team troops from Schofield barracks near Honolulu. It has been assigned a powerful navy and marine corps air section and a large submarine fleet to conduct searches at sea to detect the western task force's approach.

At least five submarines equipped with devices permitting long underwater operation without resurfacing to recharge batteries are included.

A large group of army, navy and marine corps officers will observe the exercise, officially known as operation Miki, as umpires who will observe the degree of surprise accomplished by the Western task force in its approach to the island.

They also will judge the training status, tactics, adaptability and over-all efficiency of all units and commander on every level.

Statistics based on World War II records and other data will be utilized in estimating casualties and effective combat strengths for both the enemy and attacking forces.

The exercise, largest amphibious maneuver since the end of World War II, will terminate in late November or early December when troops will return to their home stations.

Albany Included In Rent Decontrol Order

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(P) The office of the Housing Expediter announces that rent controls have been ended in Ogden and West Bountiful, Utah; Albany, Ore., and Port Lavaca, Texas.

Ending controls was the result of local decontrol actions.

At the same time, the housing expediter announced that rents will be decontrolled in the remainder of the counties in which the cities are situated, as well as in Matagordo county, Texas.

The actions in Utah completed rent decontrols in that state.

Oakridge Mayor Faces Bad Conduct Charge

EUGENE, Sept. 28.—(P)—Oakridge's Mayor L. F. Gerspach was arraigned in justice court Monday night and given until October 3 to enter plea on a charge

of disorderly conduct. The complaint was filed last week by Harold F. Halstead, proprietor of the Chicken Inn at Oakridge, who charges that Gerspach made "improper advances" to a woman customer of the inn and used profane language to Halstead.

Justice of the peace George Boughey released the mayor on \$250 bail.

Timber Sale Advised By O. & C. Board At Medford

MEDFORD, Sept. 29.—(P)—The sale of 104,000,000 board feet of timber on government land in the Medford district during

Flapper Of Terrible Twenties Due For Comeback In Fashion's Decree

By DOROTHY ROE
Associated Press Fashion Editor
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(P)—The flapper of the terrible twenties is due for a comeback in the fabulous fifties.

Newest indication is the return of the short evening dress, a favorite of the jazz age, now gaining general acceptance in the bebop era. Along with the shingle bob, the shorter skirt and the "bunny hug" coat, it is a sign of the times.

Although the short evening dress has appeared in fashion collections for the last four or five years, it has established itself as a major fashion in all price ranges and age groups just this season. Fashion authorities agree that we'll be seeing it this winter on Main street as well as Park avenue.

This nostalgic garment is shown in various phases, most extreme of which is the street-length chiffon sheath, embroidered in rhinestones, just as the John Held girls used to wear them back in 1925. The waistline, however, has not yet dropped to

the hips, and the bustline is still allowed its natural curves.

An indication of the wide acceptance of the trend comes from Ruth Jacobs, fashion editor of "women's wear," who says:

"There's no question about it—short evening dresses are at their peak of acceptance right now. Although they've been around for several years, we have noted that each year has seen a more general acceptance throughout the country."

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