

GREEN SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

President's Refusal To Talk
About Hiss' Conviction Stirs
Wrath Of Republican Leaders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—President Truman's refusal to comment on the perjury conviction of Alger Hiss brought fresh Republican demands today for a new congressional investigation into the case.

"If Mr. Truman won't make any answers," said Rep. Velde (R-Ill.), "it's up to Congress to seek some of their own."

Velde, a former FBI agent, is a member of the House un-American activities committee. It was that group's investigations into Communist espionage activities that turned up the evidence which resulted in the indictment of the former State department official and his conviction last Saturday.

Will Ask Probe

Velde said he will ask the committee Wednesday to demand a look at the government loyalty record on Hiss.

In the past, Mr. Truman has denied such records to congressional committees.

Velde called Mr. Truman's attitude that of a stubborn man who is still attempting to withhold information of an espionage plot in his own branch of the government from the people and the courts of the land.

At his news conference yesterday the President was asked: "Regardless of the outcome in the higher courts, will you or will you not turn your back on Alger Hiss?"

No Point In Asking

Another reporter asked whether there was any point in asking other questions about the Hiss case. There wasn't, the President replied. He said they weren't asked with good intent and he didn't intend to answer them.

Secretary of State Acheson has said he will not turn his back on Hiss, who is his friend.

Hiss was convicted by a federal court jury in New York on charges of lying when he said he never slipped government papers to a pre-war Communist spy ring. He received a five-year prison sentence. The conviction is being appealed.

Nixon Made Charge

Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.), ranking Republican member of the un-American activities committee, said earlier this week that information linking Hiss to a Communist spy ring was available to the President three years ago.

Nixon has announced that he will seek to reopen congressional hearings into the case.

Acheson's statement, meanwhile, continued to bring angry replies from Republicans. Rep. Gavin (R-Pa.) told the House yesterday that Acheson had "forfeited his right to hold high office, and that 'his resignation is in order.'"

Another Republican, Rep. Curtis of Nebraska, said this country needs a secretary of state "whose first and only loyalty is to the United States."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Flying Arrow (well-publicized American blockade runner) gets back to Kobe, Japan. Among others, she carries a Carl Hawthorne, who was chief of the now-closed American consulate at Tsingtao. He tells reporters at Kobe:

"Food has become a pressing problem for the big Chinese population . . . Millions are going to die of starvation before the next harvest in August . . . I believe the people are dissatisfied with communist rule, but can do nothing about it because of TIGHT CONTROLS."

TIGHT controls? What are they? Well, the most effective of them are policemen, both uniformed and secret. There are squads of them. They have guns. The poor devils they are bossing have none.

So, you see, it doesn't do the people who are being bossed much.

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KNOTTY PROBLEM

Status Of North Umpqua,
Diamond Lake Development
Districts Is Questioned

What is to become of the North Umpqua-Diamond Lake Highway Development district, existing without legal means for replacing its trustees as their terms of office expire?

The last state legislature repealed the law relating to the setting up and administering of highway improvement districts. By special act the legislature also abolished the Salmon River-Grande Ronde Improvement district, set up under the original law, but no mention is made as to the disposition of the North Umpqua district. Neither does it provide for an election of trustees.

No Longer Needed

State Representative Paul Geddes said the legislature did not overlook the North Umpqua district, though making no mention of its disposition. He said the legislature repealed the law as the general consensus was that improvement districts had served their usefulness and are no longer needed.

He said it is understood the

present officers will serve until the district's funds are liquidated and the district is abolished.

County Clerk Roy Agee has been informed by the secretary of state's office and through Attorney General George Neuner's opinion that the law repeal leaves no provision for the election of trustees. Therefore no place nor names of candidates can be provided on the ballot for the forthcoming primary election.

No Information Received

G. V. Wimberly, secretary of the board of trustees since the district was formed June 12, 1930, said he had received no information that the law had been repealed, until so informed by the county clerk.

The board has not been active for some time, said Wimberly. He estimated the district has about \$15,000 at its disposal. Of this amount \$6,578.62 is with the county treasurer and the remainder with the state. The money

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The Weather
The Weather—
Partly cloudy with occasional
showers today. Increasing
cloudiness Sunday.
Sunset today 5:20 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:32 a. m.

Established 1873

ROSEBURG, OREGON—SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 1950

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Huge Search Underway For Missing Plane

44 Aboard
U. S. C-54
In Canada

EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 28.—(P)—Rescue planes of two nations focused today on the mountainous, icy, blizzard-infested Yukon territory in search of a U. S. Air Force C-54 which vanished two days ago with 44 persons aboard.

Among the 36 passengers were a mother and her child, military dependents. Others were servicemen returning to the states. Eight crew members manned the big four-engine transport on the ill-fated flight.

The C-54 disappeared Thursday afternoon about two hours after

TIMMINS, Ont., Jan. 28.—(P)—Department of transport officials at nearby Porcupine reported today that an R. C. A. F. plane is apparently missing somewhere in northern Ontario. The plane took off from

Rochester airport near Ottawa

at 7:34 a. m. for western Canada and has not reported to any transport stations en route.

leaving Anchorage for Great Falls, Mont., a waystop en route to its home base at Briggs Field, El Paso, Tex.

Forces Combined

Air rescue services of the United States and Canada joined forces and sent scores of search craft to the bleak area of craggy peaks, frozen swamps and muskeg, snow and ice.

At Whitehorse from which the hunt is being directed, bad weather forced officials to call back all planes last night after a full day in the air.

The search is a dawn to dusk proposition and the hours of daylight are few.

Names of the eight crewmen have been revealed. The others will not be released until 48 hours after next of kin have been notified.

Clues upon which to base the search are meager. The plane last

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Roseburg 'Warms'
In Wake Of Cold

Roseburg gained distinction for the second time this week as the warmest spot in the inland section of the state, with a low thermometer reading of 31 degrees.

According to Associated Press reports, other areas did not fare as well. An overnight snow accumulation added to already set snow records for January in such cities as Pendleton, Seattle, Yakima, Salem and Corvallis. Snow depth at The Dalles is 22 inches.

An unofficial low of minus 37 degrees at Deer Park, Wash., is believed to have made that city the coldest in the nation. The thermometer registered 16 at both Portland and Seattle and Spokane was 20 below.

The Willamette highway blocked yesterday by nine slides, was opened to one-way traffic. The Columbia river and Evergreen highways remained closed and the Oregon coast highway still was closed at two points.



TESTIFIES—Henry A. Wallace is

in good humor, on the witness stand of the House Un-American Activities committee just before a closed hearing began, in Washington. Wallace said he had "absolutely nothing to do with" wartime uranium shipments to Russia. The wartime vice president had asked to be heard after radio commentator Fulton Lewis Jr. said in a broadcast that Wallace helped the Russians get supplies of atomic materials. (AP Wirephoto).

Polio Fund Upped
By Armory Dance

The Polio fund drive was swelled by a sizeable sum, if the crowd that attended the dance at the Roseburg armory was any indication.

Three dance bands provided music at the Active club-sponsored affair. Lou Franco's Happy Valley cowboys, The Shammy trio and the Elks club dance band. Numbers ranged from the Spanish fandango to the more sophisticated ballads.

Decorations, carried out with red, white and blue crepe paper helped add a festive note to the armory's interior. Roseburg Jaycees were the interior decorators.

All receipts will be turned over to the polio fund, after expenses. Activists Dick Gilman and Arlo Jacklin reported.

This was the third annual Active club-sponsored polio fund dance held in Roseburg.

Hundreds Turned Away
From Espionage Trial

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(P)—It's hard to get seats at Gubitchev-Coplon spy trial here in New York. Hundreds are turned away every day.

Yesterday a guard stopped a short stocky man at the door because he had no pass.

"All right then, I go home," he said cheerfully.

It was defendant Valentin A. Gubitchev.

They let him in.

Atomic Bomb
Pioneer Asks
H-Bomb Race

Dr. Harold Urey Says
U. S. Can't Risk Loss
To Russia By Default

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(P)—America must either run the race for the hydrogen super-bomb or risk letting Russia win the world by default, one of the country's A-bomb pioneers said last night.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize winner in physics and a top atomic scientist, said: "In fact, we may have already lost the armaments race."

The H-bomb—referred to by some as the "hell-bomb"—will be nearly 1,000 times more powerful than the atom-bomb if it can be developed, scientists say.

"I am very unhappy to conclude that the hydrogen bomb should be developed and built," Dr. Urey said. "I do not think we should intentionally lose the armaments race. To do this would be to lose our liberties and, with Patrick Henry, I value my liberties more than my life."

Dr. Urey referred to the fact that President Truman is weighing whether the U. S. will launch an H-bomb project or not—and also to a report that this was postponed as far back as 1945.

"These decisions in regard to the hydrogen bomb have been made in an almost unbelievable atmosphere," he said.

"Those people who decided we should not develop it believed that the USSR could not get the ordinary atom bomb in less than 10 or 15 years. Time has proved them incorrect on this point."

Hopes For Failure

Dr. Urey said he hoped "very much" that research on the H-bomb will fail, but he does not count on it.

"I think we should assume that

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Berlin Traffic
Blockade Eased

HELMSTEDT, Germany, Jan. 28.—(P)—The Russians allowed westbound motor traffic from Berlin to speed up slightly here this morning, the sixth day of the Soviet slowdown on trucks linking the German metropolises with the west.

Persons coming from the Russian side of the Soviet zone border here said there was almost no traffic pileup there. German customs officials said westbound traffic had been moving at a slightly faster rate this morning.

But on the superhighway to Berlin about 200 Berlin-bound trucks from western Germany were lined up behind the western checkpoint, waiting for Soviet clearance. The Russians were letting about four vehicles pass their barrier each hour.

Allied and German trains continued normal operations to and from Berlin. Railway officials reported all trains passed through here on schedule.

Mississippi Legislative Body
Passes Resolution Criticizing
Acheson For 'Hiss Statement'

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 28.—(P)—The Mississippi House of Representatives sharply rebuked Secretary of State Dean Acheson yesterday for his comment on the perjury conviction of Alger Hiss.

Acheson had said: "I do not intend to turn my back on Alger Hiss."

Hiss, former State department employee, was convicted and sentenced to five years for denying passing confidential state papers to a pre-war Russian spy ring.

Called "Shocking"

The Mississippi House's resolution declared Acheson's stand is "shocking and unprecedented."

It said the United States is being threatened by "the gradual but steady march of Communism directed from Moscow" and that Communism already has invaded "the high and important Department of State as

evidenced by the disclosures and conviction in the trial of Alger Hiss."

It urged a congressional investigation of the State department, the judiciary and the rest of the federal government.

In discussing the resolution, House Speaker Walter Sillers said "We have the spectacle in our country of a man proved by disloyalty, convicted after two trials, being defended by a man in the position of holding and guaranteeing the secrets of his country, who stands by him (Hiss) instead of standing by the people of his country."

Sillers added "this resolution condemns that act and demands that the country rid itself of traitors, high or low."

The resolution also criticized the appearance of Supreme Court justices Felix Frankfurter and Stanley Reed as defense character witnesses for Hiss as an "unprecedented spectacle."

Douglas UO Alum Banquet
Scheduled Here Thursday

An outstanding program is being offered Feb. 2 for the Douglas County University of Oregon Alumni banquet, scheduled for Hotel Umpqua Thursday evening.

George Luoma, Douglas county director of the alumni association, said the university is sending top flight talent to this area who will appear at the banquet. They include Dr. James H. Gilbert, dean Emeritus of the college of liberal arts; Dean Theodore H. Kraft, head of the school of music; Dr. Raymond T. Ellickson, head of physics department; and Jerry Lillie, assistant football coach and formerly head coach at Willamette university.

Dispute Over
Hydrogen Bomb
Still Goes On

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(P)—The dispute over whether this nation should produce a hydrogen bomb went on unabated today following President Truman's statement that the decision, his to make, is still hanging fire.

Mr. Truman's news conference comment yesterday was his first public acknowledgment that a new and terrible atomic weapon, perhaps 10 to 1,000 times more potent than the present atom bomb, is under consideration.

It came in the midst of a number of developments concerning the H-bomb—none of which threw much new light on the situation.

Only a few hours before, Senator McMahon (D-Conn) had acknowledged, without actually saying so, that the Senate House atomic committee has been discussing the weapon.

Pointedly avoiding the term "hydrogen bomb," McMahon, chairman of the committee, told reporters:

"We have been discussing plans for advances in the technological improvement of atomic weapons and I anticipate your questions by saying this includes all types of atomic weapons."

McMahon made the statement after a two and a half hour closed door meeting with the Atomic Energy commission.

AEC Chairman David E. Lilienthal, who left the meeting early to see Mr. Truman, also had something to say about the subject—but in an entirely different vein.

Horses In Dog Pound;
Surprise Awaits Owner

Horses in the dog pound? May sound strange, but E. W. Naas, city dog control officer, had no other place to lodge the four-legged transients picked up this morning after they had wandered around the west side of the city.

When found, the two animals were on Corey avenue.

The owner (or owners) may have same by calling Naas at 1146-R this afternoon or Sunday. But there's one hitch. The horses were provided with feed, which must be paid for.

There's also a little item of violation of a city ordinance—and the fine is \$10.

Witches Ride Brooms
On Ground, Says Doctor

LONDON, Jan. 28.—(P)—You're all wrong if you think witches ride through the air on broomsticks.

Dr. Margaret A. Murray, nearing 70 and an authority on such things for almost 50 years, cleared up the matter in a lecture here last night.

She said witches ride broomsticks all right, but they just scoot along the ground on them, as if on hobbyhorses.

Youth Enters
Second Degree
Guilty PleaGrandfather's Death
On Thanksgiving Day
Attributed To Student

Wallace Green, 20, today was sentenced to serve the rest of his natural life in the Oregon State penitentiary.

The sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly upon Green's plea of guilty to a charge of second degree murder in the death of his grandfather, Robt. Thomas Green, 77-year-old railroad pensioner, at Dillard last Thanksgiving day.

Disposition of the case came quickly, following Green's indictment Wednesday by the grand jury on first degree murder charge accusing him of slaying his grandfather by "striking him in the head with a blunt instrument."

On Thursday afternoon Green was arraigned on the first degree murder charge before Judge Wimberly. At that time he entered a plea of innocent to the charge.

Few Spectators

Only members of the court, legal counsel, officers, Green's father, Austin Green, of Bremerton, Wash., and a couple other persons were in the courtroom today when the court convened at 10 a. m.

Deputy District Attorney James G. Richmond, acting for District Attorney Robert G. Davis, announced to the court that Green had signed his willingness to enter a plea of guilty to a second degree murder charge. This, said Richmond, was acceptable to the state.

Judge Wimberly then asked Green's attorney, Ray B. Compton if that was agreeable. The latter replied, "Yes."

Then the judge put the question directly to the youth, asking him if he was willing to enter a plea of guilty to the second degree charge. Green also answered, "Yes."

Private Walver

The judge said, "You have the

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Sawyer Suggests
Method To Bring
Price Lowering

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 28.—(P)—Secretary of Commerce Sawyer proposed today that business give up some of its profits and labor some of its wage demands to bring prices down.

He said consumers' interests "must be a first concern of the government," that the farmer should bear them in mind "when he asks for public support of agricultural prices," and that the consumer sits unseated at every labor management conference.

"Yet no one pleads in his behalf," Sawyer declared in a speech prepared for the National Consumers association.

"If management can demonstrate to labor that it seriously intends to sacrifice some of its profits in the interest of the consumer, labor should be willing to modify its own demands," he said.

Such a management offer, he added, "should make a powerful appeal to the worker, who is also a consumer."

Sawyer took the position that both bosses and workers would gain from price cuts, for he said sales would expand, thus leading to increased production.

U. S. Leaders Leave
Tomorrow For Tour

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(P)—The United States' top military leaders leave tomorrow for a 10-day visit to American installations in the far east.

The joint chiefs of staff—Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman; Gen. Lawton J. Collins, army; Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, air force, and Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, navy—will confer with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Japan, then stop at 12 U. S. Pacific bases, including Okinawa, Guam and Honolulu.

Lane Street Storm Sewers
To Get First Consideration
As Soon As Funds Available

Storm sewers for Lane street, now under consideration by the city council, would be but the first, although the most important, of several needed storm sewers which should be installed in the city as soon as available funds make the projects practical, according to City Manager M. W. Slankard.

Lane street has been chosen first because its central location would best serve the city's needs. Other lines could follow at a later date, said Slankard. Water pouring off the hills back of Terrace park addition at the head of Lane street presents the greatest problem, he said.

\$38,000 Cost

The proposal now being considered would call for construction of a line from the Umpqua river 483 feet up Lane street at an estimated cost of \$37,874.88. The line would consist of 1140 feet of 30-inch pipe starting at the river and continuing on with 1555 feet of 24-inch, 975 feet of 18-inch and 335 feet of 12-inch pipe on up the hillside to the

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Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstela

Success to the defensive alliance of the North Atlantic nations. May its future never see the necessity of bemoaning that "a chain is no stronger than its weakest link."



CONGRESSMAN SAMPLES HOME PRODUCT—Harris Ellsworth (left), representative from Oregon's 4th Congressional district, got a taste of a famed Oregon product and news from the home front when Roy A. Ward (right) of the Pacific Wool Growers and John Trunk (center) of the Northwest Nut Growers visited recently in the Roseburg congressman's office in Washington. Trunk passed around the filberts, and it was agreed that the Oregon product was unsurpassed.