

'Contempt' Convictions Are Thrown Out

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday threw out contempt-of-Congress convictions of three men who refused to answer questions put to them by Congressional Red hunters.

Chief Justice Warren, who spoke for the majority in all

three cases, said governmental bodies "must be most scrupulous" in protecting the rights of a witness under the Fifth Amendment's guarantee against compulsory self-incrimination.

The following convictions were reversed and sent back to U.S. District Court here with instruc-

tions to enter judgments of acquittal:

Julius Emspak, secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical Workers Union, which was expelled from the CIO several years ago on the ground it was Communist-dominated.

Thomas Quinn, a field organ-

izer for the same union, who also was called as a witness during the same investigation.

Phillip Bart, general manager of The Daily Worker, Communist Party newspaper, a witness before the same committee in 1950.

Emspak and Quinn received sentences of six months in jail

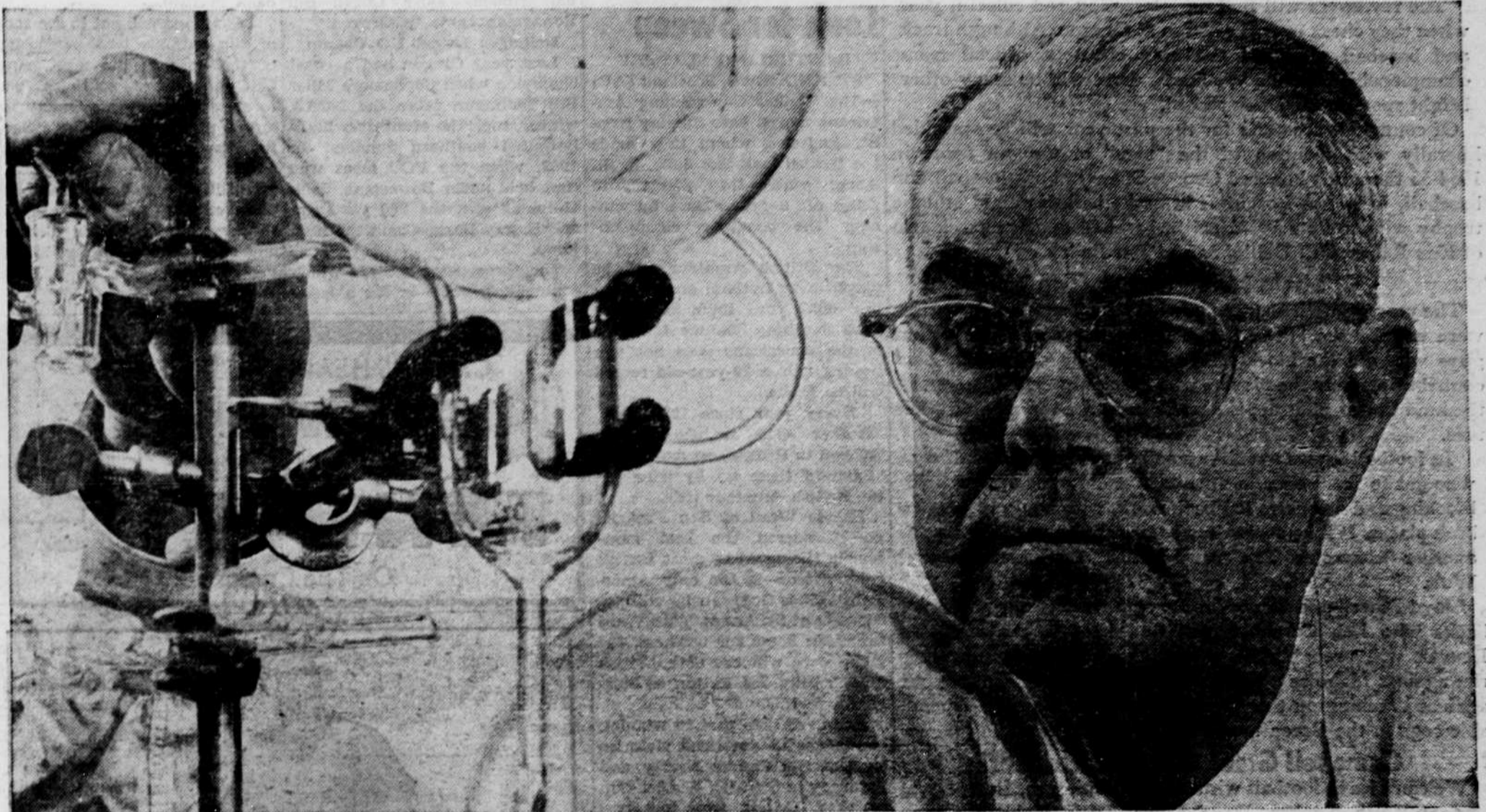
and \$500 fines. Bart got a three-month sentence and a \$500 fine.

The U.S. Court of Appeals here had upheld the Emspak and Bart convictions, but ordered a new trial for Quinn.

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