

Atom Scientist Said Recruiter For Commies

WASHINGTON, June 11—(AP)—A wartime worker in a west-coast atomic laboratory testified Friday that he became a communist after he was taken to a party meeting by an atomic scientist.

The worker, Robert Davis, told the house unAmerican activities committee that the scientist was Giovanni Rossi Lomanitz.

At one period during the war they both were employed at the important University of California radiation laboratory in Berkeley.

Davis said that Lomanitz asked him to go to a meeting, that he went with him to two or three, and that at one of the meetings Davis joined the party.

The price of a communist card in capitalistic terms: 50 cents.

Lomanitz also was a witness before the committee Friday, but he preceded Davis to the stand.

Physics Professor

The slender, 28-year-old Lomanitz now is an associate physics professor at Fisk university in Nashville, Tenn.

On grounds that he might incriminate himself, he refused to say whether he ever had joined the party, or whether he had ever asked anyone else to join.

But, said Lomanitz: "Under no conditions have I been disloyal to the United States government."

He acted as a spy

He said that in his opinion membership in the communist party, doesn't necessarily mean that one is disloyal. And never, he insisted, has he given anyone restricted information.

Lomanitz said he was a physicist at the Berkeley laboratory from about June, 1942, to September, 1944.

Davis said that near the end of March, 1943, he was transferred to the Los Alamos, N. Mex., atomic plant.

Budworm Fight Reaches Peak

PORTLAND, June 11—(AP)—The aerial assault on spruce budworm, which has been threatening Oregon's Douglas fir timber, reached a peak today.

A dozen planes are flying daily over the Mount Hood national forest to spray a gallon of DDT over every acre of timber.

The budworm has to be sprayed while it is in the larvae stage to be killed.

Warrant Holds Albany Taxi Firm Operator

ALBANY, June 11—(AP)—A taxi company operator here was held in city jail today on a Memphis, Tenn., warrant involving the robbery and beating of a former landlord.

Assistant Police Chief Ray Madddy said J. A. Merrill, who sold his share of a cab operation here a few weeks ago, had admitted participation in the Memphis assault last December.

Merrill's car contained a 22-caliber rifle which earlier had been reported stolen here.

Memphis police advised today that Merrill was wanted on a charge of assault in attempt to commit murder and robbery.

Maddy said the victim was left for dead in a rooming house in Memphis after being robbed of \$27.

Merrill had resided in McMinnville for one month prior to coming here five months ago. He has waived extradition for removal to Tennessee, the assistant police chief said.

Originality Fails to Convince Teacher

CROSSVILLE, Ill., June 11—(AP)—Miss Jane Underwood assigned to her high school sophomore class the writing of 50-word themes.

She emphasized originality would pay off. Billy Higginson wrote: "Once upon a time I went for a walk. I walked and I walked and I walked (and so on) . . . and finally I got lost."

Miss Underwood graded the paper with a replying 50-word theme: "Once upon a time I graded a theme. I thought and I thought and I thought . . . and finally I decided to give Billy Higginson a D—."



ROLLING DOWN THE SAILING POND — Model boat builders test their replicas of famous sailing craft in a week-end meeting at Round Pond, Kensington Gardens, London.

Mrs. Moss, 82, Succumbs to Year's Illness

Laura Belle Moss, 82, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leston W. Howell, at 525 N. Capitol st. She had been in failing health for a year.

She moved here from Oregon City last December. She had lived there since 1923.

Laura Belle Myers was born Oct. 7, 1866 at Atlanta, Mo. She married Sam J. Moss in Missouri on

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Feb. 28, 1895. They later moved to Idaho where he died in 1911. A son, Robert, also preceded her in death.

Surviving besides Mrs. Howell are another daughter, Mrs. Lloyd M. Hill of Salem; a brother, Mark M. Myers of Portland, four grandsons, Dr. Clifford F. Hill, Richard H. Hill, Robert L. Hill and Howard Hill all of Salem; a great granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the First Christian church at Gladstone. Funeral services will be announced later by the Howell-Edwards chapel.

Guardsman AWOL Before Leaving For Summer Camp

The Oregon national guard called on the Salem police force early Saturday morning to round up a guardsman who had strayed from the pack.

At 3:40 a.m. a first sergeant notified city police that Gerald Bowen, 1185 Chemeketa st., was missing from Salem armory where the company was quartered for the night.

A policeman located him and he was returned in time to make the two-weeks' encampment trip to Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Salem Units of National Guard Start for Camp

Salem companies B and G of the Oregon national guard left Saturday for Fort Lewis, Wash., where the 41st infantry division will undergo intensive two-week training maneuvers.

Nearly 3,500 Oregon guardsmen, 900 from Willamette valley units, will join Washington trainees in infantry, artillery and air force maneuvers at Yakima, Moses Lake and Fort Lewis.

More than 150 Salem men will participate.

Aspirants for Gotham Mayor Job Plentiful

NEW YORK, June 11—(AP)—The job of serving as mayor of New York's 8,000,000 people has been called the nation's second toughest public office but there is no lack of aspirants this year.

Mayor William O'Dwyer, after one term, threw wide the floodgates this week with a flat declaration he would not yield to a draft.

At least 25 men prominent in the political and business life of the metropolis have been mentioned as O'Dwyer's successor. Of those only one or two have indicated with any firmness that they are not interested.

Leaders of both the democratic and republican parties are scheduled to begin next week the round of "smoke-filled room" parleys from which will merge the nominees.

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I rolled and tossed all night last night trying to figure a way out and here it is—Will all you folks come in some time next week and buy some jewelry, or a watch or some sterling silver or a belt buckle or a diamond ring or something—just anything to keep me extra busy so I won't have to go home and can berries? Thanks, pals, just to show my appreciation I'd give you a little off the price but everything is priced so low now the place looks like I'm putting on a sale.

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Sunny Spring Cuts Umatilla Crop Prospects

PENDLETON, June 11—(AP)—The sunny spring weather had cut a deep gash in Umatilla county's prospective grain and pea crop today.

A pea crop only 55 per cent as large as last year's was predicted by county agent Vic Johnson as a result of the hot weather and scant rainfall.

Already canneries in the \$4,000,000 pea industry are having difficulty keeping rolling. "We are having a dickens of a time getting enough peas," said one cannery official.

The short crop hurt job-hunters, too. For the first time since the war boom, migratory laborers are knocking on cannery doors to ask for work.

The grain crop was reported in somewhat better shape, though still below growers' hopes. Jim Hill, manager of the Pendleton grain growers, said the county probably would produce a wheat crop 25 per cent below last season's; about the same as the long-time average 6,000,000 (M) bushels.

Sheep Chases Shepherd

ROME, June 11—(AP)—A sheep turned on its shepherd and tried to bite him in Sassari, Cagliari. Explanation for this un-sheep-like behavior: it had been bitten by a mad dog. And contracted hydrophobia.

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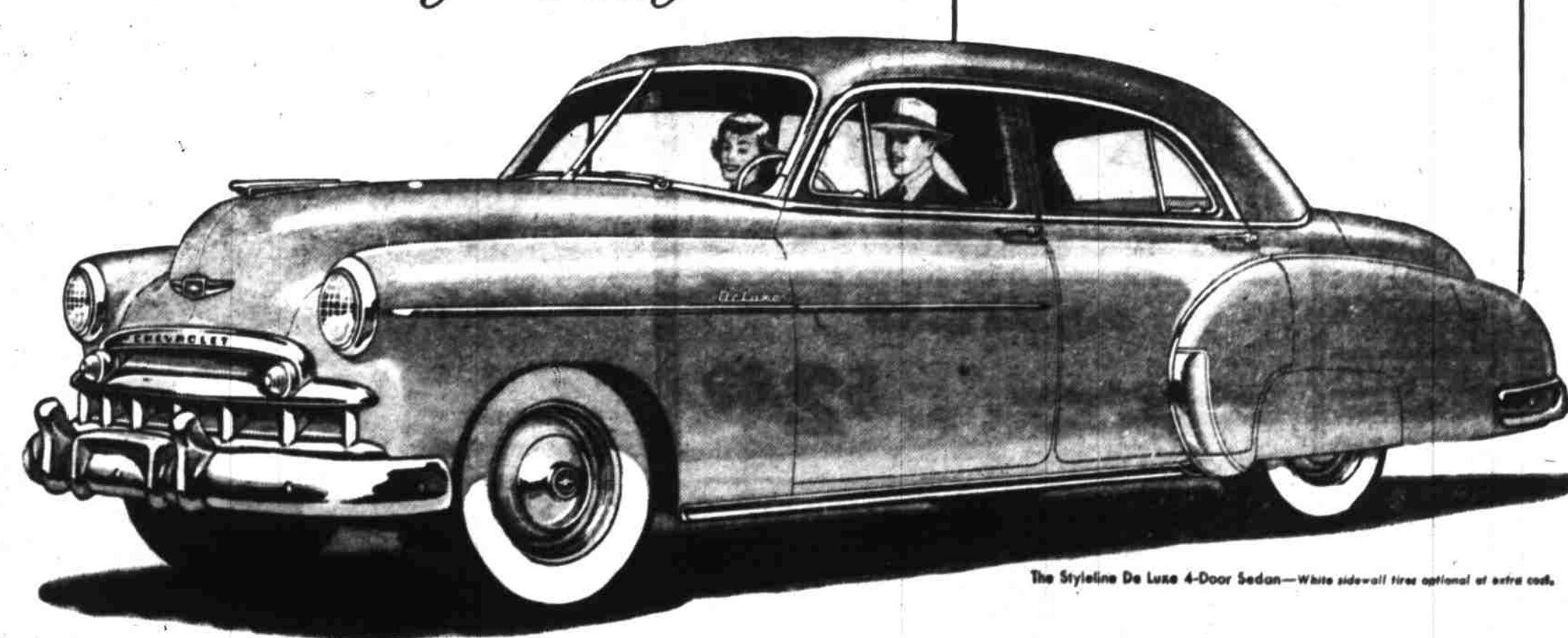
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