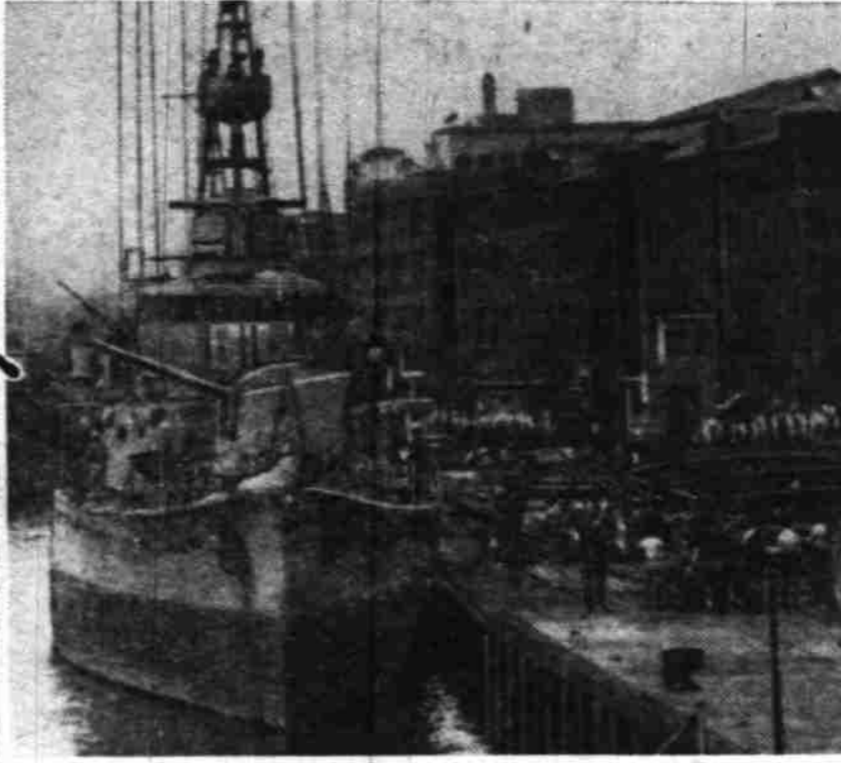




REVIEW—Wilhelm Pieck, president of the Soviet-sponsored east German republic, is followed by his wife as he inspects honor guard at his first formal state reception in Berlin.



TRAVELER—Lowell Thomas, newsreader, waves cheerfully on his return to the U.S. He broke a thigh in a fall from horse in Tibet.



TURNCOAT—This Chinese Nationalist escort vessel, formerly on blockade duty, fled up the Yangtze River to join the Chinese Communists. It is shown here at a dock in Shanghai.



HONORED—Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian prime minister, who always wanted to meet President Roosevelt, lays wreath on the Hyde Park grave. Watching are his daughter (left), Mme. Lakshmi, ambassador to U.S., and Mrs. Roosevelt.

World Keeps Watch On Communist Trial

DIPLOMATIC capitals around the globe have followed closely the trial, conviction and sentencing of 11 leaders of the American Communist Party for criminal conspiracy against the government of the United States. Interest in the procedure has been keen in western Europe, particularly, where small but tightly knit Communist minorities are a constant threat to coalition governments.

Foreign observers will keep close check on developments, pending the final verdict on appeal to the Supreme Court.

Longest in History

The trial was one of the longest criminal trials in American history. It lasted just four days less than nine months. It was characterized by tactics of delay, obstruction and disorder, resulting in jail sentences for contempt, after the trial's close, of all five counsel for the defense.

Judge Harold R. Medina in his charge to the jury pointed out that the Communist Party, as such, was not on trial. The 11 Communist leaders were tried under a provision of the Smith Act which makes it illegal for individuals to conspire to advocate or teach the overthrow of the government by force.

The jury deliberated seven hours. The jury foreman, Mrs. Thelma Dial, a Negro housewife, said: "We find the defendants each and every one guilty."

In his charge to the jury, Judge Medina declared constitutionality of the Smith Act was no concern of theirs. That question of law will have to be decided by the Supreme Court.

The Question of Law

The issue the Supreme Court will have to settle is whether the Smith Act, applied to the Communists as members of a recognized political party, abridges constitutional guarantees of free speech.

Only two top leaders of the "Politburo" of the American Communist Party remain at liberty. They are William Z. Foster, 68, national chairman, indicted but too ill of heart disease to stand trial, and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, named to the board after the other leaders had been indicted.

SCIENCE: Making Bones Bigger

Hope for Polio Victims

Two Mayo Clinic surgeons report leg-lengthening experiments on puppies which may aid children crippled by infantile paralysis.

The doctors say bones in one of a puppy's legs can be made to grow longer and bigger than those in another by increasing the blood supply to the bones during development.

Dr. J. M. Jans and Dr. J. E. Musgrove established a link between the main artery and vein of one of a puppy's legs. Ordinarily, blood seeps at a regular volume out of the main artery into smaller vessels supplying muscle and bone.

But, with a link established between the main artery and vein, a kind of traffic jam develops and blood is forced at greater volume than usual through the affected member.

The doctors said the procedure must be carried on while the bones still are growing.

"It may be," they told the International Society of Surgery in convention at New Orleans, "that these results will have a clinical application in leg lengthening of children with a short lower extremity as the result of poliomyelitis."

Hardening of the Arteries

It may be a dietary shortage of one of the lesser known B vitamins which causes hardening of the arteries.

Two University of California medical researchers deprived monkeys of pyridoxine, also known as vitamin B-6, for periods of from 5 to 16 months and they developed some degree of artery hardening. A similar group of monkeys given pyridoxine throughout the test did not develop the disease.

The researchers say the hardening developed much as it does in humans. First the inner lining of the arteries loosened. Then the cells in the lining multiplied, causing a thickening of the artery wall. To get a sufficient

Housing

A New High

The nation's building industry began construction of 100,000 homes in September—22 per cent higher than the same month's totals a year ago.

The September total was only 300 homes shy of the postwar peak set in May, 1948. It is especially notable, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics, because normally at this season building starts decline in anticipation of bad building weather ahead.

The 1949 building pattern differs widely from last year's. Last year housing starts declined steadily from May on; this year has seen an unbroken, month-by-month rise since January.

July and August also were record breakers. As a result, the first nine months of 1949 have contributed a total of 743,000 new, permanent homes and apartments. Farm homes are not included in the BLS survey.

In the first half of the year, BLS statisticians say, rental dwellings in buildings for two or more families amounted to almost 25 per cent of all housing units started. This indicates a growing measure of relief for families unable to buy homes. A year ago only about one-fifth of all home construction was of the rental type.

If construction dips only slightly this month, as housing officials anticipate, the 1949 total is likely to approach a million.

The value of September construction—housing and non-residential, contract and non-contract—rose to \$1,902,000,000. BLS says this was \$9,000,000 more than August and the 1949 peak in construction outlays.

The WORLD This WEEK

UNIFICATION: The Battle of the Pentagon

THE battle of the Pentagon has reached new intensity. The Air Force and the Army got its chance this week before the House Armed Services Committee to reply to bitter charges that a clique of strategists at the Pentagon was crippling the Navy and imperiling national defense.

The Navy barrage of criticism had been as devastating as an illustrious line of admirals, past and present, could deliver in almost two weeks of testimony. They included Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, former chief of Naval Operations; Adm. Raymond Spruance, former commander of the Fifth Fleet; Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey, former commander of the Third Fleet; Adm. William H. P. Blandy.

United Front
Adm. Louis Denfeld, the present chief of Naval Operations, went all the way with his associates and subordinates in condemning policies of Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson.

The Navy testimony made these main points:

Cards are stacked against the Navy in the present unification lineup; the Navy is to be reduced to a convoy status, the Marines to a police force.

There is overemphasis on the B-36, actually an inferior plane, that can be bested in the air by present Navy fighters.

The concept of an atomic blitz through strategic bombing by land-based planes is inherently unsound.

Anonymous Documents
Air Force Secretary Stuart Symington led off for the rebuttal. He charged a second anonymous document is being circulated about the country. The first one, circulated on Capitol Hill last summer, charged ir-



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regularities in the B-36 procurement program. It started the investigation by the House committee and during its hearings Cedric Worth, a Navy Department civilian aide, admitted authorship and also that the charges were false.

False as the First

Symington said the second anonymous document entitled "The Strategic Bombing Myth," is much more dangerous than the first, because it attacks methods, principles and objectives upon which this country must rely in the event of war.

Symington said the second document is as false as the first and he noted in it a "disturbing similarity" to naval arguments before the committee, even to identical quotations. Symington read a letter from Franklin D'Olier, chairman of the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey, that the document painted a picture "diametrically opposed" to findings of the official government survey.

Other witnesses included Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff; Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chair-

man of the Joint Chiefs, and Secretary of Defense Johnson.

Paul H. Griffith, assistant secretary of Defense, said of the naval testimony:

"We hear a small group of those opposed to unification—the will of the people expressed by law—howling like Banshees. I have no doubt the die-hards responsible for this reign of terror have done material damage to the cause of national defense."

The Banshee is a Navy jet fighter which the Navy claims can shoot down the B-36. Also, in folklore, a wailing spirit that foretells death.

EDUCATION: 1-Room Schools

Gone Are the Days

The little red schoolhouse is disappearing from the national scene but, says the U.S. Office of Education, it is not going fast enough.

Thirty years ago there were 200,000 one-teacher schools; today there are less than 80,000. Even so, 45 per cent of all schools in the United States are still of the one-teacher type.

Dr. Walter H. Gaumnitz, federal specialist in small and rural high schools, reports that in 30 years the number of one-teacher schools has decreased by 90 per cent or more in Ohio, Washington, Maryland and Indiana.

On the other hand, fewer than 33 per cent of such schools has been torn down or replaced in Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin, South and North Dakota.

"Nearly 50 per cent of the schools in South and North Dakota are of the one-room type," says Dr. Gaumnitz.

Fine for Its Day
In its day, the one-room schoolhouse served the nation very well, Gaumnitz says. It brought the three Rs to every community, however isolated, and it served as a community center.

The trend, particularly in the last two decades, has been to consolidate rural districts, bringing in pupils by bus.

In Short . . .

Wed: Sarah Churchill, 34, daughter of Britain's wartime prime minister, at Sea Island, Ga., to Antony Beauchamp, British portrait photographer.

Predicted: By Commerce Secretary Sawyer, that the steel strike will idle 5,000,000 workers and seriously damage national economy, if it lasts until December 1.

Passed: By Congress before adjournment, bills for \$15,585,000,000 in military appropriations, including the 58-group Air Force; \$1,314,010,000 foreign arms aid; boosting the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

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Quotes

British Health Minister Aneurin Bevan: "British millionaires are worse off; we intended they should be." In the past, babies and mothers were dying in order to promote the peace and tranquility of the millionaires.

Morris Sayre, chairman of the board of the National Association of Manufacturers: "America is gradually coming out of the ether administered by political quacks. The welfare state, with its planned economy, is simply the imprisonment of a whole nation."

Janet Latsha, 6, of Nacogdoches, Tex., on her first airplane ride: "Now we are close to Jesus."

Russell Janney, New York, who after seven months as juror in the Communist trial, got another summons for jury duty: "Enough is enough."

Warming Up For Election

REPUBLICANS patently intend to make what they call the Truman Administration's trend toward a "labor-socialist government" the basic issue in the 1950 Congressional campaign.

A preview of that nationwide political struggle can be obtained this fall by studying New York where a hot fight for a U.S. Senate seat is being waged by John Foster Dulles, Republican incumbent, and Herbert H. Lehman, Democratic-Liberal candidate.

Sen. Dulles, running for elective office for the first time, is proving a tough campaigner. A veteran foreign affairs expert, he is concentrating on domestic issues, lambasting the Truman Fair Deal program, which Lehman has endorsed fully.

Dulles on March

Speaking several times a day, Sen. Dulles is invading every section of the state. Gov. Dewey, who appointed Dulles to the Senate after Democratic Sen. Robert F. Wagner resigned, is also traveling about the state lauding his appointee as a vital symbol of "democratic freedom" whose skill in foreign affairs must be kept in Washington.

Dulles has charged that if the trend toward an all-powerful state is not stopped, "we will have to fight our way back, as Thomas Jefferson said, through revolution."

The GOP senator claims that Lehman is the beneficiary of Communist support and secretly is depending on left-wing votes to elect him.

Lehman, who served 10 years as New York governor and once was hailed by Franklin D. Roosevelt as "my strong right arm," accuses Dulles of using the "immoral language of dictatorship—Communist and Fascist alike—always extending a ready welcome to revolution."

The former governor has disavowed any desire for Communist aid and says the Soviet system is "a new despotism on the prowl threatening our most cherished values."

National Overtones

Lehman says Dewey is using the Senate fight as prelude for an attempt to win another term in Albany next year and then to seek the Presidency again in 1952. Dewey disavows it.

The political chips are down and observers across the nation are keeping a close watch on the statewide fight. Interest within the state is high, too, as evidenced by registration of several hundred thousand more voters than in other off-year elections.

There is a possibility that Lehman and Dulles will face each other again in 1950. The victor in the November 8 balloting will serve the last year of Wagner's term and must run again next year if he wants a full six years.

Sidelights

● In Chicago, Howard K. Hansen got a notice to serve on the jury that was to try him for burglary.

● In Los Angeles, two teen-aged brothers watched a western movie on television, then played with an old-fashioned revolver. The 10-year-old boy fell wounded. His 15-year-old brother picked the gun off the floor, shot him again to "put him out of his misery." The younger brother died.

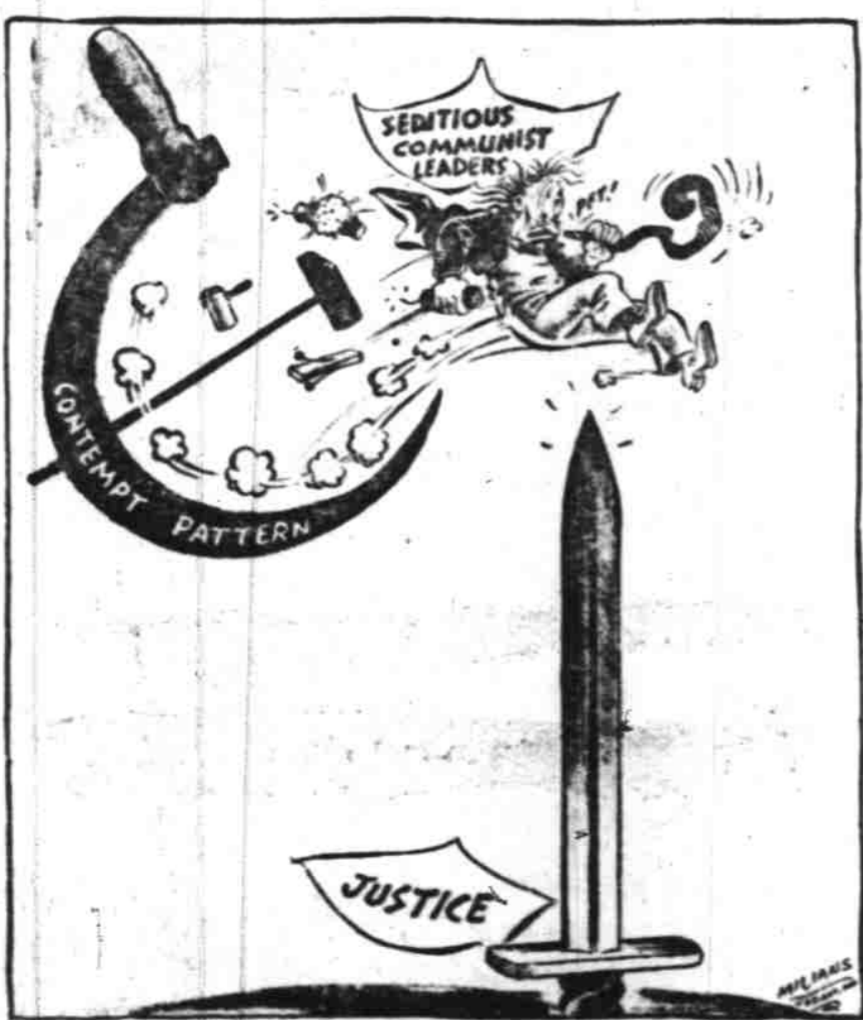
● In 1949 Americans will eat \$33,000,000 worth of pretzels, says the National Pretzel Bakers Institute.

● In London, house cats gone wild in the metropolis' bomb rubble jungles attacked the Tower of London in search of food. The Tower governor reported the wild cats fought resident tabbies in an effort to raid the Tower quartermaster stores.

● In Passaic, N. J., a former carnival entertainer, bet 25 cents he could break a bottle over his own head, won the wager twice. On a third try he ended up in the hospital with 10 stitches and a concussion.

● At Ottumwa, Ia., one of the floats in the Fire Prevention Week parade caught fire, had to be extinguished by firemen, still won second prize.

● At Tallahassee, Fla., a University of Florida researcher spent three years determining that spring peeper frogs don't sing solo but in trios.



END OF THE U. S. COMMUNIST LINE



ENGAGED—The Marquess of Milford Haven (left) and his fiancée, Mrs. Romaine Simpson, New York divorcee (right), chat with his mother, the Dowager Marchioness, before sailing for the U.S. They plan to be married in Washington early next month.