

Russ Embassy In Mexico City Linked to Spies

NEW YORK, March 13—(AP)—The Russian embassy in Mexico City was linked in testimony today to a spy ring accused of stealing some top United States atom bomb secrets.

Former army Sgt. David Greenglass, 29, a confessed member of the ring, described the embassy as the key point in an escape route for spies when the FBI got too close on their trail.

Greenglass said he was instructed specifically by his brother-in-law, Julius Rosenberg, an accused spy, in the procedure for contacting the Russian ambassador in Mexico last June.

Rosenberg, 33, an electrical engineer, is on trial in federal court with his wife, Ethel, 35 (Greenglass' sister), and radar expert Merton Sobell, 33, on a charge of conspiring to spy for Russia.

The witness said Rosenberg became alarmed after the arrests of Dr. Klaus Fuchs in England and Philadelphia chemist Harry Gold in the United States on espionage charges.

Greenglass, who previously was employed on the atom bomb project at Los Alamos, N.M., said Rosenberg told him to leave the country "as soon as possible."

Greenglass said Rosenberg gave him these detailed instructions: Go to Mexico City. Write to the Russian ambassador. Say something favorable in the letter about the Soviet position in the United States and sign it "I Jackson."

Three days later go to the statue of Columbus in Mexico City with a travel guide. You will be approached by a "contact" man. Comment to him that "it is a magnificent statue" and add that you are from Oklahoma.

Comment on Statue

The contact will identify himself by saying there are more beautiful statues in Paris. Then he will give you money and a passport.

From Mexico City you will go to Vera Cruz, then to Sweden. In Stockholm you will follow the same procedure at the statue of Linnaeus and make contact with a man who will arrange transportation to Czechoslovakia.

In Czechoslovakia, write to the Soviet ambassador, this time signing your full name.

Rosenberg told him that he, too, intended to flee the country, Greenglass testified.

Accepted \$5,000

Greenglass said he himself went so far as to get passport photographs and to accept \$5,000 in "escape expense" money from Rosenberg.

But then, he said, he told Rosenberg he had decided "to stay right here and do nothing."

He did not explain his change of mind.

Ten days later he was arrested by FBI agents.

Greenglass said that when he was employed at Los Alamos he was free to walk throughout the technical area.

He said he picked up information by overhearing conversations or asking seemingly innocuous questions.

He told of listening while some scientists in the "Theta building" discussed "implosion," a vital factor in atom bomb construction. Implosion is a bursting inward in contrast to the outward burst of an explosion.

Again, he said, he would pick up a piece of material with some such remark as "Oh, that's an interesting piece of material—in-ter-est-ingly machined." Then a man working with it explained what it was.

Young 'Solons' Pay Visit to Legislature

(Picture on page one) Salem's delegation to the forthcoming YMCA youth legislature got the feel of things in a visit to the real legislature Tuesday.

Special recognition was given to the boys by acting senate President Dean Walker who introduced them on the senate floor and urged the adult senators to visit the youth legislature scheduled for April 26 and 27.

Boy president of the senate Jim Kleen, the other Hi-Y legislators, and Secretary Roth Holtz of the Salem YM staff also met acting Gov. Paul Patterson and speaker of the house John Steelhammer.

The day was spent watching the senate in action and attending committee meetings.

Representatives from over the state will make up the fourth annual youth legislature. It will be held in the statehouse if it is available at that time.

The Salem boy representatives and senators who viewed the session Tuesday were: Larry Paulus, Lowell Ralph, Whitney Benson, Jack Cole, Charles Currey, Mike Deeney, Cleo Keppinger.



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Detroit Dam to Flood Graves

PORTLAND, March 13—(AP)—The corps of engineers asked permission today to dig up the bodies of nine or more persons it believes are buried in grave sites that will be flooded by Detroit dam backwaters.

The dam is on the North Santiam river. Bert C. Boylan, chief of the federal lands division, department of justice for Oregon, said, "the engineers were told by an octogenarian who lives near Detroit that some of the bodies were buried before the turn of the century."

Hammond First Witness in State Liquor Probe

PORTLAND, March 13—(AP)—The grand jury investigation of the administration of Oregon's liquor control laws started here today with William Hammond, liquor commission administrator, the first witness.

Hammond was called to explain the state's liquor control act and the functioning of the control commission, District Attorney John McCourt said.

Other witnesses are expected to be Ron Moxness, (Oregonian) reporter, who wrote newspaper stories concerning charges that certain tavern owners had been favored by the commission, and Bernard Kuen, ex-employee of the commission, who was discharged for "insubordination."

While the grand jury was in session, the liquor commission was holding its regular meeting.

The commission issued a statement to licensees throughout the state, asserting there would be no change in commission policy.

"We are proud of our policy. We believe it stands on its own merits. I believe we should fight—if that's the word—to maintain that honorable position we have earned. I think by our work on the commission," said Chairman Carl W. Hogg.

Hogg expressed confidence the investigation would vindicate the commission.

The commission voted in a morning session to allow a Portland night spot, the Mecca club, to re-open, but reconsidered at an afternoon session, and said there would be further investigation of the club's new owners. The application earlier was approved by the Portland city council.

Students Kill Companion, Superintendent

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C., Mar. 13—(AP)—Two teen-aged boarding school students waylaid their superintendent last night and shot him to death, then hunted out a school chum they accused of tattling and killed him.

Hugh Justice, 19, president of the Alexander school student body, and Billy Ray Powell, 16, freely admitted the slayings from their jail cell today, Sheriff Vance Williams said.

Justice confessed ambushing Superintendent W. E. Sweatt, 50, and shooting him with a borrowed .22 calibre rifle as he left his office. Powell said he fired the shot that killed his roommate Wade Johnson, 15.

The bespectacled, thin faced youth added that he regretted the act and was "very sorry" for Mrs. Sweatt. He would have graduated in June from the combination boarding school and orphanage near Union Mills, 10 miles from here.

Powell, who was orphaned at three years of age when his father killed his mother and then committed suicide, said his roommate angered him by reporting slight rule infractions to the superintendent.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Bridges said Justice told him that the superintendent had "bawled me out" for talking with a girl.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Howell-Edwards company.

TO CHANGE TRAIN NAME
SEATTLE, March 13—(AP)—The Great Northern railway said today it is discontinuing the train name, Oriental Limited. The new name: Western Star. No reason was given. The train operates on the Seattle-Portland-Chicago run.

Hoss Reports Men in Korea In Good Spirits

Willamette valley men in military services between here and Korea are in good spirits and doing a good job, reported Dave Hoss Tuesday night at the conclusion of a 13,000-mile military correspondence tour.

Hoss, a KSLM broadcaster, gave his account of the trip to a capacity crowd at Salem high school auditorium.

After interviewing more than 100 valley men in Alaska, Japan and Korea and checking with many other military personnel and civilians during the past month, Hoss passed on these impressions to his audience last night:

Alaska is bristling with signs of adequate military preparation. Japan presents an undercurrent of militarism beneath a superficial democracy.

GIs Understand War
U. S. troops in Korea seem to understand better than folks at home why they are there: "To preserve the American way of life."

Despite weather handicaps in Korea the air force is doing a magnificent job of ground support.

Supply is tremendously difficult in Korea because adequate roads are almost non-existent, but the airlift keeps troops well fed, clothed and personally equipped.

Medical facilities appear to be excellent in the combat zone; air evacuation of the seriously wounded is speedy, well organized and effective.

Sent to Japan for Rest
Comforts of the fighting men are not neglected. Men are sent back to Japan at intervals for five-day rest and recuperation leaves. Quartermaster "bath companies" accompany supply trains to set up showers for the combat troops whenever possible.

On the surface Japan offers no more appearance of war conditions than the U. S.; military life there is comfortable, unburied; no signs of a civil defense program are seen.

The program last night at the high school also included a lively dancing program by several hundred boys and girls from Paul Armstrong dance studios of Salem, Dallas, Woodburn, Albany, Sweet Home, Williamina and McMinnville. Sponsor of the program and of the Hoss tour was Stevens and Son, Jewelers.

Mrs. Smallwood, Former Resident Of Salem, Dies

Minnie A. Smallwood, former resident of Salem, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Jacobson, at Lorane, following a long illness. She was 56 years old.

Born in Kentucky, February 21, 1895, she moved as a child with her parents to Illinois. There she was married December 30, 1905 to Vern Smallwood. The couple moved to Salem in 1933. Smallwood died here last year.

Mrs. Smallwood made her home in Salem until about six weeks ago when she moved to Lorane to live with her daughter.

Surviving besides Mrs. Jacobson are two other daughters, Reva Smallwood, also of Lorane, and Mrs. Ellen Gardner, Gold Beach; two sons, Mac Smallwood, Hall, Mont., and Francis Smallwood, Salem.

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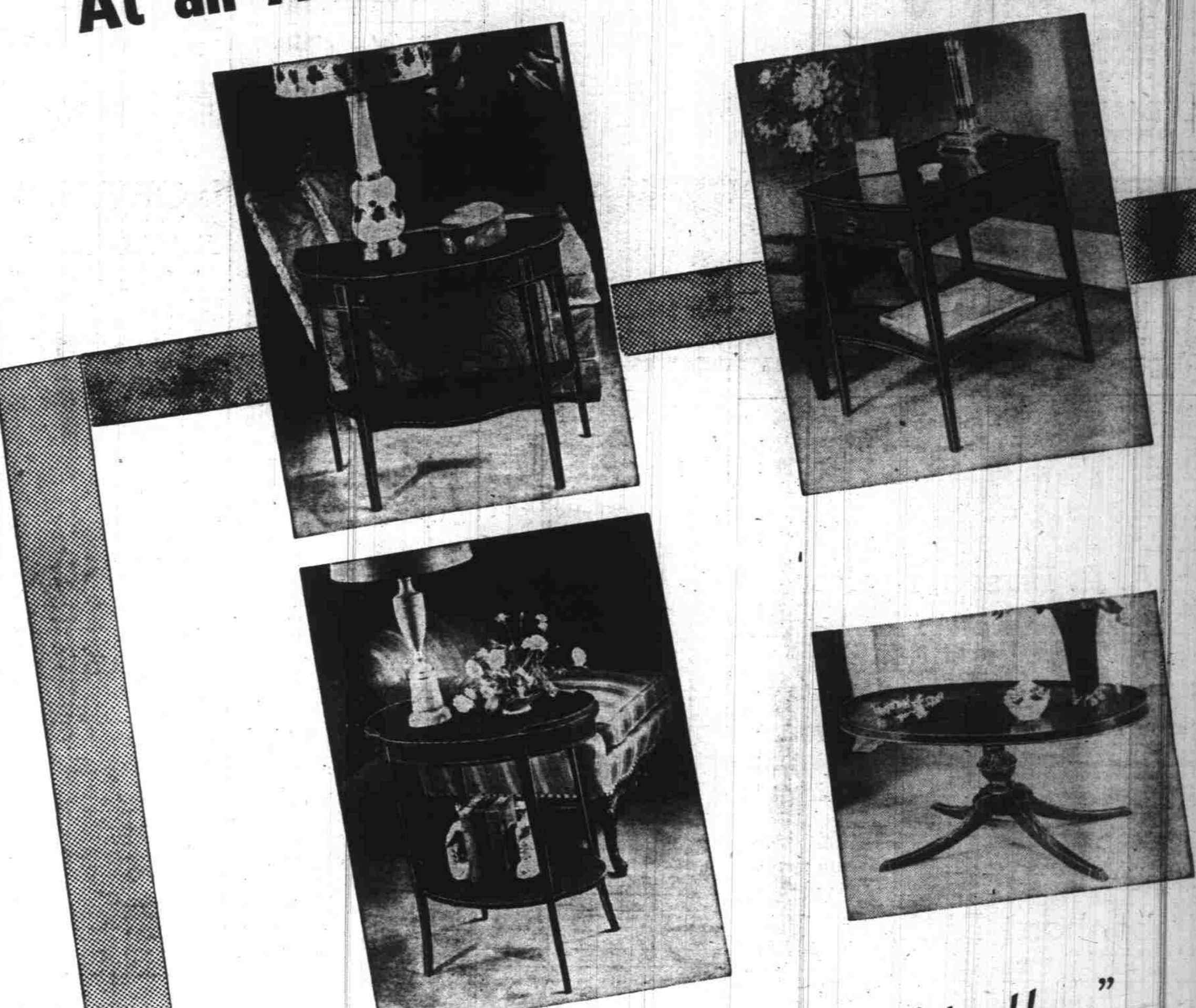
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