

Solons Opposed to Immunity for Graft Inquiry Witnesses

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) and Rep. Keating (R-N.Y.) declared Sunday that granting of immunity to witnesses in the Truman Administration's cleanup program would provide a cloak for wrongdoers and open the door to "gross abuse."

They said it was "shocking" for President Truman to ask Congress to vote such immunity, adding that Congress unquestionably will "take a dim view" of the President's proposal.

Sen. Taft (R-Ohio), meanwhile, urged that Congress set up an independent search for government corruption by an agency "in no way dependent" on Mr. Truman or on Attorney General McGrath.

Taft, who is chairman of the Senate's Republican Policy Committee and is after his party's presidential nomination, repeated in a radio interview his charge that the President's naming of McGrath to head the housecleaning drive was "a farce."

McGrath has assigned Newbold Morris, a New York Republican lawyer, to take active charge of the inquiry.

Last Thursday the President asked Congress to give Morris the power to subpoena witnesses and records from outside the government. He also asked that the Justice Department be empowered to grant immunity from prosecution to some witnesses who otherwise could refuse to testify.

Ferguson, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Keating, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, issued a joint statement condemning the immunity proposal.

"Such an unprecedented authority, not even possessed by congressional committees and not even recognized in the federal courts, contains obvious possibilities of greatest abuse," they said, adding:

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New Navy Jet In Production

BETH PAGE, N. Y. (AP)—The Navy released a photograph Sunday of a new jet fighter, the Grumman F9F "Cougar," described as a successor to the "F-86 Sabre" and "much faster than" the Navy's "F-86 Sabre."

The new plane, the Navy said, now is being produced in quantity by the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., here.

The Cougar was described as a swept-wing successor to the F9F-5 or Panther and as being "rated in the over 600 miles per hour class."

The Navy announcement said that despite its greater speed, the Cougar "has the same low landing and take-off speed which makes it ideal for aircraft carrier operation."

Canada to Help Produce F-86

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has turned to Canada for help in producing the F-86 Sabre jet fighter.

The Air Force said it will buy a "number" of the Canadian-made jets from Canadian Ltd., of Montreal. Currently the F-86 is the only U.S. fighter able consistently to match or excel the Communist MIG-15 performance in combat over Korea.

Bay Area to Hold Atomic Bomb Drill

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The populous San Francisco Bay area will undergo its first "take to cover" air drill of the post-war period Wednesday morning.

San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, San Jose and San Leandro will hold the full-fledged atomic attack drills.

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Detroit Dam to Share in Million Kilowatt Boost

Detroit Dam is included in a list of Army Engineer's projects whose completion during the next 17 months will add nearly one million kilowatts to the country's electric capacity, Associated Press reported from Washington Sunday.

The information was given to Congress Sunday by Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, Chief of Army Engineers, in testimony before a House civil functions appropriations subcommittee. They are considering budget recommendations for flood control and navigation appropriations for the year starting next July 1.

Projects involved are hydroelectric dams in various parts of the country.

Installations already in operation and to be completed between now and July 1, 1953, Pick said, will have a total installed capacity of 1,966,880 kilowatts. Detroit Dam will contribute 50,000 kilowatts.

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Solutions to Reds-in-Unions Issue Vary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Labor, management and government officials have a wide variety of views—some sharply conflicting—on how to handle "the problem of Communist-dominated unions," a congressional survey disclosed Sunday night.

The study by a Senate labor subcommittee shows no agreement on the matter even among some labor leaders who responded to a questionnaire. However, AFL President William Green and CIO Chief Philip Murray did join in declaring that unions generally are not the problem on their own and that no new legislation is needed.

"The Communists are on the run in the labor movement; their influence is declining day by day," Murray wrote the subcommittee. "Legislation, with all its inherent dangers, is not necessary to keep them on the run and to reduce their powers to insignificance."

On the other hand, the Justice Department recommended a tightening of the non-Communist affidavit provision of the Taft-Hartley Labor Law—a provision designed to keep Communists from serving as union officers.

And J. R. Boulware, vice president of the General Electric Co., called for new legislation "empowering an independent government agency to identify and publicly designate Communists in labor unions as elsewhere, and insuring the taking of measures which will eliminate them from any vantage points from which to do damage personally or to exercise damaging influence over others."

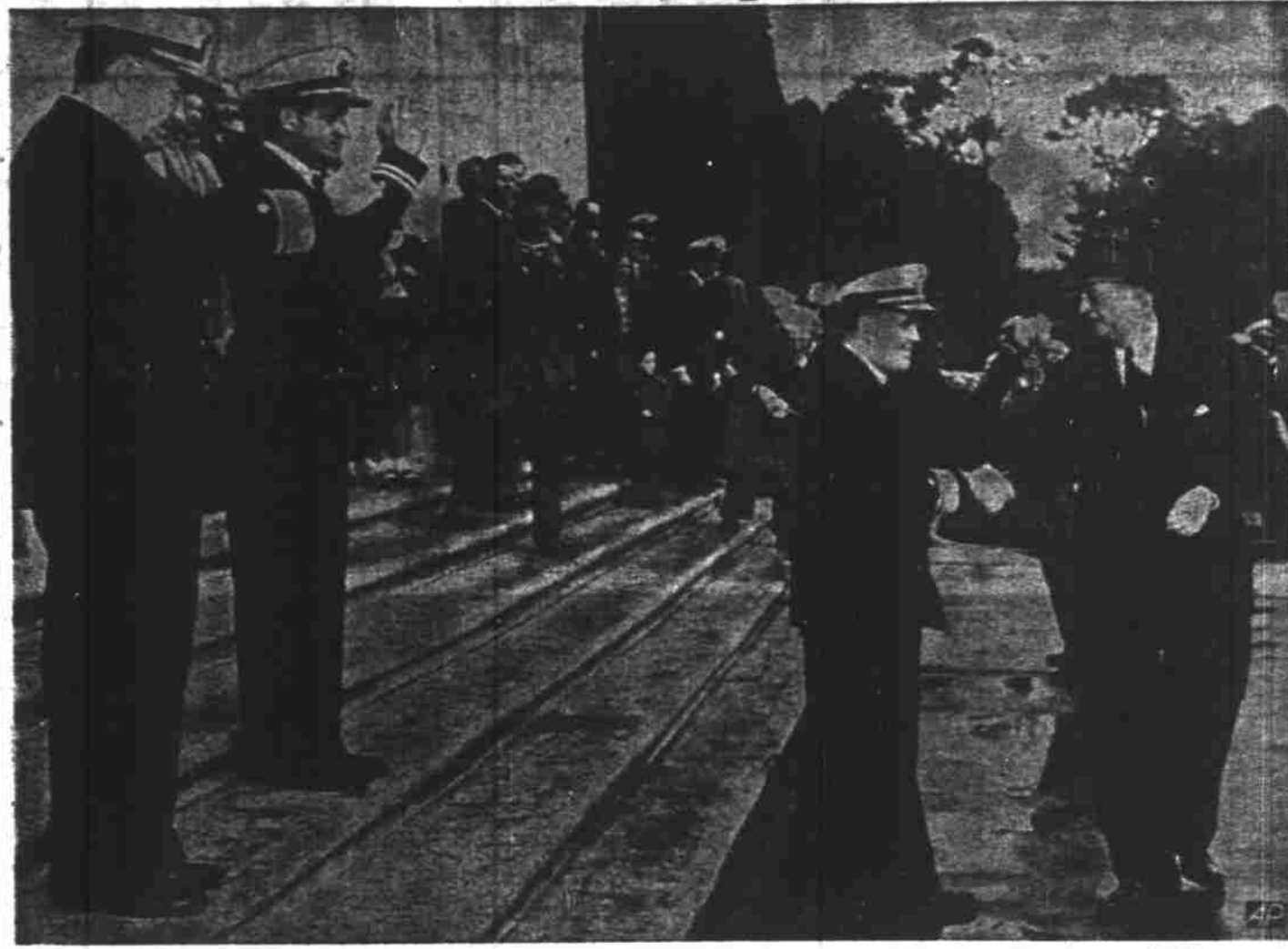
The subcommittee headed by Senator Humphrey D-Minn circulated the questionnaire in preparation for public hearings now planned for early next month.

7 British Soldiers Killed In Red Malay Ambush

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (AP)—Seven British soldiers patrolling a rubber estate were slain Sunday when they walked into a Communist ambush in Perak State. Not a man in the patrol escaped alive.

It was the heaviest single loss of British troops since last November, when 15 men were killed in a roadside skirmish.

Welcome Aboard 'Annapolis of the West'



Rear Adm. E. K. Herrmann, commandant of the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, Calif., greets Navy Secretary Dan A. Kimball (right) as he arrived for ceremonies officially opening the school after its transfer from Annapolis, Md., where it has been since 1909. Rear Adm. Bertram J. Rodgers, commandant of the 12th Naval Dist., is at extreme left. (AP Wirephoto.)

Michigan Police Seek Bottle of Poisoned Milk

DETROIT, Mich. (AP)—Police made a door-to-door search of a neighborhood on Detroit's East Side Sunday in an attempt to trace a bottle of milk reportedly spiked with cyanide.

Callaway Lay, 39, was held "for investigation of attempted murder," police said.

Lay told police he put a pellet of cyanide in a bottle with the idea of punishing a thief who had been taking milk from his doorstep. He said he was an auto factory worker and had access to the poison in the stock cleaning department.

Lay reported what he had done to police after he became fearful "innocent" parties might be involved.

"Children are what I worry about," he said.

Detectives said they weren't sure whether Lay's story was a hoax. They said a thorough search of the 16-family apartment building where Lay lived disclosed no trace of poisoned milk.

Witness Says Sec. Brannan Accepted Gift

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—One of ten Dallas employees of the Commodity Credit Corp., asked to explain why they accepted gifts from businessmen, said Sunday that Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan accepted such a gift here once.

The employee, who asked to remain anonymous, said that in May, 1950, Brannan accepted a western hat from grain men while on a visit to Dallas.

"That would indicate there was no official disfavor toward acts like this at that time," he said.

Brannan has asked the group of Dallas employees why they accepted such things as football tickets, jam, a pound of rice, cigars, pictures of Grand Canyon and outings on Possum Kingdom Lake, near here. The gifts were made by grain terminal warehousemen and transporters.

The men have until Monday to reply to Brannan's letters.

"The same thing was happening in Kansas City, San Francisco, Portland, Chicago and other big cities," the local employee said. "It was universal to accept these small favors if there was no intent to favor the donor or to cause embarrassment to the department."

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Brides Can't Chew Gum, No Grooms In Dirty Overall

GARY, Ind. (AP)—Paul Dudak, Gary justice of peace, said Sunday he is "tired" of marrying brides and grooms whose conduct is "disgraceful." So he set some rules of his own.

From now on, he said he will not marry:

Brides who are chewing gum or wear gloves during the ceremony; grooms who need a shave or wear greasy overalls; couples who have alcoholic breaths, hum or whistle during the ceremony, make improper remarks about marriage, arrive without wedding rings, bring only one witness or want to be married after 9 p.m.

Churchill Says Britain to Test Atom Weapon

LONDON (AP)—Britain will test her first atomic weapon in Australia this year, Prime Minister Churchill's residence announced Monday.

The announcement gave no specific date for the test.

It only specified "an atomic weapon." Whether it is a bomb or some smaller atomic weapon is left to conjecture.

The test will be conducted "in close cooperation with the government of the commonwealth of Australia," the announcement said, but the weapon itself will be produced in Britain.

The announcement gave no exact site for the test.

Australia has one area suitable for atomic testing—her vast central desert, where guided missiles have been tested for years.

Plane Lands on Denver House

DENVER (AP)—A small single-engine plane pancaked on top of a suburban residence here Sunday noon—but no one was killed and two persons were only slightly injured.

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Commie Land Reforms Lead To 'Collectives'

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department said Sunday that the Communists use what they describe as "land reforms" as a device for using rural discontent to seize power in Europe and Asia.

In a detailed report on postwar efforts by the United Nations, and by the United States and other countries to remedy farm ills, the department traced step-by-step the Communist strategy of making farmers "landless laborers for the state."

"The goal of land reform in the free world is to promote and maintain an economically prosperous and independent farm population," the report said. "By contrast the Communists utilize land reform only as a means to further the economic exploitation and political subjugation of the farm people behind the Iron Curtain."

Individuals Overlooked

"The propaganda omits the fact that their ultimate objective is to sweep aside the needs and wishes of individuals, to set up a ruthless state-tenure system and to reduce the cultivators to landless laborers for the state."

With minor differences to fit local conditions, the report said the Communists' strategy follows this pattern:

"They devise propaganda to attract support from the farmers. They promise land to the landless and small holders. They use these promises as a means to seize control of the government."

Into Collectives

"B. Once in control, and while they are consolidating their power, they keep their promise of land redistribution as a step toward turning the farmers ultimately into collective farm workers."

"C. Before the new holders can acquire a feeling of firm ownership of the redistributed land, the state sets in motion a process which results eventually in the complete elimination of their status as independent farm operators."

"1. The government calls for formation of so-called 'cooperative farms.' Farmers who do not join these cooperatives find that they have to pay higher taxes and comply with stiffer delivery quotas."

"2. After the so-called cooperatives are formed, the state proceeds to turn them into collective farms. When the full-fledged collective stage is attained, the farmer is not paid for his land, work stock, and equipment. His share becomes the property of the collective; he is paid only for his labor."

Takes Many Shares

"The collective delivers a portion of its crops to the state, turns over another portion to pay for the state-owned machine station, and takes still another for feeding the collective's own livestock, for seed, and for reserves. Taxes, interest, and various levies must also be paid."

"The reminder of the crop—some three-year study shows it to average less than a third—goes to the farm families on the basis of their labor to use or dispose of as best they can. Since the government shares are dictated in advance, the helpless collective farm worker has to absorb the losses of a poor crop year. He is worse off than he ever was as a tenant under a private landlord."

LaGuardia Field Flights Reduced

NEW YORK (AP)—Plane flights at huge LaGuardia Field will be cut sharply as a safety measure after three major air disasters at Elizabeth, N. J.

An agreement was reached Saturday night to cut LaGuardia traffic about 50 planes below what was normal traffic at the field before the Elizabeth disasters.

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Girl Blames Suicide on Broken Heart

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—A young and pretty woman walked into Sacred Heart Cathedral here late Sunday and sat for several minutes without sound or movement among the empty pews.

Then she removed two jars from a paper bag. She poured the contents of one jar into the other and began mixing with a teaspoon.

The spoon-stirring attracted the attention of the only other person in the church—Jane Brower, who was in the choir loft.

Miss Brower said she saw the woman take three sips of the mixture. Then she turned toward the choir loft and said to Miss Brower:

"Get the priest."

Then, in a trembling voice, she added:

"I think it's too late."

When the priest and police arrived, the young woman was dead.

In the girl's purse, police found only 45 cents. In her hand was a note which read:

"Cause of death, broken heart. It is as simple as that."

British Plane Wreck Sighted, 31 on Airliner

ROME (AP)—The wreckage of a missing Africa-bound British airliner carrying 31 persons was believed sighted Sunday in the rugged mountains of Sicily.

Ground parties were on their way to the area where the wreckage was reported, but search planes gave up because of bad weather.

Officials at Catania airport, in the shadow of Sicily's Mt. Etna, said they had intercepted a message indicating some of the 26 passengers and crew of five may be alive. A search plane from Malta reported seeing a body near the wreckage plane while survivors waved.

The twin-engine Vickers airliner, a chartered plane en route from London to Nairobi, Kenya, was last heard from yesterday a little over an hour before it was due to land at Malta on the first leg of its journey.

A British search plane from Malta reported spotting the wreckage some 40 miles south of Palermo.

The wreckage was said to have been spotted near the top of 4,200-foot Monte Rose.

The plane is operated by a charter firm—Hunting Air Transport. Officials of the firm declined to release the list of persons on the plane until next of kin had been notified.

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Morse States Europe Wary Of Isolationism

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore.) said Sunday that if a new trend of isolationism continues the United States will find itself without allies in Europe.

"Our greatest defense in Europe is not military, but lies in the productive powers of its nations," he told the United Jewish Appeal regional conference here. "Unless we help Europe to defend itself and to raise its standards of living, its people will be an easy prey of Communism."

"We can not walk out of Europe either militarily or economically and have any allies," he said.

"The European people are simply not going to buy the so-called perimeter defense theory of the new isolationism in America. According to this theory, all we need to do is surround our friends abroad with American Navy and Air bases—and then, if Russia attacks them, we would liberate them by pulverizing their cities."

Morse said this country's Joint Chiefs of Staff were being unduly criticized by those who want all-out war in Asia. The Joint Chiefs, he said, are doing what they can to build up global defense by getting this country strong enough to absorb the first shock of all-out war, when and if it comes.

Later, in an interview, Morse said that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was his choice for President and predicted he would win by the greatest majority in history, carrying at least four and possibly six southern states.

4 Teenagers Arrested on Liquor Charge

Four Sublimity teenagers were arrested by a Marion County sheriff's deputy Saturday night at Aumsville on charges of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor.

Slated to appear in Marion County district court this afternoon are Edward John Yost, 18; Earl Nixon, 19, and Dottie Nixon, 19. The fourth teenager is a juvenile who has been certified to the Juvenile Court. They were released into their parent's custody.

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