

U.S. Court Chides McCarthy's Questions in Reversing Contempt of Congress Conviction

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The U.S. Court of Appeals today reversed the conviction of Sen. Joseph P. McCarthy for contempt of Congress. The court said McCarthy's questions were "not imprecise and ambiguous" and that his refusal to answer was not a crime.

The court ruled a "Communist conspiracy" question put to him by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) was "not imprecise and ambiguous" and that McCarthy's refusal to answer was not a crime. McCarthy, 50, author of books about American multimillionaires, was convicted of contempt in U.S. District Court here in November 1953.

The case grew out of O'Connor's refusal to answer before the Senate Investigations subcommittee in 1953 the question "whether he was a member of the Communist conspiracy" when he wrote books bought by the State Department for use in U. S. information centers abroad. McCarthy, who asked the question, then was chairman of the subcommittee.

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Lack of Coal in Hungary Trims Work

BUDAPEST, Dec. 20 (AP)—Hungary's coal and power situation is so desperate that the Communist government has reduced work in the steel and machine-building industries to three days a week.

Thousands of idle factory workers were ordered to report for cleanup and reconstruction work in Budapest to repair damage done during the revolt.

The Soviet-backed government of Premier Janos Kadar reluctantly ordered the cut-back in heavy industries which normally work a six-day week, but there was no way out. Coal is not being produced and the power is not there.

For several weeks thousands of workers have been showing up at their factories merely to sit around because there is no power.

They are drawing wages for it. The official press said that one large Budapest factory has been producing only two days per week but workers have been drawing 80 per cent of their normal wage from the state.

To remedy this situation, the government is calling the idle workers out to public construction projects to rebuild damaged homes and business buildings.

Runaway Boxcars Spill Train From Track; One Killed

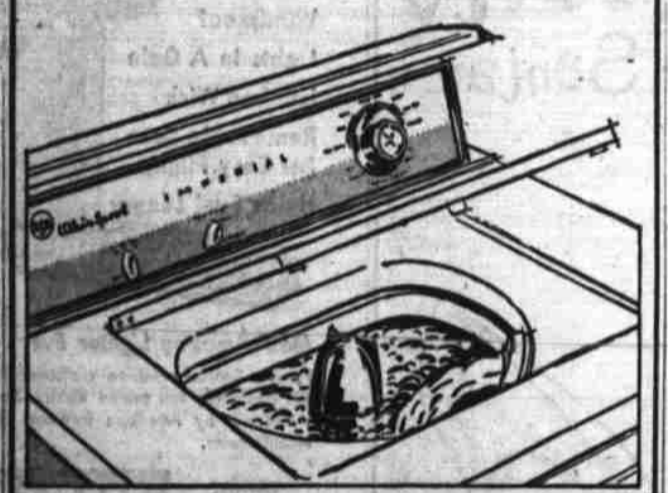
SYRACUSE, N.Y., Dec. 20 (AP)—Sixteen runaway freight cars rained a small train Wednesday, sending a diesel engine and three of the freight cars spinning from an overhead track into a parking lot in the heart of the city.

One man was killed and two others injured. Railroad officials said the runaway freight cars apparently were traveling at "high speed" at the end of a four-mile wild race down a grade from a warehouse where they had been left standing.

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Peron Accused of Planning Strikes
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Peron is in Venezuela.
Adolfo Lanus, press secretary for President Pedro Aramburu, said a fireman inspecting a terrorist bomb was killed this morning, the first fatality in the Peron campaign.

McCarthy was the principal government witness in O'Connor's trial before U. S. Dist. Judge Joseph C. McGarraghy without a jury. McGarraghy convicted O'Connor, fined him \$500 and gave him a one-year suspended jail term.

Some of O'Connor's books were found on overseas library shelves. His books include "Mellon's Millions," "The Astors," and "The Guggenheims."

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