

Fall Election Issue Seen In Espionage Hearings

Truman Says Query Is Red Herring

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Republican gave every indication of accepting President Truman's challenge to make a special issue of the congressional hearing on Communism in the government.

Truman's second declaration that the Senate and House inquiries are nothing but a red herring with the added phrase: "the strongest type of analogy—brought a burst of anger from GOP ranks."

Thomas E. Dewey's campaign manager declared at Albany that the people are "shocked" at the President's attitude in seeming to cover up the espionage bearing on Communist activities.

Interest in the hearing was added to reporters that they believe that has happened in the past three weeks should match the "intensive" search in the spy investigations.

Mundt (R-SD), who has been acting chairman for many of the hearings before the House American Activities Committee, expressed his acceptance in the case of a counter-dare.

Challenge the President, said, "to authorize the FBI to make available the evidence substantiating or disproving the existence of these espionage activities."

Truman indicated by his job at the congressional hearings he expects the Republicans to dwell on testimony that the government officials gave secrets to Moscow agents.

He made a vigorous assertion that these things are nothing but a red herring left left doubt he will deny in rebuttal that the hearing was stage-managed to take public mind off his cost of the battle with congress.

Week ago the president said he had been disclosed that he had not already known to the hearing. He added that a grand jury had looked into the charges. The question came up at a news conference.

One of a smaller-than-crowd of reporters noted that Mundt had said that he was in the inquiries are over Mr. Truman will have to eat his words.

'You Kept Me a Prisoner' Teacher Rejects Russian 'Friends'

NEW YORK — (AP) — Mrs. Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina Friday rejected the suggestion of a Soviet vice-consul that she be moved to another hospital, saying "You kept me a prisoner, you would not let me go."

The suggestion was made by Vice-Consul Zot I. Chepurnykh who visited the police-guarded hospital room of the Russian teacher, seriously injured Thursday when she jumped three stories from the Soviet consulate building.

Detective William Dyczko, a Russian-speaking officer who was in the hospital room during the vice-consul's visit, said Mrs. Kosenkina said "no" when Chepurnykh advanced his suggestion.

The detective said that after the vice-consul and a secretary arrived at the hospital and asked for permission to arrange for a visit from the consul general, he and Inspector Michael E. J. Ledden went upstairs to the teacher's room.

They told Mrs. Kosenkina there were two persons from the Soviet consulate who wanted to speak to her, Dyczko said.

"We told her 'we are going to bring them in and see if you can identify them.'"

A few minutes later they escorted Chepurnykh and the secretary into the room.

"The injured woman's eyes were open," Dyczko said. The vice-consul earlier had said her eyes were closed.

Boycotters Ask Solons' Views
Eugene housewives staging a boycott against high meat prices were awaiting word Friday from three Oregon congressmen—Ellsworth, Morse and Cordon—replying to their invitations to discuss the current strike with the women within the next week.

Harris Ellsworth has been invited to speak at the next public meeting Monday.

Fomer Aide Denies Any Link With Spy Ring

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Lauchlin Currie, former assistant to President Roosevelt, denied Friday that he was connected in any way with a Communist spy ring.

The 48-year-old New Yorker told the House Un-American Activities Committee that Elizabeth T. Bentley's story linking him to a spy ring was "hearsay three times removed."

While no one ever accused him of being a Communist, the soft-spoken Currie testified: "I am not and never have been a Communist, a member of the Communist Party, a believer in the tenets or doctrines of Communism."

"I have never been affiliated with any organization or group sympathetic to the doctrines of Communism or engaged in furthering that cause. I have never had any reason to believe that any friends of mine or even acquaintances or associates were Communists."

Miss Bentley had said she did not think Currie was a Communist, but that he was helpful to the Soviet espionage group in the government.

The hearings were resumed against a background of tumbling developments ranging all the way to Moscow.

The House committee is inquiring generally into Communist infiltration into the government. It has heard Miss Bentley and Whitaker Chambers, also a professed former Communist, reel off a long list of past government workers they said were Communist spies, just plain Communists, or sympathizers.

Now the people named are getting their chance to reply.

Crashed Plane Sought in Wood
A ground search party from Eugene and a McChord Field, Wash., air-rescue party were searching Friday for the wreckage of a light plane sighted Thursday from the air near the Sardine Butte ranger station, 32 miles east of Eugene.

The wrecked plane was believed to be a Globe Swift single-engine craft carrying Pilot Earl Williams and Edward Suppes, Shoshoni, Wyo., on a flight from Klamath Falls to Portland Aug. 3.

Russians Leave City Government

Coal Carriers Crash-Land At Tempelhof

BERLIN — (AP) — Two United States four-engine "Flying Colonnels" planes spanning the Soviet blockade of Berlin crashed while landing during a heavy rainstorm at Tempelhof Airdrome Friday.

One smashed through a fence and burned but the crew of three escaped through an emergency hatch without serious injuries.

The other plane, coming down through clouds, landed on a half-completed runway and was heavily damaged. The crew was unhurt.

The burned plane careened through a fence a few yards short of one of Berlin's busiest streets. One wing and part of the fuselage and cargo burned before firemen put out the blaze.

Bystanders Escape
It was a near miracle that the crew was not killed. Bystanders who usually crowd the end of the field where the plane crashed narrowly escaped injury.

A few minutes earlier another C-54 coming out of the clouds on instruments came down on a half-completed runway. The plane was ripped by the rough landing but the crew was not hurt.

Fifth Crash
Friday morning's crashes brought to five the number of crashes since the air lift to Berlin was started. Five Americans have been killed in these accidents.

A few minutes later a third American C-54 reported by radio that it was near Berlin with two engines out of order. Tempelhof lost contact with the crippled plane, but the Royal Air Force at Gatow Airfield contacted it and guided it to a safe landing there.

Railroads Get 'Keys' to Eugene
City Manager Deane Seeger will address the more than 160 delegates of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers lodges and ladies' societies from throughout Washington and Oregon at Friday night's banquet in the Veterans' Memorial Building.

Following an all-day business session, opened Friday morning when Eugene's Acting Mayor Verne Hawn smilingly offered delegates the keys of the city, the banquet will begin at 8 p.m. An entertainment program is scheduled during the dinner and dancing in the ballroom will follow.



COL. FRANK L. HOWLEY, American military governor of Berlin, will have to carry out his duties without Russian cooperation from now on, as a result of a formal Russian "walk-out" from the four-power body governing the old capital of the destroyed Reich.

Soviet Banner Hauled Down From Building
BERLIN — (AP) — The Russians evacuated the Allied four-power Kommandatura Building in Berlin Friday and hauled down their flag.

This action appeared to complete the division of Berlin between the East and West—at least as far as the Russians are concerned.

The Russians withdrew July 1 from the Allied Kommandatura, which had provided four-power administration for this city for three years. They pulled out with the comment that "The Kommandatura no longer exists."

Keep Sentry
They then announced they would retain their sentry and flag at the building until their archives have been removed. The Kommandatura is situated in the American sector of the city.

Although they walked out on the Allied Control Council for Germany on March 20, the Russians still fly their colors and maintain sentries at the Allied Control Authority building.

ACA Man Kept
They also maintain a representative in the permanent allied-secretariat there, which now has little to do but exchange inter-allied messages and handle protocol matters.

After the Russian withdrawal from the Kommandatura—an act which the U.S., Britain and France refused to recognize legally—the elected German city government alone remained to hold Berlin together.

Since then, however, the anti-Communist administration has been under constant Communist attack and several of its branches have been split between the east and west. This includes the police force and food administration.

Photos There
The only Soviet property left in the building were photographs of Stalin and Lenin, hanging in the chief of staff's office.

A British spokesman said the Russians had not notified them they planned evacuation Friday. A Russian captain drove up to the building early Friday morning and shortly afterward withdrew with the flag.

Asked if the Western powers planned to set up a three-power regime, the spokesman said that ever since the Russians left the Kommandatura the Western allies have been holding meetings.

Mexican Government Acts to Check HCL
MEXICO CITY — (AP) — The Mexican government fixed the price of rice, flour, lard, beans and salt in the Federal District Friday in a move to keep prices from skyrocketing as a result of devaluation of the peso.

The official prices were set by the secretary of national economy and announced by Fernando Casas Aleman, chief of the Federal District Department.

TRAIN, TRUCK COLLIDE
Logs were scattered at the intersection of the Veneta Road and SP railroad tracks when a local freight collided with a logging truck at 9:45 Friday morning. No one was reported injured. The engine was damaged slightly and was cut out at Veneta for return to Eugene for repairs.

O & C DEADLINE
The deadline for submission of written briefs by potential witnesses at the Senate Subcommittee hearing on O & C land administration in Eugene next month is Aug. 15. Local representatives of federal agencies expect no extension of the limit.

Weather
U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast Eugene and vicinity: Cloudy Friday afternoon and evening and cloudy Saturday becoming partly cloudy Saturday afternoon. Little temperature change. Oregon generally cloudy with scattered showers near mountains Saturday; slightly cooler in northern interior Friday and southern interior Saturday. Little change in coastal temperatures.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Thursday, 83, low Friday morning, 57; no rain in past 24 hours, total for month, trace; normal for month, .46 inch; river at 7:30 a. m. Friday, minus 2.2 feet; wind direction and velocity at 11:30 a. m. Friday, SW 13; prevailing Thursday, N 6.

Sunrise and Sunset (PDT): Saturday, 6:14 a. m. and 8:18 p. m.; Sunday, 6:15 a. m. and 8:17 p. m.

TIDE TABLE (PST): SATURDAY High 9:02 a. m. 3.3 ft. 8:20 p. m. 7.8 ft. Low 2:43 a. m. 0.9 ft. 2:06 p. m. 2.1 ft.

Asylum Offered Two Russians By State Dept.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The State Department Friday promised asylum for two Soviet school teachers who have figured in current congressional spy investigations if—as expected—they want to remain in this country.

At the same time, the department disclosed that the Russian government's claim that official agencies of the United States were involved in "kidnapping" at least one of the teachers have been denied directly to Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov by American Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith.

Moreover, Department Spokesman Michael J. McDermott also vigorously denied a report broadcast by the Moscow Radio that Undersecretary of State Robert A. Lovett had told the Russian ambassador in Washington last Monday night that one of the teachers, Michael Ivanovitch Samarin, "was subject to interrogation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

McDermott characterized that Moscow Radio report, which was represented as the official version of what Molotov told Smith Wednesday night, as being "pretty rough."

McDermott said that Lovett actually told the Soviet ambassador that all he knew was what he had read in the newspapers about the case and that the newspaper accounts showed Samarin had voluntarily requested an interview with the FBI.

S. Willamette Problem Aired
About 175 householders in the south Willamette district Thursday night met at the Dunn School to hear the pros and cons of a proposed annexation to the city of Eugene.

At the end of the meeting, petition bearers were volunteering to bring signatures to the Aug. 23 city council meeting to seek a vote on the November ballot.

A number of businessmen and persons owning small acreage with livestock are opposed to the annexation.

The meeting was called by the commissioners of the South Willamette Sanitary District which is faced with a legal quandary as a result of last May's annexation of a part of their district to the city.

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Eugeneans Injured In City's Traffic
Two Eugene residents, one a driver and the other a pedestrian, were injured in separate traffic accidents Thursday.

Walter Scott 1331 High St., was struck by an automobile at the intersection of Thirteenth and Ferry Sts. at 9:35 p.m. Robert Sargent, 1825 Onyx St., said he did not see the 69-year-old pedestrian who was dressed in dark clothing. Scott was taken to Sacred Heart hospital for treatment of head injuries, and Friday his physician reported that he was being treated for severe lacerations and possible concussion.

Ellis Charged With Murder In First Degree

PORTLAND — (AP) — Postman John Oscar Vaux was bound over to the grand jury Friday on a charge of abandoning some of his mail along his route.

Postal inspectors said the 32-year-old carrier told them he first discarded part of his mail the day he became a regular postman, when he became "tired and confused" on a route new to him.

Vaux has hidden at least 97 pieces of first class mail in bushes, the inspectors charged.

Clarence Edgar Ellis, 32, Southern Pacific railroad section gang foreman, was arraigned late Thursday in district court on charges of first degree murder in connection with the shotgun death of Earl Bowers, 37, Negro section gang worker, near Cascade Summit Wednesday morning.

Following the arraignment, Judge Chester N. Anderson continued the case to allow Ellis to acquire counsel. Ellis is being held without bail in the county jail.

Five Witnesses
Five other men, all Negroes, were arraigned as material witnesses and bail was set at \$1000 each. They are Samuel Walton, 47, Robert Lee McCoy, 33, Lloyd Headspeth, 27, Gad Williams, 45, and James Butler, 41, all section gang workers.

Williams was also sentenced to 30 days in jail for carrying a concealed weapon.

Charges Told
District Attorney C. E. Luckey charged that Ellis "did unlawfully, feloniously, purposely and with deliberate and premeditated malice, kill one Earl Bowers by . . . shooting . . . with a 12-gauge Remington repeater shotgun . . ."

Ellis allegedly shot Bowers in an altercation after Bowers' car became stuck in the mud when he was en route from Odell Lake Tuesday night, according to a preliminary investigation by County Coroner Phil Bartholomew.

Bartholomew said Friday that an autopsy on Bowers revealed that he was shot twice, once in the left side and once in the abdomen.

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She and her brother were each left \$1000 in the estate of the Chicago real estate dealer who died at the age of 74 last November. In their complaint, they say the two nephews, Clark T. Ackley and Glen F. Ackley, used undue influence and caused the uncle to change his original intent.

Reedsport Rodeo Calls Fans This Weekend
REEDSPORT — Weekend motorists will be heading for Reedsport this time to see the Fifth Annual Civic Reedsport Rodeo Saturday and Sunday and Queen Nadean and her court, Princesses Carmel and Vienne.

Queen Nadean (Strickler) of Gardiner was the candidate of the Long-Bell Lumber Co. Princess Carmel (Austin) was candidate of the E. K. Wood Lumber Co., and Princess Vienne (Flugg) was the Gardiner-Reedsport Lions' Club candidate.

The rodeo will have a full program of amateur and professional "wild west" events.

Overthrow By Force No Wallace Principle
NEW YORK — (AP) — Henry Wallace says his Progressive Party will not tolerate "anyone who preaches the overthrow of the government by force and violence."

He added, however, that "I have not conducted—and never intend to conduct—a purge of the Progressive Party on the basis of past political affiliations. . ."

TOBIN SWORN IN
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Maurice J. Tobin became the nation's sixth Secretary of Labor Friday. As he was sworn into office the former Massachusetts governor pledged an effort to wipe "the word 'strike'" from labor-management relations.

FILES KEPT SHUT
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall has refused to turn over confidential visa files to a Senate subcommittee on the ground it "would embarrass the conduct of foreign relations of the United States."

Century Festival Gets Started At Oregon City
OREGON CITY — (AP) — Oregon continued celebration of its 100th birthday Friday with a parade and motor boat races scheduled for the second of a four-day territorial centennial fete at this, the first capital city of Oregon.

A giant firecracker burst set off the observance Thursday and festivities were climaxed by a parachute jump from a run-away balloon and tug boat tug-o-wars.

Co. C to Reunite After Half Century

Members of Co. C, Second Oregon Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American war and in the Mexican Revolution, are planning reunion in Eugene Monday, Aug. 16.

Most of the members planning to be here on that date will attend the reunion of the regiment to be held in Laurelhurst park, Portland, Sunday, but the reunion in Eugene the next day will be of more significance in Eugene because the company was recruited here.

It was 50 years ago Aug. 13 that the company of American soldiers and the Second Oregon regiment was the first to enter the old walled city.

It was that regiment that received the arms of the capitulating Spanish army and the men were in and laid them down in the plaza. It was the Second Oregon that lowered the colors of the enemy and raised the first American flag.

The reunion of the remaining members of the old regiment in Laurelhurst Park Aug. 15 is in honor of the surrender of the city. Each year these veterans

gather in that park on the Sunday nearest the 13th.

Coming to Eugene for the local reunion Monday will be quite a number of members of Co. C who live elsewhere.

A poll of the remaining members of the company who can be located indicate that the following are expected here to renew acquaintance with old-time friends and to witness the astounding transformation of the home town in the past 50 years:

Mahlon H. Calef, Portland; C. C. Kauffman, Renton, Wash.; Willard A. Elkins, Salem; Bryant Drake, California; W. J. Chapman and H. R. Scott, Shastana, Wash.; F. E. H. Tucker, Camas, Wash.; F. E. Taylor, Vernonia; Smith Taylor, McKenzie Bridge; F. G. McMurry, Yakima, Wash.

Eugene Area
There are several living in and near Eugene, including Ray Babb, William L. Ford, A. B. Anderson, Horace Burnett, Major W. G. White, Charles Letson, William Miller and Leonard Gross.

The gathering will be in the new Veterans Memorial building in the evening. The day will be spent by the visitors in looking over the city and visiting old friends.

HOPS HARVESTED
INDEPENDENCE — (AP) — The hop harvest was under way here Friday, with four cents a pound being paid to pickers. The early crop harvest will be in full swing by next week, growers said. Late hops are expected to ripen the last of this month.