

**IOWA IN MOTHBALL FLEET**  
 SAN FRANCISCO—(U.P.)—The Navy's 45,000-ton battleship USS Iowa, will tie up at Hunter's Point Naval shipyard here Thursday to join the mothball fleet.

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**Russians Hear Pact Terms on Radio**

LONDON—(AP)—The Moscow Radio Monday gave the Russian people word by word details of the North Atlantic Treaty in an unusually lengthy news broadcast.

Reliable informants here said it was the first time since the war the Moscow Radio has broadcast the text of a treaty to which Russia is not a party.

The Soviet Monitor said the broadcast, at dictation speed, was directed to Russian provincial newspapers.

The Moscow Radio said the total length of the broadcast would run about 4200 words and is being released under a Washington deadline.

**Freed Slave Is 102**

SEATTLE—(U.P.)—A slave freed by Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War celebrated her 102nd birthday Sunday.

Mrs. Anna J. Luss, born in slavery on a plantation at Honey Grove, Tex., March 20, 1847, said she had outlived three husbands and all but one of her 10 children.

The active, healthy woman attributes her long life to "God's will."

**Trial of Reds Takes Up Four Survive Now Jury Is Picked Plane Crash**

NEW YORK—(U.P.)—The government Monday started its effort to send 11 top U. S. Communists to jail.

The 11, who claim they love America, go before a federal court jury charged with plotting to teach that wrecking its government is a "duty and necessity."

The defendants are the leaders of the Communist Party of the United States. Firewords were expected as the government opens with the statement of what it intends to prove about them, and the defense answers.

**Fighting Councils**

The main antagonists were a fighting government attorney, who has a 99.1 per cent record of convictions during the last year, and a husky, curly-haired blond whom President Truman has called a traitor.

The blond is Eugene Dennis, general secretary and "bad boy" of the Communist Party, who has jettisoned his counsel and will represent himself. He has had no formal legal training. He is a former lumberjack, teamster, carpenter, and longshoreman.

Dennis will make the main defense statement. The six defense attorneys have been allotted six hours for the statements, which will run them through Tuesday's session.

**U. S. Attorney**

Opposing them, in the hour and one-half government opening statement, was John Francis Xavier McGohey. The U. S. attorney is a finger-wagging, ruddy-faced man whose tall, lean body tenses as he talks.

Technically the 11 Communist National Board members went on trial nine weeks ago. The first seven weeks were spent in challenging this federal court district's method of picking jurors. The Communists lost their challenge motion to void the indictment. Selecting a jury took two more weeks.

**Charged Discrimination**

In its challenge the defense charged the jury picking method systematically discriminated against women, Negroes, Jews, the poor, and manual workers. When a trial jury finally was selected, it consisted of seven women and five men. Three are Negroes, including the woman foreman. Two are unemployed, two are manual workers, two have names frequently considered Jewish. All four alternates picked were women, so actually the at-

torneys faced a jury box filled with 11 women and five men.

**Defendants Named**

The 11 defendants are: Dennis; Benjamin J. Davis Jr., New York City councilman; Jacob Stachel, head of party education, agitation, and publication; John B. Williamson, labor secretary; Robert G. Thompson, New York state chairman; Henry Winston, organizational secretary; Gilbert Green, Illinois state chairman; Irving Potash, vice president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union (CIO); Carl Winter, Michigan state chairman; John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, and Gus Hall, Ohio state chairman.

CALDERWOOD, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Four injured survivors of a plane crash, marooned for three days on rugged, ice-covered Hangover mountain near here, faced more hours of waiting Monday while a landing field was being cleared for a rescue helicopter.

A search party and a doctor reached the crash victims, three men and a woman, Sunday night, but it was impossible to move the survivors over the difficult terrain because of their injuries.

**Couldn't Land**

J. N. Newcomb, 28-year-old Army veteran from Glendale, Cal., flew over the crash scene early

Monday in a commercial helicopter, but reported that he was unable to land on the snow-covered smoky mountain slope until a larger space is cleared.

He dropped axes and matches to the rescue party which reached the stranded survivors Sunday. They had worked all night clearing away pines and heavy underbrush but were unable to clear the 40-foot square necessary for a helicopter landing.

**Mechanic Files, Too**

Flying with Newcomb was Jerry Gorbell of Los Angeles, a mechanic.

Dr. Robert H. Haralson, Jr., of Maryville reached the injured crash victims Sunday night by the rope ladder route. He reported by radio that all four were injured and two were stretcher cases.

The TVA official said he under-

stood the pilot, James Hardy, 25, had leg and arm fractures and the lone woman passenger, Mrs. Fred Hall, 40, suffered a broken jaw.

**All from Detroit**

The other two victims, Fred Hall, 42, and Orville Rich, 38, were reported able to walk. All the passengers were from Detroit, Mich.

The crash occurred late Friday afternoon and survivors spent two harrowing, freezing nights on the windswept mountain before a fifth occupant of the plane, Stephen A. Walker, was able to fight his way through to civilization and report the crash.

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