

Navy Veteran Testifies Against Red Activities

Surprise Witness
In Trial of 15

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—A 37-year-old bespectacled, mild-appearing Navy veteran, who acted as liaison between the Communist party and the FBI, introduced testimony at the trial of 15 California Communist leaders.

Lloyd Norman Hamlin of San Diego, took the stand Friday as a surprise prosecution witness and touched off immediate whispered consultation among the battery of defense attorneys.

The first testimony of the slight undercover agent was in answer to a question by U. S. Attorney Walter S. Binnis whether Hamlin had a Communist membership card.

"Yes I have," Hamlin replied, producing a card issued in June, 1945, at San Diego by the Communist Political Association, and bearing the name of William Schneiderman, state chairman of the Communist party who is the leading defendant in the present trial.

Hamlin, who worked as an undercover agent for the Navy intelligence as well as the FBI, identified nine of the 15 defendants charged with advocating and teaching the violent overthrow of the U. S. government.

Shown a copy of "The History of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union," Hamlin leaned forward and said:

"This book was considered necessary reading."

THINGS IN COMMON

'Political Realists' Face Elections

(Editor's Note: This is the last of four stories on the voters' struggle to pick a president.)

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman and Sen. Taft have at least one thing in common. They're political realists.

They both recently demonstrated this in statements about the big political conventions this summer in Chicago where Taft wants the Republican Presidential nomination and Truman undoubtedly can have the Democratic nomination if he wants it, although he hasn't said.

WITHOUT HIS permission, the President's name was entered in the New Hampshire Primary of March 11 to run against Tennessee's Sen. Kefauver who'd like very much to get the Democratic nomination himself.

At a news conference Jan. 31, Truman said he had ordered his name withdrawn from the New Hampshire primary. It's one of 18 states where voters can express some preference among presidential possibilities of both parties.

As a matter of fact, he said, all these state primaries are just eye-wash when the national party conventions meet this summer. They don't mean a thing, he added.

THEY DO, of course, let the voters in 18 states indicate how they feel, which may influence the decisions of the political bosses and rank-and-file delegates at the con-



(NEA Telephoto)

SWEARS IN BROTHER—Former S/Sgt. Archie Van Winkle (right) of Everett, Wash., who won the Medal of Honor, swears his brother, Robert A. Van Winkle of Ketchikan, Alaska, into the Marine Corps Reserve as a corporal. Earlier, Sgt. Van Winkle, still wearing his stripes, was commissioned a reserve lieutenant by Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., Marine Corps commandant, center, holding Van Winkle's commission.

Oil Workers' Strike Favored

DENVER—(AP)—A strike vote taken among 300 of the local units of the CIO Oil Workers International Saturday was almost completely checked and showed "overwhelmingly in favor of a strike."

A union spokesman said there definitely would be a crippling nationwide strike unless the workers' demands for a \$2 a day general wage increase were met between now and Wednesday, the date the strike will be set.

He also headed off rumors that the strike threat was diminishing

because of the fact that a contract was signed by Cities Service Gas Co. with the international union of operating engineers at Wichita, Kan.

The spokesman pointed out that this was a "very small portion" of the strike picture and that the large oil companies were not following suit.

A co-ordinating committee made up of representatives of 22 unions will meet here Wednesday to set the strike date barring wage settlement before that time, the spokesman said.

PMA Men Eye Deeper Channel

Members of the Lane County Marketing Administration committee have returned from the Oregon State PMA conference in Gearhart, held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Earl Britton, secretary, reported that two meetings at the conference were of special interest to farmers of this area.

One meeting, composed of members of the Lane and Linn PMA committees, was held to discuss plans for deepening the main channel of the Linn and Lane Muddy Creek irrigation system.

BY DEEPENING THE channel, Britton said, additional water can be made available for irrigation without adding another pump. The system has a potential capacity of irrigating 40,000 acres, he pointed out.

The two committees decided to help farmers of the area secure PMA funds for this additional work.

The other meeting was composed of members of the Lane PMA committee and the state committee. The Lane group asked for additional funds to repair dikes which were damaged in the lower Siuslaw River during the December storm.

IF THE DIKES aren't repaired Britton said, valuable pasture lands will be flooded in the spring, threatening milk production in the area.

Britton said the state committee will carry the request for funds on to Washington.

Those attending the state meeting, in addition to Britton, were E. E. Schrenk, county chairman, H. H. Myers, vice-chairman, O. S. Fletcher, county agent and ex-officio member of the committee, and Leland Ross.

New 'Atomic' Process Found For Aluminum Production

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—(AP)—A new "atomic" process for producing war-vital aluminum has been discovered.

Officials of the B. C. Aluminum Company, which operates a \$200,000 pilot plant here, disclosed the process this week.

It makes use of a new type of "square," or long-wave electricity, discovered by application of the same mathematical formula which resulted in discovery of the atomic bomb.

Company officials said the first test bar of pure aluminum produced with atomic electricity was cast in November, 1951, but security measures ordered by both

the U. S. and Canadian governments made announcement of the process impossible until Friday.

ALFRED VANG, president of the Canadian firm, said the new type of electricity was produced by a "magnaquanta converter" which puts out a "square" wave of current entirely different from the usual alternating and direct current.

Vang said the "magnaquanta" method of producing electricity had been sought by scientists for 25 years.

Officials of the U. S. and Canadian governments and the Aluminum Company of America have been observing developments at the pilot plant in New Westminster for the past six months, and certain aspects of the project still are secret.

VANG SAID the new process "undoubtedly" will revolutionize the aluminum industry in the U. S. and Canada, through the saving of "up to 30 per cent of the electrical energy ordinarily used to produce aluminum."

The company is financed by Canadian capital and has had the services of leading Canadian electronic engineers.

IN DESCRIBING the new process, Vang said alumina, a powdered form of bauxite, is mixed with kryptolite, an artificial liquifying agent, and placed in furnaces.

The new form of electricity reaches the furnaces at about eight volts and 1600 amperes, he said.

Wife Shoots Self, Walks Half Mile

Didn't 'Faint'
In Suicide Try

KAMIAH, Idaho—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Ralph Schwartzkopf Saturday said a 49-year old ranch wife shot herself through the stomach with a .22 rifle Friday after she didn't "faint."

Schwartzkopf quoted the woman, Mrs. Lucy Anderson, as saying she had been despondent since moving to Idaho from Oregon three months ago.

The deputy sheriff gave this story:

While her husband was out Friday, Mrs. Anderson said she decided to take her life. The bullet entered the lower section of her stomach and came out the left side of her back.

"When I saw I wasn't going to faint, I thought I'd better tell my husband," she said.

She started to drive to her husband, but the car got stuck in the mud so she walked a half mile to reach him. Her husband, William Anderson, walked back to the car with her, dug it out and drove her to the hospital.

West Coast hemlock, which was once considered a weed tree in the Douglas fir region forests, has proven its value with a record of durability, versatility and beauty.

'Base Runner' Returned To Prison

SEDRÖ WOOLEY, Wash.—(AP)—Erstwhile scorekeeper Ollie Wiles, who ran away from the state prison ball park while a member of the convict baseball team was rounding the bases on a homer, was back in custody Saturday.

Five sheriff's deputies, six state patrolmen and two Sedro Wooley policemen arrested Wiles without a struggle. He was taken to the Mount Vernon, Wash., jail to await return to Walla Walla where he is under a life sentence as an habitual criminal.

Wiles escaped last August.



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