

Mundt Skeptical About Committee Self-Investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Mundt (R-SD) said Wednesday the McCarthy-Army hearings have strengthened his skepticism about the wisdom of having a committee investigate itself.

"I emphasized he does not believe any other congressional committee would have developed more facts, or more thorough than the Senate Investigations subcommittee, over which he presided during the hearings. But he said some other competent committee could have done the job faster, and 'found it easier to keep to pertinent facts.'"

In 36 days of public hearings which ended last Thursday, the subcommittee heard misconduct charges and countercharges exchanged by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), its regular chairman, and Secretary of the Army Stevens and their staffs.

Sen. Mundt, who cast the only "no" vote when the subcommittee decided to undertake the hearings, Wednesday he still thinks he is right. Some Democrats urged the inquiry be handled by a Senate Select Committee. Sen. Mundt insisted his own group handle it; he agreed to do so temporarily as chairman.

Sen. Mundt said that since it was in its own people, the committee had to work with "unsubstantiated" rules permitting all of the accused the right to examine witnesses. He said it made it difficult to stick to the record with a lot of "wordage."

Sen. Mundt said his remarks, made in reply to reporters' questions, were not a reply to a Senate speech Tuesday in which Sen. McCarthy (D-Nev.) denounced the hearings. McCarthy said they were a spectacle at which "communism grinned and applauded . . . while Americanism stood still, frustrated, in horror and amazement."

McCarthy told his colleagues that "rightly or wrongly, the idea has taken hold . . . that Sen. McCarthy represents anticommunism," and he continued:

"The tragedy of the situation is that through these hearings just concluded, it has appeared to millions of Americans, and to millions abroad, that anticommunism was here under attack, that the forces opposing . . . the world Communist conspiracy were being discredited. No good resulted to America."



REPORT ON SMOKING AND CANCER—Puffing on pipes, the two authors of an American Cancer Society report on cigarette smoking before the American Medical Assn. in convention in San Francisco are interviewed by the press. Left and center: Drs. Cuyler Hammond and Daniel Horn. At right is Dr. Charles S. Cameron, medical director of the Cancer Society, who said he has changed from cigarettes to cigars.

Japanese Said Victim Of First Atom Cancer

TOKYO (AP)—The English-language Japan News said Tuesday the first recorded case of cancer as the aftermath of an atomic bomb has been reported in Japan.

The first malignant growth to be diagnosed as cancer and attributed to the atom bomb was announced by Dr. Chuta Tamagawa, a pathologist at Hiroshima University.

The doctor said the victim is 64 and suffered burns on the back of the head when the atom bomb exploded nine years ago. The wound has not healed and recently cancer was detected.

Need for Further Study Seen

NEW YORK (AP)—Further study and experiments are necessary, the tobacco industry says, to pin down the causes of cancer and heart disease.

It views as "preliminary" an American Cancer Society report indicating cigarette smoking cuts the life span.

The tobacco industry's attitude was made public Tuesday in a statement issued through Dr. Clarence Cook Little, newly appointed director for a scientific committee set up to study the effects of tobacco on health.

Dr. Little termed "of vital interest" the findings of the scientists who made the study for the American Cancer Society but took the position that more proof is needed.

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Reds Blast Court Ban on Segregation

MOSCOW (AP)—Izvestia Wednesday denounced the U.S. Supreme Court decision against segregation in public schools as just a demagogic gesture that would leave race relations in the United States unchanged.

This was the first public mention in the Soviet Union of the court's historic May 17 decision.

The Soviet government newspaper said the decision was "of a purely masking character and it has been undertaken with propaganda aims alone."

"The peoples of Asia and Africa form their ideas of U.S. policy as regards the so-called colored people by the deeds of American racists," it said. "American rule circles from time to time make demagogic gestures designed for export as well as to lull the American public and conceal the struggle of American officials with (the problem of) Negro discrimination."

INSURANCE MAN DIES

SALEM (AP)—Homer H. Smith, 80, Salem insurance man, died here Monday, several days after having suffered a stroke. He founded his insurance agency in Salem in 1897.

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