

Dramatic Moment on Stand Offered by Alger Hiss

By CHARLES MERCER

New York, Dec. 22 (AP)—Alger Hiss took the stack of papers, examined them closely and then waved them aloft. "I have never had these papers in my hand until just now," he declared.

That was the former state department official's response when questioned yesterday about typewritten copies of secret government papers that got into the hands of ex-communist spy courier Whittaker Chambers.

Chambers has sworn that Hiss gave him the copies for relay to prewar Russian agents.

On trial for perjury for the second time, 45-year-old Hiss is accused of lying to a federal grand jury when he denied slipping U.S. secrets to Chambers.

In Own Defense Taking the stand in his own defense, Hiss yesterday repeated this denial, as he had done at the first trial last summer. That trial ended in a hung jury.

Asked by his attorney about Chambers' claims that the copied documents were typewritten in Hiss' home, by his wife, Priscilla, Hiss said:

"They were not typed in my house, nor by Mrs. Hiss, and I have no idea where they came from."

Hiss admitted that four handwritten summaries of state department documents were in his handwriting, but he swore he didn't give them to Chambers.

"Did you give them to any unauthorized persons," asked Defense Counsel Claude B. Cross. "I did not," Hiss replied.

Hiss gave similar answers concerning a third batch of government exhibits, the microfilm of documents which Chambers produced last year from a hiding place in a hollowed-out pumpkin on his Maryland farm.

In a calm, low voice, Hiss traced his career that led him from Harvard law school into numerous high government posts. He said, his duties included guaranteeing the security of persons and documents.

Charge Refuted Throughout this period, he said, he never had heard any suggestion that he had violated the "trust and confidence" reposed in him.

To refute Chambers' charge that Hiss had been a communist adhering to the red party line, the defense put in evidence a memorandum that Hiss wrote while he was an assistant in the state department.

The memorandum, written on Sept. 26, 1939—a month after the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact and while party-liners were calling for peace with Hitler—argued that there was nothing in international law to prevent the U.S. from aiding the allies against the Nazis.

With occasional promptings from his attorney, Hiss described his work in the agriculture department, the state department and as a legal aide to a senate committee. He told of being picked as an adviser to President Roosevelt to the Yalta conference in 1945, and of serving as executive secretary at both the Dumbarton Oaks conference in 1944 and the San Francisco conference at which the United Nations was founded in 1945.

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Franco Daughter to Wed—Senorita Carmen Franco Polo (above), 23-year-old daughter of the Spanish dictator, has become engaged to Cristobal Martinez Y Bordiu, Marquis of Villaverde. The announcement was made by Generalissimo Francisco Franco over the Spanish National radio from Madrid. The 29-year-old marquis is a doctor attached to the Spanish Red Cross. The above picture of his fiancée was made last year. (AP Wirephoto.)

Stassen Warns United States Against Socialized Medicine

Seeing a lesson to the United States in the results of British socialized medicine to date, Harold E. Stassen, in an exclusive article in the January Reader's Digest, warns against the adoption of a similar system in this country.

"It is my considered opinion," he states, "that the British program has resulted in more medical care of lower quality for more people at higher cost."

Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania, bases his article on his recently completed study of the British health program, now in effect for 18 months.

Britain's plan provides for "free" medical and dental care for all who ask it.

By enrolling on a physician's "panel" a patient is thereafter entitled to treatment, including medicines, glasses, trusses and other health equipment, without charge. The doctor renders the patient no bill but is paid by the government for his services. General practitioners get \$2.50 governmental pay per patient per year; surgeons and specialists are paid by the government on a higher scale.

How this works out in practice, to the detriment of former high standards of medical care, was expressed by one British physician:

"The people who exaggerate their aches, or who are hypochondriacs and imagine they are ill, continually clog our offices and take our time by constantly asking for unneeded service. They get in the way of those who really need medical care."

Before the National Health act, this doctor added, he could keep abreast with latest medical developments, had time to advise school officials on preventive and sanitary measures, and to discuss with specialists new problems in disease and new advances in drugs and treatment.

Now he complains that he must waste hours making out forms and reports and meeting with committees on problems in the mere administration of the law.

Citing the "tragic effect" on preventive medicine, Stassen says, "Public health work and measures for the prevention of diseases have been retarded and even abandoned."

The people who jam doctor's offices and hospitals, and the program's cumbersome administrative machinery, have absorbed the financial resources and energy of all concerned."

Industrial absenteeism because of illness is higher under socialized medicine, the author reports, and the death rate in the program's first year advanced sharply.

Infant mortality is down, but Stassen attributes this to recent advances in treatments and drugs. Britain's improvement in her infant death rate is markedly less than that recorded in the U. S. and throughout the western world.

Britain's huge bill for medical care, now about four percent of the entire national income, is reflected in the heaviest tax program of any major nation, Stassen says.

As one British worker re-

Father Spanks Youth in Court

Portland, Dec. 22 (AP)—An 18-year-old lad got a surprise penalty yesterday in court.

City Judge J. J. Quillin mentioned a sample of "fireside justice" might be in order for Darryl Robert Lundquist after the youth refused to tell the source of alcoholic beverage that sent him to jail.

Said the judge to the father, "I'd give him a spanking if I were you." To the amazement—and amusement—of court officials that's what the lad got—and quick. The court added a 30-day jail term.

Young Republicans Believe Margaret

Los Angeles, Dec. 22 (AP)—Young republicans of California took President Truman's daughter Margaret at her word when she said youthful GOP members

Jimmy Doesn't Always Smile The Way He Used to Do

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 22 (AP)—Although little Jimmy Beiswenger hasn't been told why he may not live long after Christmas, the nine-year-old boy doesn't smile all the time the way he used to.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beiswenger of nearby Ashville, say Jimmy was always smiling—even after he contracted Hodgkins disease two years ago. Hodgkins disease is a malady that enlarges the lymph glands of the neck.

"Now, he doesn't smile any more," said his mother yesterday.

The Beiswengers said they fear Jimmy may suspect what his doctors said—he may not live long after Christmas.

Last week, Guy Monick and Ralph Albarino, teachers at nearby Gallitzin high school, loaded an automobile with gifts and took them to Jimmy's home for an early Christmas.

When Jimmy saw the presents, including an electric train and a popgun, all he could say was "Oh, oh, oh."

Jimmy's father is a soft coal miner at Dysart, Pa.

Egg Price Support at Average of 37 Cents

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—The government announced Wednesday that it will support producer prices of eggs in 1950 at a national average of 37 cents a dozen. This is about 8 cents less than this year's average farm prices.

This means, agriculture department officials said, that consumer prices next year may average 8 to 10 cents a dozen less than this year's prices.

Actual prices will depend upon production. A sharp cut in output might prevent prices from dropping as much as the reduction in the support price.

East Salem Schools Give Annual Christmas Programs

Auburn—The school program was given Tuesday afternoon. Choruses sang the carols, a capella, with the story of the birth of Christ presented in pantomime. All children in the school took some part. The readers were Michael Steed, Allen Pierce, David Baker and Zan Freeburn.

Special numbers were a cornet solo by David Baker and vocal numbers by Lamona Collins, Carol Hoffman, Peggy Hoffman and Joyce Burris. After the story hour the principal, Arthur V. Myers, presented two moving pictures, "Holy Child of Bethlehem" and "The Night Before Christmas."

The children were given their annual treat which had been provided by teachers and mothers with a special committee from the Mothers club preparing the sacks. Teachers were preparing the corsages by the members of the Mothers club and refreshments were served by three members, Mrs. Charles Penny, Mrs. Pete Gossen and Mrs. Melvin Harper.

Swegle—The school program was presented Tuesday night. It was divided into three parts: The primary, special numbers and the intermediate. The primary children as a group sang two carols; a special quartet, "Upon the Housetop" and John Jayne, "If It Doesn't Snow On Christmas."

Special numbers were Christmas songs by the sophomore Melodettes from the Salem high school, and piano numbers by Sandra Everett. For the intermediates, 12 carols were sung, the professional "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and the story of the birth of Christ read by John Kelly and Beverly Straw.

Cast of characters for the pantomime were Mary, Joann Kizmark; "I don't pay the doctor, but I pay!"

Baby Thrown Into Incinerator

Newark, N. J., Dec. 22 (AP)—Mrs. Louise Beauchamp, mother of six children, threw her newborn baby into a burning apartment house incinerator, police said last night.

Police Lt. William Wagner of the homicide squad quoted the 37-year-old woman as saying things were tough enough in her household at Christmas time without another mouth to feed.

Wagner said the baby was born alive.

Wagner said there was not way of telling before an autopsy whether the child was alive when it was put into the incinerator. It was born about 1 p.m. yesterday and found dead about 2:30 p.m., he said.

Mrs. Beauchamp was placed under protective custody in City hospital last night. No charges were placed against her immediately, pending an outcome of an autopsy on the dead child.

Parts of the baby's charred body were found in the incinerator of the apartment house by a janitor.

Mrs. Beauchamp has six living children, ranging in age from five to 17. Police said she has been on relief since her husband left her six months ago.

Detectives said she told them she had delivered the baby unattended in the bathroom of her apartment.

In the United States, 87 per cent of the farmers have automobiles and 36.5 per cent have trucks.

FOR GOOD OR EVIL

Religious Thinker Lists 10 Big Events of Half Century

New York, Dec. 22 (AP)—The scrapping of American isolationism and the rise of Russian power with its world-wide communist policy were among the events which had the greatest impact on mankind in the first half of the 20th century, Harry Emerson Fosdick said today.

He included in his list the founding of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Fosdick, one of the country's outstanding religious leaders and authors, is pastor emeritus of the Riverside church in New York. His career spans the half-century.

Dr. Fosdick was one of several leading citizens who replied to a United Press poll requesting them to pick the 10 events since 1900 which they considered most important, for good or for evil.

In his listing, Dr. Fosdick refrained from setting down the events in any order of importance. He said he could not single out any one event as most important because "my thinking

doesn't run that way." Here are his selections, as he listed them:

The first World war. The rise (and failure) of the League of Nations.

The economic depression. The second World war. The abandonment of isolationism in the U.S.A.

The fission of the atom. The United Nations. Russian power and its world-wide communist policy. The founding of the World Council of Churches. The breakdown of the old colonial system.

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