



Hiss After Verdict—Alger Hiss, former state department official, his face grim, his head up and his wife Priscilla, holding on to his arm, walks out of the U. S. courthouse in New York after jury had found him guilty on both counts in his second trial for perjury. Hiss' bail of \$5000 was continued until date of sentencing, Jan. 25 (AP Wirephoto)

Hiss Will File Appeal After Sentence Wednesday

New York, Jan. 23 (AP)—Alger Hiss, convicted of perjury and branded an aide of pre-war Soviet spies, will file an appeal immediately after he is sentenced in federal court Wednesday.

The one-time high-ranking state department official, an adviser to President Roosevelt at the Yalta conference, faces a possible maximum sentence of ten years in prison and \$4,000 in fines.

Hiss was free on \$5,000 bail after the jury of eight women and four men found him guilty Saturday about 24 hours after they received the case.

His chief defense counsel, Claude B. Cross, said at his home in Brookline, Mass., yesterday that the appeal will be filed with the U. S. circuit court of appeals here as soon as sentence is imposed.

Cross declined to state what grounds would be cited in the appeal. Before appealing, the defense lawyer is expected to ask the trial judge to set aside the conviction. Any appeal from the circuit court would be to the U. S. supreme court.

The 45-year-old Hiss and his wife, Priscilla, were reported to have spent the week-end at the home of friends studying the records of the trial.

Hiss and his wife, who testified for him, were not available to newsmen. But friends reported the defendant kept protesting his innocence and remained firm in his belief that the conviction would be reversed on appeal.

Friends said Hiss was shocked at the outcome of the trial, and told them he had been confident the jury would disbelieve the story of his chief accuser, Whittaker Chambers, self-styled ex-communist courier.

"It just seems impossible that anyone would believe Chambers, the admitted perjurer," Hiss was quoted as saying.

By its verdict, the jury showed it believed Chambers' testimony that Hiss fed him U. S. government secrets for relay to Soviet spies. The government's case was built mostly on Chambers' accusations, and the main question for the jury was to decide which man was lying—Hiss or Chambers. The latter admitted on the witness stand that he had lied at times.

Hiss was convicted on two counts of perjury for lying before a federal grand jury investigating espionage. One count was for his denial that he gave U. S. secrets to Chambers. The second count was for his denial that he had seen Chambers after Jan. 1, 1937. Chambers charged that Hiss gave him the secrets in 1938.

Hiss could not be charged now with espionage because the statute of limitations bars prosecution at this late date.

This will be the 31st annual press conference to be held on the university campus, according to Carl W. Webb, secretary-manager of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association and assistant professor of journalism. The conference is open to all editors and publishers of the state.

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Churchill Offers Solvency Without Further U. S. Money

London, Jan. 23 (AP)—Winston Churchill said Saturday that a conservative government could lead Britain back to solvency without further foreign aid.

Britain's war-time prime minister formally opened the conservative party's campaign for the February 23 general election with a speech prepared for delivery over the British Broadcasting corporation.

If the conservative party wins the election, Churchill will return to the prime ministry.

He told the British people that they must choose whether to take "another deep lunge" into state ownership and control with the labor government or win greater freedom of choice and action under a conservative regime.

If the labor (socialist) party continues in power, he said, the nation will descend to "consequences the like of which we have never yet suffered or even imagined."

He said a labor victory more-over would mean continued dependence upon "foreign charity" from the United States and the dominions. He deplored labor's failure to acknowledge in its election manifesto the millions and millions of dollars "so generously supplied" to Britain by America since the war.

He said the conservatives, if returned to power, would seek to establish and maintain a basic standard of life and labor, below which no man or woman, however old or weak would be allowed to fall.

"Once we have made that standard secure," he said, "we propose to set the nation free as quickly as possible from the controls and restrictions which now beset our daily life."

"The main reason we are unable to earn our living and make our way in the world is because we are not allowed to do so."

Churchill said a conservative victory would not jeopardize the social services put into effect by the labor government and would not mean unemployment.

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Then, it costs another \$1.50 to get them across the ocean. If you can find an European buyer who'll pay \$1.81 per bag, which officials say is doubtful, you'll break even.

Not so Uncle Sam. He loses \$2.09 on every 100-pound bag you buy. The one-cent export deal is part of the government's program to get rid of—at any cost—surplus potatoes farmers have produced under the price support. Officials doubt it will help dispose of many of them.

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Charles Evans Hughes, Jr.

Charles Evans Hughes, Jr. Dies

New York, Jan. 23 (AP)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Charles Evans Hughes, Jr.

Hughes, former U. S. solicitor general and son of the late chief justice of the United States, died Saturday night at the age of 60 at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical center.

Death followed an operation for a brain tumor. The family has requested that no flowers be sent to the funeral, and that the money be contributed to the brain tumor research fund of the neurological institute of New York.

Services will be held at 10:30 a. m. (EST) tomorrow at Christ Episcopal church, in the Riverdale section of the Bronx where Hughes resided.

Hughes entered the hospital for observation a week ago last night.

Hughes, a republican like his father, was appointed solicitor general by President Hoover in June, 1929, and resigned in April 1930, when his father was appointed chief justice.

Hughes, a native of New York, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marjory Stuart Hughes and four children. Charles Evans Hughes, III; Henry Stuart Hughes, Helen and Marjory Bruce Hughes, all of New York.

Kahn Gets \$765,700 On Jewel Theft Claim

London, Jan. 23 (AP)—British insurance firms paid the Aga Khan and his wife \$765,000 in claims shortly after they were robbed of some of their jewels in Cannes last August, an insurance investigator said today.

If recovered, the jewels will become the property of the insurance companies. However, the investigator said it is customary to offer recovered property to the original owners at cost.

He said the \$70,000 reward offered at the time of the robbery still stands.

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'Crude Mistakes' of U. S. Role In Foreign Affairs Hit by Russ

By TOM WHITNEY

Moscow, Jan. 23 (AP)—Pravda, voice of the communist party, has attacked a new Soviet history book which it says made crude mistakes in depicting the role of the United States in recent world history.

The book, entitled "Essays in Current History," was written by K. Gerbov and was issued by a Ukrainian publishing house.

In describing the causes of the entry of the United States into the first world war, Pravda says, Gerbov forgot the main one: "The annexationist plans of American imperialism in the 1914-1918 war."

Pravda said Gerbov attributed the intervention of the United States in the Soviet Union in 1918-1919 as having taken place only under the pressure of the British and the French, and only in order to protect United States interests.

Pravda commented: "To explain the intervention of the United States in our country by the necessity of defending its own 'interests' means to justify the American imperialists who in fact had openly annexationist purposes, striving to stifle and destroy the young Soviet republic, to enslave the Soviet people."

The Soviet paper said Gerbov wrote that it was the United States which compelled the Japanese to withdraw their troops from eastern Siberia in 1922. This, the paper said, is

a falsification of history and plays into the hands of Bourgeois historians who pharisaically sing of the 'love of peace' of the U. S.

Pravda made other criticism of Gerbov, saying that he was silent about the "class struggle" in the U. S., and that he praised in every way Wilson, Hoover and "other reactionaries."

The paper condemned the Soviet writer for using great numbers of western source material, at the same time ignoring some of the most important documents of the time he wrote about. It said he quoted abundantly from Citrine, Hoover,

Keynes "and also the bandit, Al Capone."

"The issuance of this harmful anti-Soviet booklet of Gerbov is a great mistake of the publishing house," Pravda concluded.

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