

Canada Says Discredited Report Used By U.S. Solons to Label Norman a Red

OTTAWA (AP)—Foreign Minister Lester Pearson said last night a Canadian secret agent's report which later proved to be unfounded was used by a U.S. Senate subcommittee in charging Canadian diplomat Herbert Norman with having been a Communist.

Pearson said the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in October 1940 forwarded to U.S. security agencies a report from a secret agent that Norman was a member of the Communist party in 1950.

The foreign minister said this "no doubt" was the basis of the statement by Robert Morris, counsel of the U.S. Senate Internal Security subcommittee, last month that "Norman was identified in February 1940 as a member of the Communist party."

But Pearson said the RCMP in December 1950 had sent the U.S. security agencies this report:

"We have made extensive inquiries concerning the information (on Norman) originally supplied by our secret agent, and have arrived at the decision that the information given is one of either mistaken identity or unfounded rumor by an unidentified source. Of the numerous points supplied at the time, the majority have been absolutely determined to be in error, the remaining few there appear to be any answer to them."

Norman's suicide in Cairo April 4, after publication of Morris' remarks to the Senate subcommittee touched off a storm of criticism in Canada of the Senate group.

The New York Daily News said today that before leaping from a

Cairo apartment building, Norman wrote his best friend that he could not "bring myself to tell you the true reasons that impel me to commit suicide." The News printed the texts of notes it said

FOR OFFICE BUILDING

Ike Would Expand White House Area

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower favors expanding the White House grounds for construction of a new office building for future presidents.

Eisenhower's ideas along these lines may touch off controversy. One always seems to boil up whenever anyone suggests physical changes around the White House.

The President's thoughts on the matter were outlined yesterday by his press secretary, James C. Hagerly, who emphasized they still are tentative.

Hagerly said Eisenhower thinks it would be "a good idea" to enlarge the White House grounds to provide for construction of a modern office building with adequate room for presidential staff members.

The President's office is in what is known as the west executive wing, situated just west of the mansion proper and its living quarters. Despite several interior renovations over the years, the

wing still is too small to house the President's entire staff.

The overflow is accommodated in the old State-War-Navy building, across the street. So is personnel of several other executive branch agencies.

Hagerly talked to newsmen about expansion plans after Eisenhower had conferred with an advisory commission he appointed several months ago to study the problem.

The press secretary emphasized no final conclusions were reached at the meeting and he said the matter is going to get "a lot more study."

The most recent controversies over alterations to the White House flared while President Truman was in office. He proposed additions to provide more office space, but they were blocked.

The most celebrated furor during Truman's regime ignored a storm of protest and added a balcony on the south side of the White House.

Norman left for his wife and his friend Brynoff Eng, the Swedish ambassador in Cairo.

The Egyptian police previously had released only brief excerpts from the notes. As published by the News, the note to Mrs. Norman said, "... I wanted so much to tell you all about my troubles during these last few days of my life... but I finally decided to bear them alone and not distress you."

Pearson disclosed the RCMP reports on Norman in a telegram to the Montreal Gazette, sent after the paper's Ottawa correspondent wrote that the foreign minister must have known that Norman maintained "strange, ultra-left-wing associations... as late as February 1950."

Pearson said in his telegram last night that he "would be unworthy to be a minister of the crown and should resign" if he had known of any "strange ultra-left-wing associations" by Norman or that Norman was a Communist during his government service.

These were the texts of Norman's suicide notes, as published by the Daily News:

To Mrs. Norman:
"Dear Wife: Farewell to you, my beloved, and to my family; I wanted so much to tell you all about my troubles during these last few days of my life because I think of you as my spiritual partner but I finally decided to bear them alone and not distress you."

"I also wanted to tell you before going out this morning of my intention to commit suicide but I changed my mind at the last minute feeling it would be better for you to learn of my death—afterwards. I have no more hope in life, no more future. Please forgive me, my love, for ending my life like this. I feel I don't deserve even to kiss your feet."

"Farewell my beloved. Best wishes to my family."
"Herbert."

To Eng:
"I wanted to spend some time with you during these last few days of my life and tell you what has been worrying me but am afraid that even in this letter I cannot bring myself to tell you true reasons that impel me to commit suicide."

"I have decided to die near your home. I know this may cause you some trouble and I am sorry but you are my best friend."

Farewell.
"Sincerely,
"Norman."

Lava Spewing From Mt. Etna

CATANIA, Sicily (AP)—Mt. Etna continued to erupt today, spilling a stream of lava slowly down a barren side of the 10,758-foot mountain.

Mountainside towns far below the volcanic activity were not in immediate danger.

The current eruption is in the same areas as that of 1950 which sent millions of tons of lava pouring down the ancient peak to the 600-foot level. That eruption destroyed and damaged roads and cultivated fields.

In the next five years about 1,000 engineering graduates from India will receive training in iron and steel technology in United States steel plants and foundries.

Labor Charges Medics Greedy In Polio Drive

NEW YORK (AP)—A labor leader's charge that organized medicine has appeared more concerned about reimbursement than about the fight on polio brought quick denials yesterday.

Leo Perils, director of the AFL-CIO's community services activities, said medical societies "appeared to be more concerned with getting full payment for each Salk shot administered than with the wholesale prevention of polio-myelitis."

He said actions of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the U. S. Public Health Service and the American Medical Assn. combined to block federal allocation of the Salk polio vaccine.

Spokesmen for all three organizations denied Perils' allegations.

In Washington, the Public Health Service said Perils was "in error." A spokesman said a big backlog of vaccine was built up last fall and that a drive was started to use up the supply. Then a shortage developed, he said.

The spokesman said that after this, federal and state officials met with foundation and AMA officials March 30 to see what could be done.

Edgar Eisenhower Sticks to Opinion; No Family Breach

WASHINGTON (AP)—Edgar Eisenhower says "a breach in our family is the last thing that could ever develop."

Edgar, the President's older brother, also said last night: "I want to make it very plain there are no differences between my brothers and me. We can differ on a friendly basis and no rancor is involved."

He caused quite a stir earlier this week when he was quoted as criticizing the size of the President's budget.

When the President was asked yesterday about this and about reports that Edgar was "disturbed about the liberal influence of Milton and Sherman Adams," he told his news conference good humorously:

"Edgar has been criticizing me since I was 5 years old."

However, the health service spokesman said, those at the meeting decided unanimously that an allocation system would "serve no useful purpose since it was difficult to allocate anything we did not have."

Edgar Eisenhower, 68, is 22 months older than the President.

Milton Often Consulted

Milton Eisenhower, another brother of the President, is head of Johns Hopkins University and sometimes has been consulted on various matters by the chief executive. Sherman Adams is Eisenhower's top aide.

Edgar, a Tacoma, Wash., attorney, attended a White House state dinner last night, along with brother Milton and a number of other guests of the President.

Later, he told an interviewer that "Dwight and Milton kiddingly gave me some advice about dealing with the press."

Edgar said the only mention of the budget during the evening came at a family gathering before the dinner when "Dwight made a remark that all expenses have gone up."

"He asked me if the expenses in my office were the same as last year," Edgar said. "I answered I couldn't compare them because I'm moving the office."

Wants to Forget It

When he was asked by a news-

man if he had anything more to say about the administration's budget, Edgar replied:

"I want to forget the whole thing as fast as I can."

But he stressed that he hasn't changed his opinion — "not a bit."

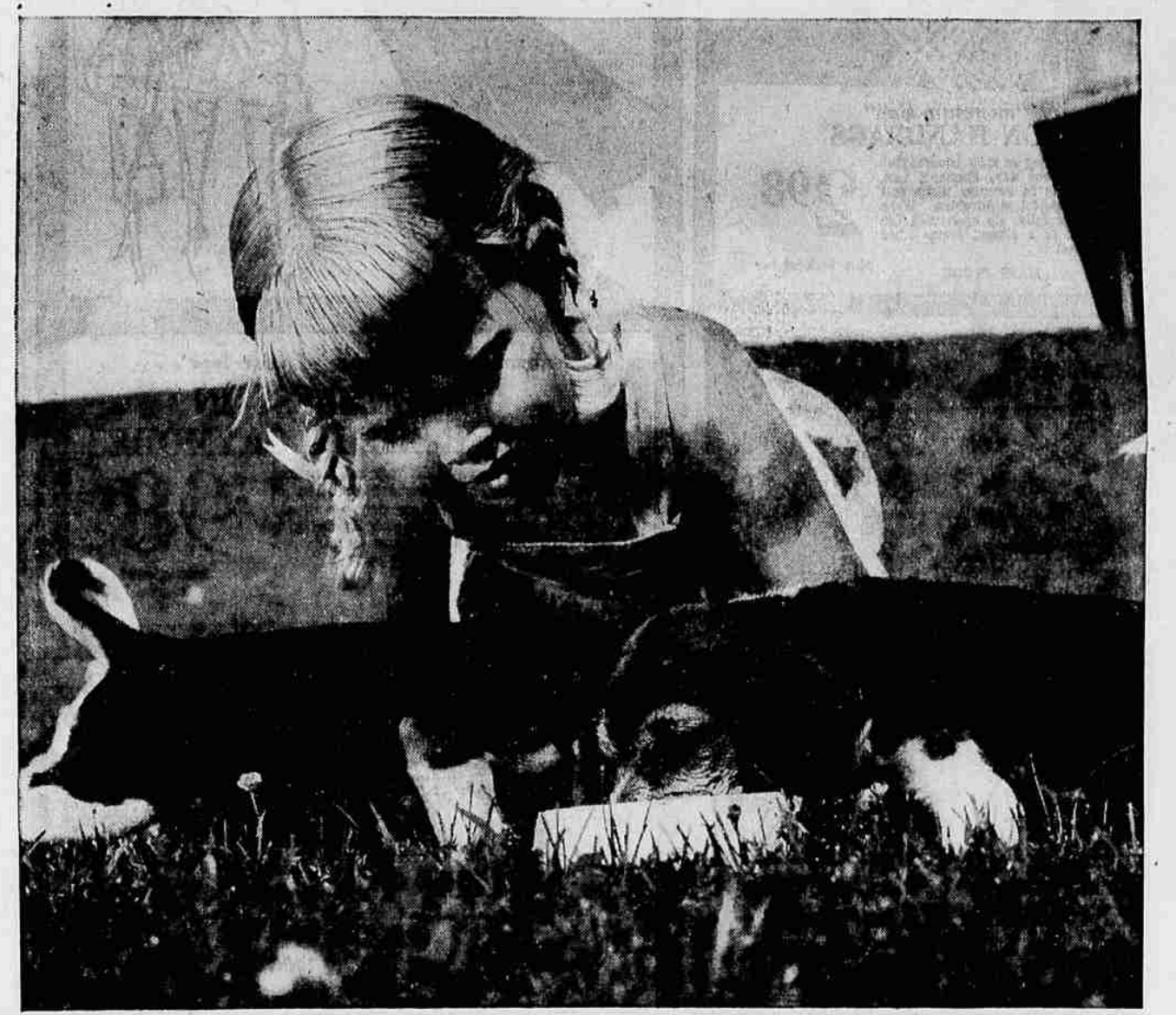
Edgar said he and his wife planned to leave for home today. Milton Eisenhower has not commented publicly on Edgar's remarks. Adams laughed off questions about Edgar's statements, telling newsmen: "Just say you couldn't find me to ask that question."

In Chicago, Earl Eisenhower, a young brother of the President, said "it's nothing new" for Edgar to be critical. He added that Edgar has "been that way for about 60 years."

Meantime, Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.) said "maybe it would be a good idea for the President to consult with Milton one week and with Edgar the next week," adding with a grin: "Then he would hear from both wings of the party."

Siren Wails Protest

ST. JOHNSVILLE, N.Y. (AP)—A fire truck turned out to pasture by this eastern New York village entered a mournful protest. The wail of its siren rose one night from a garage in which the vehicle has been stored. Firemen found a short circuit. They disconnected the siren wiring and returned to their nearby fire station and the new truck it now houses.



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