

HURLEY'S COMPLAINTS REJECTED

COMMITTEE DROPS INVESTIGATION OF DUPLICITY CHARGE

Action Tantamount to Rejection of Claim that Career Diplomats Crossed Him.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The senate foreign relations committee today dropped its investigation of charges by ex-Ambassador Patrick J. Hurley that state department career diplomats undermined U. S. foreign policy throughout the world.

For three hours today the committee examined secret state department records. Then Chairman Tom Connally, D. Tex., announced that no further hearings or closed sessions on the matter were planned.

This was tantamount to rejecting Hurley's complaints. Hurley, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson and other witnesses testified at the committee hearings during the past week.

Acheson Present

Acheson, who was accused by Hurley of dynamiting American policies in Iran, attended part of today's meeting to answer questions about the documents, which Hurley had designated to substantiate his charges.

Connally said he had refused a request by Hurley that he be permitted to testify at another open session of the committee.

Principal documents examined today were reports from John S. Service and George A. Acheson, Jr., foreign service men formerly stationed in China. Hurley accused Service of plotting to overthrow the central Chinese government of Chiang Kai-Shek and accused Acheson of recommending that lend-lease arms be given to Chinese communists for the purpose of upsetting the Chiang government.

No More Action

Hurley made his original charges when he resigned suddenly two weeks ago as ambassador to China.

Connally said no action was contemplated on a resolution by Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry, R. Neb., calling for a special five-man committee to investigate the entire state department.

"It is lying calmly on my desk," Connally said of the resolution. "It shows no sign of life, although we have not put a pull-motor on it."

Hurley had told the committee the secret documents would prove his charges of duplicity in the foreign service.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with occasional rain or snow flurries in mountains. Little change in temperature.

Highest, yesterday 47

Lowest this morning 31

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His Background, Her Death Questioned



Cluttered background of ex-Folsom convict, Alfred L. Cline (left) and the suspicious similarity of deaths of five persons with whom he has been connected are being investigated by police of three cities: San Francisco, Calif., where he was arrested on forgery charges; Portland, Ore., where his wife of one-year (right), died 10 days ago, was cremated and buried, and Chicago, Ill., where he married, Mrs. Cline, the wealthy widow of a Chicago manufacturer, and from where her attorney requested Cline's arrest.

Ashes Examined As Evidence In Ex-Convict's Activities

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The chemical composition of a small mound of ashes was under examination today to determine whether they were the remains of Alfred L. Cline's latest wife or those of an elderly San Francisco widow.

Although Cline stoutly maintained from his city jail cell that the ashes were his wife's, early findings supported police theories that they were those of Mrs. Isabelle Van Natta, 73, who disappeared Nov. 17.

Cline, a 55-year-old ex-convict held formally on a charge of suspicion of forgery, has insisted that the dead woman was his last wife, Mrs. Delora Krebs Cline, widow of a wealthy Chicago manufacturer.

Where Is Other One?

With the new developments, police were faced with this perplexing question—If the dead woman was not Mrs. Cline, then where was the woman who Cline said died and was cremated last month in Portland, Ore.?

Following Cline's arrest, a sketch of a tombstone was found in his pocket. Notations indicated that Mrs. Cline had been buried in Fallon, Nev., near Reno. However, no trace of her body was found in Fallon, and there was no record there of her death.

The ashes, exhumed yesterday from a cemetery near San Francisco, apparently were those of one of nine persons, including seven women, known to have died of heart attacks or cerebral hemorrhages during their association with Cline.

Left \$301,000

In all, these persons left Cline a total of \$301,000 in bequests, investigators said.

A police theory that the dead woman was Mrs. Van Natta was bolstered by a description of the body given by Portland mortuary attendants, as well as findings of San Francisco toxicologist Joseph Swim.

Mortuary attendants recalled that the dead woman had her own teeth, whereas Mrs. Cline was known to have false teeth. In addition, Swim's examination of the ashes uncovered a gold filling.

Mrs. Van Natta had not been heard from since she disappeared Nov. 17, after telling friends she planned to marry Cline. Hotel records in Calistoga, Calif., showed she and Cline stayed there for five days until Nov. 22.

On Nov. 24, Cline registered in a Portland hotel with a woman he introduced as his wife. Two days later, a doctor treated the woman for heart pains and hypertension. She died Nov. 29 of "cerebral hemorrhage" and was cremated the next day under the name of Mrs. Delora Krebs Cline.

Clothing Found

A week after Cline's arrest in San Francisco on suspicion of forgery, police found some of Mrs. Van Natta's clothing on the back seat of his car.

Meanwhile, an investigation was continued into names found in a notebook in Cline's possession. Police referred to this as his "sucker list." It contained the names of hundreds of elderly women throughout the United States.

Cline, who once served a term in a Colorado prison for forgery, was convicted and sentenced in 1933 to from 5 to 15 years' imprisonment for robbing and drugging an elderly Los Angeles businesswoman.

JURY SELECTED TO TRY TICE ON MANSLAUGHTER

Indian Pleads Guilty to Forgery Attempt; Jail Escaper To Wait Examination.

Jurors were selected in federal court here this morning for the trial of Ralph William Tice, Klamath county Indian charged with manslaughter, and taking of evidence was started before Judge James Alcer Fee. Tice was indicted by the grand jury last week in connection with the death of Eugene Mecom, also an Indian, reportedly killed during an altercation with the defendant Aug. 13 at Chillicothe.

Selected for the jury were George B. Brown, Brownboro; Richard C. Joy, Ashland; James E. Merritt, Ashland; Victor Metcalf, Phoenix; Carl J. Brommer, Medford; M. J. Stockman, Grants Pass; Harold A. Merrill, Ashland; Clifford O'Nwilly, Grants Pass; W. C. Degerness, Medford; Guy T. Applewhite, Ashland; Harold Axlund, Medford; and Harold B. Joran, Ashland.

Witnesses this morning were Joseph O. Taylor and Henry Johnston, the latter a police officer from Chillicothe, who testified as to finding Mecom's body. J. C. O'Neill, Klamath Falls, is attorney for Tice and the case is being prosecuted by Ed. B. Twining and J. Mason Dillard.

Preceding the Tice trial two other men appeared before Judge Percy Ball, Indian, pleaded guilty to attempting to cash two forged checks and his case was referred to the probation officer for pre-sentence investigation. Robert Patrick Morgan, indicted for escaping from the Multnomah county jail while in federal custody and for two thefts of mail from mailboxes, appeared and upon motion of his attorney, O. H. Bengtson, appointed last week by Judge Fee to represent Morgan, was returned to custody to await examination by a psychiatrist.

THREE SAWMILLS IN LOCAL REGION SIGNED WITH AFL

Kerby, Grants Pass, Central Pt. Plants Agree to Wage Increases Says Union.

Three sawmills in this area have signed agreements with the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union to resume operations. J. G. Wolf, union official, said today. The mills are Cabax Mills at Kerby which entered into an agreement with the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, local 2512, for a 15c hourly wage increase "across the board," Moore Lumber company of Grants Pass, a 15c per hour wage increase in all job classifications; and the Southern Oregon Planing Mill company, Central Point, where the common base was increased to \$1.05 per hour and a union shop was put in force.

Rogue River Lumber company at Rogue River is now operating on a basis of 15c per hour wage increase in all job classifications, but has not yet signed an agreement with the union, Wolf said.

To Increase Pressure

Wolf said the controversy involving the Lausmann Lumber company, operated by McMurray and Martin on highway 99 opposite the fairgrounds south of Medford, was company inspired. A. A. Lausmann, owner of the mill, did not deal with union representatives as his agreement with the union says he must do, according to Wolf. Wolf added that no men in good standing with the union are working at the Lausmann mill.

The Lausmann plant is now picketed and increased pressure will be put on mill operators to force them to live up to agreements with the union, Wolf stated. The 12c per hour wage increase with Lausmann's crew accepted in an agreement with the operator is equal to five cents less than is paid in the rest of the firm territory, according to Wolf.

Lausmann said this morning his plant is operating full blast with more than two carloads of lumber being shipped yesterday. Practically a full crew are working in woods operations.

Says Men Not Told

Lausmann told a reporter this morning that he had made several proposals to the union negotiating committee in an effort to get the strike settled, but his employees complained to him that he had made no effort to negotiate. Union officials had promised to contact the employees for a meeting but had not done so, resulting in the employees' complaints, Lausmann said. To counter-act this, Lausmann said he sent a letter to the president of the union, reiterating proposals made in several negotiating attempts, and sent copies to each of his employees, which he believed resulted in the men's voluntary move.

Ready to Negotiate

B. L. Nutting, manager of Medford Corporation, said he received a letter from Hugh R. Haddock, business agent for the Klamath Basin District Council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union negotiating committee, saying the committee stands ready to meet with the company officials to settle the labor dispute at the Medco plant. Nutting said he replied that his company is ready and willing to meet at any agreeable time with the plant committee of the local union employees for the purpose of settling on the basis of a 12c per hour increase. The committee authorized to meet with the Klamath Basin District Council is ready and willing to negotiate with the council committee at any time. Nutting added.

The strike involving the lumber plants in this area is a part of the 11-weeks-old AFL lumber strike which has crippled the industry in the entire Pacific northwest.

Griffin Creek Grange

Griffin Creek Grange H.E.C. will meet at the home of Carrie Cooper, Phoenix-Jacksonville highway, Thursday at 1:30 p. m. for a desert luncheon. Bring gift for Christmas gift exchange.

Verdict of Death Is Read to Yamashita



Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita hears reading of his sentence to die by hanging for his guilt of condoning atrocities by his troops during horror days of Manila. Standing during tense scene are (left to right) Col. Harry Clarke, chief defense attorney; M. Hammamoto, interpreter for Yamashita; Gen. Yamashita, and Maj. Harry D. Pratt, court interpreter. Seated (lower left) reading the sentence is Maj. Gen. Ruelle B. Reynolds, Signal Corps Radio-photo.

Marshall Says Intercepted Jap Messages Not Seen By Him Until Day Hawaii Bombed

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Gen. George C. Marshall said today he never saw until the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese messages intercepted during the preceding two days which might have indicated that war was imminent.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The "top secret" of an army board which investigated the Pearl Harbor attack a year ago was offered—but not admitted—as evidence in congress' Pearl Harbor investigation today.

The former army chief of staff referred to a so-called "pilot" message intercepted and decoded Dec. 5, 1941, and the first 13 parts of a 14-part message in which Japan formally ended diplomatic talks.

Records show the first 13 parts were intercepted and decoded the night of Dec. 6, the crucial 14th part, and the instructions to deliver it to the State department at 1 p. m., were intercepted the morning of Dec. 7—not long before bombs rained on Pearl Harbor.

Asked About Interests

Appearing before the Pearl Harbor Investigating committee for the fifth successive day, Marshall was asked about the secret intercepts by Sen. Homer Ferguson, R. Mich.

Marshall said he did not recall ever seeing the so-called "pilot" message in which Tokyo notified its Washington embassy that a long statement to the U. S. government was coming. The message instructed the embassy that instructions for actual delivery would come later.

Marshall said he did not see the long message and accompanying instructions for 1 p. m. delivery until he arrived at his office in the War department the morning of Dec. 7.

He added, however, that they were primarily diplomatic messages and the important thing was to get them to Secretary of State Cordell Hull rather than to the chief of staff.

Warned Nov. 27

Marshall also testified:

1. The late President Roosevelt personally ordered that war warnings to Pacific outposts Nov. 27 include a caution that U. S. forces avoid committing the first overt act.

2. The only significance he read into a Nov. 5 Japanese intercept—setting Nov. 25 as the deadline for ending diplomatic talks—was that it was the date for termination of the German-Japanese anti-comintern pact.

3. He knew about a Japanese code destruction order in late November and early December.

Nuernberg, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Rudolf Hess threw out his chest and strutted while other Nazi leaders wept today during the showing in the war crimes courtroom of a four-hour film depicting the Nazi rise to power.

The film was pieced together from propaganda films which the Nazis themselves took to record the high spots of Adolf Hitler's regime in Germany.

The 21 defendants seemed to be stimulated by the scenes of past glory. Hess for the first time regained some of his old swagger.

During a recess in the film he stood with his arms crossed in swaggering manner and arrogantly surveyed the audience. As his picture was shown on the screen he leaned over to Hermann Goering and whispered eagerly, apparently about his former triumphs.

Goering was almost equally stimulated at seeing himself on the screen once again be-medaled and gorgeously uniformed.

Joachim von Ribbentrop and Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel both wept at the pictures of enthusiastic Nazi crowds.

Hjalmar Schacht, Nazi financial wizard, who had turned his back when the films of Nazi atrocities were shown, watched today's movie and asked: "Do you see anything wrong with that?"

NURSE ASSOCIATION MEETING WEDNESDAY

Women of the Oregon Nurses' association, district four, will meet at the Girls' Community club at 8 p. m. Wednesday for the annual Christmas party and gift exchange. Public health nurses will be hostesses for the meeting.

Queried In Detail

Ferguson questioned Marshall in detail about the night of Dec. 6 and the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

Ferguson wanted to know whether he was notified at his home on the night of the 6th about the first 13 parts of the Japanese message.

"Up to the time I arrived at the War department on the morning of the 7th I knew nothing about that message," Marshall replied.

\$2-A-DAY BOOST OR STRIKE JAN. 14 STEEL ULTIMATUM

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Pro-labor forces in the house won a temporary victory today when the house voted not to take up immediately a bill to impose heavy penalties on labor unions which violated no-strike contracts.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—CIO President Philip Murray announced today that the United Steel Workers will strike the nation's steel, aluminum and iron ore industries at 12:01 a. m. January 14 unless demands for a \$2-a-day wage increase are met.

Murray reported a resolution by the union's wage policy committee and executive board flatly rejecting President Truman's proposal for a 30-day truce to permit examination of the dispute by a fact-finding board.

The resolution branded the president's proposal as "viciously anti-labor and an attack upon our basic democratic liberties."

Board Unnecessary

"A fact-finding board is unnecessary," the strike resolution stated. It declared the proposal "a false trail of fruitless delays which can only serve to undermine labor."

The strike call directly affects more than 700,000 workers in the bulk of the nation's basic steel plants, steel fabricating mills, aluminum factories and bauxite and iron ore pits. The total would swell the country's CIO strike roll to nearly 900,000 with 250,000 more preparing to ballot on walkouts under the Smith-Connally act.

PAULINE ASHPOLE HURT WHEN AUTOMOBILES HIT

Miss Pauline Ashpole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ashpole, McAndrews road, is confined in the Community hospital as result of minor head injuries suffered in an auto collision at the Crater Lake highway and Spring street intersection, Monday evening. Her coupe and a car driven by Truitt Cantrell, Route 4, struck head-on.

MRS. PATTON AT HUSBAND'S SIDE

Frankfurt, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Mrs. George S. Patton landed today at Mannheim in her race by plane to the bedside of Gen. George S. Patton who is in the hospital at Heidelberg, suffering from paralysis and a broken neck.

Patton was slightly improved today but physicians refused to forecast his chances for recovery.

Mrs. Patton landed at Mannheim because of more of the bad weather with which her flight has been plagued. Original plans were for a landing at Paris and a direct flight here.

Mrs. Patton was accompanied by Lieut. Gen. John C. H. Lee and the flight was made in his plane.

FREAK ACCIDENT BLOCKS OVERPASS

An Oregon-Nevada-California fast freight truck, operated by John Lozier, Eugene, which was en route to Medford, hung precariously over the overhead pass at Tolo early this morning after sideswiping an army vehicle towing a trailer and operated by James Bell of Ashland, a civilian employee at Camp White. The freight truck and army vehicle met on the Tolo overpass and sideswiped, plunging the freight truck through the guard rail, state police said. Traffic was blocked and all trains were advised to proceed at their own risk until a wrecker could remove the truck.

Lozier received a slightly sprained left wrist and a bruised right knee, police said. Bell was uninjured.

ARABS BALK PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT

Jerusalem, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The Supreme Arab Palestinian Council issued a surprise announcement today rejecting the British plan for settlement of the Holy Land controversy by a joint Anglo-American inquiry commission.

Speaking for all major Arab factions in Palestine, the council repudiated in advance any decisions which might be taken by the American and British investigators.

The Zionist executive committee in Jerusalem, meanwhile, conferred secretly on the overall situation and informed quarters said the group was considering a civil disobedience campaign if Britain refused to permit unrestricted immigration into the Holy Land.

Renegade Japanese Kill Guam Marines

Guam, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Renegade Japanese troops hiding in the jungle killed three U. S. marines and wounded one in an ambush on Guam Dec. 8, the Navy announced today.

The marines were investigating reports of gunfire and disturbances created by Japanese soldiers when attacked. The three bodies were discovered lying in a gully, robbed of weapons and partially stripped of clothing.

Find Five Bodies In Wrecked Plane

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Five bodies were removed today from a wrecked army bomber in southwest Washington which Portland air base officials identified as a B-24 missing since Nov. 1.

The second of two missing Liberators was found only a mile and a half from the new wreckage. The planes were in a group of four being ferried from McChord Field, Wash., to the Portland army air base.

County Choice For Queen Candidate Leaves For State Final Competition

Miss Nina Tuttle, Medford, judged winner of the county Victory Queen contest last night, was to leave by plane at 3 p. m. today for Portland, to compete in the state finals. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. S. M. Tuttle.

Miss Tuttle, entered in the contest by the Medford Rotary club, won over three other Medford finalists, Miss Marjorie Kidney. On bond sales Miss Tuttle averaged 78.9 per cent as against Miss Kidney's 75.9, the Victory Queen committee reports, and on points Miss Tuttle amassed 59,333 and Miss Kidney, 59,000. It was further stated that in the Medford contest, Miss Tuttle defeated Miss Margaret Ruth Bolton, Kiwanis club entry, by less than 100 votes.

From Portland it was announced that the young women will be judged by a committee from the board of governors of the Advertising club. Final judging and presentation of the winners, one from Multnomah county and one from the rest of the state, will take place at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday on the stage of the Mayfair theater.



Nina Tuttle