



TESTIFIES — Earl Browder (above), former boss of American Communists, is shown as he told Senate Communist investigators in Washington that Louis F. Budenz' sworn testimony was "false" when he said Browder had termed Owen Lattimore a Communist.

### United States Has Over \$1 Billion Invested in 219 B-36 Airplanes

Washington, May 1 — (U.P.) — The United States now has more than a billion and a quarter dollars invested in B-36 "intercontinental" airplanes, it was disclosed today. The number of B-36's, including those delivered and ones on order, is 219. The total cost of the B-36 program, exactly as obtainable from the air force, is \$1,289,306,574. That figure is out to an average of \$5,757,584 per airplane, exclusive of \$39,475,234 for the first two experimental models. More may be ordered in fiscal 1951 which begins next July 1. The estimated cost of each airplane covers the airframe, engines and accessories, tooling, pro rata share of training equipment cost, flight testing, spare parts for a year's operation and necessary ground handling equipment. The total figure includes 47 B-36's which, it is reliably reported, were ordered in the pres-

ent fiscal year. The air force has announced officially only dollar values for fiscal 1950, not numbers of specific types of airplanes ordered. When Ad. Arthur W. Radford, Pacific fleet commander, called the B-36 a "billion dollar blunder" in congressional testimony during last fall's unification inquiry, then Air Force Secretary W. Stuart Symington testified: "After the B-36 program is completed, however, including all expenditures, past, present and estimated future, the total cost of the program will be considerably less than one billion dollars. Air force spokesmen said today Symington was right. He was talking about B-36 "bombers." His statement did not include reconnaissance planes. The reconnaissance planes are fitted out for photographic, mapping and radar jamming work and presumably would precede B-36 bombers over enemy territory in a war.

The air force plans to have four B-36 bomber groups, regardless of the total number of groups it is allowed of all types, and two B-36 reconnaissance groups. Plans call for 159 bombers, 30 per group and 39 spare planes. The two reconnaissance groups are scheduled to have 36 airplanes each. These figures indicate that additional planes will have to be ordered. B-36's are to be the mainstay of the strategic air command, an arm of the air force but under joint chiefs of staff direction. Its mission in a war would be to carry out an immediate atomic bombing offensive. The B-36 has a 10,000-mile range. Here is the cost history of the B-36 program: Design competition in 1941, \$435,623; two experimental models ordered in 1941, \$39,475,234; first production order, 1944, 95 planes, \$445,777,227; second order, 1949, 39 planes, \$172,949,000; modification of 94 planes of first order, 1949, \$147,846,000; third order, 1949, 36 planes, \$182,021,490; revised estimate of cost of program in 1949, indicated additional need for \$33,000,000; fourth order, fiscal 1950, 47 planes, \$267,800,000. Total, \$1,289,306,574. The share of the prime contractor, or manufacturer, Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., is estimated at 40 to 45 per cent of the total. The remainder pays for engines, propellers,



(Acme Radio-Telephoto) STROLLS UNNOTICED — Movie actress Ingrid Bergman (above) strolls through the streets of Rome alone and apparently unnoticed during a shopping tour. It was her first public appearance since giving birth to director Roberto Rossellini's baby.

### St. Mary's School Subscriptions at Two-Thirds Mark

Subscriptions totaling \$98,025 out of a total goal of \$150,000, were reported at the first report meeting of the St. Mary's school fund drive committee last night. Solicitors will continue their work with wage-earning and income-receiving parishioners during the next few days, committeemen said. L. A. McCormick, Sacred Heart parish fund campaign chairman, said that the enthusiasm noted among committee workers "is clearly indicative that the successful culmination of our objective is just ahead." Meeting Tonight Key leaders of the parish will meet tonight to review pledges already received, and to lay plans for follow-up work. Solicitation began today of leading industrial, commercial and professional groups. Much of this solicitation will be completed before the next formal report meeting Thursday evening. Larry N. Schade, general chairman of the campaign, pointed out in a letter to parishioners and other Medford residents that the school will be of benefit to the entire community. His statement, in part, follows: Cites Tax Savings "That private schools such as St. Mary's, which are privately built and privately maintained, do save all of us considerable money over a period of years in the form of taxation, is an undisputed fact. The present enrollment in St. Mary's, based upon costs of educating pupils in the public school system, reflects an actual saving in excess of \$78,000 annually to Medford taxpayers. Thus, it will be seen that we all do have an interest in the construction of this new school in a manner that is normally most important to all of us—a savings to our pocketbook. The figures indicated above, of course, do not consider construction costs, which would be in excess of what is indicated. Actually, a bond issue would seem necessary to provide the facilities for the present students at St. Mary's school if, for any reason, the doors might be closed, for it is a known fact that our public schools do not have sufficient space today to receive such an additional enrollment."

### Teaching Staffs At Jacksonville Nearly Complete

Jacksonville, May 1 — The teaching staffs for Jacksonville schools are now complete with the exception of two teachers, it was announced today by Dick Boyd, superintendent. Teachers who are returning next year in the Jacksonville elementary school include Mrs. Lina Wright, Mrs. Maude Hardy, Mrs. Violet Wagers, Mrs. Daisy Lewis, Mrs. Lois Kamberg and Bruce Hitt. Elmer Ayres is returning as elementary school principal and band instructor. Resignations were accepted from Mrs. Lona Spencer and Mrs. Johanna Van Liew. Teachers who have contracted to fill these positions are Miss Lorna Jager and Francis Guidry. Both Miss Jager and Guidry graduate from Southern Oregon College of Education this fall and both are taking their final quarter of practice teaching in the Jacksonville school. Miss Jager is working

under Mrs. Baker. Guidry is a resident of Jacksonville. Leave of Absence Mrs. Elma Baker has requested a year's leave of absence. No one has as yet been contracted to fill her place in the first grade. High school teachers returning are Mrs. Mary Sullenger, Miss Janet Burpee, E. E. Evans, Donald Kingsley and John Marr. Miss Eley Walker has resigned and Miss Virginia Stow, a graduate of Infield College, has accepted the position as English teacher and librarian. Roy Martin and Mrs. Lolita

Keaveny, who have made it possible for Jacksonville to maintain its woodworking and home economics departments during the critical teacher shortage, are retiring this year. Leland Hartner has been contracted to handle shop and mechanical drawing. He has been instructing at Oregon State college for the past two years.

TO ATTEND MEETING Washington, May 1 — (U.P.) — The president and two former presidents of the Portland, Ore., chamber of commerce will attend the 38th annual meeting of the U. S. chamber of commerce, opening here today.

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### Farm Worker Killed; Cabin Mate Jailed

Oregon City, Ore., May 1 — (U.P.) — Paul Jacob Larsen, 24, identified by state police as a farm worker from Phoenix, Ariz., was found stabbed to death in a ranch cabin today. A cabin mate, Teddy Faulkner, 24, Lamont, Cal., was jailed on a manslaughter charge after he ran to the ranchhouse of Verl Jacobsen near the community of Needy, Ore., and reported: "I just had a fight. The other guy is hurt." Larsen's body was found in the cabin with numerous pocket knife wounds, including one near the heart. State Patrolman Fred Rice said Larsen and Faulkner became involved in an argument last night after a drinking bout. The fight followed the argument, Rice said.

### Accidental Gunshot Fatal to Youth, 16

Salem, Ore., May 1 — (U.P.) — Donald John Webb Jr., 16, died in a Salem hospital late Sunday three hours after he was accidentally shot at his farm home near Independence, Ore. The boy was driving a tractor on the family Oakpoint farm, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webb said. He came into the house for a 12-gauge shotgun to "shoot some crows." Minutes later his mother looked out the window to see him slumped over the machine. The gun apparently had jammed and discharged, said state police and Marion County Coroner Lester W. Howel, who investigated.

armament, instruments and other items known as government furnished property.

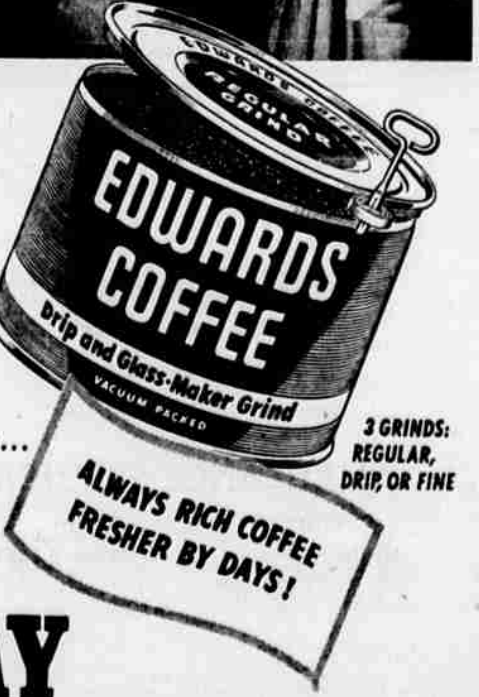
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