

Sen. Welker Hopes for 'Vigorous Prosecution' of Publisher Powell

Senator Expresses Views Following One-Day Hearing

San Francisco — (U.P.)—Sen. Herman Welker (R-Ida.) hopes the government will "vigorously prosecute" former Shanghai publisher John W. Powell for acting as a "traitor" during the Korean war.

Welker expressed this hope yesterday after conducting a one-day hearing into the activities of Powell and his wife, Sylvia, while they were in China. The Powells now live in San Francisco.

The senator as acting chairman of the Jenner Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security. It conducted a previous hearing into Powell's activities last September. At the time, Powell took refuge in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution and refused to answer many questions.

Wife Testifies

He could not be found yesterday to testify, but his wife answered a subpoena. She too cited the Fifth Amendment and said only that she loved her husband and that she admired Mme. Sun Yat-sen, a supporter of the Chinese Communists.

Powell was formerly publisher of the China Monthly Review. Witnesses at both hearings said it was required reading matter for American prisoners in Korean prison camps.

Other witnesses included eight officers, all former prisoners of war in Korea, who testified that Powell's magazine was the principal propaganda vehicle used by the Communists. The witnesses were:

Lt. Col. Carl Aubrey, Santa Ana, Calif.; Maj. Raymond Daltrey, Breeding, Fla.; Maj. Clarence L. Anderson, Creston, Ia.; Maj. Robert J. Burns, Columbus, O.; Capt. Paul O'Dowd Jr., San Francisco; Maj. Lawrence B. Bach Jr., Grand Fork, N.D.; and Lt. Col. Carl E. Kopschickie, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Another witness was Mr. Dolores Holmes Gill, whose husband starved to death in a prison camp. She told how Powell had sent her assurances that her husband was in good hands at the time he was dying.

One result of yesterday's hearing was that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis fired Mrs. Powell from her job as a secretary in the San Francisco office. The foundation said the grounds for the dismissal were "embarrassment to the foundation, its many volunteers and its staff members."

Communicable Disease Cases Total 28 in Area

Twenty-eight cases of communicable disease were reported to the county public health office last week.

Among them were six cases of infectious diarrhea, all in Medford. There were four cases of



LIQUOR CHIEF—Col. Kenneth H. Leitch, 49, California State Selective Service Director, has been named by Governor Goodwin J. Knight to head the new Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in Sacramento, Cal.

Waltonians To View Alaskan Hunting Film

The Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton league will meet at 8 p.m. today at the Medford hotel with the new president, Col. Paul H. Weiland, presiding.

Colored motion pictures taken by John Day on a hunting trip to Alaska will be shown, and Day will discuss and explain the pictures as they are shown.

Those interested in seeing the films will be welcome as guests of any member of the chapter. They can contact the meeting announcement said.

Three Men Taken To Prison by Sheriff

Three men have been taken to Salem by Sheriff Howard Gault to start terms in Oregon state prison.

They are: Frank LeRoy Reclor, 38, Columbus, Ohio, sentenced to four years on a bad check charge.

Clark D. Freeman, 22, Oklahoma City, Okla., sentenced to three years on a burglary charge.

William Newton Elhart, 32, Doris, Calif., sentenced to two years on a sex crime charge.

chicken pox, also all in Medford; seven cases of influenza, four in Medford, two in Ashland and one in Phoenix; four cases of pneumonia, two each in Medford and Ashland.

Other cases, scattered through the county, included one of infectious hepatitis, two of trench mouth, one of scarlet fever, two of german measles and one of measles.

Highway Safety Depends on Public; Speaker Declares

The efficiency of a traffic control program and highway safety depends upon the support and approval of the public: you can have as much safety for your family and community as you want to work for and pay for.

This was the message of James A. Pryde, chief of the Washington State Highway patrol, who spoke last evening for Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club at Rogue Valley Country club.

The state of Washington has the lowest traffic accident rate of any state in the union, an accomplishment which the patrol head says was brought about by education of drivers and the public, and an efficient traffic control program.

The speaker defined the basic traffic problem as being the "rapid and safe movement of people and commodities from place to place," pointed out that motor freight and passenger traffic is one of the most important economic factors of modern-day living, and stressed that the number of cars on highways is increasing daily.

He then analyzed the Washington program, saying that since people caused the traffic problem, the solution lay with the people. Once the citizenry and officials both recognized the problem, they started "to do something," and with efficient police, the confidence of the public and the proper tools, Washington's traffic death rate was brought down to about one-third of the national average, he said.

The state's safety education program is broad, repetitive and continuous, he said, and declared that the patrol had had excellent cooperation from every medium of communication in the state. Speaking of education of the public, he mentioned the patrol's radio program, "Could This Be You," which has been considered an effective part of the campaign.

Chief Pryde said that not only had the citizenry of the state been educated to the point where they realized there must be no indifference to responsibility if laws are to be enforced, but that tourists had been cooperative. An adverse reaction from the touring public to a tough traffic enforcement program had been predicted by some, he said, but this had not proved to be true. He stressed that "driving is not a right, but a privilege," and added "all you have to do is to obey the law."

of the traffic problem in Washington was an example of "good democracy," and added "people are part of the problem and people are the solution of the problem. It is a matter of right, decency, honor and character, of friendliness, consideration and helpfulness applied to the traffic problem."

In Courts

The effect of the campaign extends to the courts, he said, and added that civic groups had aided by visiting and bringing pressure upon courts which had not followed the law. Chief Pryde stated that "only dedicated people" make up the Washington highway patrol—that no one is ever asked to join, they must seek to join.

During the question period Chief Pryde stated that penalties for drunken driving must be strong enough to deter; that radar control is more effective as an administrative device than as a punitive one since it is most accurate for gathering information for traffic pattern records; that the increased power of cars has not greatly contributed to highway speed.

He praised the "SD day" idea, saying it would bring greater awareness of traffic control problems. He also discussed driver licensing, saying competent driver licensing was one of the greatest single factors in traffic control. Asked about arrests for traffic violation, Chief Pryde said "the traffic problem will not be solved with it, but neither will it be solved without it."

Dunbar Carpenter, club president, introduced the speaker.

Teenage Youths Held In Shady Cove Theft

Three teenage youths have been arrested by Jackson county sheriff's deputies and have been booked into the county jail on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling, according to reports in the sheriff's office.

The charge involves the Dec. 4 burglary committed at the Shady Cove variety store. Arrested were Wendell Franklin Holder, 18, Box 23, Shady Cove, and Gilbert Wayne Cooper 38, Trail, and a 17-year-old Trail youth.

Taken in the Sunday afternoon burglary were a case of whiskey and a bottle of vodka.

A hippopotamus has a stomach over 10 feet in length—so large that it can hold 400 or 500 pounds of food.



RECOVERING IN HOSPITAL from emergency surgery on left foot, Crooner Johnnie Ray is visited by former wife, Marilyn Morrison. Friends said the Hollywood meeting was no indication of a reconciliation. He injured foot at Las Vegas. (International)

According to Keep America Beautiful, national anti-litter organization, Georgia has the toughest state laws to curb litterbugs. A Georgia offender can be fined as much as \$1,000 and jailed for six months.



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