

# Army-McCarthy Hearing, Censure Rated as Top News Story of 1954 by U.P. Editors

New York—(U.P.)—The Army-McCarthy hearings and the subsequent condemnation of the Wisconsin senator by his colleagues headed the list of the 10 biggest news stories of 1954 chosen today by editors of the United Press.

The other stories in the 10 biggest list were:

2. The shooting of five congressmen in the House of Representatives.
3. Peace in Indochina, including the fall of Dien Bien Phu and the Geneva conference.
4. Democrats win control of the House and Senate in the off-year elections.
5. Supreme Court outlaws segregation of Negroes in nation's schools.

6. Nine-power London pact gives sovereignty and arms to Western Germany.
7. Atomic developments, including adoption of President Eisenhower's atoms for peace plan by U. N. General Assembly, H-bomb tests in the Pacific and resulting radioactive injuries to far distant fishermen.
8. Communist toehold in Guatemala, first in Western hemisphere, defeated.
9. Roger Bannister breaks the four-minute mile.
10. Trial of Dr. Samuel Shepard for murder of his wife.

Other big stories of the year included: illness of Pope Pius XXII; suicide of President Vargas of Brazil; exposure of corruption in Phenix City, Ala.;

three hurricanes on the East Coast; airplane crash of author Ernest Hemingway in Africa; explosions on carrier Bennington kill 99; Giants win World Series in four straight from Cleveland Indians; suspension of Dr. Oppenheimer for security

reasons; settlement of the Trieste question; congressional investigation of scandals in the Housing Administration; death of Emilie Dionne of the famous quintuplets; and Robert Young's successful flight for control of the New York Central Railroad System.

## Jackie Gleason Said 'Biggest Package' on Television Screen

By ROBERT ZIMMERMAN  
New York—(U.P.)—Jackie Gleason is the biggest "package" in television and you can take that any way you want.

The \$10,000,000—plus contract he is getting for Christmas is the biggest in television's brief history. His shape at times balloons to within reducing distance of 300 pounds. In terms of talent he is a big grab-bag of comedy, serious acting, musical composition and the backstage techniques of lighting, directing and casting.

And since his new venture calls for filmed shows instead

of live ones, he probably will aspire to be another James Wong Howe behind the camera.

He has been appearing on television only five years. This is not unusual in the young medium of TV, but unlike most TV stars Gleason came to it without a popular following on radio or in the movies. He made a broad jump from New York night clubs and revenues into the nation's living rooms.

He didn't finish high school. In fact, he left after a few weeks. "I didn't think I would need to know where New Zealand was to make people laugh," he once told an interviewer.

He worked as a barker at Coney Island. He made \$8 a week as a combination M.C. and bouncer in New Jersey honky-tonks during the depression. He was a "banana" in burlesque houses. He was a disc jockey for a while, but he turned out to be too noisy to have around a radio station.

In 1940 he went to Hollywood for an undistinguished few years as a celluloid "heavy" and then headed back to Broadway and the kind of frolicking he liked. He made his first TV appearance in a "Life of Riley" series in 1949, and a year later began creating the cast of "characters" in monologue and pantomime that made him famous.

As producer of a "packaged" television show Gleason receives a flat sum for putting on a weekly program. Out of that he pays his cast and production staff and all other expenses, including his own salary, which is said to range from zero on up depending on how extravagant the other expenses happen to be each week.

Extravagance has characterized Gleason's brand of TV entertainment. He glories in brassy production numbers with a stage full of dancing girls. The popular "Honeymooners" skit literally sets the scenery wobbling with its noisy enthusiasm.

In addition to producing, directing and starring in an hour-long show every Saturday night, Gleason dabbles on the side in such extras as composing and directing a serious ballet, playing dramatic roles on TV and taking a six-show-a-day stage appearance at the Palace Theater.

How does he do it all? His energy, his 20-hour-work days and feats of memorizing lines are a Broadway legend.



DIGGING INTO WRECKAGE of plane, firemen look for bodies of Fred Miller, Jr., and two pilots killed as plane of Fred Miller, Sr., president of Miller Brewing Co., crashes near Billy Mitchell Field, Milwaukee. All four men die in wreckage. (International)

## Land Reform Boomerangs Against Guatemala Reds

Guatemala City—(U.P.)—Land reform, one of the chief political weapons of Guatemalan Communists for nine years, is boomeranging against the Reds. President Carlos Castillo Armas has revamped this country's drastic, Communist-inspired agrarian program with a goal of solving unemployment, raising living standards and increasing coffee and banana production.

He hopes to create a new class of workers—land-owning peasants who will take over hundreds of thousands of acres of uncultivated land in national estates. Most of these will be Indians, who compose 70 per cent of Guatemala's population. "We will fight Communism with its own weapon—land reform," said Castillo Armas. "Our goal is eventually to raise the large Indian segment of population to the same level of civilization and culture as the rest of the nation."

**No More Expropriation**  
When Castillo Armas overthrew a Communist-dominated government and swept into power last June 27, he immediately halted the Red land reform program which, he said, was aimed mainly at lining politicians' pockets and running the U. S. "imperialist" fruit companies out of Guatemala.

His aides let it be known that no more foreign-owned agricultural land will be expropriated to be divided up among the peasants.

"We have seen," Castilla Armas said, "that the result of this was a decrease in national production. The Communist program was a political instrument, designed to sabotage production."

The new, substitute land reforms will exploit new regions, such as the Reyno territory in northern Guatemala, where 330,000 acres of good agricultural land lies uncultivated, and the

Izabal region near the El Salvador border.

**Possible Repayment**  
The government will turn the land over to the "campesinos," guarantee them credit and educate them in modern agricultural techniques.

"Any land reform should have a three-fold result," Castillo Armas said. "It should increase national production. It should increase social benefits to the peasants. And it should increase technical knowledge."

"That is what we will do." Combined with the land program will be a nationwide drive to modernize all communications, including roads and airports, electrification and housing. Foreign investment will be encouraged.

No decision yet has been announced as to whether land expropriated from U. S. companies and large Guatemalan land-holders will be returned. Most Guatemalans believe Castillo Armas will find it hard to undo much of the Communist land seizures, especially where campesinos already have taken over and cultivated extensive holdings. But they think some sort of repayment may be made.

## Papers Filed Seeking Return of Suspect

Sacramento, Calif.—(U.P.)—Habeas corpus papers were served on the Federal Court here yesterday to release Robert C. Knowles to Oregon to face second degree murder charges.

Knowles was scheduled to be sentenced for stealing a car belonging to Albert Stuart, Wickenburg, Ariz. The sentencing was postponed until Thursday and Judge Sherill Halbert said he planned to cooperate with Oregon authorities in every way. Legal proceedings in the auto theft were under way when Knowles confessed strangling Stuart and burying his body in a shallow grave in Oregon. At first, Knowles claimed he had thrown the body in the Yakima river.

## Man Dies in House Fire; Two Injured

Baker—(U.P.)—A man died and two women were hospitalized when a three-room house here burned last night.

The dead man was not immediately identified. Mrs. Tom Calder was taken to a Baker hospital with first and second degree burns and Mrs. Amanda Wilson, about 75, was treated for shock and burns.

Baker Fire Chief Hubert Damon said the fire apparently started from an overheated kitchen stove.

Damon said the last person to die by fire in Baker was in 1934, when one of his uncles was burned to death.

## Too-Intent Burglar Nabbed While at Work

Fort Worth, Tex.—(U.P.)—Joe S. Moore, 50, faced a charge of attempted burglary today because he was too intent on his work.

Officers H. L. Byrd and G. A. Jones said they walked up behind Moore and stood there for some time as he removed pieces of glass from a window he had broken at a hamburger stand.

## Oil Pumped In Home; Then Pumped Out Again

Chicago—(U.P.)—Mrs. Sadie Slonim smelled oil fumes Monday and went to the basement to investigate. She found the floor awash in oil.

In the yard outside she found Albert Berg.

"What in the world are you doing?" she asked.

"I'm putting in your oil," Berg replied.

"But we burn gas—not oil," Mrs. Slonim protested.

"That's why we carry insurance," commented a fuel company representative after the fire department pumped the 200 gallons of oil out of Mrs. Slonim's basement.

Starfish make disastrous inroads on oyster beds.

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Harry, division chief, said yesterday. The appointment is effective Jan. 1. Plummer has been with the grain division as chemist and in-

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