

Civil Rights Official Tells of Shame Over Double Role for FBI

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — David Brown, 49, former Civil Rights Congress official, today blamed shame over being a "stool pigeon" for the FBI for his hoax story of being kidnapped.

Brown confessed to the hoax and alleged he was an undercover spy for the FBI in a statement released yesterday by Attorney Frank Pestana, counsel for the Civil Rights Congress, a left wing organization.

Brown, former executive secretary of the group's Los Angeles chapter, claimed he had acted as an informer for the FBI but decided to "get away from it all" because he felt ashamed of "being a stool pigeon."

The Los Angeles FBI office refused to say whether Brown had acted as an undercover spy for them within Communist and left wing groups as well as not commenting on Brown's claim it had helped invent his false kidnapping story.

Brown, who was reported missing Jan. 3 by his wife, Sylvia, turned up at International airport here the night of Jan. 6, telling a weird story of having been kidnapped by two men and a woman, driven to Fresno, Calif., and then turned loose.

It was feared Brown had met with foul play when a note mailed to Andrew Harris, a San Francisco Civil Rights Congress official, said Brown had been slain and that Harris would suffer the same fate.

Brown said he became an un-

dercover spy four years ago after receiving an offer to act as an informer from FBI agents who had learned he had been expelled from the Communist party.

"I didn't like the double role I was playing," Brown said in his statement. "I decided to get away from it all."

His confession, in brief, indicated he disappeared in an emotional upheaval over his "double role." He said he called FBI agents when he reached Portland, "in a fit of panic," and they put him aboard a plane for Los Angeles.

Brown said he was taken to the Los Angeles FBI office where he made up the false kidnapping story to explain where he had been. He intimated the FBI helped him concoct the kidnapping story which he repeated to police.

Maple Park Water District Bonds OK'd

Voters of the Maple Park Water district yesterday by a narrow margin voted approval of the issuance of bonds up to \$10,000 for improvement of facilities of the district, according to Secretary William Hughes.

The vote was 34 to 31. The 65 ballots cast were less than half the number of voters eligible to vote in the special election.

Actress Uses Cruelty As Grounds for Divorce

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Cathy Downs today sought a divorce on grounds of extreme mental cruelty from actor and golfer Joe Kirkwood Jr., who plays "Joe Palooka" for films and television.

The tall, blonde actress stated in her Superior court divorce suit filed yesterday that she and Kirkwood married Oct. 8, 1949, and separated last Oct. 10 after a marriage of five years.

City Firemen Make Three Runs

Firemen made three runs in the 24-hour period up to early afternoon today. No serious damage was reported.

At 1:45 p.m. the rural pumper was called to Veritas Orchard on Hillcrest rd., where a machine shed was reported on fire. Investigation showed smoke coming from the shed was from an orchard heater being used to heat the building.

At 4:55 p.m. a pumper investigated a report of smoke at the Fluhrer building, Main st. and Central ave., where it was found a heating system motor had burned out. There was no other damage.

At 6:50 a.m. today west side firemen were called to the Dale Culy residence, 21 Washington st., where a switch on a newly installed range had shorted out.

Fire Marshal Truman Nelson yesterday inspected four business occupancies and four public garages, and issued seven orders for correction of hazardous conditions.



MAKING PUBLIC BOW after several weeks in seclusion at a friend's home in Westport, Conn., a "changed" Marilyn Monroe greets press and friends at cocktail party in home of attorney Frank Delaney in New York. She returns to Hollywood soon to complete film which was interrupted by rest. (International)

Wilson Asked To Clarify Policy On Defense Pacts

Washington — (U.P.) — Two Democratic members of the Senate Armed Services committee demanded today that Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson clarify his policy on awarding defense contracts.

Sens. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) asked whether Wilson is following a policy of spreading contracts among several producers or concentrating them in a few large companies.

Peeved and Puzzled
They said the question also should be explored by the Armed Services committee.

The two senators said they were both peeved and puzzled by Wilson's latest statements about defense department procurement policies.

Last month Wilson issued a new directive calling on the services to promote a "broad mobilization base" — a procurement policy established in the Truman administration — by spreading defense contracts among as many producers as possible. Kefauver and Jackson promptly congratulated Wilson for his "shift" away from the policy of concentrating defense contracts, with "single, efficient producers."

No Basic Change
Wilson then stated that the directive did not represent any basic change in policy. He added rather tartly that he did not have enough time to so inform Kefauver and Jackson.

Obviously miffed by Wilson's answer, Kefauver said he intends personally to look into the department's procurement policies to see what is being done to spread out defense contracts.

'Lion of Africa' Dies in Rome Clinic

Rome — (U.P.) — Former Italian Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, Fascism's "Lion of Africa," died today at a Rome clinic.

Graziani, 72, had been ailing for several years.

An Italian military tribunal convicted Graziani in May, 1950, of treason charges and sentenced him to 19 years in prison, but his sentence was cut by amnesties to only 14 months. He was taken into custody in 1945 and charged with collaborating with Fascist Dictator Benito Mussolini in northern Italy after the Italians' surrender to the allies.

He was given a military trial after a civilian court had disqualified itself following a five-month hearing.

Graziani's defense was based on the ground that he was only a soldier carrying out orders.

Marilyn Monroe Forms Corporation To Make Own Films

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Marilyn Monroe, the sexiest-looking corporation head, says she formed her own production firm so she can last longer in show business and live in security 25 years from now.

The glamorous film star, however, agreed she still was under contract to 20th Century-Fox Studios but would try to reach an understanding which will permit her also to make her own pictures.

Reports for Retake
Miss Monroe reported at her studio yesterday for a retake scene in her latest film, "The Seven Year Itch," saying she had no quarrel with the studio but that "we'll have to reach an agreement."

Miss Monroe's attorney in New York, Frank Delaney, caused a furor over the weekend when he said her old contract had been terminated and abandoned. The studio said it would use "every legal means to enforce the agreement it said had until Aug. 8, 1958 to run."

Good Picture Necessary
"Let's face it," Miss Monroe said yesterday. "I was lousy in River of No Return" and in "There's No Business Like Show Business." Those are the sort of things I want to get away from. The way to last longer in this business is to make good pictures."

Adm. Radford Favors Red China Blockade

Washington — (U.P.) — Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said today an Allied Blockade of Red China would be an effective step to take if other efforts fail to free 11 American fliers imprisoned there.

Radford, returning from a round the world inspection trip, told newsmen that a blockade would "be the best way to tackle such a problem."

He did not advocate a blockade in so many words but he said that if other measures fail to win freedom for the 11 imprisoned American airmen, a blockade would "have a great deal of effect on the Red Chinese."

Protesting Argentina Students Shot by Police

Arrecifes, Argentina — (U.P.) — Police fired into a crowd protesting inadequate municipal services here yesterday, killing two youths and injuring four other persons.

The crowd had gathered to demand the resignation of the mayor in the latest manifestation of popular discontent over the failure of power, light and water service to keep pace with Arrecifes' rapid postwar growth.



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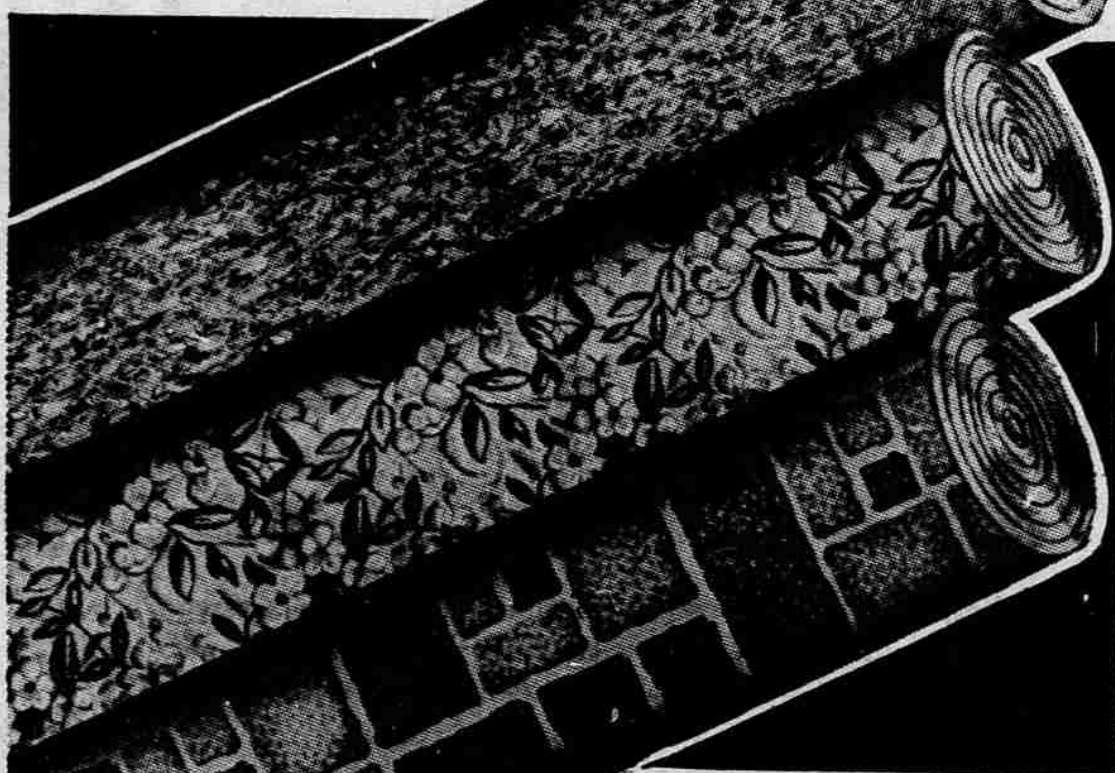
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