

# Matusow Says Roy Cohn Told Him What To Say at Trial of Reds

New York — (U.P.) — Former Communist Harry Matusow, a self-styled "coward," returns to Federal Court today for more testimony about his "false" accusations against 13 convicted Red leaders.

Matusow, 27, told Federal Judge Edward J. Dimock Thursday that he had only been a puppet in the hands of Roy Cohn, one of the prosecutors of the convicted Communists and later aide to Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

He said Cohn promised him \$25 daily in addition to the regular \$4 regular fee paid to government witnesses and took him on a free-loading trip to swank New York night clubs while helping him to prepare "false" testimony.

Cohn refused to comment on Matusow's testimony but previously the black-haired young attorney had said he would not "dignify any statements by this individual."

But McCarthy, reached at Green Bay, Wis., where he made an address on U.S. foreign relations on Thursday night, quickly came to Cohn's defense.

"I believe in Roy any time, any place, on any subject," McCarthy said. "I have never found

Cohn to distort the truth."

Matusow said Cohn, a "star" of the recent Army versus McCarthy televised hearings, coached him on what to say just before the Red leaders went on trial on charges of conspir-

ing to advocate overthrow of the U. S. government by force.

He said he met Cohn March 21, 1952 at the Stork Club.

Matusow said he gave false testimony during the trial but Cohn failed to give him the \$25

bonus as promised.

Matusow branded himself a "coward" and cheat in a letter made public Thursday by Harry Sacher, an attorney for the Communist leaders who appeared in Dimock's court seeking a new

trial.

The letter, addressed to McCarthy on Aug. 24, 1953, said: "When I testified at the trial of the 13 Communist leaders in New York, the defense charged that 'you would do anything for

a buck.' I denied it, but he was right."

"Next month I will be 28—28 of being a coward and being dishonest. Or should I say, most of the time. I have gone through life hurting the things I love and believe in—being dishonest with them for I was afraid if I was honest I would be hurt by them. I was wrong."

Sacher also read a long statement which Matusow made at the trial and Matusow said most of the testimony was untrue.

Matusow also said he committed perjury in testifying against Owen Lattimore, Far East expert who was accused by

McCarthy of having Communist ties.

Matusow's about-face has caused Washington investigating committees to agree on avoiding "witness stealing."

Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, already has subpoenaed Matusow to testify Feb. 15 on his Lattimore testimony. Two other congressional committees—the Senate Permanent Investigating Committee—and the House Un-American Activities Committee—have decided to let the Eastland group handle Matusow "exclusively."

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# RUSSIA REVEALS PURGE OF SLAVS IN SUPREME COURT

## Oregon Relative Responsibility Act Declared Invalid

Law Said Incapable Of Interpretation

Portland — (U.P.) — Multnomah County Circuit Judge Frank J. Loneragan yesterday declared unconstitutional the state's relative responsibility act.

Judge Loneragan said the law was "so conflicting, vague, indefinite and uncertain as to be incapable of interpretation."

He further declared the 1949 law was "unreasonable, arbitrary, discriminatory and oppressive in that it fixes and inflexible scale determining the liability of responsible relatives without relation to ability to pay . . . or pro rata assessment on all liable relatives."

The decision was handed down in a suit brought by Alma D. Mallatt, Portland school teacher, against the state Public Welfare Commission.

Validity Challenged

The plaintiff, who had been ordered by the welfare commission to pay \$70 monthly toward the support of her parents, challenged the validity of the law. She asked the court to determine whether her brothers and sisters, should not be equally liable on a pro rata basis depending on their incomes.

Judge Loneragan criticized the law, which was amended in 1953, for singling out one or several of responsible relatives holding such persons liable for the full measure of contribution.

The judge, in declaring the law unconstitutional, issues a conditional decree which would authorize the state legislature to correct its faults before it is voided. The ruling would take effect April 15.

Salem — (U.P.) — Legislation designed to make the state's relative responsibility act constitutional will be introduced in the legislature, Sen. George Ulett, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee on Social Security, said today.

Attorney General Robert Thornton said he would appeal Judge Loneragan's ruling to the State Supreme court. But in the meantime, Sen. Ulett said his committee would study the decision and go ahead with plans to introduce remedial legislation.

## Neuberger Tells of Identical Letters

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today it is "sort of a sinister thing" that he received 40 or 50 identical form letters opposing Senate confirmation of Judge John Marshall Harlan to the Supreme Court.

Neuberger told the Senate that all the letters — some of them carbon copies — were on letterheads of the Crawford & Doherty Foundry Co., 4604 S. E. 17th ave., Portland, Ore.

"Either owners are dragging their employees into signing these letters, or there is some undercover movement against Judge Harlan, for which no reason is given," Neuberger said.

Washington — (U.P.) — Fish sticks are steadily taking a place alongside drum sticks on the American menu.

## Six People Arrested on Liquor Charges

Aaron Francis Gentry, 25, of 42½ Third st., Ashland, was one of six people arrested yesterday on liquor charges, according to sheriff's and city police records. Gentry was charged with furnishing liquor to minors.

The Ashland man appeared in circuit court on a similar charge less than a month ago and received a one-year suspended sentence after promising the court, "I'll never do it again."

At that time Gentry pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor boy by giving him whiskey.

Also arrested last night and

## Jim Perry Resigns As Phoenix Chief

Phoenix — Jim Perry, chief of police of Phoenix for the past 2½ years, will resign, he said this morning.

Perry was suspended from his post at a council meeting here last Monday, following an order by the council that records of his department be impounded and audited.

In a telephone call from Portland, where he was this morning, Perry told Frank Lovett, city council member and chairman of

## Fewer Lawyers Legislature Need

Salem — (U.P.) — Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury told delegates to the opening session of the 45th annual meeting of the Oregon State Farmers Union yesterday that the Legislature needs fewer lawyers and more farmers and businessmen.

He said he likes lawyers "but we don't need so many legal heads in the Legislature." The secretary of state said Oregon has enough laws and needs to give more serious attention to taxes and a balanced budget.

Newbury also opposed the seven-state Columbia basin compact. He got a hearty round of applause when he said "we have no more right to give a corporation or industry the use of any portion of the Columbia river than we have to give away a right to run part of our highways. It should be developed by the people."

## Penal Institution Appropriation Urged

Salem — (U.P.) — An appropriation of \$1,250,000 for the 1955 Legislature for work in the next two years on the intermediate penal institution was recommended today by the governor's advisory committee, which suggested as the name "The Oregon State Correctional Institution."

The 1953 Legislature appropriated \$1,250,000 and with the additional amount recommended, the committee said the first and second steps of construction could be completed.

Total estimated cost by the committee would be five million dollars if prison labor is used and six million dollars if done by private contract.

## Uranium Strike Reported On Spokane Reservation

Olympia — (U.P.) — Reports of a uranium strike on the Spokane Indian reservation have started a land rush in eastern Washington, the Department of Public Lands said today.

Frank Sether, assistant state land commissioner, said the public lands office has been flooded with applications to buy or lease state land.

New York — (U.P.) — A committee organized to protest the Senate censure of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) has disbanded but hoped shortly to become a permanent organization.

the police commission, that he is withdrawing his name as police chief, and will have a letter of resignation ready for submission at a special council meeting tomorrow evening.

A controversy has developed around Perry's method of operation of the department in recent months, with some residents criticizing him and others praising him for his work.

Last Monday a traffic bail receipt was shown the council, but police court records failed to show that the amount had been turned over to the court. This was just before the audit was ordered and Perry suspended.

Perry was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for county sheriff last year. He also has been driver-training instructor at the Phoenix High school.

## Nixon Cites Mexico Ties

Mexico City — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon said today that the basic current of "Americanism" underlying relations between the people of Mexico and the United States "overshadows any superficial differences that may be between us."

Nixon, in a brief address prepared for delivery before the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, said the reception he has received during his visit here has given him "a new perception of the reality of our common Americanism."

The vice-president has charmed the Mexicans with the same smiles and handshakes that made him one of the most successful campaigners in U. S. politics.

## OLCC Denies License For Bohemian Club

The Oregon Liquor Control commission has written city officials that the Class "A" liquor dispensing application of the Bohemian club, 10 South Fir st., has been denied.

A copy of the letter from the OLCC was filed with city police. It said the application was denied on the grounds that the commission "has a reasonable grounds to believe that there are sufficient licensed premises in the locality set out in the application." It was signed by L. B. Russell, license supervisor.

This is the second such denial by the OLCC of a Medford application in recent months. Earlier, an application by a Front st. tavern was also turned down.

The city council Jan. 3 recommended approval of the Bohemian club application by a vote of 4 to 3.

## Bulletin

New York — (U.P.) — The British ship City of Bristol and the American President Liner President Harding collided at the rain-swept entrance to New York harbor today. The Coast Guard said the City of Bristol is sinking.

## Last Stragglers of Tachen Evacuation Going Onto Vessels

Demolition Crews Boarding Transports

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — The evacuation of the Nationalist-held Tachens Islands ground to a close today with all but the last, straggling members of the demolition crews which blew up the Tachen Islands' fortifications aboard transport ships.

The American and Nationalist ships which carried out the tough and hazardous assignment were ready to cast off for the last time, as soon as the demolition work was complete and the last of the demolition crewmen safely aboard.

Fleet to Pull Out

By 8 p.m. tonight, (PST), the powerful Seventh Fleet was scheduled to pull out, leaving only the scorched earth behind.

The Communists continued a hands-off attitude as the evacuation of men, weapons and supplies headed toward completion in little more than half the eight days time originally estimated.

Rear Adm. Alonzo Sabin Jr., amphibious group commander in the island group 210 miles north of Formosa, pledged as the evacuation neared its end that "not a tin can will be left" for the Communist Chinese to take over.

A Navy spokesman, meanwhile, announced that carrier-based aircraft of Task Force 77 have flown 18,271 sorties in the period since Sunday, when the first aerial evacuation patrol was flown.

## Milton-Freewater Youths Killed

The Dalles — (U.P.) — Two Milton-Freewater youths were dead today as the result of a truck-auto collision 18 miles west of Arlington that was blamed on a falling rock.

The victims were Robert Norman Dausener, 18, quarterback on last year's Mac-Hi football team, and Edward Eugene Knapp, 18. Dausener was killed instantly and Knapp died last night in a local hospital.

State police said a falling rock at Watchman's Dip struck the left rear fender of the youths' car, causing it to skid into the path of a truck. The truck driver, Ken Willoughby of The Dalles, was not seriously hurt.

## Fire Destroys Planes, Hangar at Harrisburg

Harrisburg, Ore. — (U.P.) — Fire early today destroyed a private airplane hangar about a mile north of here.

The blaze destroyed the Dean Curtis hangar and three planes. A fourth plane was pulled out. Cause of the blaze was undetermined.

## HEADS WOOL GROWERS

Portland — (U.P.) — Gaylord Madison of Echo was chosen yesterday to serve as president of the Pacific Wool Growers until a regular election of officers in April. R. L. Clark resigned the post because of a heavy load of civic and business responsibilities.

## DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 413.99 up 1.10; 20 railroads 145.52 off 0.50; 15 utilities 63.67 up 0.36; 65 stocks 152.55 up 0.21. Sales today were about 3,260,000 shares, compared with 3,460,000 shares traded yesterday.

The Dalles — (U.P.) — M. C. Mapes Jr., local attorney, said he had been notified of his appointment as a professional staff member of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Salem — (U.P.) — State Sen. Pat Loneragan of Portland said today he would introduce a bill to have Oregon's primary election held on the first Monday in August instead of the third Friday in May.



GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBING maneuvers used in shooting down two MIGs which attacked them while they were flying top cover for a reconnaissance bomber off Korea is Capt. George F. Williams, Austin, Tex. At right is Lt. Charles Salmon, Port Jarvis, N. Y., who got one. (International)

## Auto-Crash Driver Admits Car Theft; Given Three Years

John Arthur Showalter, 29, Porterville, Calif., yesterday pleaded guilty to grand larceny charges and was sentenced to three years in Oregon state prison. Sentenced was pronounced by Circuit Judge James Bain, Portland.

Showalter was the driver of a stolen car which went out of control while he was attempting to evade city police officers late Monday, and crashed into the lounge of the Jackson hotel.

## Wounded By Shot

Showalter was wounded in left leg by a shot fired by city police officers during a foot chase which followed the accident. The man was held under guard in a local hospital before being transferred to the county jail Tuesday afternoon.

The stolen car involved in the accident was owned by Alden D. Powell, 281 Oak st., Ashland. City police "staked out" the vehicle Monday evening when it was found parked on a Medford street, and gave chase when Showalter and a woman returned to the car.

Police ascertained that the woman was not implicated in, or aware of, the car theft, and she was released after questioning. Showalter had told her the car belonged to his brother.

## Used Alias

Showalter used the name John Arthur Dane when he was picked up by police so that his parents, who live in Ashland, would not be aware he had been arrested, according to law enforcement officers. He was visited in the county jail by his mother.

Showalter has been on parole, under the name John Arthur Dane, on a Wenatchee, Wash., car theft charge.

## Senate President Due For Lincoln Day Talk

Elmo Smith, John Day, president of the Oregon State Senate, was to arrive in Medford by air this afternoon. He will be the main speaker at the 41st annual meeting of the Jackson County Lincoln club this evening.

The dinner meeting will be at the Ashland Elks temple starting at 7 p.m. Harry Skerry Jr., Ashland, president of the club, will preside.

Senator Smith will leave tomorrow for Klamath Falls where he will speak in the evening for the annual Lincoln day banquet there.

A story about Senator Smith and the preparations he made for his job, appears on Page 1 of section 2 of today's Mail Tribune.

## Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Occasional rain by early Saturday. Low tonight about 35. High Saturday 48.

| Highest Yesterday   | Temp. |
|---------------------|-------|
| Lowest this Morning | 29    |

## Temperature Averages 20 Below Zero Over Wide Midwest Area

By UNITED PRESS

The biggest cold wave of the season froze the nation's midlands from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico today and turned its numbing blasts on the East and Southland.

Temperatures averaged 20 below zero over a wide area in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas and a 50-degree fall from a summery 60 degrees to a mere 10 above was expected at Pittsburgh, Pa., by tonight.

## Gas Turned Off

Gas was turned off to schools and industrial users in 200 communities in four Southwest states and a freeze threatened to kill vegetable and fruit crops in the semi-tropical lower Rio Grande Valley. Chicago spent \$35,000 on salt alone digging out of a five-inch snowfall.

The deep freeze spread from the Rockies, where the temperature hit 27 below zero, through the Great Plains and entire Midwest.

It was crawling towards the balmy Atlantic Coast early today and cold wave warnings were posted for Pennsylvania. Three inches of snow hit Lexington, Ky., and an inch fell on Nashville, Tenn.

## Sub-Zero Temperatures

The temperature went below zero as far south as northern Kansas, northeast Missouri and central Illinois early today.

At La Porte City, Ia., two women were killed when a Rock Island passenger train hit their car. Police said the side windows of the car were so

## Third Weather Balloon To Be Sent Up Here; Public Said Welcome

Three radiosonde balloon releases are now being made daily at the municipal airport by the Medford office of the U.S. weather bureau.

Robert Church, meteorologist in charge, said that the third release at 1 p.m. is being made under a recent weather bureau authorization and will continue for approximately three months. The other balloons are being sent up at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. as in the past.

Church invited all persons interested, particularly children on Saturdays and Sundays, to witness the launchings from the inflation chamber.

The large balloons carry radio transmitters which send data back to a weather bureau receiver on temperature, humidity and pressure.

## Light Plane Strip Development Discussed

Salem — (U.P.) — Progress toward development of light plane strips at four sites in Oregon was reported yesterday at a meeting of the State Board of Aeronautics here by Earl W. Snyder, board director.

Snyder also said progress was being made in an effort to lift the ban on air strips in national parks.

Sites of the proposed light plane strips are at Seaside-Gearhart, McNary, John Day and Lake O' Woods.

## Mysterious Move Believed Linked To Power Shift

Unpopular Decision Assumed To Be Cause

London — (U.P.) — Soviet Russia purged its Supreme Court today in a mysterious move which Soviet experts here believed may be linked to the recent top level shift in power in the Kremlin.

Moscow Radio, monitored here, announced that six justices of the highest court in Russia have been ousted and replaced.

The Soviet Supreme Court is the court of final jurisdiction in cases of treason, sabotage and other high crimes against the state.

## Unpopular Decision Seen

No reason was given for the shakeup. But it was assumed that the judges who were ousted had a hand in rendering some decision not popular with the new regime.

There was speculation that there might have been some connection with the still hazy case of the "nine doctors" who were accused during Stalin's last days of plotting to murder Russia's top leaders and then were exonerated when Georgi Malenkov became Premier. With his fall from the top Soviet political post and the appointment of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin as Premier, it was believed the case may have been reopened again.

## Beria Ouster Less Likely

A less likely possibility was that the drastic court shakeup had some connection with the ouster, trial and execution of Russia's former security chief, Lavrenti Beria.

It was generally agreed here that the announcement indicates some significant shift in Soviet Communism line.

The Moscow broadcast said the six judges had been ordered removed by the Supreme Soviet. The decision was put into effect in a decree signed Feb. 7 by Marshal Klement Voroshilov, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Little is known to the outside world about the makeup of the Supreme Court of the USSR, even the exact number of judges on the Russian supreme bench is obscure.

## O&C Logging Road Review To Be Made

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay said today another review would be made of proposed changes in logging road regulations on Oregon and California grant lands.

McKay said opposition to the changes from several quarters in Oregon has prompted the review. The changes were proposed by the O & C Advisory Board and were reviewed by the Bureau of Land Management, which administers the lands in western Oregon counties.

Main objections to the proposed changes, McKay said, was that they favored the big timber operator. He said the intention was to give equal access to O & C timber to all operators.

## Klamath County Cougars Fail To Impress Hunter

Wayne Buttram of Shady Cove isn't impressed by the size of Klamath county cougars.

The other day, The Mail Tribune and United Press carried a story from Klamath Falls about capture of the largest cougar seen in those parts in several years. It was seven feet from nose to tail.

Mrs. Buttram was reading the story Saturday when she heard her husband drive up. When she went to the door to meet him, she saw something that made Klamath's "huge cougar" look like a kitten.

Draped over Buttram's car was an eight-foot cougar, which his two registered blue tick hounds had treed after a three-mile chase in the Elkhorn creek area.

At that, it wasn't the biggest cougar Buttram has nabbed. He got one that measured 8 feet 4 inches three or four years ago, and he recalls that an acquaintance killed a cougar that measured almost 10 feet a few years back.