

Anti-Subversive Legislation Will Be Taken Up by Committee

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Washington (U.P.)—Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) told the United Press today that his Internal Security Subcommittee would take up again anti-subversive legislation which died when Congress adjourned last year.

Eastland succeeded Sen. William E. Jenner (R-Ind.), committee chairman in the 83rd Republican Congress. There were five anti-subversive bills hanging when Congress broke away in 1954 for the congressional campaign.

One of them directly affects an employer who finds a Communist employee on his hands and cannot get the offender off the payroll. This bill was Senate No. 23, introduced by the late Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.), who was chairman of the Judiciary committee of which Eastland's committee is a part.

Trade Union Protection
S. 23 undertook to protect trade unions from Communist infiltration by making it unlawful for party members to hold union office and similar restrictions. It spelled out authority for an employer to fire a Communist employee or any other subversive without being held accountable for an unfair labor practice.

Eastland said this bill would be among those to be considered again, all such bills having died with the 1954 adjournment. Two others by McCarran would prevent U. S. citizens of questionable loyalty from accepting employment by the United Nations, and suspend the statute of limitations during the period an officer or an employee of the federal government is in the public service.

One Covers Veterans
A bill by Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), would authorize

discontinuance of veterans' educational benefits to an individual whose pursuit of this activity is not in the best interests of the individual or the government.

Former Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.), offered a bill to authorize the government to bar from strategic defense facilities individuals who are subversive

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington (U.P.)—My friend who has been watching bombs bursting in air over the Nevada desert has come up with a nice little behind the scenes yarn.

It seems that the Las Vegas gamblers are laying odds on when an atomic bomb will be fired. Las Vegas is 70 miles, or in seeing and hearing distance, of the proving grounds where the tests are being held.

Well, there is one gambler in a Las Vegas spot who is going to think again before he puts up.

The weather has caused a number of delays in the tests this year. Some have been called off only minutes before a nuclear explosion was scheduled.

An Army lieutenant from Camp Desert Rock had picked up some change on the first 10 delays. Well, some time back the Army man found himself in possession of a leave slip on the day a bomb was to be set off. So he went to Las Vegas to try his good right hand on the slot machines.

No Payoff

It was early in the morning, just an hour before a scheduled atomic shot. He pulled and he hauled at the one-armed bandit, but the critter was stubborn. Nickel after nickel was gulped in. Finally one of those cheroot chewing gamblers in a purple vest sauntered up.

"Say," said the soldier, "what are the odds this shot goes today?"

Apparently the gambler had learned the hard way that you can't trust an A bomb.

"Ten to one she doesn't," he said.

"I'll take 10 of that," said the lieutenant, dropping another nickel into the machine.

Half an hour later, the lieutenant, who still hadn't licked the iron robber for more than five or 10 nickels, turned to the gambler again.

"What are the odds now?"

"Five to one she's no go."

The shavetail put up another sawbuck.

Both watched their timepieces for the big boom that might or might not come.

Even Odds

With the zero hour seconds away, the lieutenant spoke again.

"What now, man?"

"Even."

"You're on for \$100," said

or who may be dispised toward sabotage, espionage, or other subversion.

The McCarran, Goldwater and Ferguson bills passed the Senate in the 83rd Congress but died with adjournment of the House. S. 23 had not been acted on in either house when Congress adjourned.

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Bersohn, 27, a former medical student, arrived home Wednesday night with a five-page, handwritten "confession," he insisted on reading at New York's Idlewild Airport despite the tearful protests of his relatives.

"I am guilty of military espionage," Bersohn began nervously, claiming he spied on Red China for the U.S. Office of Strategic Services.

A "Sick Boy"
He was interrupted by his sister, Mrs. David Elkin, of Fresh Meadows, N. Y., who pleaded with reporters.

"This is obviously a sick boy, and you are doing harm by doing this," Mrs. Elkin said.

Bersohn shook off his sister's grasp.

"Keep your mouth shut," Bersohn warned. "You'll be sorry for saying that."

He began reading his statement which he held in trembling hands.

"In July, 1945, in China I worked for the United States government Office of Strategic Services. This was the beginning of espionage against the forces of peace and democracy everywhere. I did some secret work for . . . a part of the U. S. espionage organization and a part

of the Central Intelligence agency."

A reporter interrupted to ask if his confession had been beaten out of him.

Bias Capitalists
"No," Bersohn said emphatically. "That is forbidden in the Chinese People's Republic."

Then he began bitterly criticizing the "capitalistic warmongers" who are plotting for "a new world war." His mother, Mrs. Jessie Bersohn, of New York, finally cut short his tirade by shouting at him. "Keep your mouth shut," she said. "You

don't know what you're talking about."

Bersohn's relatives edged him toward a waiting car, a gray Cadillac. When he left the microphone he was saying something about the atom bomb.

Bersohn was released in Hong Kong last Feb. 27 after three and-one-half years of imprisonment on charges of spying.

A former student at Peiping Union Medical College in Peiping, Bersohn made similar statements when he was released by the Communists at the Hong Kong border.

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