

Cain Would Have Government Security Risk Suspects Faced by Accusers

US Agriculturists Will Visit Russia

Washington —(U.P.)— The government announced today that 12 representatives of American agriculture will visit Russia between July 15 and Aug. 15.

The Soviet Union is scheduled to send an agricultural delegation of similar size to the United States July 10 to Aug. 10.

The visit of the American delegation to Russia will be "unofficial," a joint announcement by the State and Agriculture departments said. They added that "no provision will be made for payment of travel expenses from government funds."

Members of the U.S. delegation have not been selected. The departments said members "will be persons well recognized in farming and in agricultural research and extension."

Russia has said that its delegation will be composed of official representatives of the Soviet government. This means they can come in on diplomatic passports and won't have to be fingerprinted for visas, a requirement for non-official visitors that caused Russia to balk at earlier plans for a group of Russian editors to visit America.

Debbie Again Denies Rift With Eddie Fisher

Travis AFB, Calif. —(U.P.)— Actress Debbie Reynolds returned to the United States today from a USO tour of the Far East, still at a loss to account for a Hollywood columnist's report that she has broken her engagement to crooner Eddie Fisher.

She repeated her previous statements in Honolulu that the report was "ridiculous."

"I just don't know what I've done to bring on such a thing," she said. "I don't even want to talk about it."

Luck of Irish Lass Runs Out at Helsinki

Helsinki —(U.P.)— The luck of shapely Merle McCauley, Ireland's entry in the "Miss Europe" contest, ran out Wednesday night when she was ruled ineligible because she was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, part of the British Empire.

An official ruled she should have entered the "Miss England" contest.

"That's ridiculous," Merle snapped in Belfast. "I'm as Irish as the Blarney Stone."

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Subpoena Powers Would Be Given Hearing Boards

Washington —(U.P.)— Former Sen. Harry P. Cain recommended today that government employees suspected of being security risks be allowed to face their accusers unless national security would be jeopardized by exposing the informants.

Cain, a Republican, is a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board. He made his recommendation in testimony before the Senate Civil Service Committee which is studying the government loyalty-security program.

Cain said security hearing boards should be provided with the power to subpoena any witnesses "whose appearance would not jeopardize the national security."

"It is just simple justice to require a casual informer to say under oath and before a hearing what he has willingly said in secret and at a distance," Cain said.

"If such an anonymous witness knew he would be required to face the person accused, there would be fewer attempts to destroy individuals through malice, greed or jealousy, and the public would have much more confidence in the judgments reached by hearing boards."

Cain conceded undercover agents and paid informants often cannot be exposed in security hearings without ruining their value to the government. But he said that when accusers are merely next door neighbors or fellow workers "their testimony would not endanger the national security."

Cain said that hearing boards now "can piously request the appearance of an adverse witness," but the decision as to whether he will appear is made by the witness himself.

"I would place the power for calling witnesses where it logically belongs, with the hearing boards," he said. "If the Justice Department has good reason to oppose the appearance of a given witness, let it so convince the hearing board."

Washington —(U.P.)— FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover defended the confidential informant system today as "an essential safeguard against the evil forces which threaten national and individual security."

To surrender the controversial system at this time, Hoover said, would be to invite destruction. "Nothing could possibly render more aid to the enemy than the premature and unwarranted disclosure of these vital sources of information," he said.

The FBI chief made the statements in a bulletin sent to law enforcement officials throughout the nation.

Lumber Union Merger Declared Step Nearer

Portland —(U.P.)— Possible merger of CIO and AFL lumber unions was a step nearer today after leaders of the two groups formed a joint coordinating committee to bring about the merger and develop plans for 1956 contract negotiations.

Kenneth Davis, secretary of the AFL lumber and sawmill workers, and A. F. Hartung, president of the CIO international woodworkers of America jointly announced the committee's formation.

They said the committee "plans to further develop collective bargaining unity and will continue meeting to carry out the CIO-AFL plans for complete merger."

Committee members were unanimous in their desire to "bring about a merger of the men and women working in the lumber and allied industries."

The committee will try to unify union activities on the collective bargaining recommendations made by a fact-finding panel appointed by governors of Oregon and Washington last year.

No Action Seen on Ship Building Bill

Washington —(U.P.)— There will be no action in this session of Congress on a Senate bill to eliminate the six per cent differential allowed West Coast shipbuilders in bidding for construction of merchant marine vessels, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson said today.

The six per cent differential is allowed West Coast builders due to higher wage and construction cost than on the East and Gulf coasts.

"I did not become chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee to preside over the dissolution of the West Coast shipbuilding industry," he said.

Many a Britisher Getting Quite a Bang Out of Rail Strike; Suburbanites Find Change in Humdrum Life

London —(U.P.)— The British seem to thrive on adversity and the plain fact is that many of them are getting quite a bang out of the railroad strike.

Particularly the London suburbanites who, for the first few days anyway, find a new air of adventure in the normally humdrum routine of getting home at night.

And if it took the clerk in the bowler two hours by foot, bus and subway to complete a journey that used to take 30 minutes by train, there is more pride than complaint in his voice as he volunteers his story to anyone who will listen. And anybody will listen, because he's got something to tell the clerk, too.

The Englishman's reputation for being reserved, withdrawn and suspicious of any and all foreigners is well deserved and it is made of firm stuff. But as World War II showed and as the rail strike is showing all over

again, it melts in trouble. Things that just aren't done are suddenly being done and everyone seems to be enjoying it.

The portly stockbroker driving to the city in his Rolls Royce orders his chauffeur to stop at

a block-long queue to pick up anyone who wants a ride.

And the act of thumbing a ride, which last week was looked upon as being as crude as wearing a sweat shirt to the opera, has suddenly assumed respectability and imposed a civic duty on the driver to give the importuner a lift.

It has resulted in packed autos and, if the shapely young lady finds the back seat crowded, she sits on the lap of someone to whom she has not been formally introduced and to the annoyance of none.

The motorist trapped in a miles-long traffic jam no longer glumly sits and glowers at the man in the next car. The driver of the little Morris (cost

\$1,000) addresses the man in the Diamler (\$6,000) on a basis of complete equality to report that actually, old boy, it has already taken him two hours to do what normally takes 25 minutes.

People who have been riding the same bus for years without exchanging a word are suddenly chattering away.

I watched one French tourist get off a bus after a 20-minute discussion with an Englishman on the relative potency of the French and British strikes.

"Foreigner, that," said the Englishman to an equally obvious Briton behind him, "but still a nice fellow."

And he adds, as if to justify himself: "Bags of nice foreign chaps around these days."

Clevelander To Head Rotary International

Chicago —(U.P.)— A. Z. Baker, Cleveland, was elected president of Rotary International today, succeeding Herbert J. Taylor, Chicago.

Baker was unopposed in the election held during the closing business session of the Rotary International convention.

John B. Reilly, Whittier, Cal., was elected as an alternate on the Nominating committee.

Delegates also decided to hold the 1957 convention in Lucerne, Switzerland. Next year's convention will be held in Philadelphia.

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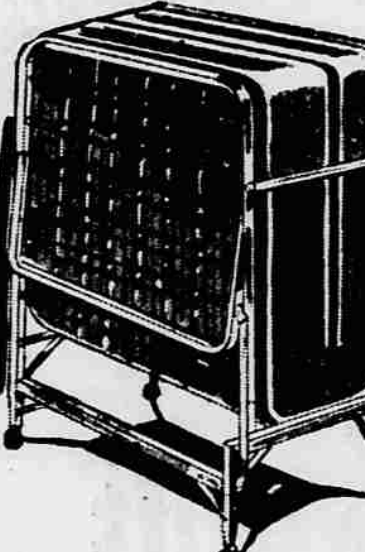
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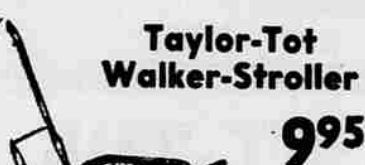
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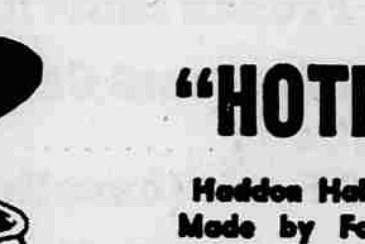


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