

ASNE Spokesman Criticizes Holding Back Information

Washington—(U.P.)—A spokesman for the American Society of Newspaper Editors has criticized the Eisenhower administration for holding back information on the Salk polio vaccine and the danger of "fallout" from H-bomb explosions.

The criticism was made by J. Russell Wiggins, executive editor of the Washington Post and Times Herald, and chairman of the ASNE's Freedom of Information Committee, in a nationwide interview.

Should Tell All

Wiggins said any administration should give "all relevant material bearing upon great national issues" to the public.

He said public confidence in the Salk polio vaccine program was shaken because the government failed to tell the public some of the disadvantages and defects early enough.

Wiggins referred specifically to the fact that some earlier meetings of scientists with officials of the U. S. Public Health Service on the Salk program were held in secret.

Protest Led by Wilson

"... It was only after a very energetic protest, led by Lyle Wilson of the United Press, that

'Giant Alcatraz' Planned by Bureau

Washington—(U.P.)—The Federal Bureau of Prisons is seeking a \$10,000,000 appropriation for construction of a "giant Alcatraz" to house dangerous and troublesome convicts now committed to overcrowded prisons, it was learned today.

As envisioned by Bureau of Prison Director James V. Bennett, the proposed prison would be built in the next three years somewhere in Illinois—probably in the Springfield area. Bureau spokesmen said it would receive the Alcatraz-type criminal—the habitual offender, the bank robber, the racketeer, and the "explosive, unpredictable" personality.

It would have a 600-man capacity whereas "The Rock" in San Francisco Bay seldom houses more than 300 convicts.

Some of the subsequent meetings were opened up," he said. This referred to dispatches on the closed-door meetings written by Lyle C. Wilson, vice-president and Washington manager for the United Press Associations.

Wiggins also said that a "long bottling up" of information on the extent of radioactive fallout from hydrogen bomb tests "delayed the formation of public opinion and interfered with the development of sound defensive policies . . ."

Powder Puffers Greet Stragglers

Westfield, Mass.—(U.P.)—The first 12 finishers in the All-women's Transcontinental Air Race tromped a welcoming committee today for "stragglers" at the finish line of the "Powder Puff Derby."

Heading the reception committee were the first two women to finish yesterday, Miss Isabelle McCrae of Lemon Grove, Calif., and her co-pilot, Mrs. Betty McNeil of La Mesa, Calif.

The two women landed their Bonanza Beechcraft at 12:09 p.m. (PST) yesterday, the first of the 47 planes which must land at Barnes Airport before the deadline Wednesday afternoon. The 2,800-mile race began Saturday at Long Beach, Calif.

Miss McCrae, a WASP (Women's Air Force Service Pilot) during World War II, and Mrs. McNeil, a 39-year-old grandmother, sipped champagne presented to them after they stepped from their plane.

However, the contestants have no idea who the winner will be until all of the planes cross the finish line. The prizes are not determined by order of finishers, but by the types of planes and their speeds. Those landing later have a chance to win some of the \$2,000 in prizes.

Turncoats Expected In Hong Kong July 9

Hong Kong—(U.P.)—The U.S. Consulate General here has been officially informed that the Indian Red Cross expects the three former American soldiers who chose to remain with the Communists and then changed their minds to arrive in Hong Kong from Red China July 9, an American spokesman said today.

The three Americans, who face possible prosecution in American courts on their returns, are Otho Bell, Lewis Griggs and William Cowart. Prisoners of the Communists during the Korean war, they refused repatriation and chose Communism.

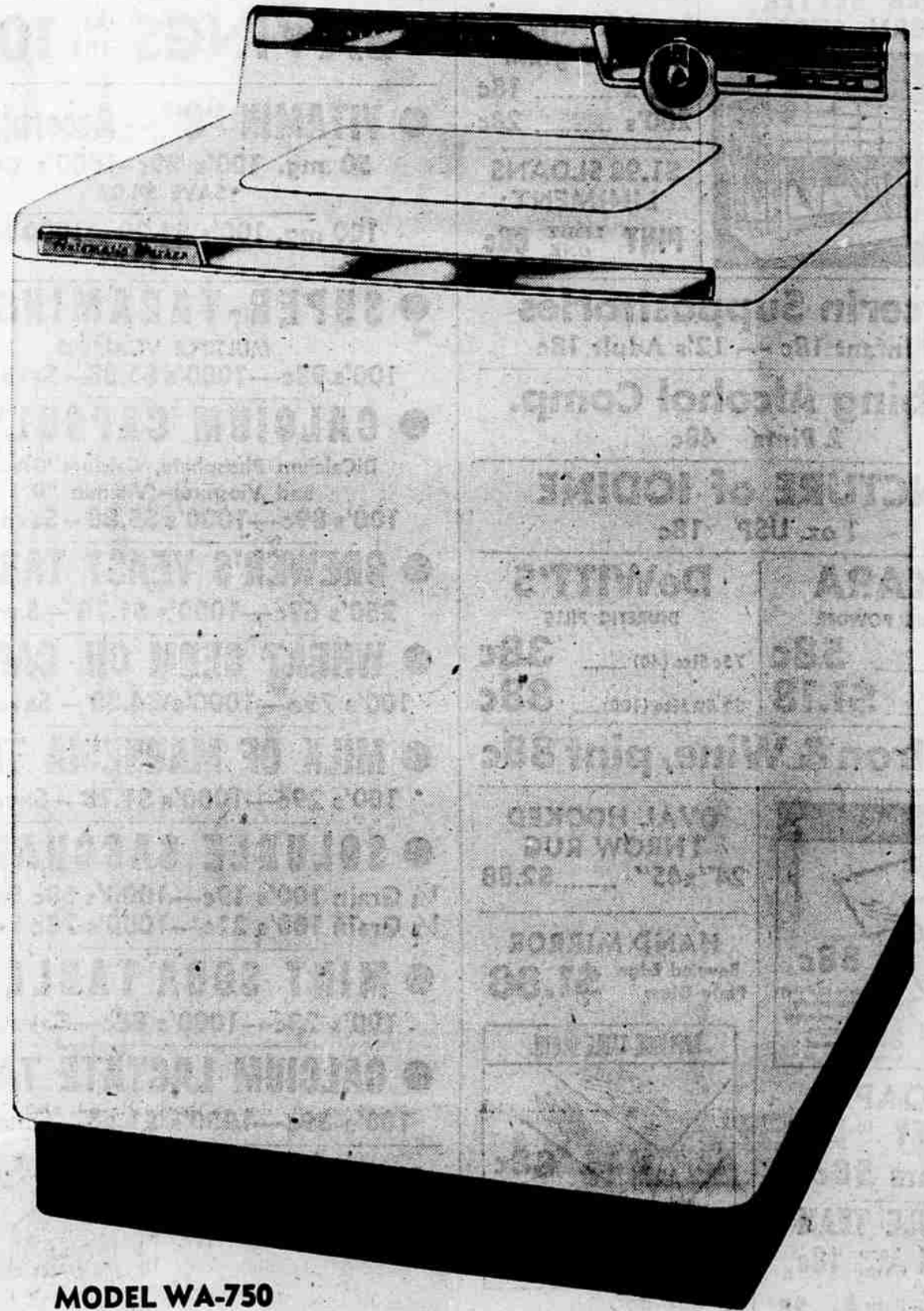
Communist Peiping Radio last week broadcast a statement saying the three Americans and two Belgians, who also changed their minds and asked to be returned home, had been ordered under police custody for drunkenness and rowdiness in the Red Chinese capital while awaiting repatriation.

ALLEGED SPIES HELD

Istanbul, Turkey—(U.P.)—Bulgarian Vice Consul Georgi Varnanof Cholakov and two Turks were arrested today for spying against Turkey. Secret military documents were found in their possession.

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