

# Former Roosevelt Aide Loses Citizenship; Affiliation in Communist Party Recapped

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Washington — (U.P.) — It was strange chance that news of Lauchlin B. Currie's lost citizenship and a recap of Communist charges against him became public the same day.



If Currie was a Communist spy, as charged, he was the most fortunately placed traitor on record in the United States. He was an administrative assistant to President Roosevelt. Currie had a White House office and the kind of inside knowledge for free which few spies could hope to have.

Currie did not lose his citizenship, however, because of charges that he leaked top secrets to the Russians. He ceased to be a fellow American by routine operation of the Immigration and Nationality Act. He was a naturalized American citizen, a native of Nova Scotia.

**Went To Colombia**  
The act provides that a naturalized citizen shall lose his citizenship if he remains outside the United States for five years. Currie now lives in Colombia. He went there a bit more than five years ago as head of a commission to examine Colombia's economic situation.

The charges against Currie are summed up in a new publication by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, titled: Interlocking Subversion in Government Departments. The subject of the 500-page volume is the late Harry Dexter White, a top man in the New Deal Treasury Department until shortly before he was charged in 1948 with espionage.

Currie is merely incidental to the astonishing story of how Communist agents or their friends and associates were able to penetrate the federal govern-

ment of the 1930s-40s and get away with it, rising to high position. Alger Hiss was one of them. He went to jail. Currie, like Hiss, denied all charges, and went to Colombia.

**Named by Bentley**  
Elizabeth Bentley put the finger on Currie, White and others about the time Whittaker Chambers was accusing Hiss. An FBI security memo circulated among high government officials related that Miss Bentley had

worked with espionage groups, most of whose members were government employees in Washington.

"The head of the most important group . . . was N. Gregory Silvermaster," the report said. . . . now connected with the United States Treasury. Other members of this group included Harry Dexter White, assistant secretary of the Treasury; William Taylor, also an employee of the Treasury Department; Lauchlin Currie, administrative assistant to the president."

A footnote says: "Miss Bentley testified that Currie was a full-fledged member of the Silvermaster group who was used not only to bail out other members when they were in trouble, but also to steal White House secrets for the Soviets. Most of these secrets she said related to Far Eastern affairs."

## Gloria Swanson To Attend Kelly-Rainier Wedding in Monaco in Role of Writer

By GLORIA SWANSON  
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Rome—(U.P.)—"April in Monaco" is just where I shall be. How many times I have been there! And under how many different circumstances. . . .

The first exciting time was as the Marquise le Dailey de la Falsise de la Coudray (aren't I a wonder to remember how to spell it all). Then again I visited Monte Carlo to inaugurate the "new" casino about 1931 with my husband Michael Farmer, a name especially well known in the casinos along the Riviera.

This formal occasion to "bring Monte Carlo back alive" was one to remember because everybody from the capitals of Europe was there who had not lost their tails and I must add, white ties, in the 1929 American stock market wholesale suicide crash.

**Returned Last Year**  
Last year, after many years of absence, I went back as "that character," the movie actress. For a week I enjoyed its beauty and climate while awaiting glamorous Marlene Dietrich's "sing-ing" premiere at the "new" casino (which is now old).

Unhappily I never saw Monte Carlo at its zenith about the turn of the century and in the 'teens, but only when it was either struggling for a "comeback" (sounds like a movie star) or at

"off season" months, when it is truly a wee paradise but more than ever struggling with the problem of supporting itself.

It is hard to imagine what Monte Carlo is going to be like this time. I do hope someone has the foresight to take newsreel movies from the air now and any day from April 10 to 20 when the entourage of "the wedding" will be there. For the world will then see how much like ants the human race can look. If you see a tiny "Grandma Ant" waving a frantic pencil—TIS!

**Not Enough Room**  
Seriously, what will this tiny postage stamp of a place (pardon me, Grace) do with all the people. There are no vacant lots on which to pitch tents nor any sand on which to park a body. The rocks aren't very comfortable and I am sure every bed is more than taken.

Next month I shall not be in Monte Carlo as a titled personage, the wife of a famous playboy, or a movie star—but as a newspaper writer. I have gathered from recent reports that "publicity" is to be kept at a minimum. I wonder if I'm going to get shoved around as news writers are sometimes.

I've probably shoved a few times myself. If it happens this time I can always turn my hat

around, go out and come in again as a celebrity. I'll keep you informed of my bruises, as well as my losses, for the "wheel of chance" will certainly be twirling.

## Smith Tells Favors For Labor by GOP

Portland — (U.P.) — Labor should take a look at other states where labor leaders and the Democratic party are strongly in control and then consider how well off it is in Oregon. Gov. Elmo Smith said here yesterday in an address before members of the Republican Women's Federation of Oregon.

Gov. Smith added that it was his belief the Republican party in Oregon has not done a good job of telling the working man the story of Oregon advances under a Republican administration.

"The 1955 Legislature passed legislation as beneficial to labor as that of any other state," the governor said, "and more so than most of them."

"We have done a miserable job of letting the working man know what the Republican dominated state government is doing for him," Smith said.

## Deetz Says People Fed Up With Political Bickering

Canby, Ore. — (Special) — Elmer Deetz, Oregon's "gallon jug" farmer and state representative who is running for the Republican nomination for U. S. senator, in a statement about his candidacy this week, said he believes the people of Oregon "are fed up with the kind of political bickering and whipsawing which seems to be the main stock in trade of the incumbent and of the other two Republican candidates for the nomination as well."

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), is the incumbent. Others seeking the GOP nomination are Interior Secretary Douglas McKay; ex-State Sen. Phil Hitchcock; and George Altwater, a Portland engineer.

**Nationwide Notoriety**  
Deetz gained nationwide notoriety two years ago in his campaign against Oregon's milk control law. He was elected to the legislature in the same campaign. His statement added:

"I am running for the United States Senate because the farm economy is skidding at an alarming rate and nothing but patchwork, pauperizing steps are being taken to stop the slide. Farm income dropped another billion dollars in 1955 while income and profits of other industries were hitting all-time highs. The average per capital farm income last year was less than \$900 compared with more than \$1900 for non-farm activities."

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**Cold Facts**  
"The cold facts about the nose-dive of agriculture ought to scare the daylight out of anybody with an intelligent concern

for the welfare of the country as a whole. If the basic agriculture industry cracks up it can carry the whole American system onto the rocks. Yet the only steps taken or proposed have been to dole out pap from the public purse to keep the yokels happy through another election year. It isn't fair to the taxpayers and it is humiliation and degrading to the independent farmers, who are still the bulwarks of our society."

"It is high time a fresh viewpoint was introduced into the Senate. I realize that one Senator cannot bring about drastic changes in the economic machinery singlehanded. But one stubborn farmer can do more than all of the professional politicians have done heretofore and I believe Oregon voters will welcome a chance for a change."

"We must establish a national farm policy secure from the petty assaults of partisan politics as well as from greedy encroachments of big business — a policy which will not depend for its sustenance upon public handouts. Such a policy will assure survival of independent agriculture and will have a stabilizing effect on the entire national economy."

**MASS TONSILLECTOMY**  
Brawley, Calif. — (U.P.) — Pioneers Memorial Hospital today reported a "mass tonsillectomy." The 6 children of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Tucker of El Centro, Calif., all had their tonsils removed Wednesday.

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## Quotes From the News

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United Nations, N. Y.—U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. on the proposed U. N. investigative mission to Palestine by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld:  
"There are no hidden meanings in this, and if you search from now until doomsday with a magnifying glass the only purpose you will find is to prevent war."

Memphis, Tenn.—President J. Millard Smith of Memphis State College on Negro registrations:  
"There will be no trouble if Negroes enter for educational purposes but I can't predict what will occur if they enter just to break the color line."

Washington—Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-Okla.) on possibility of a veto of the farm bill by President Eisenhower:  
"If he doesn't (sign the farm bill), he had better get ready to go back to making his own living at Gettysburg under existing farm law."

New Orleans—Police Secretary Albert Blancher on the city stationing shotgun squads of policemen at likely holdup spots:  
"We will place our shotgun squadsmen at strategic locations and holdup men can expect to be greeted by hot lead in the future."

Phoenix, Ariz.—Sen. Esies Kefauver to a lady sitting on a bus stop bench:  
"I'm a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination and I want you to help me."

London—Earl Winteron on the coming visit of Soviet leaders Khrushchev and Bulganin to Great Britain in a letter to London's Daily Telegraph:  
"No doubt if these Russians had treated animals, especially dogs or horses, as they have treated human beings, the numerous welfare societies would have organized a national protest against their visit."

## Klamath Compact Draft Scheduled

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Legal representatives of the Oregon and California Klamath River Commissions will submit a revised draft of the Klamath River compact to the joint drafting committee meeting here April 30. The following day the draft will be submitted to a joint meeting of the two state commissions, according to Nelson Reed, chairman of the Oregon Klamath River commission.

The Klamath River pact is designed to provide for equitable distribution of waters from the Klamath river.

Following consideration by both state commissions, drafts of the compact will be discussed at public meetings in Klamath Falls and three Northern California cities.

The first public meeting is slated for Klamath Falls, May 14. Meetings will follow at Yreka, May 15; Weaverville, May 16, and Eureka, May 18. Copies of the new draft will be submitted to interested federal bureaus in Washington, D. C., with whom a series of meetings will be held early in June.

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