

Hiss' Princeton Speech Received Calmly; Polite Applause Given

Princeton, N. J.—(UPI)—Convicted perjurer Alger Hiss addressed a group of Princeton University students on foreign policy Thursday night in an atmosphere of classroom calm.

Hiss' appearance on the campus was an orderly event in contrast to the controversy which arose when he was invited to Princeton by the American Whig-Cliosophic Society, an undergraduate debating group.

It was Hiss' first public appearance since he was released from a federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa., in November, 1954, where he served three years and eight months of a five year term for perjury. Hiss was convicted in 1950 of charges he lied when he said he never stole government secrets for a Communist spy ring or gave them to a former espionage courier Whittaker Chambers. Hiss went to prison in 1951.

Protests Pour In

The invitation to speak at Princeton was disclosed April 6, and protests immediately began to pour in.

The former State Department aide's arrival was met with silence, his speech received polite applause and he left by a rear door.

A crowd of some 300 students and 50 to 100 newsmen and cameramen greeted Hiss in silence when he arrived in a station wagon shortly before the scheduled start of his speech in 63-year-old Whit Hall.

Those outside the hall cheered and applauded as the 51-year-

old Hiss mounted the steps. Some booed when a television crew brought a microphone into the crowd to get student reaction.

Students Applaud Hiss

Hiss spoke to his audience of some 250 students and 45 reporters without text or notes. The speech which lasted less than a half hour was mainly about last year's "Big Four" Geneva conference and occasionally referred to the 1945 Yalta conference at which Hiss was one of the late President Roosevelt's advisers. Hiss was applauded before, after and once during his talk.

Hiss said he believed recent Soviet actions and Russian participation in the Geneva convention indicated they have abandoned war as a means for attaining their goals but he said they still retain their desire to communize the world.

Referring to the cool reception given Soviet leaders Nikolai A. Bulganin and Nikita S. Khrushchev in England, Hiss said that although relationships between East and West are not so friendly at present as they were at Yalta, the "fear of atomic destruction" may bring about "a more realistic basis for cooperation."

Background on Hiss Speech at Princeton

By UNITED PRESS

Background on Alger Hiss speech at Princeton—The President and trustees of Princeton University have profoundly deplored a student organization's invitation to a convicted perjurer. But they have formally defended the students' right to make their own mistakes.

Hiss spoke before the 500-student membership of the Whig-Cliosophic Society—and a limited number of reporters—on "The Meaning of Yalta."

The only formal action against his appearance Thursday night was taken by the university's Roman Catholic organization

which invited Willard Edwards of the Chicago Tribune to speak the night before on "The Meaning of Alger Hiss."

Upholds Right

Edwards said the invitation was "Princeton's business; it isn't mine." He upheld Hiss' right to air his opinions but warned students to take with a grain of salt the words of "a man convicted of lying to conceal complicity in Soviet espionage" who has now chosen "a career in which he instructs the American people in the meaning of our relations with Soviet Union."

Edwards was applauded several times during his speech. Chaplain Jeered

The university's Roman Catholic chaplain was jeered when he repeated his earlier demands from the pulpit that the university call off the Hiss appearance. The Rev. Hugh Halton said it would be Princeton's "darkest hour."

The student debating society stirred up a debate apparently beyond its imagination by issuing the invitation to Hiss—a former State Department aide who was convicted in 1951 of perjury in denying he had given State Department documents to a Soviet spy ring.

It was his first appearance as a public speaker since his release from prison in November, 1954.

Senator Neuberger Claims Hitchcock Double Talking

Washington, D.C. (Special)—Senator Richard L. Neuberger said Wednesday that he was "dismayed and shocked" at the way in which Philip Hitchcock, Republican candidate for the Senate, "has completely reversed himself on two major issues facing our state and the nation."

Neuberger said he had special reference to federal aid to education, and to the Pelton Dam project on the Deschutes river.

"I could not believe my ears," Neuberger said, "when I heard Hitchcock had told Multnomah county schoolmasters that the 'American children face part-time education or worse unless we get some kind of federal aid.' I wondered if this could be the same Hitchcock who repeatedly during the 1954 Senatorial campaign denounced my claim that federal tidelands-oil revenues should be used for the schools in all 48 states, including Oregon."

Neuberger added the charge that "Hitchcock now is in the position of having taken two different positions on both federal aid to education and on Pelton Dam, in the short span of a few years. Can either side believe and trust him? When will he next go into his double-barreled, triple-revolving somersault and come up with still a third position?"

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port. Yet, now, this same Hitchcock has the audacity to tell Oregon school officials that we desperately need federal aid.

Neuberger declared that this was "of a piece" with what he called Hitchcock's "double-barreled flip-flop" on Pelton Dam.

"Hitchcock has been getting cheers from some members of outdoors groups by announcing against Pelton Dam," said the Oregon senator. "Yet, Hitchcock was one of two state senate sponsors of a 1953 bill to amend the Oregon hydroelectric act to clear the way for Portland General Electric company construction of Pelton Dam."

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Neuberger said that he and Hitchcock had engaged in a series of debates, in which Hitchcock spoke on behalf of Senator Guy Cordon, who was Neuberger's 1954 opponent. "At that time," said Neuberger, "Hitchcock warned audiences that federal aid to schools meant loss of local control. He praised Senator Cordon's action on giving away the tideland-oil reserves, which should have been used instead for school financial sup-

New Chemical Proves To Be Important Link

Berkeley, Calif. — (UPI) — They've synthesized a new chemical at the University of California here that has proven to be an important link in several of the processes by which the body burns the food to obtain energy.

The compound is a sugar-like substance and one of a number in body chemistry synthesized over the years by Dr. Hermann O. L. Fischer, professor of biochemistry. The latest is called D-erythrose 4-phosphate.

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