

# Paul Robeson Faces Charges of Contempt

Washington — (UP) — The House Un-American Activities Committee voted unanimously today to cite Negro singer Paul Robeson for contempt of Congress.

The action came moments after Robeson refused to say whether he is a Communist. He shouted at committee members: "You are the nonpatriots and you are the un-Americans and you ought to be ashamed of yourselves."

**Hearing Adjourned**  
Committee Chairman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) immediately banged his gavel and announced the hearing adjourned.

"I think it should be," Robeson commented.

"I've stood just about as much of this as I can," Walter said.

"You should adjourn this forever," Robeson snapped over his shoulder as he left the witness stand.

Walter huddled with other members and they voted unanimously to recommend that Robeson be cited for contempt.

The Negro singer was the first witness as the committee resumed hearings into charges that Communists have obtained American passports to travel abroad to promote Soviet propaganda.

Robeson has made many trips to Russia and other places abroad. The last time he sought a passport, however, it was denied after he refused to tell the State Department if he was a Red.

**Gag Attempt Charged**  
To the committee today, he protested in a series of angry exchanges that the government is trying to "gag me here and abroad."

"It's none of your business what I think," he said.

"Are you now a member of the Communist party?" asked Richard Arens, committee staff director.

"What do you mean by Communist party?" Robeson replied.

# Hermann, Noel Field Cleared of Treachery

Vienna, Austria — (UP) — The Communist "new look" at Stalin-era purge cases has cleared two American brothers, Hermann and Noel Field, of treachery against Czechoslovakia.

Prague radio said Monday night that party First Secretary Antonin Novotny told the Czech party Congress that the Field brothers were wrongfully accused of collaboration with the "traitor" Rudolf Slansky.

Slansky was arrested, tried and executed in 1951 for "treacherous activities" against the state. The Fields were accused of helping him and were jailed.

Novotny said the Communists still consider Slansky guilty, however.

# Molotov Successor To Visit in Athens

Athens, Greece — (UP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov will visit Athens shortly during a diplomatic tour of the Middle East. It was announced today.

The announcement indicated Shepilov's forthcoming trip to Cairo has developed into a major shakedown cruise for the new diplomat who succeeded V. M. Molotov as foreign minister a week ago.

"As far as I know it is like the Republican and Democratic party... Would you like to come to the ballot box and look at my ballot when I vote?"

When Walter directed him to answer, Robeson invoked the Fifth Amendment against giving testimony which might be self-incriminating.

The contempt citation was voted by Walter and by Reps. Bernard W. Kearney (R-N.Y.), Gordon H. Sherer (R-Ohio), and Clyde Doyle (D-Calif.). The members did not challenge Robeson's right to refuse to answer questions but based their action on his "abuse" of the committee.

# Recovery Period For Eisenhower Noted

Cambridge, Mass. — (UP) — President Eisenhower may need two to three months to recover from his ileitis operation, according to Harvard Medical School Professor David D. Rutstein.

The expected six-week convalescence period is the absolute minimum and "too optimistic," Rutstein told a local television audience Monday night.

Rutstein, a doctor of preventive medicine, said there was less than a 50-50 chance that the ileitis, a thickening of the intestinal wall which causes an obstruction, would not return.

"He's going to continue to have it for a long time because it's a chronic disease," he said.

Rutstein said it was a "major achievement of modern medicine that a man 65 years old, with a coronary, could have such surgery and come out of it without untoward results as the President has."

# ROK Moving Troops To Offset Commies

Seoul, Korea — (UP) — The Republic of Korea's top military man said today the South Korean Army is moving more troops to the front lines to offset growing Communist strength.

Gen. Lee Kyung Keuh, chairman of the ROK chiefs of staff, told United Press correspondent Jack Boyer the United Nations should raise the armed strength in South Korea to the 1953 cease fire level.

"We still have room under the armistice agreement to bring in additional fire power," he said.

"What we need most now is more iron than men."



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