

Air Force Training Manual Statements True, Official Says

Washington - (UPI) - Chairman Francis E. Walter quoted Air Secretary Dudley C. Sharp as telling the House Committee on Un-American Activities Thursday that all statements in a controversial Air Force training manual on Communist infiltration of churches were true.

Walter said Sharp told committee members at a closed session that the manual was withdrawn, not because it was erroneous, but because the Air Force as a matter of policy felt it should not make charges involving specific groups.

Walter said the manual, withdrawn by Sharp with an apology to the National Council of Churches, now was being revised and would be reissued.

Communism in Churches

Sharp, himself, leaving the committee session flanked by half a dozen Air Force offi-

cers, referred questions on his testimony to Walter.

Sharp confirmed that the training manual, which among other things warned Air Force reservists to look for Communist influences in the church, was being "studied for possible revision" and indicated it probably would be reissued in revised form.

As the session began, Walter gave newsmen his own opening statement, charging that "large numbers of the clergy" as well as lay leaders of the church have been duped into supporting Communist fronts.

Says Statements True
"This is not to say that these persons are necessarily conscientiously supporting Communist enterprises," Walter said, "but the net result is, for all practical purposes, the same."

Walter said his committee will decide after studying the transcript of the session

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Poisoning Blamed For Death of Dogs

Willamina, Ore. - (UPI) - Willamina city officials said today that the deaths of 15 dogs in the area recently have been attributed to strychnine poisoning.

Police said the poison was put into hamburger and packages of the meat were distributed near roads.

whether to go further into "the infiltration of Communism into religion."

Walter described himself as satisfied with Sharp's testimony, although he indicated he thought the Air Force was possibly a little timid in its approach.

"The thing that disturbed the committee," Walter said, "was the intimation by the press that statements in the manual were not true, when of course they were true."

"Admittedly, everything contained in the manual was true," Walter said.

Medford Students Make Showing at Speech Tourney

Medford school students in speech won seven first places awards, 11 second places and seven third at the annual Tournament of Champions at Linfield college last week end.

Fifty-seven senior students and junior high freshmen represented Medford. It was the largest speech squad at the contest and Medford's most successful year.

Participants were divided into junior women and men and senior women and men, depending on previous experience in forensics. About 600 boys and girls from 40 schools in the state took part.

First place awards went to Carolyn Mencke, senior women visual aids; Jo Ann Johnson, junior women interview; Louis Hunt, Hedrick junior men salesmanship; Fred Lorch, senior men salesmanship; Sue Jahn, Hedrick junior women oratory; Marsha Watson and Jo Ann Johnson, junior women debate; and Carolyn Mencke and Elaine Jennings, senior women debate.

Seconds: Pat Thompson, junior women visual aids; Al-

den Stewart, junior men visual aids; Pat Thompson, junior women humorous interview; Jim Frake, senior men extemporaneous speaking; John Alansky, junior men oratory; Jo Ann Johnson, junior women after dinner speaking; John Alansky, junior men after dinner speaking; Suzy Thompson and Judy Simms, senior women debate; junior division sweepstakes, senior division sweepstakes, and grand sweepstakes.

Thirds: Warren Olson, Hedrick, junior men salesmanship; Darleane Hunt, senior women serious interpretative reading; Nancy Duncan, junior women impromptu; Marsha Watson, junior women extemporaneous speaking; Darleane Hunt, senior women oratory; Carl Washburn and Louis Hunt, Hedrick, junior men after dinner speaking (tie); and Garner Haupt and Mike Miller, junior men debate.

Finalists: Marsha Watson, junior women impromptu; Joel Gregory and Mike Higgins, junior men impromptu;

Jim Lesse, Hedrick, junior men visual aids; Bonnie Lowry, junior women interview; Sherry Koblik, Hedrick junior women salesmanship; John Alansky, junior men serious interpretative reading; Carl Washburn and Joel Gregory, junior men; Judy Sims, senior women; and Dean Goddard, senior men extemporaneous speaking; Marilyn Conrad, McLoughlin, junior women, and Mike Miller, Hedrick, junior men oratory; Vicky Enders and Nancy Duncan, junior women; and Jim Lesse and Scott Carpenter, Hedrick, junior men debate. Including place winners, Medford had 43 finalists.

EX-COMMANDER DIES

Philadelphia - (UPI) - Maj. Gen. William G. Price Jr., 90, commander of the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1919 to 1933, died Wednesday. Price won the Distinguished Service Medal and the Croix de Guerre from both France and Belgium in World War I and later presided in France at a meeting at which the American Legion was formed.

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