

FORMER NAVY OFFICER GIVEN 9-YEAR TERM

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP)—A former U. S. naval reserve officer, who was convicted of espionage and violation of the censorship code, was sentenced today to nine years' imprisonment by Federal Judge Arthur W. Byers.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Richard J. Burke, who prosecuted the case, recommended that the court impose a 40-year sentence for the espionage and 10 years on the censorship count.

The court imposed nine years' imprisonment on the espionage conviction and 10 years on the censorship count.

Byers, who lives in Brookline, was accused of conspiring with agents in Italy. The indictment contended that he told Commander Max G. Kelly, chief of Italian naval intelligence, that he would try to get information about radar and airplane construction when he returned to this country in 1941.

Byers was convicted May 25. I think you are lucky," Judge Byers said in imposing sentence. "I think your heart was evil in 1940, and 1942 as far as the United States was concerned, you were under a duty, hold commission in the United States naval reserve, to report your superior officer at once upon your arrival here in 1941 respect to the engagements entered into in Rome. I believe your visits to Italy were as innocent as you have the jury believe."

Elimination Shows Tuberculosis

MEMPHIS, May 25 (AP)—Tuberculosis examinations in state institutions have disclosed 76 cases of the disease, many of them of long standing but not previously reported.

Irwin Hill of the state hospital staff said 4500 persons were examined — 2600 at the hospital, 900 at the penitentiary, and 1000 at Fairview. He said spread of the disease was no greater than would be expected.

The examinations would be conducted regularly from now on, avoiding the possibility of overlooked cases. Previously, only equipment has not been available.

Unsuspecting GI Blasts Door To Hidden Nazi Gold

SEATTLE, May 25 (AP)—It is also true that "all that is gold does not glitter," said Sgt. George Murphy today in recounting how he set the charge that blew open a door into the vault mine near Merkers where much of the hidden wealth of the nazis was uncovered.

The sergeant, a combat engineer, said he was awakened at 4 a. m. for a "wall blasting job." The wall turned out to be of heavy brick and with a steel door.

"We didn't know what we

were doing," said Murphy. "We just wanted to blow it and get out. One of the generals said our squad ought to get a chance to look at it, but there wasn't much to see. Just sacks and bundles. It was like going through a laundry shop with bundles all around."

He didn't learn until the following day, while reading a newspaper, what was in the bundles.

Incidentally, Murphy said he arrived in the United States with 15 cents in his pockets.

Sharpening Struggles Foreseen By Browder

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP)—Communist Leader Earl Browder foresees "a new period of sharpening struggles" and says the national committee of the Communist Political Association which he heads will meet soon to review communist policies.

His statement appeared yesterday in the Daily Worker in connection with criticism of him by a prominent French communist who said Browder led in "the liquidation of the communist party." Browder is editor of the Worker.

The communists disbanded a political party a year ago and formed the CPA, avowedly dedicated to educational purposes.

The article, written by Jacques Duclos, criticized dissolution of the American communist party and charged that Browder had "swerved dangerously from the victorious Marxist-Leninist doctrine" by preaching class peace on the basis of the Teheran agreements.

Browder published the 11,000-word article along with a "forword" written by himself which urged communists to give it their "most respectful attention."

VICKERY CONDEMNS TINHAT SLACKERS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25 (AP)—Tinhaters who are forsaking shipyards to go home were condemned as the "damndest bunch of slackers" by Vice Admiral Howard L. Vickery, maritime commission vice chairman.

"I feel strongly about this," he told a press conference yesterday. "We are in dire need of the ships being built here. If we didn't need them we would stop building them and save our money."

Declaring that the end of the European war required "a fundamental review of all problems by American Marxists," Browder said the Duclos article "may conveniently provide a starting point for this fundamental review."

Vickery, Lee C. Stoll, state war manpower director, and Kaiser yard officials made plans to recruit thousands of out-of-state workers, especially needed at Kaiser's Vancouver, Wash., yard.

"We hope to get 5000 to 6000 more men," said Edgar F. Kaiser, general manager of the yards. George H. Buckler, head of the company outfitting C-4 transports being built at Vancouver, said he needed 722 more men.

Stoll said the recruitment proposal will be submitted to Washington next week.

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ANDERSON TO VISIT IN NORTHWEST SOON

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Rep. Anderson (D-N.M.), the new secretary of agriculture, is expected to visit the northwest next month.

Anderson's food committee, Rep. Holmes (R-Wash.) told a reporter today, has tentatively scheduled a western trip which will take its members into Yakima and Seattle and possibly into California.

Holmes, a member of the committee, said an effort will be made to survey the vegetable and soft fruit situation at Yakima and the egg and poultry and possibly the dairy situation at Seattle.

Processors and producers of canned peas in eastern Oregon, the Walla Walla district of Washington state and of northern Idaho, as well as producers of dry edible peas, the committee hopes, will be drawn to the Yakima meeting, scheduled for June 13. Holmes said the committee hopes to draw representatives of the Oregon egg and poultry industry to the Seattle meeting, June 14.

It may be, he said, that the committee will go from Seattle to Pelaluma, Calif.

Huge Indian Faces Charge Of Murder

McMINNVILLE, Ore., May 25 (AP)—A second degree murder charge was on file today against Phillip John Warren, 345-pound Grand Ronde Indian held in the death of a white man, Henry W. Blair.

District Attorney Earl A. Nott, who made the formal charge, accused Warren of fatally striking Blair on the head near the latter's home on May 15. Vern Martin, who was with the other two when the incident occurred, will be held as a material witness, Nott said.

Polk County District Attorney Bruce Spaulding will defend the giant Indian.

Trial date was to be set today or Saturday. Warren will be arraigned before Circuit Judge A. I. Walker, Yamhill county.

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War Dads Ask Increase In Hospital Capacity

PORTLAND, May 25 (AP)—The American War Dads asked Oregon congressmen today to increase veterans' hospital facilities here to 1000 beds.

The Portland Dads chapter declared that the hospital has only the 518 beds allotted for veterans of World War I. More beds will be needed, they said, both for this war's servicemen and for 1918 veterans, some of whom are now reaching the age when they can be expected to need more medical care.

Oregonian Files For Television

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—The Oregonian Publishing Company, Portland, has submitted the first application for a commercial television station in Oregon to the federal communications commission, officials said today.

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