

Hiss Perjury Trial Ends In Hung Jury; Justice Department To Try Again

NEW YORK, July 9 (AP)—The perjury trial of Alger Hiss ended in a hung jury last night, and the government promptly ordered a new trial.

The jury, split eight to four in favor of a conviction, was dismissed at 8:01 p.m., after nearly 29 hours of fruitless effort to reach an agreement.

Shortly thereafter, Attorney General Tom Clark announced in Washington:

"The department of justice will vigorously prosecute the Hiss case again as quickly as the docket of the court will permit."

At the earliest, that probably would not be before next autumn.

A justice department spokesman here said that big, mustached Thomas F. Murphy, the assistant U. S. attorney who handled the prosecution, will have the same job again when the case is retried.

Hiss was continued in \$5000 bail.

Failure of the jury to reach a verdict left still in doubt the role—if any—that Hiss had played in an alleged prewar betrayal of his country.

Jurors said that almost from the outset, they had been deadlocked eight to four for conviction of the brilliant, 44-year-old Harvard grad-

uate whom the state department sent to Dumbarton Oaks, Yalta and the San Francisco conference where the United Nations was founded.

Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman, wearily and with reluctance, finally admitted the hopeless split and sent the jury home.

On two earlier occasions the small, thin-voiced jurist had sent the jury back to its chambers for another attempt at agreement.

The final deadlock left the lanky, handsome Hiss exactly where he was last December when a New York grand jury indicted him on two counts of perjury.

Hiss' gray-haired, stocky defense chief, Lloyd Paul Stryker, indicated he may try anew for a dismissal of the charges. The trial court refused to quash them.

Hiss' face haggard, Hiss managed a weak smile as the jury was dismissed, but politely and firmly he declined comment.

"Not now," was all he said.

His slight, modestly-dressed wife, Priscilla, lost the prim little smile of encouragement that she flashed at her lanky husband for the 27 days she was by his side in court.

Her face was red and her lips tight. She seemed near tears and she said nothing.



HAPPY TO BE HOME—Life in Africa is now only a memory to the Ernest Mosers who have made their final trip home and are visiting in Klamath Falls before going east to resume their work with the Presbyterian mission. Left to right are Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moser and Janice.

Non-Smokers Slate Confab

SPOKANE, July 8 (AP)—It may get steaming hot at Hot Lake, Ore., next month, but it won't get smoking hot.

Not if Nicotine Unlimited can help it.

That's a national organization of people who have sworn off smoking. It will hold a convention at Hot Lake August 27 and 28.

J. D. Lewis of Pullman, grand secretary, said the most important thing about the convention is the chance it will give members to meet each other.

Apparently they enjoy watching each other keep from smoking.

But it may get steaming hot.

"Several baths in the wonderful water at the hot springs," Lewis said, "would remove the last traces of nicotine and the other 19 poisons in tobacco for those beginners on the way to completely ridding their systems of the poison."

Ernest Moser Winds Up 20 Years Work On African Job

By JOY BIGGS

Moser is home and will not return to the dark continent this time. He and his wife and two daughters are visiting Mrs. Moser's father, R. H. Dunbar, 420 Jefferson, before resuming their work with the Presbyterian mission in the East.

They will be in charge of the Presbyterian guest station on the Hudson for the convenience of missionaries leaving for foreign ports and returning from their labors in the mission field.

Moser was business manager for the Presbyterian mission and 12 other Protestant missions in Africa and was stationed in Doula, Cameroun. His work took him all over Africa. He speaks Bulu, the African dialect, and French.

Parts of Africa, Moser said have topographical aspects and climate comparable to Klamath county.

That is especially true of Rhodesia where there are rich agricultural enterprises. Doula is in the jungle country and the climate is tropical. Residents wear the typical shorts and sun helmets.

Everything has to be sterilized. Fresh water cannot be used for drinking until it is boiled. The white residents use powdered milk and canned butter from home and from Australia.

Moser said he wasn't much of a hunter although big game is plentiful and close by. Gargantuan and Bush Man, the two famous Bronz zoo gorillas, came from his part of Africa. He saw Gargantuan when the big ape was just a "babe in arms," just before he was brought to the United States.

Doula has a population of around 4000 whites and about 60,000 natives. Moser said the life on the dark continent was not exciting. His most

exciting experiences were when he was shipwrecked along with seven chimpanzees he was bringing home, and the time he landed in Cairo in February, 1946, when the people were rioting.

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Irrigation Talk Slated Monday

Irrigation problems in the Klamath basin will be discussed at a meeting of the Klamath county farm bureau following dinner in the

Winema hotel at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Dinner reservations may be made by calling or writing Mrs. C. E. Dennis, 7917 or 7127, or 103 Pine street, Klamath Falls. Those unable to attend the dinner are still welcome to attend the discussion afterward.

First Results Of 200-Inch Telescope Of Much Interest

By J. HUGH PRUETT

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It seems quite probable that nothing in the history of astronomical science has ever caught and continuously held the public interest as has the planning, construction and operation of the huge 200-inch reflecting telescope. A grade teacher writes that her pupils never tire of hearing of this great instrument.

Familiar history now is the beginning in 1928 of the plans for a gigantic telescope; Dr. George E. Hale's persuasion of a Rockefeller board to provide \$6,000,000 for the project; the pouring of molten glass in 1934; the cross-country trip of the 20-ton glass disc in 1935 to Pasadena; the grinding, the delay of work during the war and its resumption afterwards; the journey of the completed mirror and its arrival at Palomar Mt. Nov. 19, 1947; and finally the grand opening ceremonies at the observatory June 3, 1948.

Although the great Hale telescope has been put into limited operation and some photographs taken, it is not yet completed. Complicated tests have revealed that in some places the surface of the big mirror does not have exactly the proper curvature for the finest reflection of light to a focus. It has been decided that a little more glass must be ground from the outer 18 inches of the face of the mirror,

Fire Crews Built Up

Six men on the Rogue river national forest reported Friday morning as experienced fire crew over-seers to fight fire on the Siskiyou forest.

The men left here at 6 a.m. and reported to the Redwood ranger station at Cave Junction for dispatch to action points.

George Cleveland went out from the Klamath Falls office where he has been working the past few days, three men went from Union creek, one from Medford and Fred Zumburn from Fort Klamath.

Forests in Klamath county are becoming dangerously dry, and look-outs on Klamath Forest Protective association land and forest service land are alerted to look out for smokes and report immediately.

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