

# Russ Professor Holds Lattimore Tomes False

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Russian professor told Senator Owen Lattimore that some of the writings of Owen Lattimore about Outer Mongolia were "either superficial or distortions of the truth."

The witness was Nicholas Poppe, now a professor of Far Eastern language at the University of Washington in Seattle. The son of an official in the Central foreign service, he taught Oriental languages in Leningrad and Moscow under the Soviets but said he never was a Communist.

Poppe said he was an expert on Outer Mongolia. The Senate International Security Subcommittee called him particularly to testify about the writings of Lattimore. A Johns Hopkins University professor who has published many books and articles on the Orient, Lattimore has been a central figure in the subcommittee's inquiry into possible Communist infiltration into the Institute of Pacific Relations, a part of its inquiry into complaints of Red influence over American foreign policy.

Sen. McCarthy, R-Wis., has called Lattimore a Red, a charge Lattimore has denied.

Poppe said Lattimore wrote that Outer Mongolia had a Democratic form of government in the 1920's and that great advances had been made there.

The witness said he would agree that schools and hospitals had been built under the Soviet-dominated regime and that these represented "achievements."

But he said the old Mongolian government had been destroyed and many people deported when the Soviets took control of the country.

"You can't call such a system a democratic one," he commented. The professor said Lattimore apparently was talking about "democracy" in the sense the Soviets understand it.

# Idaho Potato Probes Nixed

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Idaho potato growers and shippers were free of compulsory federal inspection Wednesday, complicating still further the enforcement of spud price ceilings.

Rescinding of the federal marketing regulations by Secretary of Agriculture Brauer was announced by R. K. Hart of Pocatello, manager of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Potato Control Committee. The action means that federal inspection now is voluntary for growers and shippers.

Harry S. Yost, district office of Price Stabilization director, said the action would complicate enforcement of price ceilings, but he wasn't sure yet what the effect would be.

Price ceilings will remain in effect, he said, but some changes probably will be made since they are based on U.S. grades. The Idaho standard and utility grades, he said, are slightly lower than U.S. No. 1.

Idaho growers may now ship outside the state potatoes which measure 1 1/2 inches in diameter as U.S. No. 1 and those which measure 1 1/2 inches as U.S. No. 2. Idaho statutes permit growers to market as utility spuds those which measure 1 1/2 inches and weigh four ounces.

Meanwhile, a claim by the regional OPS in Seattle that there is a black market at the shippers level in Twin Falls was denied in Boise by D. Worth Clark, district OPS enforcement officer.

Clark said also that no evidence of retail black marketing had been found in Idaho groceries.

# Officer Says Fluoride Safe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chief dental officer of the Public Health Service told Congress Wednesday it is perfectly safe to add fluoride to drinking water to help reduce tooth decay.

Assistant Surgeon General Bruce D. Forsyth gave that assurance to a special House committee which is investigating possible harmful effects of the addition of chemicals to food and drink.

Forsyth said one part of fluoride to a million parts of water is the general concentration recommended, but this may be adjusted upward and downward to compensate for climatic factors affecting the amount of water drunk in various sections of the country.

Invalid Breaks Leg in Bed  
NEWTON, Ia. (AP) — Carl Backus, Jr., 29, invalidated by a swimming accident several years ago, has had more bad luck. He broke his leg while in bed.

Backus was doing a series of leg exercises in bed when the fracture occurred Monday night.

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FOOTLOOSE — Some folk put their best foot forward but the Wallen twins (Eileen, left, and Enid) prefer to put theirs 'way over their heads. The sisters, starting at a Miami Beach night club, practice acrobatics on the sunny beach.

# British Atom Bomb Rushed

LONDON (AP) — Work on Britain's first atom bomb is pushing ahead so quickly that the money is running out.

The Ministry of Supply, the government department responsible for making the bomb, asked Parliament today for another 500,000 pounds—\$2,240,000. This is in addition to the one million pounds—\$2,800,000 already voted by Parliament this year.

The request said that the extra cash was needed for the production of uranium "because work is progressing more quickly than expected."

Britain imports uranium, key material in making the atom bomb, mainly from the Belgian Congo and from Canada.

A ministry spokesman declined to say whether the money was needed to buy more uranium or to process uranium already in this country. But the request lends weight to reports that the first "made in Britain" A-bomb will be exploded soon—possibly this summer.

Keith Thomas, newly acquired outfielder for the Philadelphia A's, at Kansas State College.

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# GOPs Blast Charles Taft

CINCINNATI (AP) — Charles P. Taft's home county Republican party emphatically denounced him Tuesday night and endorsed a rival of his for the GOP gubernatorial nomination, State Sen. Roscoe R. Walcutt.

The party's action came as Walcutt was urging the Cincinnati attorney and brother of Sen. Taft, R-Ohio, to get out of the race and let two "clear-cut" Republicans—former Gov. Thomas J. Herbert of Cleveland and himself—battle it out for the nomination for governor of Ohio.

The Hamilton County GOP organization left no doubt that its snub of Taft was deliberate.

It bitterly attacked the Cincinnati's candidacy and his past record, mentioning particularly his "16 jobs under the New Deal and Fair Deal administrations."

Walcutt accused him, too, of having associates and supporters who "have fought tooth and nail" in the past to defeat his older brother, Ben Taft.

Hamilton County is regarded as the biggest Republican county in Ohio and one of the biggest in the country.

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