

State Department Accused of Failing to Reveal Communist Influence in United Nations

NEW YORK (AP)—A critical federal grand jury and the State Department showed apparent disagreement today over just how much the department is doing to help ferret out American Reds on the United Nations headquarters staff.

The grand jury, in a report made here yesterday, said the State Department gave "disloyal officials a clean bill of health" in some of "the most flagrant and obvious cases of disloyalty."

The report also said the State Department "stymied" the panel's inquiry into the matter. Last night one of the jury's members said there even appeared to be State Department pressure to have the report withheld.

The State Department, in a statement issued last night in Washington, said it had no authority over U. N. personnel but that it had drawn the attention of the

U. N. to Americans whom it "believes to be Communists."

In reply to the jury's contention it withheld certain names of department officials who reviewed and cleared four of the cases, the department said it did so because questioning would have concerned confidential files.

The grand jury report was added fuel to the weeks-long debate on the question of suspected American Communists on the U. N. staff.

A U. S. Senate internal security subcommittee, which has been investigating the matter, promptly made the panel's 3,000-word report part of its own record.

Sen. Herbert O'Connor (D-Md.), sitting here as a subcommittee of one, said his group would consider the report in the light of necessary legislation.

O'Connor took up the jury's statement just before the subcommittee adjourned indefinitely its hearings here.

The federal grand jury's report, handed up to Judge David N. Edelstein, said many disloyal Americans moved from one U. S. government post to another and finally infiltrated the U. N. as part of a "definite planned pattern."

Making its report on the last day of its nine-month term, the grand jury urged that a new panel be appointed to carry on its work.

No individuals were named in the report, which was not an indictment.

ALLEGATIONS

The report made these allegations, among others:

1. Many of the jury's witnesses, among them American employees of the U. N., refused to answer questions concerning past or present Communist party membership and in some cases past or present espionage against the United States.
2. In some instances "the State Department did supply adverse reports against a U. S. citizen in the U. N. but the U. N. failed to take action."
3. The "infiltration" of Americans "closely associated with the international Communist movement" into the U. N. appears "to result from the contrivance of certain highly placed officials who have surrounded themselves in

each (U. S.) government agency, and then in the United Nations, with personnel who share their disloyal convictions."

4. The present arrangement between the State Department and the U. N. to exchange information to prevent U. N. employment of disloyal Americans has "failed miserably."

5. The jurors' attempts to discover the reason for "misleading evaluations" by the State Department concerning some U. N. employees was blocked because the State Department refused to furnish the names of department personnel "responsible for the faulty evaluations."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Among its recommendations, the jury suggested that the U. S. set up a code of security rules to which its citizens must conform before being permitted to accept employment with the U. N. or its specialized agencies.

In its statement, the State Department said in part:

The Department of State is not in a position to instruct the United Nations Secretariat on the appointment of any one, not even an American.

"As has been disclosed . . . the Department of State has identified for the (U. N.) secretary general U. S. nationals on the Secretariat whom it believes to be Communists."

In response to a request from the grand jury, the Department of State identified for the grand jury 28 persons previously separated from the U. N. or now suspended. In 24 cases out of the 28, the department had made an adverse comment.

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"The Department of State did not disclose the names of people in the department who evaluated the cases in which no adverse comment was made, as this could only result in their being asked what

they thought of a confidential file—something which they are not authorized to discuss."

He had no immediate comment on the grand jury report.

The grand jury member who said the panel was under pressure to delay or pigeonhole its report was Max Zimmerman, a New York trade paper publisher.

Zimmerman told newsmen the jurors "had reasons to suspect" that the State Department, working through the Justice Department, had started to exercise pressure.

He said "Washington began to intercede" early yesterday for some unknown reasons and that

the jurors became indignant and insisted on making their report "come hell or high water."

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By HAROLD McRAY

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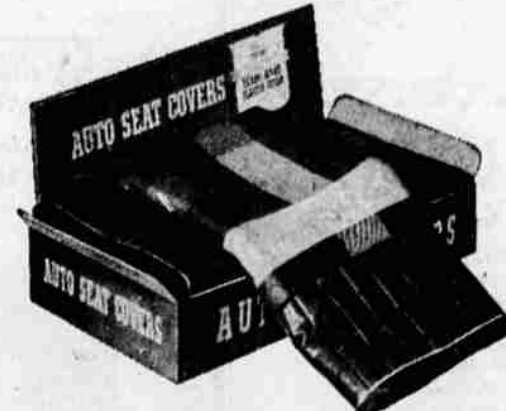


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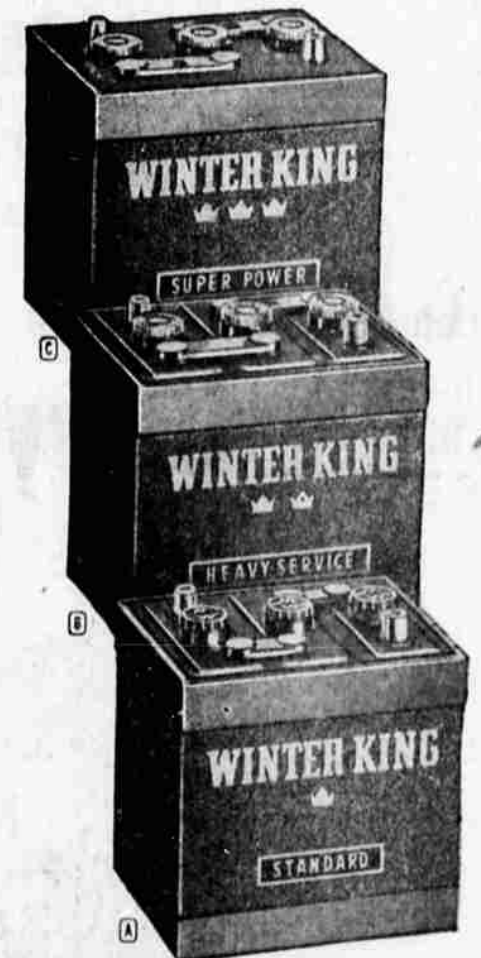
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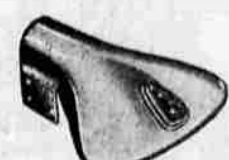
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