

Lattimore Indicted on Seven Counts of Perjury

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal grand jury has accused Owen Lattimore of swearing falsely that he had never been a sympathizer or promoter of communism or Communist interests.

The indictment returned late yesterday also accused the Far Eastern specialist and occasional State Department consultant of lying under oath on six other points during his testimony before the Senate internal security subcommittee last spring. The indictment termed all seven points "material."

"I am, of course, innocent," Lattimore said.

He is due to be arraigned Friday. Trial date may be fixed then.

Lattimore has been a frequent target of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) since he was named in March, 1950, that he considered Lattimore "the top Soviet espionage agent in America."

"Pure moonshine," replied Lattimore, 52-year-old director of the Walter Hines Page School of International Relations at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The university president, Dr. DeWey Brook, announced that Lattimore had been given a leave of absence, with pay, "until a Federal Court shall have passed upon the charges."

McCarthy also has called Lattimore "one of the principal architects of our Far Eastern policy."

Lattimore said that wasn't true either.

The indictment prompted Sen. Mundt (D-ID) to call for a congressional investigation "to try to find out the names of the patron diplomats of John Carter Vincent."

Vincent was suspended by the State Department Monday from his post as minister to Tangier after the Civil Service Commission's Loyalty Review Board ruled there was "reasonable doubt" as to his loyalty.

"Some committee should seek the answers as to why Lattimore and Vincent have been protected so long and so effectively in their jobs in the face of all the evidence," Mundt told a reporter yesterday.

Sen. Watkins (R-Utah) commented that Lattimore's indictment "indicates the subcommittee of the internal security subcommittee, of which he is a member. The subcommittee, headed by Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.), recommended last July that the Justice Department lay before a grand jury the question of whether Lattimore had committed perjury."

The seven-count indictment grew out of Lattimore's 12 days of testimony before the subcommittee during its long investigation of the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR), a privately-financed research organization.

The subcommittee said Lattimore, long a prominent figure in IPR affairs, "was, from some time beginning in the 1930s, a conscious articulate instrument of the Soviet conspiracy."

The report called Vincent "the principal fulcrum of IPR pressures and influence in the State Department."

Both Lattimore and Vincent figured prominently in a Senate investigation in 1950 into McCarthy's, Communists - in - government charges, as well as in the IPR inquiry.

The indictment charges that Lattimore, contrary to his denial before the internal security subcommittee, "had been a sympathizer and promoter of communism and Communist interests."

The other counts of the indictment alleged Lattimore committed perjury when he said:

That a trip he took into Communist China in 1937 was not by pre-arrangement with Communist authorities.

That a meeting he had with the then Soviet ambassador, Constantin Goumansky, took place after the German invasion of Russia in 1941. (The indictment said the Hitler-Stalin pact was still in effect at the time of the meeting.)

That he was not told Dr. Ch'ao Ting Chi, described by the Senate subcommittee as a Communist agent in the IPR, was a Communist.

That he had not published articles in Pacific Affairs, IPR magazine of which he was editor, by Communists other than Russian contributors.

That he had not handled Lauchlin Currie's White House correspondence while Currie, an aide to the late President Roosevelt, was away.

That he did not know Asiaticus, a writer for Pacific Affairs, was a Communist.

Protesting his innocence, Lattimore said:

"That innocence should have to be so long defended against such vengeful harassment as I have been subjected to for three years, is something that can be better commented on by others than by myself."

"All that I can do is, in the words of a namesake of mine, to 'be of good comfort and play the man'; for if I should not, it would be an evil day in our country for freedom of conscience, of research, and of comment."

"These are freedoms that should be guarded by all, but by university professors with a special devotion."

Lattimore said the "be of good comfort" quotation was from Hugh Latimer, who was burned at the stake in 16th century England "on a question of conscience."

The District of Columbia Code, under which Lattimore was indicted, provides a maximum penalty of 2 to 10 years on each count.

Lost Children Hunt Continues

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (AP) — An intensive 10-day search for two missing children was renewed today after the grim and tedious job of draining a huge quarry failed to yield their bodies.

The hunt for the youngsters, a 6-year-old girl and a 3-year-old boy, developed into a community project.

"We're mighty proud of our people," Mayor Charles Wellner said. "They've done their best."

For the last week residents of Naperville have kept vigil at the quarter-mile-wide quarry. The pumping operation, an around-the-clock project by volunteer workers, was started after bloodhounds trailed the missing children to the quarry's edge.

Hundreds had joined in the search on Dec. 7 shortly after the children, Jean Petersen and her next-door playmate Edward Rosenstiel had been reported missing. Forty square miles of countryside were covered by police, deputy sheriffs, Boy Scouts and hundreds of volunteers.

Searchers combed Naperville for three days before plans were made to drain the quarry. They looked into every shed, garage, barn, well, viaduct, sewer and backyard in Naperville, a community of some

7,000 about 30 miles west of Chicago.

Pumping operations ended yesterday after an estimated 90 million gallons of water had been drained into the nearby Du Page River. Workers with turtle hooks probed the muck and mud of the quarry's bottom without finding any trace of the children.

Officials appealed to the FBI yesterday for aid but the FBI said it cannot enter the case until there is some evidence of kidnaping or other federal law violation. Officials said there is no evidence to support a theory of kidnaping.

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