

Communist Conspiracy Trial Hears Testimony On Beliefs Of Pension Chief

SEATTLE (AP) — The president of the Washington Pension Union, a Communist of long standing, will be served in the State Supreme Court Tuesday by a Federal grand jury.

The board statement said "We reject the lie that he is guilty of a conspiracy of any kind or that he is being tried because of his membership in the Communist Party."

Further, it said, the indictment "is a clear attack upon the welfare of senior citizens and all other recipients of state grants. We denounce as a despicable frame-up the charges that he has conspired to advocate the overthrow of the government."

Caughlan was critical of the press for not having carried the statement when it was issued. The Post-Intelligencer said it had withheld it because Pennock's remark that he was "deeply proud" of his membership in the party might have been prejudicial to him in the then pending trial.

(There also was a question of legal privilege about such an out-of-court statement.)

Caughlan told the Federal Court jury that when Pennock was a member of the Legislature for four successive terms from 1938 on he was "a spokesman for the so-called left wing of the Democratic Party. His advice was sought by the Communist Party and he sought their advice."

"Bill has never denied membership in the Communist Party," Caughlan said, "but has always said the issues before the people must be judged on their merits."

Speaking of Daubach, Caughlan said "Johnny joined the Communist Party in 1936, culminating his studies of scientific socialism and experience as a worker."

The opening statements concluded, the government started presenting its evidence Wednesday.



WELCOME KISS — Air Force Capt. Zack Dean of Douglas, Kas., receives a welcome kiss from his wife, Abigail, upon his arrival at Tachikawa Air Force Base in Japan after his repatriation by the Communists at Panmunjom, Korea. Dean was shot down in April, 1951.

Corporal Tells Of POWs Going Berserk Under Red War Propaganda Pressure

TOKYO (AP) — Some Americans in Communist prison camps went berserk because of "constant pressure" from booming loudspeakers and long lectures in the hot sun, a young California corporal said Wednesday.

"I can't estimate how many became mentally sick," Cpl. Cecil B. Preston, 21, of Sausalito said at Tokyo Army Hospital.


"Sometimes a man would be walking along. He would see a Chinese guard—or one of the American prisoners we called 'Progressives'—and would start chasing him. He would lose control of himself because he was so mad at the Communists."

Preston said the guards didn't shoot because they realized "they were sick."

The Californian said that of 200 in his prison company "29 or 30" had to stand out in the sun...the loudspeakers pounding on you every day.

had to stand out in the sun...the loudspeakers pounding on you every day. "Your nerves were raw all the time. There was no place you could get away and think. Even the latrines were out in the open. They'd lecture you and they'd play Chinese music. Holy mackerel, that Chinese music!" "In the lectures, they talked about how bad off America was—that we were headed for an economic crisis. They tried to make you hate your own folks."

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Pop Acreage In Oregon Shows Drop

PORTLAND (AP) — Pop acreage in the West will be reduced 30 per cent this year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture forecast Tuesday.

The acreage last year was 28,000. Farmers will divert to other crops or leave idle 10,000 to 12,000 acres this year, Carl Richardson, state news reporter here, said.

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LA GRANDE (AP) — Vivian Harpold Boise is the new student president of Eastern Oregon State College.

Paper Mill Unions Open Negotiations

PORTLAND (AP) — Representatives of two AFL paper mill unions will meet with management here Thursday to begin contract negotiations.

The unions—the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers and the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers—represent some 18,000 workers in 36 mills in California, Oregon and Washington.

The present basic wage in the industry is \$1.72 an hour. Union representatives declined to say what their requests would be.

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