

# Witness Immunity Bill Passed By Senate Now Goes To House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill that grants witnesses immunity from prosecution and their complicity to testify was passed by the Senate Thursday night and sent to the House.

A number of witnesses before congressional committees have refused to answer questions, availing themselves of the guarantee given by the fifth amendment to the Constitution—that no one may be forced to give testimony that could be used to prosecute him.

Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.), author of the immunity measure, contended its enactment would be the most effective action Congress could take to "explode" the Communist conspiracy in the United States.

Opponents argued, however, that it flew "into the face of the Constitution," depriving citizens of

their rights and upsetting the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of the government. The Justice Department objected that its law-enforcing responsibilities would be invaded.

Passage was by an unrecorded standing vote, but 10 senators rose to be recorded against the bill. They were Sens. Magnuson (D-Wash.), Kerr (D-Okla.), McClellan (D-Ark.), Lehman (D-Lib.-N.Y.), Jackson (D-Wash.), Stennis (D-Miss.), Jennings (D-Mo.), Murray (D-Mont.), Cooper (R-Ky.) and Hayden (D-Ariz.).

McCarran said, however, the proposed procedure was essential "to get to the bottom of the Communist conspiracy in this country."

He is a member and former chairman of the Senate internal security subcommittee.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) offered an amendment to require a week's advance notice to the attorney general of a committee's intention to grant a witness immunity.

McCarran strongly opposed giving the attorney general the final say, but he and Kefauver finally agreed on a proviso suggested by Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore), and it was incorporated into the bill.

It provides that, if the attorney general did not assent within one week, immunity nevertheless could be granted by a congressional committee if organized by either the Senate or the House, depending on the committee involved, by a majority roll call vote.

Morse said his proposal would afford protection against any "run-away" congressional committee.

# No Plums Yet for CIO

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Labor Department appointments made by President Eisenhower gave plums to the AFL and railroad brotherhoods, but left the CIO still out in the cold.

Eisenhower Thursday nominated Harrison Hobart of Houston, Tex., and Spencer Miller Jr., of South Orange, N. J., to be assistant secretaries of labor.

Miller, former New Jersey state highway commissioner, once headed the AFL's workers education bureau.

Hobart, 64, is assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His appointment gives recognition to the powerful rail labor group.

The appointments left the CIO without a representative in the labor department for the first time in many years. Durkin had asked the CIO to recommend someone, but the CIO's choice, John Edelman, Washington representative of the CIO Textile Workers Union, apparently was unacceptable to the White House.

**RAMMED BY SHARK**  
FORCHU, Nova Scotia (AP) — A lobster fisherman drowned Thursday when a charging shark punched a two-foot hole in his boat and upset it. Three other men in the boat reached shore safely. The victim was John D. Burns, 40. The party was hauling in lobster pots when the shark attacked.

# Legion Condemns Bloch for Comment

TUNKHANNOCK, Pa. (AP) — Emmanuel Bloch, attorney for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, recently executed atom spies, came under the fire of a local American Legion group today.

The Legion's District 14 condemned the attorney for declaring, after the execution of his clients: "I feel ashamed that I am an American today."

The district offered in a statement to "pay for Bloch's on-way passage to any country that will allow him to feel shameless because of his citizenship thereof, provided that he guarantee that he will never return to the United States of America."

**MOVIE TAX LIFTED**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee Friday approved a bill to take the 20 per cent federal tax off tickets to movie theaters. The vote was reported as 22 to 3.



**MAN FROM EARTH**—Navy Commander Laverne Peck, looking like messenger from planet Earth, wears high-altitude flying suit in pressure chamber during tests in Philadelphia.

# Post Office Hearings Set

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under administration pressure for action at this session of Congress, Chairman Rees (R-Kan.) of the House Postoffice Committee Friday ordered immediate hearings on Postoffice requests for a \$240,625,000 increase in postal rates.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has recommended across-the-board hikes in existing rates, including one-cent raises in the cost of sending first class and air mail letters.

Summerfield estimated the additional revenue, plus a recent 160 million dollars boost in parcel post rates and other department changes, will reduce the present half-billion dollar operating deficit of the Postoffice Department to around 74 million dollars.

Rees called hearings on the administration's rate bill for next Monday morning "at the request of the leadership of the House that the hearings be expedited."

**BOX-PULLER**  
BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP) — Emmet Hanley's face was as red as the fire alarm box.

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# Beria's Expulsion Indicates Malenkov's Secure Feeling

Editors: Eddy Gilmore was an AP correspondent in Moscow from 1941 until 10 days ago, when he and his family left for the United States. Now in Stockholm, he examines various aspects of the purge of Lavrenty P. Beria from the standpoint of one who for 12 years observed the Russian government from the Kremlin's front yard.

**By EDDY GILMORE**  
STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Lavrenty P. Beria's expulsion from the Communist party and Soviet government means that Premier Georgi Malenkov — and perhaps others — now feel strong enough or desperate enough to doom the supreme policeman to utter disgrace.

In this mighty struggle for Stalin's power, which does not necessarily appear to have ended, the sensational action against Beria was a natural development.

Like so many other mysterious things about that mysterious country, Russia, when did it all take place?

Has Beria just now been kicked out of the party and government or did all this happen some time ago?

Just before I left Moscow, high members of the party and government on June 27 watched the premiere of a new opera at the Bolshoi Theater.

Oddly, very oddly, Beria's name was not listed among those present.

"Do you suppose that it's already happened?" one Western diplomat asked me, referring to what we all expected in the power struggle—the inevitable arrest of someone on top.

The cold-eyed Georgia has been damned by the most terrifying

phrase of all in the Soviet lexicon—an enemy of the party and people.

On top of this he has been branded an international imperialist agent, a sickeningly familiar expression.

From almost every angle, Beria has had it.

It seems certain that the Supreme Court, which now has his case in its hands, will give him the works.

One of the momentous points involved in the disgrace of Beria is the question of what connection it has with recent moves of the Soviet government to slightly normalize some relations with the West and make the gestures of a new look.

Another mighty question of the moment: has the struggle for power been halted with Beria's disgrace?

This action against him indicates on first examination that the police have been dealt with by Malenkov — or others. If the police have been dealt with, what about the army?

Is someone else, in the hours before dawn, (dramatic things always happen in Russia shortly before sunrise) going to be accused of being an enemy of the party and people and an international imperialist agent?

Anything can happen in Russia. Anything.

The appointment of Sergei Kruglov, already a high-ranking policeman, is intriguing for this great lumbering fellow was and is a friend of V. M. Molotov.

What has Molotov, Stalin's old friend and now foreign minister, had to do with Beria's disgrace? Maybe very little; maybe very much.

And if Molotov has wedged his knee in the powerhouse door, then the tears he shed at Stalin's funeral—when Malenkov and Beria were dry-eyed — may also have begun to dry.

Last night I wrote a story and mailed it to New York. It began: "Who's running Russia today?" It ended: "When I recently saw Beria and Malenkov together — three

times now since Stalin's death—there was no question in my mind who was running the show. It was Malenkov, George Maximilianovich."

This morning that reads even better than last night.

Beria's disgrace could very well be connected with the East Berlin and East German uprisings. It is known in Moscow that he has had not only his finger but his whole arm in the bubbling German cauldron.

Has Stalin's old fellow countryman—both were Georgians—been damned because of this?

It is quite possible, no matter what official explanation is now rolling off the propaganda machine of the Central Committee of the Communist party.

Twelve years of watching events in Russia have certainly convinced me of one thing: when something happens as has happened in Germany, somebody has to be singled out. If it is anybody the boys can get their hands on, punishment follows denunciation as night does day.

A great wrestling bout for power was going on before the German demonstrations, of course, but those events coming on top of the liberation of the framed doctors and a denunciation of the police and their methods could have given Malenkov the gun he was seeking to fire in Beria's face.

Beria is being denounced in Moscow this morning for, among other things, trying to put his police before the party and government.

If one can believe this, it could mean Beria had been trying to arrest some of his colleagues in the party and government. Possibly Malenkov himself.

Noteworthy, also, is the continuing emphasis from Moscow today on criticism of the "leader cults," of which Stalin worship was the supreme and utter example. There also has been more emphasis on collective leadership. Are the Communist leaders in power really trying to work out a government by committee or is this the same old Communist trick of calling the sun the moon and day night, and saying it over and over again?

Malenkov and—others have now dealt with Beria. Is anyone else next?

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