

McCarthy Hearing Watched By Nationwide TV Audience

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This is the day that Americans once again cluster around TV screens to watch the Army-McCarthy hearings.

"The most dramatic thing ever lensed," said one fan in a letter to the ABC network.

One thing seems certain: the hearings have stirred up a tremendous reaction among newspaper readers, TV viewers and radio listeners.

As many as 4,000 protests have descended on a TV station that dropped live telecasts.

Thousands of letters have piled into newspaper offices to commend or condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

"If McCarthy, Cohn and Schine are protecting us from Communists, who will protect us from McCarthy, Cohn and Schine?" a reader wrote the New York Post.

"Sen. Joe McCarthy... carries the cross, not that he has to carry it, but because his country comes first with him, regardless of party lines or beliefs," said a letter in the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press.

The Associated Press checked off representative newspapers from coast to coast and North to South to see how sentiment was running in letters to the editors.

Twenty-five of the newspapers said the majority of the letters they received on the topic favored McCarthy; 19 said the majority was anti-McCarthy; and 17 said there was about an even split.

Here is the breakdown regarding McCarthy by sections:

Section	Pro	Anti	Even
East	3	6	5
South	0	3	3
Midwest	9	7	6
West, Southwest	8	3	3

Nineteen editors said the letters showed an increasing anti-McCarthy trend since the hearings began and four said there was an upswing for the senator. Little or no change in sentiment was quoted by 32.

The Providence (R.I.) Sunday Journal polled its readers and said results indicated:

1. Neutrality about the senator has all but disappeared.
2. While McCarthy has increased his supporters slightly, the number who now disapprove of him has greatly increased.

The Journal said its replies broke down this way:

Before Hearing Now	Approve McCarthy	Disapprove	Indifferent
2,670	2,923	2,969	4,418
1,736	24		

The Boston Post said it has noted little shift in sentiment since the hearings began.

The Post circulated in 20 towns and cities of Greater Boston a questionnaire asking, "Do you consider McCarthy has performed a valuable service for the United States?" The results were listed as follows:

Yes	No
596	192
324	108
164	384
1,084	384

Here are some of the pro and con arguments when the readers write:

"Guy named Joe came to exterminate some rats in my house. I got rid of him. Didn't like his methods. Hired a 'New Deal' intellectual instead. Rats have now taken over." Letter in New York Daily News.

"The tactics used by McCarthy are those of a man with something to hide. In McCarthy and those of similar ilk, we have American fascism at its worst." Letter in Richmond (Va.) News-Leader.

"When the shouting dies down, then will the senator from Wisconsin be known for his exhaustive efforts in weeding out Communists. Then we may well say: 'Sen. McCarthy, you are truly a great

American.'" Letter in Detroit Free Press.

"For years I have been a great admirer of Sen. McCarthy, but thanks to the TV hearings I have discovered that he is just a jumping jack, a publicity hound." Letter in Chicago Tribune.

Callers to the TV stations seldom express opinions on the hearings or personalities as such, but usually are vehement in declaring the proceedings should be telecast.

ABC and Du Mont are the only networks carrying the hearings "live."

ABC says it has received "an unprecedented volume of letters from all sections of the country, lauding the continued and complete coverage of the sessions."

WOXY, only Milwaukee TV station carrying the hearings "live," reports it received 15,000 phone calls, letters and telegrams the first week, most of them complimenting the coverage.

The NBC station in Los Angeles, KNBH, said it received about 4,000 calls, most of them protesting, in the four days after NBC dropped its live coverage.

Meeting Called By Churchill

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill called a morning session of his Cabinet today to hear a report from Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on the Geneva conference and to review British policy in Southeast Asia.

The question of United Western action in Indochina should the Geneva talks fail was one of the top subjects. But informed sources said the entire British position in the Far East crisis was under examination.

Eden flew in from Geneva Saturday night and spent the weekend conferring with Churchill and Chequers, the Prime Minister's official country home.

The foreign secretary was due back in Geneva to act as chairman at a secret parley on Indochina this afternoon but prolonged his stay until the last possible moment to talk to his fellow ministers.

Until now Britain's policy has been to give the Geneva talks every chance to produce an Indochina solution before turning to other ways to halt the Red sweep in Indochina, Churchill told Commons last week this country would undertake "no new commitments before results at Geneva are known."

As the Geneva talks are prolonged, however, the British face the question of whether they should set a time limit on their "wait and see" policy. The longer the conference lasts, the greater advantages accrue to the Communists.

Most British newspapers predicted there would be no immediate change in the government's policy. Diplomatic writers also generally agreed Churchill and the Cabinet would leave it up to Eden to determine how long he will continue to take part in the talks if they seem likely to prove fruitless.

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MOTHER'S WERE GUESTS at the attractively arranged tea held at the home of Mrs. Ellis G. Matthews, planned by the retiring and incoming officers of the Future Homemakers of America Club of KUMS. Tea hours were from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 15. New officers are (l to r), Sandra Campbell, secretary; Karen Totton, historian; Roberta Matthews, president; Karen Brollier, installing officer; Lila Hivard, vice president and Carolyn Garrison, parliamentarian. Peggy England, treasurer, who was ill is not pictured.

NAACP Plans Petitions To Southern School Boards

ATLANTA (AP) — Negro leaders throughout the South will petition local boards of education to eliminate school segregation immediately in the first mass follow-up of the U. S. Supreme Court ruling on segregation.

That strategy was disclosed yesterday after a conference here of leaders of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People from 16 states.

Issuing an "Atlanta declaration," the NAACP officials called for integration at all school levels and advocated Negro teacher assignments and federal aid for education.

Thurgood Marshall, special legal counsel for the NAACP, and Walter White, executive secretary, were the chief spokesmen in a news conference after the closed meetings.

Marshall, who represented the organization in the Supreme Court arguments, said there would not be "time for imaginary problems" in ending school segregation. He did not estimate how long it would take, however.

He warned against juggling school districts to evade the court ruling, although he said he recognizes the right of school boards to set up district lines.

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Unusual Incubator Hatches Egg

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Bruce Kavin, persistent for a 9-year-old, has a baby bird today because he insisted that his baby sitter rig up an incubator for an egg he found two weeks ago.

Mary Ann Varga, 27, put the egg and a small electric light globe in a cookie tin.

The other day there was a chirp in the cookie tin. Miss Varga thinks the bird is a meadowlark. She feeds it egg yolk and mashed potatoes — every eight minutes.

Russell said in Washington that he had no comment.

In the statement issued here the NAACP officials noted that "school officials will have certain administrative problems in transferring from a segregated to a nonsegregated system," but added: "We will resist the use of any tactics contrived for the sole purpose of delaying desegregation."

Talmadge did not comment afterwards on the NAACP's plan for approaching local school boards. He did say, however: "The people of Georgia, well know my views. As long as I'm governor of Georgia there will be no mixed schools. I am not interested in pleasing Communists at home or abroad."

Talmadge said on a CBS program yesterday that the state will not comply with the Supreme Court decision.

"It would take several divisions of troops to police every school building in Georgia and then they wouldn't be able to enforce it," he said.

Another defiant note came from Sea Island, Ga., where Leander Perez of Baton Rouge, La., declared that interracial marriages are the "ultimate objective" of the NAACP.

Perez, national director of the States Rights Committee, appeared with Georgia's Lt. Gov. Marvin Griffin on an MBS program. Both said the South will not accept the decision passively.

Lack Of Evidence Halts Slayer Suspect Extradition

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Legal roadblocks stalled action today in the 1946 ax-murder slayings of three American Army officers in Germany.

U.S. Chief Prosecutor Thomas L. Leland announced the present evidence was not legally sufficient to ask the extradition of James M. Leech of Lima, Ohio, a former Army captain.

Leech was accused last Friday by Leland's deputy of the savage murder of the three officers, Jan. 7, 1946, at Passau, Germany.

Leech has denied the killings. Informed in Lima of Leland's announcement, the Ohioan told a newsmen:

"All I know about this is what has been supplied me by the newspapers. I have nothing official on this latest move. When the final decision is reached, I'll still be here."

Leech faces three charges of murder, three of intentional manslaughter and one of arson in the deaths of Maj. Everett S. Coffin of Washington, D.C.; Capt. Adrian L. Wessler, of New Rochelle, N.Y.; and 1st Lt. Stanley M. Rosewater of Omaha, Neb. The charges were filed by Deputy U.S. Prosecutor William Canfield, of Hampden, Mass., after the Army had turned over the files of the case to U.S. High Commission legal authorities a few weeks ago.

Canfield had indicated he intended to go ahead with a request for extradition of Leech but Leland stepped into the case and stopped him.

In a statement last night, Leland declared the evidence "is not in its present form legally sufficient" for such a request. The chief prosecutor said his office apparently would not be able to forward the case to the U.S. high commissioner for at least three weeks.

He said gathering evidence required for extradition, its evaluation and preparations to meet legal requisites will take that long.

"For example, all statements of pertinent witnesses must have been made under oath before they are acceptable in an extradition hearing in U.S. federal courts," Leland said.

"In studying the case over the weekend, I discovered most of the statements were not taken under oath," the chief prosecutor continued. "The witnesses are now in many parts of the world."

An Army spokesman said files on the case had been turned over to Leland's office in order to get

legal advice "on a case that was never closed and had been under constant review by Army agents."

In announcing the filing of charges against Leech, Canfield said he felt there was a "very strong circumstantial case" against the Ohioan, deputy to Coffin when the latter was town commander of Passau.

Canfield said Coffin fired a German girl secretary of whom Leech was fond and cancelled projected funds for her father's business.

Wessler and Rosewater were guests of Coffin the night of the killings. All three officers were killed with an ax. Shortly after

the slayings, gasoline-fed flames billowed from the top floors of the hotel.

Canfield said last night a German woman told investigators she saw a man leave the house when the fire started.

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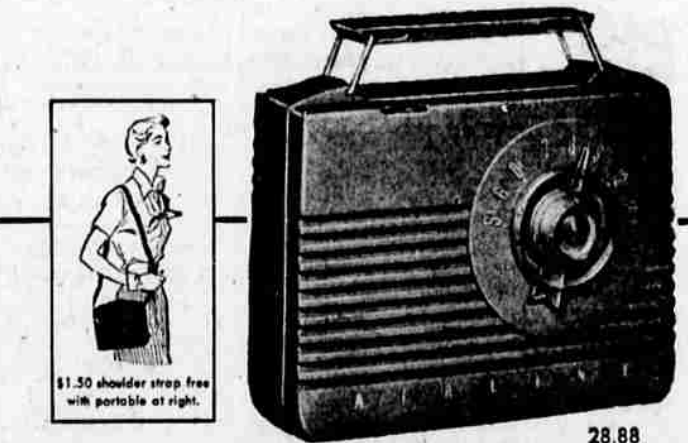
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