

Author Sits On Fifth Amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A contempt of Congress trial testing further the powers of congressional Red hunters went into its second day today with Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) still on the witness stand.

On trial in Federal District Court for contempt is Harvey O'Connor, 36-year-old author of "Mellon's Millions" and other books. He refused in 1953 to tell the Senate Investigations subcommittee, then headed by McCarthy, whether he had been a Communist at the time he wrote books purchased by the State Department for its overseas libraries program. O'Connor did not rely on the Fifth Amendment's protection against possible self-incrimination. Instead, he contended that "under the First Amendment to the Constitution, my writings, my books and my political opinions are of no legitimate concern to this committee."

McCarthy testified yesterday that O'Connor was questioned in an investigation undertaken by the Senate subcommittee after it received "a vast number of complaints" that the State Department's overseas information program was "serving the cause of communism."

He was asked by Asst. U.S. Atty. William Hitz what information the subcommittee had in regard to O'Connor before calling him as a witness.

Before McCarthy could answer, defense attorney Gerhard P. Van Arkel objected that the question was irrelevant. He said Hitz was trying to introduce "unverified gossip. He was sustained by Judge Joseph C. McGrath.

Hitz protested, saying the government could prove that the subcommittee had "reasonable ground to believe" that O'Connor was a Communist when he wrote the books purchased by the State Department.

He said earlier that O'Connor had been named before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1953 as a member of the Communist party then and for some time before that.

Van Arkel said the defense was not challenging the subcommittee's authority to subpoena O'Connor as a witness and was willing to stipulate that it would not make an issue of the government's failure to offer evidence as to why O'Connor had been called to testify.

He said O'Connor has stated on numerous occasions that he has not been a member of the Communist party.



MILLER PARK subdivision bounded by Bisbee, Crest and Alva streets is another sign of the continuing growth of Klamath Falls. Earl Heitsmith (left), builder for Norma Jean Miller, owner of the subdivision, looks on as Edward Blanchard and machine operator Charles Burnett dig a ditch for a sewage line.

Hospital Releases Till's Mother

CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of a Negro boy slain in Mississippi, was released from Provident Hospital yesterday after treatment for a cold and nervous disorder.

Her son Emmett Till, 14, was killed last August, while on a visit at his uncle's home in Mississippi. Two men, Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam, who were acquitted of murdering Till in a trial at Sumner, Miss.

Mrs. Bradley, 33, who testified

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Rep. Richard M. Simpson of Pennsylvania, chairman of the GOP Congressional Campaign Committee, said today his organization is "going ahead as before" in the expectation of winning 233 House seats.

Elsewhere, however, responsible Republican sources said that "undoubtedly" changes will have to be made in the conduct of the congressional campaign because of a very real possibility Eisenhower's heart attack will remove him as a candidate for re-election.

This evaluation is based on the conviction that the Republicans cannot count any longer on what were described as "coat-tail riders" — candidates who might expect to be carried into office on the strength of Eisenhower's popularity.

"At the risk of being charged with sticking our noses into local politics, we feel that the local people should get out and get some good candidates."

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