

# Remington Gets 3 Years In Perjury Conviction

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP)—William W. Remington, convicted tool of wartime Communist spies, was sentenced to three years in prison yesterday for perjury.

"What was black is now white and vice versa," he complained without bitterness. "This conviction is unfair."

# Ceasefire Urged by Red Official

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 5 (AP)—Red China's Premier Chou En-lai last night urged a ceasefire in Korea and resumption of truce talks on Russia's shop-worn terms.

He warned the U.S. that if it balks: "We are thoroughly prepared to fight the war out . . . to the last."

The proposal, broadcast by Peiping radio, carried on its face the same conditions which Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky made to the UN Nov. 24 when he rejected India's compromise plan to end the war.

In brief, it called for an immediate ceasefire and a conference of belligerents and other interested nations later to discuss how to exchange prisoners of war.

The U.S. has insisted on settling the prisoner issue before an armistice.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—The State department termed "old stuff" last night a proposal by Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai to cease fighting in Korea and then tackle the knotty prisoner of war repatriation issue.

Officials took the stand that it would be a complete capitulation to the Communists to agree to a cease fire without gaining acceptance of the Western insistence that unwilling prisoners must not be sent back under Communist rule at bayonet point. They reasoned that if the Communists refuse to go along with the American view now they certainly will not relent when military pressure is relieved.

Press Officer Michael J. McDermott said in a statement: "This is old stuff. This precise proposal was introduced by Soviet Russia as an amendment to the Indian resolution at the recent General Assembly and it was overwhelmingly rejected by the United Nations."

The Chinese reaction came with unusual speed after President Eisenhower's order freeing Nationalist China to raid and harass the Red China mainland if it chooses.

Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress Monday, announced the lifting of the U.S. Seventh Fleet neutrality blockade in Formosa Strait. Former President Truman ordered the blockade June 27, 1950—two days after the Korean War started—to prevent Communist invasion of Formosa and Nationalist raids against Red China on the mainland.

# Lie Cracks Down On UN Employees

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 4 (AP)—Secretary General Trygve Lie served notice today he will fire any UN employee he has "reasonable grounds" for believing is carrying on subversive activities against any of the 60 UN member governments or is likely to do so in the future.

At the same time, Lie informed the UN General Assembly in a 10,000-word report that he has the sole responsibility for hiring and firing UN workers. He said that, in justice to his staff, he must be given convincing evidence before taking action.

The report will be the talking-off point for a hot debate in the Assembly sessions beginning Feb. 24. India, Sweden, Norway, Egypt, and other countries are expected to seek a thorough airing of the whole personnel problem.

# Fresh Gales Add Havoc in Floods Along North Sea

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4 (AP)—Fresh gales in the North Sea loosed new terror tonight along flood ravaged coasts of England, Belgium, and Holland. High winds, high tide, and rain threatened to expand the havoc wrought by week-end storms which claimed nearly 2000 lives.

Amid winds up to 50 miles an hour, a driving rain broke over the devastated area of Holland—hardest hit of the three kingdoms. Gale warnings went out to all Britain's east coast.

Against the sea's rising challenge, rescue work and reconstruction operations went on. Thousands of men, mud-caked and weary, struggled to finish repairing broken dikes before their hard gains were wrested away.

The revised three-nation death list, as compiled from official and reliable unofficial quarters, mounted to 1783. Holland counted 1269, England 546, Belgium 14.

# Action Drops Off On Korean Front

SEOUL, Thursday, Feb. 5 (AP)—Fighting in Korea tapered on the ground and in the air yesterday as the U.S. Eighth Army prepared to change commanders, possibly before the end of the week.

Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, who will take over the Allied ground forces from retiring Gen. James A. Van Fleet, conferred at headquarters of the expanding Republic of Korea Army in Taegu. Simultaneously, the Eighth Army disclosed that the 15th Republic of Korea Division, newly activated, had been in combat on the eastern end of the line.

The 51-year-old former paratrooper also called on Maj. Gen. Thomas W. Herren, commander of the Korean communications zone which supplies the Eighth Army.

# Dulles Demands Europe Set Up Unified Defense

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Dulles is giving the big Western European powers 75 days to show real progress in setting up a unified defense or risk cuts in American military and economic aid, a qualified informant said last night.

The April 20 deadline was disclosed after Dulles, in day-long meetings with British leaders, gave assurances that the United States will continue its policy of trying to limit the Korean War and will seek to counter British criticism of U.S. action on Formosa.

Visit Bonn, Germany, Next Dulles came here from Paris and Rome and in each capital, the informant said, made it clear that Congress may balk at putting up more billions for Europe unless he and Mutual Security Director Harold E. Stassen can report advances in the project to place troops of six continental nations in a unified army.

Tomorrow, the American officials visit Bonn on their swing around Western Europe and, the informant said, will set the same 75-day time limit before West German leaders. There, Dulles will encounter uncompromising Socialist opposition to any German alliance with the West.

Deadline Set at April 20 Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden were told today that the next 75 days are critical for the future of Europe and were given the attitude of the United States toward it.

Dulles presumably set the deadline at April 20, because the North Atlantic Council of Foreign Ministers meets in Paris three days later.

If the European Defense Community army project still remains a dream at that time, presumably Dulles would then re-define U.S. policy to its allies.

Within those three days, President Eisenhower's government would have time to make new, far-reaching agreements.

# State Dept. Investigating Letter Files

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Investigating senators unfolded yesterday a tale of an Owen Lattimore letter mysteriously missing from State department files and of orders by an official to burn a letter derogatory to a department employee.

Mrs. Helen B. Balog, who keeps the files on foreign service officers, testified about the letters.

She also said that John Stewart Service, later fired on grounds of questionable loyalty, had day and night access to the files for about a year.

Something Taken from Files? Senator Potter (R-Mich.) commented that was "like putting an arsonist in charge of a match factory."

The trim little witness, in brown suit and gold hat, said she didn't know whether Service took anything from the files. Files are used in such a manner, she said, there is ample opportunity for removing documents but no way of telling whether this really may have been done. Three or four hundred persons have access to the files, she said.

Witness' Names Withheld Mrs. Balog was the first witness as the Senate investigations subcommittee teed off in an atmosphere of mystery and suspense an inquiry into what Chairman McCarthy (R-Wis.) called mismanagement of State department personnel files.

Names of witnesses were withheld until the last moment and the story of the files was built up to repeated climaxes.

Revised Files Never volunteering anything, but never refusing to answer a question, Mrs. Balog said Service used to ask her late in the day for the file room key, so she assumed he was there at night as well as during the daytime.

But she testified, too, that Service had been assigned to revising "very sloppy" files, had a right to work with them, did so for most of 1949, and she had no knowledge of his having removed or destroyed any material.

More people live in Latin America than in the United States. The estimated population is 152,800,000 in an area two and half times the size of Europe.

The handsome blond, a former government economist, said he withstood even the pleas of an ailing daughter that he confess wartime Communist spy activities to avoid the perjury indictment. But he added his principles would not let him take this way out.

'Too Far to the Left' Federal Judge Vincent L. Leibell continued Remington in \$7000 bail so he can appeal the latest prison sentence. Two years ago Remington upset a five-year prison sentence on appeal.

"Sometimes liberals may go too far to the left," Judge Leibell told him in sentencing remarks that carried an undertone of sympathy for Remington's bleak outlook at the age of 35.

Judge Leibell noted that the career of the one-time \$10,000-a-year economist was wrecked and said, "I consider that part of his punishment."

Convicted Jan. 27 "I don't think you have a substantial question of law on which to appeal," the court told the defense.

Remington was convicted Jan. 27 of lying when he denied ever passing War Production Board secrets to Elizabeth Bentley's wartime Soviet spy ring. He also was convicted of falsely denying knowledge of Communist activities at Dartmouth College when he was a student there in the 1930s.

He could have gotten ten years in prison and a \$4000 fine.

The three-year sentence makes him eligible for parole in a year.

Remington was convicted Feb. 8, 1951, of a single perjury count for falsely denying he ever was a Communist. He received five years and a \$2000 fine.

# Prison Group Hears Rioters

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 4 (AP)—A half-dozen of the 1000 convicts who rioted Jan. 18 at Western State Penitentiary testified yesterday as Gov. John S. Fine's five-man prison investigating committee wound up its work here.

The men who testified were chosen by the convicts themselves and their evidence was given in strict privacy. Prison officials and state police were left outside to ease inmates fear of reprisals.

Complaints Not Disclosed The committee, headed by retired Gen. Jacob L. Devers, also toured the penitentiary and questioned guards and prison officials. Thirty-nine state troopers stood by to guard the committee.

Gen. Devers, former head of the Army ground forces, refused to

disclose the prisoners' complaints. Other sources said they were the same as voiced by convicts during the riot. Then they made 13 demands, including better food, more liberal visiting privileges, and an improved parole system.

The general said the committee tried "to loosen the prisoners up" so they would talk freely. He added:

Halted For Week "We did our best to make sure there was no pressure."

General Devers announced a week's halt in the probe. Members of the committee will return to their homes to clean up their personal affairs before resuming their survey at Western State's

Rockview branch, also swept by riots last month. The committee will not return to Pittsburgh, Gen. Devers said, "unless it becomes necessary."

Later, at Harrisburg, state Atty. Gen. Robert E. Woodside said Devers "had dropped in to talk for three or four minutes" late today.

"He didn't make any kind of report or anything like that. He did tell me, however, that he felt we ought to try to get back to the normal routine at the institutions as soon as possible."

Edward R. Cass, secretary of the American Prison Association, is accompanying the committee as consultant.

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