

# White Case Expanding

## Aide Asserts Ike Met White

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (AP)—Fred Smith, a former Treasury department aide, said today that President Eisenhower met Harry Dexter White in a tent in England in 1944.

President Eisenhower, questioned at his press conference last Wednesday about the controversial White case, said he had never met White and knew nothing about him.

The question arose amid the furor caused by Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell's charge that former President Truman promoted White in the face of an FBI report that White was a Soviet spy.

Smith, a former assistant to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, confirmed details of a magazine article he wrote in 1947 describing a conference of Eisenhower, Morgenthau and White in Eisenhower's headquarters tent in southern England. Smith said he was present also.

Existence of the article was disclosed today by the New York Post, which reprinted excerpts from it on its editorial page. The article was published in the March, 1947, "United Nations World," a private magazine on international affairs. It had no connection with the United Nations.

The article says that at a meeting on Aug. 7, 1944, the "Morgenthau Plan was born." This was a proposal to turn postwar Germany into a farming nation, with no industrial war potential.

The article pictures Eisenhower as advocating stern policies toward Germany, along with White and Morgenthau.

Eisenhower, in his book, "Crusade in Europe," published in 1948, confirms that the meeting with Morgenthau took place, but he does not mention White.

## High Court Justice Refuses to Testify

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP)—Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark refused to testify today and the Harry Dexter White "Soviet espionage" case sank into a weekend congressional eclipse.

Further details in the sensational-packed case may break into the light Tuesday. Atty. Gen. Brownell is scheduled to appear then before the Senate internal security subcommittee.

## HST Remarks He May Speak On White Case

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (AP)—Harry S. Truman remarked today that he may have more to say on his White House role in the Harry Dexter White case.

He did not elaborate. But there were reports in Washington that the former President might take his side of the case to the American people on radio and television.

Truman yesterday refused to answer a subpoena from the House Un-American Activities Committee, which sought to question him about his alleged coddling of White, a suspected Russian spy.

He said the Constitution provides for separation between the White House and Congress. For an ex-President to surrender to the whims of a Congressional committee, he added, would make the presidency "a mere arm of the legislative branch of government."

Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. charged a week ago that White, who died in 1948, was promoted by Truman in 1946 despite two FBI reports that he was a Soviet spy.

Brownell lit the fuse for Washington's biggest political explosion in many a day with charges a week ago that former President Truman promoted White from assistant Treasury secretary to U.S. director of the International Monetary Fund in 1946, although FBI reports to the White House had shown White to be a spy.

Brownell said copies of the reports also went to Clark, who was Truman's attorney-general at the time, to the State Department where James F. Byrnes was secretary, and to half a dozen other key officials.

Members of the House committee assembled on schedule this morning at 10:30 a.m.—the hour for which it had subpoenaed Clark. Instead of Clark, it got a written opinion from him that "complete independence of the judiciary is necessary to the proper administration of justice."

Clark said that much as he wished to cooperate, "I must forego an appearance before the committee." He did offer to consider any written questions the committee might care to submit—"subject only to my duties under the Constitution."

The committee announced it would submit written questions to Clark later.

Byrnes said the committee had no right to bring him to Washington but he agreed to let a subcommittee question him if it came to Columbia, S.C.

## Velde Warned In GOP Session

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP)—A representative of the Republican National Committee warned Chairman Velde, (R.-Ill.) of the House Un-American Activities Committee at a secret post-midnight meeting, that his attempt to subpoena former President Truman was "bad business."

This was confirmed today by Rep. Clardy (R.-Mich.), who sat in on the meeting.

White House staffers were also reported to have taken a hand—either directly or through intermediaries—in trying to block the move to summon Truman for testimony in the Harry Dexter White "Russian spy" case. The White House disclaimed exerting any pressure.

The story of the GOP huddle in Velde's apartment in nearby Alexandria, Va., had already leaked from several sources before Clardy gave his version to newsmen. Moreover, it was no secret some days ago that key officials at GOP headquarters had grave qualms about the wisdom of the Republican-led House group's act in subpoenaing an ex-president.

Some officials privately regarded it as fraught with the potentialities of a major political blunder.

That was the gist of the argument set before Velde and his GOP committee colleagues in the early hours of Thursday morning—before it was known whether Truman would accept or reject the committee's summons.

Clardy told newsmen the Velde group rejected the GOP high command's advice.

## Allies, Commies Break Conference Deadlock

PANMUNJOM, Saturday, Nov. 14 (AP)—Top Allied and Communist diplomats today broke a three-week deadlock with agreement on an agenda for preliminary talks to arrange for a Korean peace conference.

U.S. Ambassador Arthur H. Dean said the two sides reached a "meeting of the mind" by agreeing that the time, place and composition of the peace parley may be discussed simultaneously in two subcommittees.

Dean and the top Red representative will meet again Monday to work out details for the committee sessions.

## McCarthy Investigates GE Plant

ALBANY, N.Y., Nov. 13 (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R.-Wis.), exploring the possibility of communism in defense plants, declared today that a two-day closed hearing here found the unions had tied up the General Electric sprawling Schenectady works.

Amid charges from union men that the probe was aimed at stifling labor opposition to McCarthy and reports that a protest walkout was brewing at GE, the senator told newsmen he saw a "very dangerous picture" at the firm's shops.

McCarthy said GE faced a "very difficult problem" in what he described as threats by its employees to "fight any attempt to get rid of anyone who refused to say whether he was an espionage agent."

The hearing here was McCarthy's first look at private industry. He has said he would investigate other defense plants in his search for any Communist influences.

Seven witnesses appeared at the Senate investigations subcommittee hearing today, bringing the two-day total to 24.

## Wable Indicted For Murders

GREENSBURG, Pa., Nov. 13 (AP)—A Westmoreland County grand jury indicted John Wesley Wable today as the phantom killer of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Wable was indicted on two charges of murder in the killing of two truck drivers as they slept in their parked rigs last July.

Dist. Atty. L. Alexander Sculco, who presented the case to the grand jury, said Wable will be scheduled for trial at the November term of court. He will be tried separately on each charge.

Wable was arrested last month in New Mexico. Police picked him up following a wild auto chase after a gasoline station was robbed.

Sake is a Japanese liquor made from rice.

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## University—

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interested in or affected by its services.

A spokesman for the administration said that, although the name change was formalized by yesterday's action, it may be some time before all the details involved are ironed out. It was explained that major policy would require trustee action, and that the lesser details arising therefrom would of necessity await those decisions.

"The change-over will come in orderly fashion," the spokesman said, and pointed out that "it will take months, perhaps longer, to have a new university seal incorporated into our major publications and other literature. In the meantime, it will be expected that administrators will continue to use existing stationery and supplies and thereby enable us to effect this change without needless waste."

Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, reported Wednesday that the University has already contracted with James H. Mathews and Co. to have the official seal redesigned and cast. The major change is substituting the word university for college and centering the name around the coat of arms, he said.

The spokesman continued that the academic divisions presently classified as "schools" would be renamed "colleges" and some "departments" would become "schools." He emphasized, however, the basic departmental structure will more than likely remain unchanged.

A release from the Board of

## Scientists Back Bureau's Tests

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP)—A committee of 10 scientists today backed up the U.S. Bureau of Standards' findings that AD-X2, a product designed to pep up tired, old batteries, is "without merit."

The 10 scientists from the National Academy of Sciences labelled the bureau's tests as "excellent."

Secretary of Commerce Weeks once sharply criticized the tests as "not sufficiently objective" and fired the bureau director, but today he expressed his "sincere appreciation" of the review which the 10 scientists conducted at his request.

Jesse Ritchie of Oakland, Calif., who manufactures the battery additive, has battled for five years against the Standard Bureau's attitude toward his product.

The bureau's finding against AD-X2 led to a postal fraud order, early this year, against Ritchie and his company, Pioneers, Inc. The order was suspended, at Week's request, in February and canceled in August.

It was not immediately clear what action postal authorities might take in view of the committee's report.

Ritchie's battle and the storm that blew up over the Bureau of Trustees recently pointed out that such adjustments do not imply new areas of academic specialization at the expense of the present program. It explained that a mere name change to recognize what is already a fact would not alter the situation in any other way.

Standard's verdict against AD-X2 resulted in the ousting of Dr. A. V. Astin last April as director of the bureau.

Astin's dismissal promptly roused a wave of protests from scientific organizations over the country.

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