

Hoover Says Promotion Of White Hampered FBI Communists Interested In Peace

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover swore today that former President Truman's promotion of Harry Dexter White to the International Monetary Fund "hampered" FBI surveillance of the alleged Soviet spy.

This testimony, which exploded a new sensation in the drama-crammed case, came less than 24 hours after Truman told a nation-wide TV audience that he let the promotion go through so as not to "endanger" the FBI investigation. His argument was that to fire White would have tipped the alleged spy ring that it was under surveillance.

Hoover, on the other hand, declared that he warned high administration officials that White was "unfit" for office and that it would be "unwise" to keep him.

At no time, Hoover stressed, was the FBI a party to any agreement to shift White from assistant secretary of the treasury to U.S. director on the monetary fund, although on Truman's orders the FBI did continue to watch White after the transfer.

Atty. Gen. Brownell, whom Truman accused last night of lying, opened up today with a

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP) — Atty. Gen. Brownell today broke an eight-year seal of secrecy on FBI reports, sent to the White House during the Truman administration, which told of the wholesale theft of U.S. secrets by an alleged Soviet spy ring within the government. Testifying with Brownell at a tense congressional hearing, FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover disclosed that the FBI delivered seven separate warnings to the White House — not two as reported earlier — dealing with espionage and specifically mentioning Harry Dexter White.

countercharge that the Truman regime failed to take even "minimum precautions" in the White case. He declared there is "considerable doubt that anything was done to protect the national interest" against White and others named in FBI reports as members of an espionage ring.

The cabinet officer and FBI director testified at a nationally-televised hearing of the Senate internal security subcommittee. Vaughan, Hoover testified, was the person to whom Truman had asked that FBI reports be sent. He said this was in keeping with practices in the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Herbert Hoover.

Another previously secret Hoover letter to Vaughan on Feb. 1, 1946 disclosed that some of the information about White came from undisclosed Canadian sources concerned about White's shift to the monetary fund.

Brownell has said Hoover sent the White House two reports on Soviet espionage, one a general document dealing with White and others in December, 1945, and a second relating to White alone the following Feb. 4.

The Senate subcommittee took note of published reports that White's move to the monetary fund was under an arrangement with the FBI so that White could be kept under better surveillance without tipping any persons involved in espionage.

It was largely to clear up this point, Chairman Jenner (R-Ind), said that the subcommittee felt it

Dulles Demands All Prisoners Be Set Free

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles said today all anti-Communist Chinese and Korean prisoners should be set free Jan. 22 whether or not a Korean peace conference is held.

Dulles made his declaration at a news conference, apparently rejecting Indian Prime Minister Nehru's view that the future of anti-Communist prisoners would have to be examined again if plans for a formal peace parley collapse.

Nehru said Sunday he believed the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, whose chairman is an Indian, has no authority to release prisoners who refuse to return to communism.

Challenging this view, Dulles said without mentioning Nehru that "armistice provisions" are clear on the point.

"All prisoners who have not chosen repatriation, and as to whom no other disposition has been agreed to by the political conference, shall be given their freedom after 120 days," Dulles said.

Increase Seen For SU Board

Two graduate students, two staff members, and two alumni will be added to the membership of the present Student Union Board as a result of a board meeting yesterday.

George L. Donovan, manager of Student Union, asked the board to think of prospective members.

The board was asked to consider policies concerning use of facilities in the new Student Union Building and to operate at the next meeting. Also under consideration is a name for the new SU.

necessary to call Hoover to the witness stand. And on that point, Hoover said:

"I did not enter into any agreement to shift White from the Treasury Department to the International Monetary Fund. This was not within my purview."

In fact, he said, he told Atty. Gen. Clark on Feb. 21, 1946, a fortnight after the Senate approved the White appointment, it would be "unwise" to let White remain in government. He said Clark told him "an effort would be made to remove Harry Dexter White, although the attorney general expressed doubt that this would work out."

Greenlease Killer Explains Kidnapping

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 17 (AP) — The sordid climax of a wasted life unfolded before a federal jury today in Carl Austin Hall's confession of how he kidnaped and killed fair-haired little Bobby Greenlease.

The jury will determine whether Hall and his common-law wife, Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady, 41, shall die in Missouri's gas chamber.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 17 (AP) — Mrs. Greenlease faced the kidnap killers of her only son in federal court today and told how the slayer lied to her about little Bobby's safety.

It was the bereaved mother's first public statement since her 6-year-old child was stolen from his school and brutally killed the same day in a shocking \$600,000 ransom plot.

Their guilt is admitted already.

Hall's confession was among the last of the dramatic steps in the government's drive to complete its case late today.

Defense attorneys challenged none of the government's effort to build a weight of evidence heavy enough to justify the death penalty. They said they would have few witnesses of their own.

Hall once was quoted as saying he thought the missing money had been lost during a drunken spree. But today, his confession revealed for the first time that he had just

taken an inventory of the money and had approximately \$592,000 in his possession when he was arrested at a St. Louis hotel Oct. 6.

He told of seeing a mystery man in the hallway near the door to his hotel room after his arrest. He said he was sure the officers who arrested him did not take the money with them when they drove him to the police station.

At one point, Hall said, the larger of the two officers urged him to "give me the facts and I will get a promotion."

Hall was arrested by former Lt. Louis Shoulders and Patrolman Elmer Dolan on a cab driver's tip. Shoulders is the larger of the two men.

In St. Louis, Shoulders, who previously had insisted the money was taken to the police station with Hall, declined comment on the confession. Shoulders resigned from the police force when an investigation was launched into his handling of the Hall arrest.

WDFM Meeting Set for Tomorrow

Students interested in preparing program scripts for Station WDFM may attend a meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 312 Sparks.

Instruction will be provided in writing, format preparation, and typing.

PANMUNJOM, Wednesday, Nov. 18 (AP) — The Communists yesterday for the first time showed interest in holding the Korean peace conference in December, but negotiators were split wide on more vital issues.

The Communists actually proposed the conference convene sometime next month. U.S. envoy Arthur H. Dean has been urging December, but the Reds refused to discuss the time until other demands were met.

The date was left up in the air at Allied suggestion, while the two sides in subcommittee meetings tackle other unsolved questions.

The Communists were expected to turn down a new proposal advanced by Dean aimed at settling which nations shall attend the conference.

Dean told the Reds yesterday the United States would be prepared to ask its Allies to reconsider opposition to seating neutrals either: (1) after settling Korea's future, or (2) if the peace conference boggs down in debate over their own plan—a conference "between the two sides on an equal footing" with Russia, India, Burma, Pakistan and Indonesia joining the active belligerents. This indicated the latter five would have not vote, but the Reds did not say so.

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