

Ike Avoids White Spy Case Comment

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower shunted the Harry Dexter White case aside today and voiced a hope the Communists in government issue will be a matter of history and memory by the time next year's election rolls around.

Eisenhower said that at this time he isn't saying another word about the "Soviet espionage" case that has rocked Washington and the country.

He told his news conference he hopes measures taken by his administration will clear from the minds of the American people suspicions that the government is weak in regard to Red infiltration.

No, he said, that didn't mean he would discourage persons in the executive arm of the government or in the Republican party from keeping the issue alive. But he said he trusted sincerely that the need for congressional investigations along this line will be eliminated.

The President, nevertheless, repeated his view that Congress has a right to investigate.

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall issued a statement that he agreed with Eisenhower on cleaning up "the mess in Washington," as "communism is the basic issue of our times."

One reporter wanted to know what relative position the issue of Communist infiltration of government would take in next year's congressional election campaign in the light of an impression left by GOP Chairman Hall in a television program that this would be the top talking point in 1954.

Eisenhower said issues aren't made by individuals but by the needs of the country.

The President recalled that in his State of the Union message to Congress last January he had said that cleaning up executive branches of the government was an executive responsibility.

Now he hopes, he said, that this whole thing will be a matter of history and memory by the time the next election comes around. He added that he doesn't believe we can live in fear of each other forever and hopes and believes his administration is proceeding decently and justly to get the thing straightened out.

Senators Obtain Spy Information

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—Senate spy hunters today pointed to documentary evidence that former Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder promoted Harold Glasser to a \$10,000-a-year post in 1946 after FBI reports cited Glasser as an alleged Soviet spy.

Chairman William E. Jenner (R-Ind.) of the Senate internal security subcommittee promptly announced that Snyder will be called to explain his attitude toward Glasser.

Jenner also announced that the subcommittee will await further data from Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell before deciding whether to call Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, whose name has figured prominently in the uproar over the Harry Dexter White "Russian spy" case.

The high court justice was attorney general in 1946 when former President Truman promoted White from assistant secretary of the treasury to a tax-free \$17,000-a-year post as U.S. executive director of the International Monetary Fund.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI, testified yesterday that he sent the White House repeated messages linking White to Soviet espionage and that he opposed Truman's decision to keep White in federal service. Hoover said that White's promotion to the monetary post hampered instead of helped the FBI investigation.

Snyder, who had been invited to testify before the Senate subcommittee, sent Jenner a telegram saying he was unable to appear today, but declaring: "I shall of course be happy to furnish your committee any facts in my possession which you desire and to answer any questions you or your committee may wish to ask me."

Snyder also told Jenner: "I want you to point out that the record clearly shows that within approximately 18 months after I became head of the Treasury Department and its 116,000 employees, to the best of my knowledge, all suspected subversives were separated from the department and none have been found, so I am advised, in the department since I left."

Summerfield Demotes 160 Postal Men

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield said today he has temporarily demoted 160 employees in the Postal Transportation Service, including 42 supervisors, in connection with alleged short-cutting of working hours on mail-train runs.

Alter T-H Law—Mitchell

CLEVELAND, Nov. 18 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower's new secretary of labor, James P. Mitchell, told the CIO today the administration is striving to expand the nation's minimum wage law and to strip the Taft-Hartley Law of features "really dangerous to labor."

In the first major speech since taking the cabinet post six weeks ago, Mitchell appealed to the CIO convention for labor cooperation with the Republican administration and said labor problems are "too big, too important, to be treated as a political football."

"There is no disposition in this administration," Mitchell said, "to turn back the clock, nor to recall the old days when American labor was cowed, exploited and unorganized."

"On the contrary. There is keen recognition that the national policy to encourage collective bargaining between employees and employers is sound policy, accepted and encouraged by an overwhelming majority of our citizens."

But Mitchell advised organized

labor to quit demanding outright repeal of the controversial Taft-Hartley Law and recognize that it has "sound, fair and just" provisions.

"We will then jointly concentrate on those features of the act which are really dangerous to labor, really loaded, really unfair," he said.

Hall Attempts To Save Life Of Paramour

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 18 (AP)—Carl Austin Hall, ready to die for the kidnap killing of little Bobby Greenlease, turned the final stages of his trial today into a dramatic attempt to save the life of his paramour, Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady.

His surprise move came after the testimony was completed. The federal court jury will take the case tomorrow, as soon as Judge Albert L. Reeves instructs it.

Neither Hall nor Mrs. Heady took the stand. But Hall's attorney, Roy L. Dietrich, told the jury: "He did this. He planned it. It must not be put off on Bonnie." And Bonnie's lawyer, Harold Hull, said she was but "putty in the hands" of the vicious killer, Hall.

Both attorneys pleaded for Christian mercy and charity from the jurors. They said the guilty pair already had been "tried, convicted and condemned" in the public eye. The only issue for the jury is whether the pair lives or dies. If the jury recommends a death sentence, they would be executed in Missouri's gas chamber. If the jury recommends leniency, they would be sentenced to prison.

Pella Seeks Peace On Trieste Affair

ROME, Nov. 18 (AP)—Premier Giuseppe Pella made it clear tonight he seeks a solution of the Italian-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste within the framework of his government's present pro-Western policies.

Despite Italian displeasure with his attitude of the United States and Britain toward the rioting in the port of Trieste two weeks ago, Pella told the Chamber of Deputies Italy does not want the incident to become a chasm "between us and the people who are determined to fight for democracy and our civilization."

This brought jeers from the Communist and fellow-traveling Socialist deputies.

Pella ignored them and continued: "We maintain that we can solve this problem within the framework of our present policies—there will be no other combination."

The entire chamber, except the extreme left, cheered.

The Premier rejected a Communist proposal that Italy present the Trieste problem to the United Nations. He said that, because of Russian opposition to Italy in the UN, he did not believe this would be useful.

With an invitation to a five-power conference on Trieste considered imminent, Pella walked an oral tight rope in his half hour speech to avoid prejudicing Italy's position.

His carefully phrased replies to eight questions raised by deputies apparently left the way open for diplomats to pursue their plans for talks by representatives of Italy, Yugoslavia, the United States, Britain and France.

Most of the deputies' questions, asking what the government has done and plans to do, were couched in bitterly anti-British terms. A wave of anti-British sentiment arose in Italy with the killing of six persons by the British-trained territorial police to put down pro-Italian rioting in Trieste Nov. 4.

Speed of Sound Almost Doubled

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The Douglas Skyrocket has flown 1272 miles an hour, within split seconds of doubling the speed of sound.

The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics said the jet achieved new speed marks for piloted aircraft in its flight Oct. 14. NACA test pilot Scott Crossfield was at the controls.

The former record of 1238 miles an hour was set Aug. 15, 1951, by Bill Bridgeman, Douglas test pilot, in the same plane.

Communists To Hear Dean Again

PANMUNJOM, Thursday, Nov. 19 (AP)—U.S. envoy Arthur H. Dean renews his efforts today to learn from the Communists just what role they want neutrals to take in a Korean peace conference.

The Red replies may reveal how far they are willing to go toward settling the dispute which has blocked the opening of the peace conference.

The Reds want India, Russia, Indonesia, Pakistan and Burma invited as neutrals. The United States has said it might be willing to admit neutrals under certain conditions if its Allies agreed.

Dean Fires Questions

Dean fired a series of questions at the Communists yesterday after they had explained for the second day their plan for neutral participation.

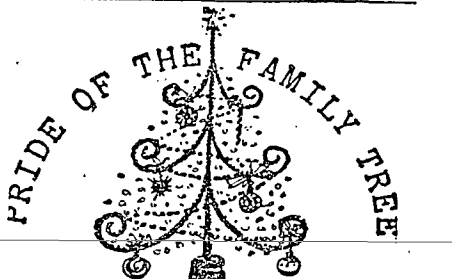
He told correspondents later he has asked seven or eight questions because "frankly, I can't understand their proposal."

He said the Reds had promised an answer today.

Want Equal Footing

The North Korean delegates, Ki Sok Bok, said the Communists want the conference "between the two sides on an equal footing." Ki did not spell out what voting rights the neutrals would have.

Wilfred Burchett, Communist correspondent of the Paris l'Humanite, said the Reds' proposal amounts to abandonment of their original insistence on a round-table meeting with all participating nations in an equal status.



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