

Times Editor Reveals 1-Year Red Affiliation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Dr. Benjamin Fine, education editor of The New York Times, testified today he was a Communist party member for about a year while a graduate student at Columbia University in the 1930s.

He acknowledged he had made "a tragic mistake" and cautioned present day students against the same error.

Dr. Fine was the final witness as the Senate Internal Security subcommittee closed out three days of public hearings into alleged Communist infiltrations of the press and other news fields.

Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss) and Sen. William E. Jenner (R-Ind) praised Dr. Fine as "a fine citizen" and a "credit to your business."

When the hearings ended, Eastland and Jenner issued a joint statement in which they said the hearings "disclosed many things, including a significant effort on the part of the Communists to penetrate leading American newspapers."

Testimony today included:
1. There was a Red cell on the New York Herald Tribune in the 1940s.

2. Two witnesses who today invoked the Fifth Amendment privilege against compulsory self-incrimination were fired by The New York Times after they indicated they would take this course.

Ike Challenged On 32 Points By Democrats

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—The Democratic National Committee today challenged President Eisenhower on 32 proposals and statements in his State of the Union message, particularly those dealing with taxes and the farm problem.

It said Eisenhower has approved tax reduction before in the face of an unbalanced budget, and that his "soil bank" farm proposal is a Democratic idea once opposed by the administration.

An analysis of the message by the committee's research division, sent to Democratic legislators, listed the President's remarks and committee comment in parallel columns.

It also questioned the President's statements that national income is "more widely and fairly distributed than ever before" and "our defenses have been reinforced."

Referring to the Eisenhower statement that an income tax cut would not be justified if it unbalanced the budget, the committee said:

"President Eisenhower did not appear to be disturbed about unbalancing the budget in 1954, when, in the face of a prospective deficit of \$2,900,000,000 for the fiscal year 1955, he approved tax cuts totalling \$7,400,000,000—including the GOP tax bill which gave three quarters of the tax relief to the corporations."

Budget Labeled 'Out of Balance'

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (AP)—A Republican governor today said that, if President Eisenhower's recommendations are adopted, the budget "will be out of balance again."

Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah made that comment on the President's State of the Union message. The President said he expects the federal budget to be balanced.

Lee cited the recommendations for such federal aid proposals as those for schools and roads, and he added:

"I think the people are being fooled."

Lee, who spoke his views at a news conference and in a speech before the Executives Club, reported he is ready to formally start his personal rebellion against the federal income tax.

Russia Gets \$700,000 Bill In Bering Sea Plane Shooting

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—For shooting down one U.S. plane . . . \$1,449,895.36.

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Total due . . . \$724,947.68.

That was the bill handed to Soviet Russia by the United States today for the shooting down in flames of a two-engine Neptune patrol plane over the Bering Sea last June 22.

All 11 crew members suffered injuries ranging from bullet wounds to burns and shock. Seven required hospital treatment.

Russia and the United States blamed each other for the incident. Secretary of States Dulles accepted Russia's offer to pay half the damage while "not condoning the damages of the Soviet conduct."

Preparations were under way at the time for the July summit conference of Big Four powers in Geneva, and Dulles' acceptance of the Russian offer was viewed as an effort to smooth the path. Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) called it a desire to create "as friendly

an atmosphere" for the Big Four meeting.

In making the Russian offer last June 26, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov cited heavy cloud conditions which made visibility poor. He said this did not "exclude the possibility of a mistake from one side or the other."

Molotov insisted the U.S. plane was inside Soviet territory and opened fire when approached by Russian jet fighters. He expressed regret at the incident.

The State Department denied the American plane had violated the Russian frontier, maintaining it at no time was any closer to Russia than midway over the Bering Sea channel which separates Alaska from Russia. It crashed on St. Lawrence Island.

The U.S. note was delivered to Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarin and made public by the State Department. A breakdown of damages in round figures made available by the State Department included: cost of the Neptune plane \$294,700; value of plane equipment destroyed \$95,645; cost of search and rescue \$3,000; costs to U.S. government resulting from crewmen's injuries and disabilities \$335,674; personal injuries to crew members \$90,000; loss of personal property aboard the plane \$875.

Monroney Says Report Overlooked Air Travel

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla) charged today that a Cabinet-level report on federal transportation policy, praised by President Eisenhower yesterday, completely overlooked aviation.

Monroney, chairman of the Senate Aviation subcommittee, said aviation is an extremely important part of the U.S. transportation picture and no general report on transportation would be complete without it.

However, a Monroney query about an "airline protest" against the report brought to light the fact that the Air Transport Assn., composed of scheduled airlines, had not expected or wanted aviation mentioned in the report. It said that subject had been covered thoroughly in another report.

Monroney, questioning Frederick B. Lee, recently discharged as civil aeronautics administrator, brought out that Lee had not been consulted in the preparation of the report even though, at the time, he headed the farflung Operations of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Monroney asked the committee counsel, Frank Pellegrini, to "begin negotiations at the summit" with the Commerce Department to find out why the transportation report failed to mention aviation.

Secretary of Commerce Weeks

To Earn More \$? Take Up Garbage

SPRINGFIELD, N.J., Jan. 6 (AP)—Garbage collectors here outearn teachers and policemen.

Under a new contract signed between contractor James Petrozello of East Orange, and the Local 945 of the Teamsters Union drivers on garbage trucks will receive \$114 for a 40-hour week and loaders will get \$104 a week.

Springfield teachers earn between \$3300 and \$5500 a year.

And only the chief of police makes more than the garbage truck drivers. His men make less.

was chairman of the advisory committee which made the transportation report to the President last April. Monroney has declared, during the subcommittee's investigation of Lee's discharge, that Weeks and Commerce Undersecretary Louis Rothschild are "ground-minded" and tried to exercise presidential authority to fire Lee and strengthen their control of the CAA.

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