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Acheson's testimony released

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson believed the Soviet Union obtained more U.S. secrets through charwomen, janitors and stenographers than from top officials such as Alger Hiss, according to 1949 congressional testimony released yesterday.

Acheson's Jan. 14, 1949, comments before the Senate

Collegian notes

There will be an open meeting of the GSA Rules Committee to discuss the constitution of the Third World Student Coalition at 7 tonight in 102 Kern.

A Free U jitterbug workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in 301 HUB.

The United Federation of Star Trek Fans will have its weekly meeting to discuss plans for the sci-fi film project at 7:30 tonight in 365 Willard.

Women in Communications Inc. will meet at 6 tomorrow night in the lounge past the HUB desk.

Foreign Relations Committee, which was considering his nomination as secretary of state, were part of an 840-page volume of secret testimony from 1949 and 1950 released by the committee.

The volume concerns events in the McCarthy era, when the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., and then Rep. Richard M. Nixon, R-Calif., were charging there were Communists in the State Department.

Hiss, who served in high State Department positions during World War II while Acheson was an assistant secretary of state, was accused of being a Communist

on Aug. 3, 1948, by Whittaker Chambers before the House Un-American Activities Committee. He later was accused of espionage and was under indictment for perjury when Acheson gave his testimony.

"Security is an extremely difficult thing," Acheson said. "My own suspicion of it is that people who are really conducting spy work for foreign governments do not fool with exposed people like

high officers of the government. "I think what they do is to work through much more minor characters — stenographers, or janitors, or charwomen, or somebody who can get hold of something of that sort."

"I don't say they never approach high officers of the government, because they apparently have, as you have seen in these records, but I imagine that their real

paydirt comes at a lower level." Concerning Hiss, Acheson said, "I am not willing to say that he is not my friend. He was, and he is — not a close friend, but I am not going to abandon and throw rocks at him when he is in trouble. If it is proved that this feeling I have about him is quite unfounded, that I have been misled, I shall be glad to say so at that time, but I am not willing to say so now."

Legal high dangerous

CHICAGO (UPI) — Caution: herbal cigarettes, teas and capsules may cause unpleasant mental and physical reactions, according to a report in this week's Journal of the Medical Association.

Dr. Ronald Siegal of the UCLA school of medicine said the herbal products — readily available in health food stores and by mail order from suppliers and importers — contain substantial amounts of psychoactive substances.

He said their use may result in a number of intoxications requiring medical attention.

Siegal said 192 distinct herbs are commercially available as smoking substances, mostly in cigarettes. "Often the cigarettes contain nonpsychoactive ingredients like yerba, santa, rosemary, thyme, mulein and spearmint."

But nearly half of them do contain plants with known mind-altering effects, he said.

Siegal said two men experienced severe hallucinations and highly unpleasant physical and emotional reactions from smoking "Mint Bidis," hand-rolled cigarettes imported from India. The cigarettes, made from Indian herbs, were found to contain high amounts of mind-altering substances.

Siegal said 396 herbs and spices are commercially available for use as herbal teas — 43 of which contain psychoactive substances, but generally in such small amounts that they have little or no behavioral effects.

However, he said, an individual occasionally will have problems. One woman, after drinking a tea consisting of two ground nutmegs in a glass of warm water, hallucinated that monsters were trying to engulf her.

Other herbal products are available as capsules, some with excessively high doses of caffeine and other substances, he said.

Lawn fencing only temporary

New fencing encircling the lower portion of Old Main lawn has been built recently by the Office of the Physical Plant, according to David Rice, landscape manager in the Department of Maintenance and Operations.

The fencing is a "temporary barrier" to allow grass to be successfully replanted in the area, Rice said. The barrier will be removed by the beginning of Fall Term.

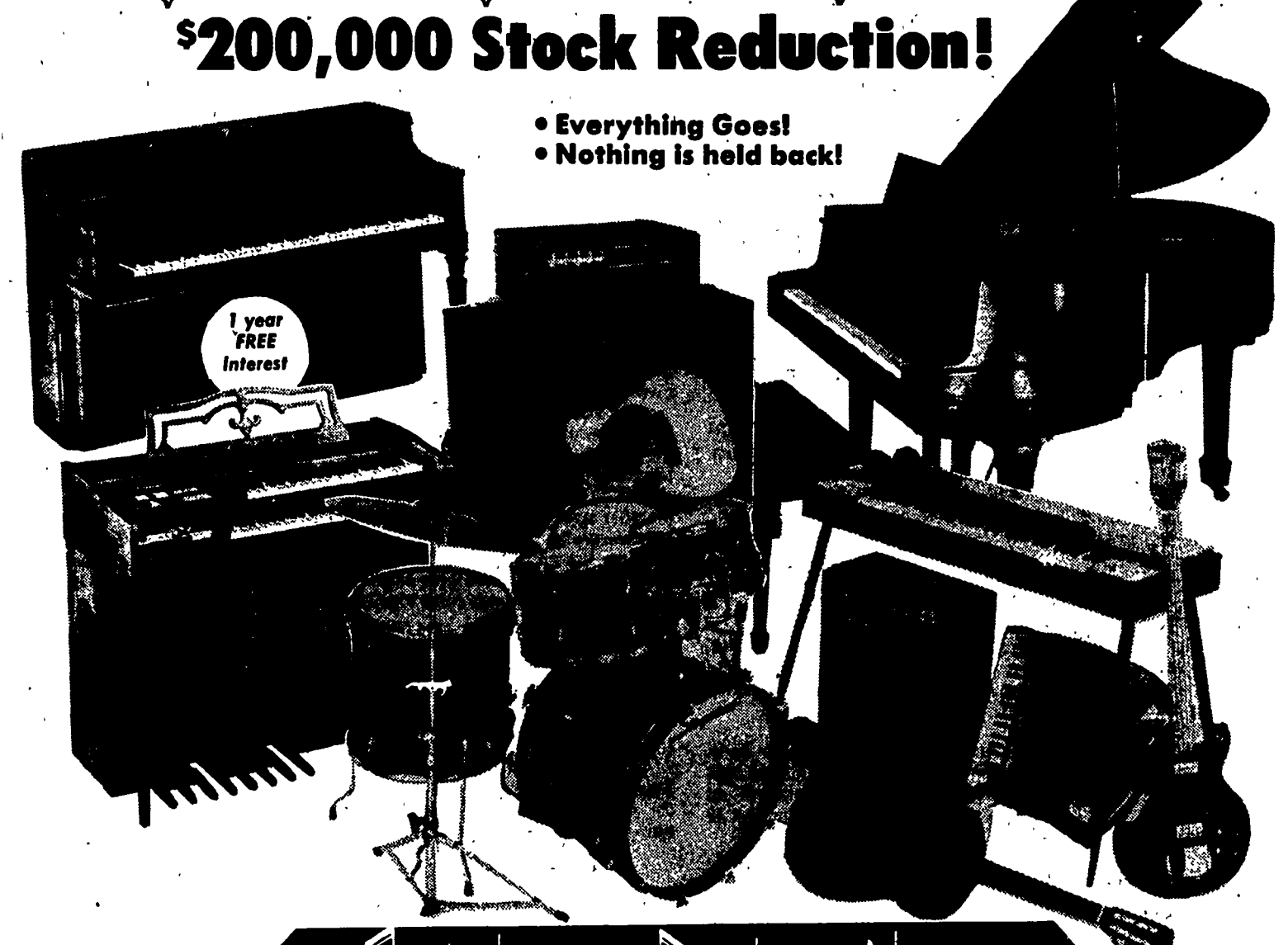
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