

## DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## Bigotry Spreading

The Portland Commercial-Review, a Republican newspaper which has made no secret of its politics, ran a letter to the editor in its editorial column Thursday, withholding the writer's name.

The letter was the most brazen appeal to hatred based on emotion yet to appear in print during this campaign. Any newspaper should be ashamed to print it as a letter, not to mention running it prominently in the editorial column.

The letter, which purported to be from a Christian, advised:

"I hope every Christian will pray, I hope every Protestant will be a Protestant, and vote for a Protestant..."

It then gave a quote from II Chronicles, 7:14, which had little to do with the foregoing, and closed with the statement that "Jesus is the answer."

Now, just what is a Protestant? This editor is a member of a Protestant church, the Presbyterian. And as we remember our history, there were certain things that we "protested" about, 450 years ago. Now, few of us can even trace our families back that far, and I'm sure that most of us have lost sight of just what we're supposed to be protesting.

To set the record straight, we protested about a lax clergy (and laity), and certain changes that we desired to see. When these changes came too slowly to suit us, we formed our own church.

Now, we have corrected most of the things with which we disagreed, or forgotten about them, in both our own and every other church. So what's all the argument?

Don't Protestants realize that Catholics, Orthodox, and Lutherans, and Evangelicals, and every group of Christians, believe in Christ? Are we so far from the beaten path of Democracy and Christian charity that we no longer believe that each man has a right to worship as his conscience dictates?

And, sad to say, the so-called Protestant churches which, for the most part lead this disgraceful, un-Christian, unAmerican turn towards bigotry, are not Protestant churches in the true sense of the word at all — they are merely offshoots, caused by an evangelistic spirit that exceeded the organized churches' attempts at leadership. Most of them have only within the last five generations raised themselves from pure emotionalism that smacked more of paganism than what Jesus taught.

Let's forget the other man's religion, and pay some attention to our own. Didn't Jesus say something about not worrying about the speck in your neighbor's eye, but to worry about getting the log out of your own?

## TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV  
Channel 15  
FRIDAY

Evening  
6:00—Life of Riley  
6:25—Now I'll Tell One  
6:50—Tom Calkins News  
6:45—Doug Edwards News  
7:00—Pioneers  
7:20—Rawhide  
8:30—Mike Hammer  
9:00—Video Village  
9:20—December Bride  
10:00—Twilight Zone  
10:30—Person to Person  
11:00—Phil Wilson News  
11:15—Cloak and Dagger  
12:30—The Daltons Ride Again

## SATURDAY

Morning  
7:30—Agriculture U.S.A.  
8:00—Captain Kangaroo  
9:00—Western Playhouse  
10:00—Heckle & Jeckle  
10:30—Mighty Mouse  
11:00—The Lone Ranger  
11:30—CBS News  
Afternoon  
12:00—Sky King  
12:30—Willy  
1:00—Armchair Adventure  
1:15—Baseball  
1:40—Pony League  
Evening  
6:00—Mama  
6:30—Colonel Plack  
7:00—San Francisco Beat  
7:30—Perry Mason  
8:00—Wanted: Dead or Alive  
9:00—Mr. Lucky  
9:30—Have Gun Will Travel  
10:00—Gunsmoke  
10:30—U.S. Marshal  
11:00—Little Caesar  
12:30—Invisible Woman

## SUNDAY

Morning  
8:00—Faith For Today  
8:30—This Is The Life  
9:00—Lamp Unto My Feet  
9:30—Look Up And Live  
10:00—Frontiers of Science  
10:30—Camera 3  
10:55—News  
11:00—Under Nevada Skies  
Afternoon  
12:00—Star Performance  
12:30—Willy  
1:00—Off to Adventure  
1:15—Baseball  
1:40—Charlie Chan  
2:00—Science Fiction Theater  
5:30—Face the Nation  
Evening  
6:00—P.Y.L.  
6:30—20th Century  
7:00—Lassie  
7:30—Dennis The Menace  
8:00—Ed Sullivan  
9:00—G.E. Theater  
9:30—Alfred Hitchcock  
10:00—Lucy in Connecticut  
10:30—What's My Line  
11:00—Sunday News Special  
11:15—In Old Chicago

WKJG-TV  
Channel 33  
FRIDAY

Evening  
6:00—Gateway To Sports  
6:15—News, Jack Gray  
6:30—Yesterday's Newsworld  
6:45—Huntley-Brinkley Report  
7:00—Burns & Allen  
7:30—Cimarron City  
8:30—Wichita Town  
9:00—Play Your Hunch  
9:30—Masquerade Party  
10:00—Moment of Fear  
11:00—News and Weather  
11:15—Sports Today  
11:30—Jack Paar

## SATURDAY

Morning  
6:30—The Three Stooges  
7:30—Cartoon Time  
10:00—Howdy Doody  
10:30—Ruff and Reddy  
11:00—Furry  
11:30—Circus Boy

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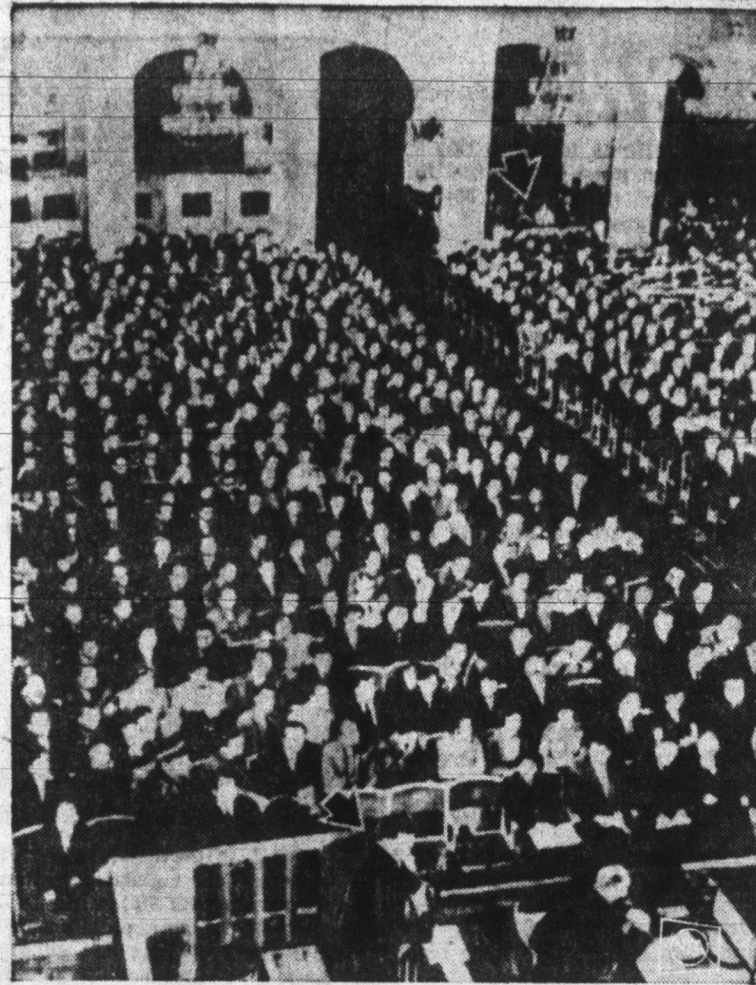
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MOVIES  
DRIVE-IN

"Cast a Long Shadow" Fri. & Sat.  
8:10 "Odds Against Tomorrow" 9:45  
Sat. Bonus—"Inside the Man" 9:45  
The "Third Voice" Sun. & Mon.  
8 P.M. "Wild River" at 9:45



CROWD SCENE—General view shows packed Hall of Columns in Moscow's Trade Union Building where Francis G. Powers is being tried by the Russians. Powers is standing in the foreground. Arrow indicates spot where his wife and parents are sitting.



POWERS EXAMINES MAPS—U.S. pilot Francis G. Powers traces the route he flew over the Soviet Union. He testified at his Moscow sov trial.

## Powers Made Red Pawn By Russians

By WILLIAM J. FOX

United Press International

The man-of-the-week: American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers. The place: Moscow, U.S.S.R.

The quote: "I plead guilty... I am sincerely sorry I had anything to do with this."

The act for which Francis Gary Powers admitted guilt and for which he expressed sorrow was flying an intelligence mission for the United States over the Soviet Union.

Subsequently, he said he felt that by engaging in the spy flight he had done his country a grave disservice, but felt that the people who sent him should have thought of the consequences.

Used as Pawn  
Actually, when Powers was tried before a high military tribunal in Moscow this week, the Russians were using him as the pawn in a great international propaganda game.

They contended that the United States as well as Powers was on trial, a view emphatically rejected by President Eisenhower.

But for 31-year-old Powers, a ruggedly handsome six-footer, his starring role in the dock in the crowded Hall of Columns in Moscow's Trade Union House was the culmination of a long and hectic journey for a small town boy from Virginia.

Powers was born Aug. 17, 1929, in Pound, Va., went uneventfully through high school at Grundy, Va., and worked his way through Milligan College at Johnson City, Tenn.

He joined the Air Force as a private—because, as he told the Moscow court, he wanted to avoid being drafted into the Infantry—won a commission as a second lieutenant, served an uneventful tour of duty that included no combat service, and came out looking for a job.

Planned Medical Career  
The year was 1956. Two years

earlier he had married Barbara Gay Brown, a pretty brunette from Milledgeville, Ga. At one point in his life, he had hoped to become a doctor. But that faded, and when he got out of service his aim was to become an airline pilot.

But jobs of that nature were scarce. So, when he was approached to take a civilian job with Lockheed at a substantial salary, he accepted.

He and Barbara eventually were based at Adana, Turkey, where he was flying what were supposed to be "weather missions."

But in testimony at his trial, Powers admitted he actually was working for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

He spoke freely and responsibly at the trial, and observers said there seemed to be no evidence of brain-washing. So what he said apparently was correct.

Powers told of having made a number of flights along the borders of the Soviet Union in the years before 1960.

Role Fitted Him  
All this time, he remained a cipher, unknown to the world outside his immediate family and circle of acquaintances. It was a role which fitted him well, for the one thing that stands out about Powers in his past life is that he was unobtrusive and seems to have made little lasting impression on those with whom he came in contact.

But on May 1, 1960, he made the flight over the Soviet Union that catapulted him out of anonymity, scuttled the Big Four summit conference in Paris and suddenly reheated the cold war to crisis level.

For on that day, Francis Gary Powers, anonymous pilot of high level "weather" planes, was shot out of the sky over Sverdlovsk, Siberia, to become the cause celebre in the most intensely propagandized spy story since World War I.

He was captured, interrogated, exploited for Communist aims by the Soviet Union and placed on display at a show trial before all the world. Whatever else he may do, Powers never again will be an unknown.

## Powers Spared Death In Russian Spy Trial

United Press International

MOSCOW (UPI) — A three-man Russian military tribunal sentenced U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers to 10 years "deprivation of liberty" today on charges of spying against the Soviet Union.

The court said the 31-year-old American flier was spared from death by his "open-hearted" admission of guilt, sincere repentance and the "principle of Socialist humanitarianism."

Powers was ordered confined in prison for the first three years. The wording of the sentence indicated he might spend the last seven in a labor camp.

Powers was re-united with his wife and family for a brief period immediately after the sentence was read.

His wife, his parents, and his sister were admitted to a small chamber behind the stage of the trial room. Powers wept during the reunion. It was the first time he had talked with a Westerner, let alone his family, since his U-2 plane was downed on May 1.

Chief Judge Viktor Borisoglebsky read the hand-written verdict and sentence to a packed courtroom. It said the sentence was "final and not subject to appeal."

However, the executive branch of the Soviet government, the 14-man Presidium of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) could on its own initiative commute the sentence or even grant full pardon.

Powers stood gripping the railing of the prisoner's dock as the judgment was read. It took half an hour.

Stormy applause greeted the sentence.

The 31-year-old pilot could have received a death sentence but prosecutor Roman Rudenko recommended that his life be spared. Rudenko had asked the three-man court—there was no jury—to give Powers 15 years in prison.

Powers made a last abject personal plea to the court.

The flier asked the judges to consider that he was led into his "grave crime," deeply regrets it, never bore any enmity toward the Russian people and that his mission failed—"no secret information reached its destination."

One of the American attorneys accompanying Powers' family to Moscow revealed just before the sentence that Mrs. Barbara Powers, the pretty 25-year-old wife of the pilot, wants to remain in Russia during her husband's prison term.

The court's judgment said that Powers committed a severe crime but that there were three mitigating circumstances:

1. Open-hearted admission of guilt.  
2. Sincere repentance.  
3. The principle of Socialist humanitarianism.

Powers appeared calm. He showed no emotion at the sentencing.

Powers' white-haired mother, Ida, seated in a rear box of the hall, took her daughter-in-law's hand and held it tenderly.

Powers exchanged a few words with his Soviet-appointed attorney, Mikhail Grinev, as the court adjourned.

He did not shake hands with his counsel nor did he look in the direction of his family.

His prison term is to start from May 1 when he was downed while flying the U-2 over Sverdlovsk in Siberia on what the American government acknowledged was an intelligence mission.

Powers had pleaded guilty and told a full story of his employment with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and of his flight.

Feels No Enmity  
"I can understand it. But I don't want to stress the fact that I do not feel nor have I ever felt any enmity toward the Russian people."

"I plead to the court as a human being who is not a personal enemy of the Russian people, who

has not ever had any charges brought against him in any court and who deeply regrets what he has done."

After the airman finished, the three judges, trying the case without a jury, left the room to deliberate.

Prosecutor Rudenko opened the session this morning with a crackling condemnation of U.S. policies. He said the statements and attitudes of U.S. leaders should be considered in the deliberation of Powers' fate. He said "criminal aggressive policies" of the United States were as much on trial as Powers.

Then he referred to Powers as "a dangerous criminal" but said that because of his "sincere repentance" the court should spare his life and sentence him to 15 years. He spoke for an hour and 32 minutes.

Defense Position "Difficult"  
Defense attorney Grinev rose and spoke for 45 minutes. He said he was in an "exceptionally difficult and incomparably complicated position."

Grinev said that since Powers had pleaded guilty the defense challenged neither the facts of the charges preferred nor the appraisal of the crime given by Rudenko.

"It is our civic and professional duty to help a defendant who wishes to avail himself of the right to a defense which is guaranteed by the constitution of the Soviet Union," Grinev said.

He urged the court to consider that Powers honestly confessed and that he was under instructions from superiors.

"Powers' flight was not an expression of his own will but the will of aggressive circles behind him, especially the Central Intelligence Agency, a system in which Powers was a small fry," Grinev said.

"Masters Should Attend"  
He said Powers should have been joined in the prisoners' dock by "his masters who ought to attend this trial invisibly." He said that by masters he was referring to the CIA, the American military and "all those which strive to touch off another world war."

The defense attorney said that if Powers was not alone in the dock he "could undoubtedly expect a much milder punishment."

Grinev quoted Powers as telling him privately, "I was deceived by my bosses. I never expected to find such an attitude here."

Grinev said the airman told Soviet interrogators that if he returned to the United States he would be tried and sentenced to "10 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine or both."

The defense lawyer said Powers also said, "I know that I shall be tried in your courts but if I had to return home I should be tried there too. But I am not likely to return home."

MOSCOW (UPI)—Barbara Powers may remain in Moscow after her husband's trial is over, her attorney said today.

The attorney, Alexander Parker, said the young woman's final decision would depend on the verdict and on what kind of arrangements could be made for her visiting Francis Gary Powers from time to time.

Barbara, 25, has been showing signs of severe strain as she watches the pilot she married fight for his life on the stage of a court hall turned court room. His judges could sentence him from 7-15 years in prison if they do not order his execution. The prosecutor has demanded a 15-year sentence.

The tension, understandably, seems at times to make the wife and husband, in their rare visual contacts across the court room, somewhat cold. But an associate said that she loves "him" deeply.

Although her in-laws, Oliver and Ida Powers, are with her during the trial, Barbara does not



THE JUDGE—Lt. Gen. Viktor Borisoglebsky presides as chief judge at Francis Powers' Moscow trial. Borisoglebsky is chairman of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Court's Military Collegium.

turn to them very often for consolation. They see each other little outside the court.

Some observers have attributed this to a family tiff, possibly developed in the whirl of events after it was learned that Gary was a captive of the Russians. Others, however, see it more as a case of a lack of shared interests outside the young man.

Neither Barbara nor the two older Powers have received any word from Gary since their arrival here, although it was learned Barbara sent him a cable her first day in the capital.

## 20 Years Ago Today

Aug. 19, 1940—A summer kitchen at the farm home of George Ringer in French township was destroyed by fire, but the flames were prevented from spreading to the house and barn.

The Rev. David Stucky, 70, of Detroit, who has been conducting revival services at Berne, suffered several fractured ribs when struck by an auto while crossing a Berne street.

Claude R. Wickard, of Indiana, has been appointed U.S. secretary of agriculture.

Leo Yager and Charles Ehinger, of the Citizens Telephone Co., made a business trip to Bryant.

Twenty-six Decatur high school athletes answered the first call for football practice.

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