

Rankin Cites Astronomer For Contempt Of Congress

Dr. Shapley Says 'Gestapo, Star Chamber Tactics' Were Employed by Mississippian

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—Rep. John E. Rankin (D. Miss.) today charged Dr. Harlow Shapley with contempt of the house un-American activities committee.

And the world-famous Harvard astronomer accused the congressman of employing "the star chamber methods of the gestapo."

Dr. Shapley is president of Science Service. The exchange of charges followed a secret session of the committee at which Dr. Shapley appeared without benefit of counsel.

Mr. Rankin was the only committee member present. Committee Chairman John S. Wood (D. Ga.) and other members were absent.

Dr. Shapley's attorney, Thomas H. Eliot of Boston, said later that Rep. Rankin committed "technical assault" when he ripped a sheaf of papers from the scientist's hands. Mr. Eliot's information was second-hand. Mr. Rankin had refused Dr. Shapley permission to bring Mr. Eliot into the room, although the attorney said Committee Counsel Ernie Adamson had told him he could be present.

Asked to Produce P. A. C. Papers. Mr. Rankin, announcing the contempt citation, told reporters: "I have never seen a witness treat a committee with more contempt."

He said he cited Dr. Shapley for "refusing to answer questions and produce documents."

Dr. Shapley was summoned to testify about and produce records of the C. I. O. Political Action Committee, the National Citizens Political Action Committee, the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Mr. Eliot, a former member of congress, told reporters Dr. Shapley had no connection with the two P. A. C. groups and was not a custodian of any records for the other two committees.

URGES RURAL CATTLE SALES

Would Control Prices, Farm Bureau Is Told.

A program of decentralized livestock marketing in Indiana today was outlined before the Indiana Farm Bureau by C. K. Whistler, director of the bureau's livestock marketing department.

He said the program would allow farmers to exercise greater control over prices paid for animals marketed.

In a talk before the 28th annual convention of the bureau he explained that the small markets would be set up in rural areas where large packers now buy without competition and therefore at lower prices. The plan would stimulate competition, he said.

Urges Organization

Secretary J. E. Stanford of the Kentucky Farm Bureau believes American farmers will lose everything they have gained in recent years unless they remain organized.

"Farmers must make maximum use of co-operatives and maintain existing favorable legislation," he said in a talk last night, "or else they will lose their gains and return to a low income status."

Purdue University President Frederick Hovde was the principal speaker today.

"The cost is small for an organization, but a heavy price must be paid for the lack of a powerful and influential organization," Mr. Stanford said.

He estimated that agriculturists in recent years lost \$17,500,000,000 because of lack of organization.

Farmers, Mr. Stanford said, are "victims of unfavorable legislation which influences the course of agriculture."

Joe Cansino, Y. M. C. A. secretary, of St. Louis, Mo., told the convention it would be "of far greater importance to help youth help itself" than to spend \$15 billion to suppress crime.

SALLY RAND FREED IN LOS ANGELES CASE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—Sally Rand was as free today as the fans she waves after a municipal court judge watched a "command performance" and dismissed indecency charges.

Despite the complaints of prosecutors that the dance Sally did for the court was not as interesting as the one that attracts the paying customers, Judge Leo Aggeler dismissed charges.

The judge and his bailiffs sat in the third row of a downtown theater while Miss Rand cavorted in what she said was an exact duplicate of her Halloween night dance and the same "artistic performance" she had been putting on or taking off, for 13 years.

Sgt. W. H. Madden said that it wasn't the same show. For one thing, he said, she was dancing then with white spotlights illuminating her. Yesterday's performance was in a pale blue haze.

"It was a rotten show," he said.

Named Youth President. At a meeting in the War Memorial building yesterday, Clifton Chamberlin of New Castle was elected president of the Indiana Rural youth.

Other officers elected were Elton Williams of Thornton, first vice president; Harold Dove of Elmore, second vice president; Imogene Lawyer of Washington, secretary, and Mark K. Sego of Kentland, treasurer.

Larry Brandon, farm bureau vice president, last night presented awards for outstanding work in building membership in the bureau.

U. S. APPROVES FOUR CITY BUILDING LOANS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The federal works administration today announced four planning loans for Indianapolis public works projects estimated to cost \$6,299,815.

Included is a new state museum and conservation department office building at the northwest corner of Senate ave. and Ohio sts. FWA advanced \$88,000 for planning. Estimated cost of the building is \$2,427,000.

Also included is a new state library building on Ohio st. to cost \$786,000. FWA advanced \$33,000 for planning.

The City of Indianapolis got \$76,650 for advance planning of improvements to the city sewage plant, expected to cost \$2,720,000.

The city got another \$13,400 for planning an addition to the nurses' home of City hospital, to cost \$366,815.

CONDUCTOR FACES MAIL FRAUD CHARGE

A Pullman conductor, Freeman Lasbury, 4340 Windrop ave., heard himself accused today in federal court of failing to punch railroad tickets, later refunding them under a fictitious name.

He is charged with using the mails to defraud. The 49-year-old defendant, a veteran of 23 years' service, pleaded not guilty.

A jury is expected to consider a verdict tomorrow.

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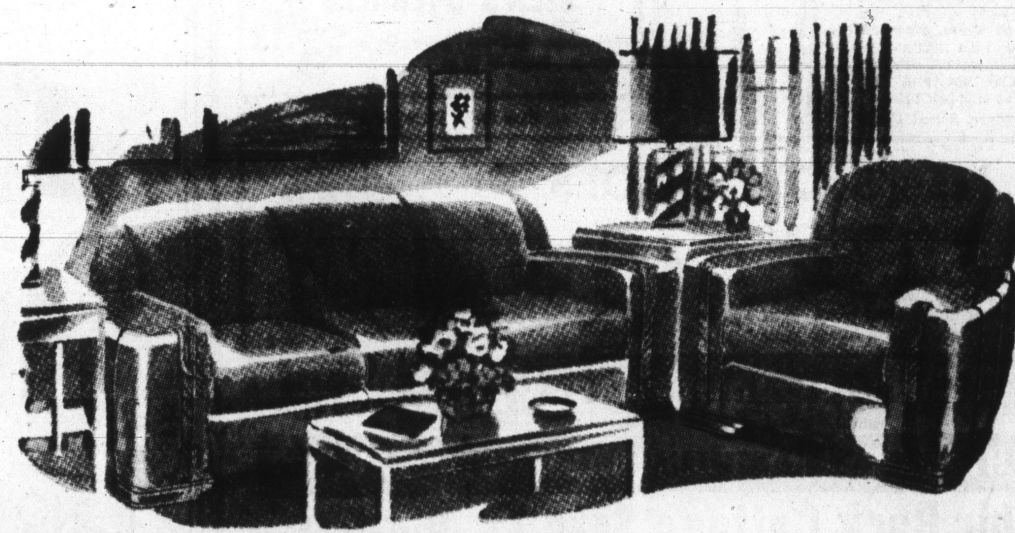


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