

Ex-OSS Officer Calls Accuser 'Nuisance' At Spy Inquiry

Denies Charge Of Tips to Russ On War Secrets

Labels Miss Bentley 'Neurotic Woman'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (UP)—Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-confessed ex-Soviet spy, said today that in October, 1944, Duncan Lee, an OSS official, told her there was something "super-secret" at Oak Ridge, Tenn., site of a major atomic energy plant.

But she added that Mr. Lee was unaware of what was going on at Oak Ridge. The Tennessee plant is where uranium 235, an atomic bomb explosive, is separated from nonexplosive kinds of uranium.

Miss Bentley followed Mr. Lee as a witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Mr. Lee was a lieutenant colonel in the super secret OSS.

Tells of Meeting

Miss Bentley, composed and smiling, said on her recall to the stand that Mr. Lee had given her several kinds of information out of OSS files. She contends she was courier during the war for a Red spy ring. Mr. Lee, she has said, was not a member of the ring but a "free lance" supplier of information.

Miss Bentley said she first met Mr. Lee through Mary Price, whom she identified as former secretary to newspaper columnist Walter Lippmann. She said Miss Price "contacted" people for her.

Miss Bentley said she became suspicious that she was a Soviet agent in the spring of 1944.

"I don't know what he could have thought before that," she added with a smile.

Personal Nuisance

Mr. Lee had described Miss Bentley as a "personal nuisance" and Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R. N. J.) asked what he meant.

"Her fondness for us seemed unnatural and unhealthy," Mr. Lee replied.

"I don't understand that but maybe you are right," Mr. Thomas said.

Mr. Lee said that as he and his wife got to know Miss Bentley better they observed that she argued too much—always from the Soviet viewpoint. She defended the prewar Russian-German pact and was critical of the western allies for not opening a second front sooner, Mr. Lee said, adding:

"Our discussions on the whole became less enjoyable."

He said his acquaintance with Miss Bentley was "entirely a social one." He added that he and his wife at first found Miss Bentley to be an "attractive, well-informed and well-educated person."

Found a Dull

But about a year after first meeting her socially, "we came to the conclusion," he said, "that she was a lonely, neurotic woman."

"We felt she was frustrated," he said. "We considered her ardent liking for us rather too intense. Emotionally, she was a weight around our necks."

Although he and his wife at first considered Miss Bentley a bright, intelligent woman, they later revised their opinion.

"Frankly, we found her rather dull," he said.

Mr. Lee denied that he was or ever had been a member of the Communist Party, a member of the Communist Political Association, or a member of the Young Communist League. He said he never paid Miss Bentley any dues in the party.

A former Rhodes scholar and a Yale Law School graduate, he now practices law in Washington.

President Signs GOP Housing Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (UP)—President Truman today signed the Republican-sponsored housing bill but said "it falls far short" of what should have been enacted.

"The Congress in enacting this bill has deliberately neglected those large groups of our people most in need of adequate housing—the people who are forced to live in disgraceful urban and rural slums," Mr. Truman said.

The President disclosed his action on what he termed the "so-called" Housing Act of 1948, in a 500-word statement that sharply attacked Republican congressional leadership.

The bill is designed to stimulate more construction by private builders, largely through government guarantees of mortgages.

It was whipped through as a GOP substitute for the Taft-Hartley-Wagner housing legislation which Mr. Truman endorsed.

Some Help

Unlike the T-E-W measure, the new law makes no provision for federally-financed public housing or slum clearance projects.

"Congress has . . . passed an emasculated housing bill," Mr. Truman said. He said he signed it nevertheless because it will be "of some help."

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FLEDGLING NIGHTINGALES—A bright ray in the critical nursing shortage picture is the enrollment of 102 students in St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing. The enrollment is the school's largest in peacetime and one of the largest in the state. Here looking over textbooks even before school starts are (left to right) Charlotte Joseph, Comiskey; Gloria Boughton, 1430 N. LaSalle St., and Ann Schan, 1112 N. Bancroft St.



ALL WORK AND NO PLAY . . .—The St. Vincent's students know they face three years of intensive training. So they relax awhile before settling down to studies. They are (left to right) Mary Agnes Boehm, 1802 S. Talbott St.; Mary Ann Wilhelm, 5255 Pleasant Run Plwy.; Marilyn Dudine, Jasper; Sally Fitzgerald, 1809 Olive St.; Joan Cox, 948 N. Laman Ave., and Phyllis Leffler, 843 N. Bosart Ave.

Fugitive Russian Guarded As Soviet Demands Custody

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (UP)—A fugitive Russian mathematics teacher and his wife, "hiding out from the NKPD (Soviet secret police)," will be subpoenaed today to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Although he and his wife are hiding on a farm near Freehold, N. J., guarded by the White Russian underground, the United Press said.

"What could I do?" asked the teacher. "The woman came to me in tears and said that she would be shot if she returned to Russia."

Suspects a Plant
Both Mrs. Kosenkina and Mr. Samarin were teachers at a Russian school in New York for the children of Soviet nationals in this country. The school was closed this summer and the 132 children and teachers were ordered to leave by ship for their homeland before Dec. 1.

Many Have Children
Most of the present Fort occupants ordered to leave are not commissioned regular Army men on duty with the National Guard, Organized Reserve or recruiting office. Many of them have children.

One sergeant reported Ft. Harrison officials had promised to exert every effort to find new quarters for evictees.

HELD IN TICKET SCALPING
Accused of trying to "scalp" advance-sale State Fair tickets, Elmer Duff, 38, was charged with drunkenness and vagrancy at a luncheon at Meridian and Prospect Sts. Police said he was selling 35-cent Fair tickets for 50 cents.

Mrs. James Billingsley Dies in Her Home

Services for Mrs. Emma Mae Billingsley, who died yesterday in her home, 3529 E. New York St., will be held at 8 p. m. today in Christy Methodist Church, followed by burial there.

Mrs. Billingsley, who was 61, lived in Indianapolis 29 years. She was born in Petersburg, and lived in Christy seven years before coming here. She was a member of the Christy chapter of the OES and the Greek Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, James L. Billingsley; two daughters, Mrs. Oleta Davidson and Mrs. Dooley Johnson, and two grandsons, James Lee and Robert Lee Davidson.

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Arrest 2 More Grocers In Short-Weight Drive

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Reports Russ Arrest 38 at Uranium Mine

Germans Charged With Sabotage

BERLIN, Aug. 10 (UP)—Soviet secret police were reported today to have arrested 38 members of a German resistance group operating inside the uranium ore mines in the Erz Mountains near the Czech border.

Western allied sources close to the problem of Russian relations in Germany reported the discovery of an underground organization in the uranium mines where Soviet work has been concealed under one of the most rigid post-war security blackouts.

Information reached the western sources that the resistance group had established an underground railway for the escape to western Germany of slave laborers in the mines.

Bombing Reported

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The resistance cell in the mine was reported to have engaged in certain sabotage, such as mining machinery, before the Soviet secret police arrested the leaders.

The same allied sources received reports that a month ago a Soviet military convicted 21 Germans of bombing Soviet Army and Communist headquarters in Saxony. Most of them were reported sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, the maximum penalty since abolition of the death penalty by the Soviets.

Still other reports of unrest within the Soviet zone of Germany said a month-old purge of the Communist Party east of the iron curtain was picking up momentum.

At such industrial centers as Dresden and Chemnitz hundreds of Communists were reported expelled from the party, mostly for lack of interest and attention to party functions.

Food Offices Move

Meanwhile, the Berlin food administration followed the city police department by moving into the western sectors of Berlin to escape Russian persecution in the Soviet zone.

The city council announced the food administration had been authorized to move because it could not operate freely under Russian domination.

The Russians organized a Communist controlled department within the department under their own deputy food administrator, Oskar Letsch.

To prevent interference with this plan, the Russians barred all American, British and French.

Plans Completed For GI's Burial

Private Tony Musulin, killed in action Mar. 4, 1944, in Anzio Beachhead, Italy, will be buried in Final Park following services at 1:30 p. m.

Thursday in Speaks & Finn funeral home. He was 35.

Pvt. Musulin, who was born in Indianapolis, attended School No. 5. He enlisted in the Army Apr. 16, 1941 and served with the 10th Field Artillery during the war.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Niva Musulin; his brother, Nick, and his sister, Mrs. Nicholas Cook, all of Indianapolis.

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Mrs. Minnie Black, 84, German Native, Dies

Mrs. Minnie Black, native of Germany, who lived here 79 years, died today at her home, 1345 Union St. She was 84. She leaves 20 direct descendants.

Mrs. Black was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she was active in the Ladies' Aid Society. Survivors include four daughters, Miss Carrie Black, Mrs. Dora Weimer, Mrs. Edna Schmidt and Mrs. Emma Kleinschmidt; two sons, John and Carl Schmidt; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Pistol-Packin' Mamas Pick That Pistol Up—in State

State Police Report 20 Per Cent Boost In Female Gun Permits Due to 'Attacks'

Pistol-packin' mamas are on the increase in Indiana. Indiana State Police today attributed a 20 per cent boost in female gun permits last year to a mounting number of nocturnal attacks, or attempted attacks against women. Most women tote guns for protection only, the state troopers insist.

City-dwelling lady gun owners, whose average age is 38, far outnumber their country cousins, according to State Police statistics. Women usually carry 25 to 32-caliber weapons, while men prefer 32's or 38's.

During the past five years, women received only 3 per cent of the 15,000 gun licenses issued throughout Hoosierdom.

Although most applicants give "personal protection" as their reason for desiring a gun, state police experts contend holdups "worsen" their predicament if they attempt to draw weapons. In fact, they may be signing their own death warrants, the troopers warn.

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Cracks Down on Gas Stations, Parking Lots

The practices of cutting two or three driveways over sidewalks, some of them as wide as 30 feet, for filling stations and parking lots must be stopped, Mayor Al Feeney has advised the Board of Works.

"Some filling stations and parking lots have been taken as much as half a block of sidewalks and public parking space for their driveways," the Mayor complained.

Belongs to Public

"They seem to think all the curb space surrounding their property is theirs . . . it does not belong to the property owner, it belongs to the public."

The Mayor's order against too many curb cuts followed several applications for widening of driveways and for cutting new ones.

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