

# 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 said, said 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 Mr. Lee became suspicious that she was a Soviet agent in the spring of 1944. "I don't know what he could have thought about 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 Her 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 have to live in dilapidated 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-Elliender-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."

"The most astonishing part of the process (by which the bill was passed) is that the members of the House of Representatives were never permitted to consider and vote on the Taft-Elliender-Wagner bill," Mr. Truman said.

Mr. Truman noted that all the main provisions of the T-E-W bill were favorably reported by the House Banking Committee. Yet Republican leaders refused, he said, to let the full membership of the House consider it.



**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 Schon, 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. Talbot St.; Mary Ann Wilhelm, 5255 Pleasant Run Pkwy.; 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 in Washington.

The 40-year-old teacher, Mikhail Samarin, is hiding in the New York area "under heavy guard" by the House committee. His wife and three children are hiding on a farm near Freehold, N. J., guarded by the White Russian underground, the United Press learned.

The teacher and his family, who defied the Soviets by refusing to go home when ordered to be guarded "to the death" by the anti-Soviet underground, a White Russian informant said.

"The Communists will get them over our dead bodies," said the informant, an old-time Russian revolutionary who is now a respected New Jersey chicken farmer and a leader of the White Russian underground.

Subpoenas issued Rep. Karl E. Mundt (R. S. D.), high ranking member of the House Un-American Committee, said subpoenas for both Mr. Samarin and his wife had been issued and that they would be served today.

Mrs. Samarin is "under heavy guard," Mr. Mundt said, because he is "hiding out from the NKVD."

It was believed Mr. Samarin would use the legal force of the subpoena to ask U. S. protection from reprisals which he fears because of his refusal to return to the Soviet Union.

Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin has demanded formally that the State Department surrender Mr. Samarin. State Department officials promised the case would be "looked into."

Although Mr. Samarin's whereabouts have been kept secret ever since the Soviet consul in New York revealed his disappearance last week, FBI authorities who have questioned the teacher said they could find him when he was wanted.

The FBI denied, however, that it had the Samarin family under guard.

"What Could I Do?"

The case of the Russian teachers was revealed Saturday by Soviet Consul Jacob M. Lomakin when he announced to the press that he had just "rescued" one teacher, Mrs. Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina, 52, from the hands of White Russians and that he had asked police help to find Mr. Samarin.

Mr. Lomakin said that he

## 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 reaching 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

The underground leadership was said to be in the hands of members of the "Free Germany" group organized by the Soviets as an anti-Nazi element. The "Free Germany" leader was Marshal Friedrich von Paulus, commander of the German Sixth Army which was destroyed at Stalingrad.

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 25 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 Floral Park following services at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in Spanish & Flinn 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 Pvt. Musulin's war.

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

Mrs. Minnie Bleck, 84,

Germany Native, Dies

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

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.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dean Irving McDonald, 26, of 111 E. Wal, and Roberta June Bolling, 21, of 125 E. St. Joseph St.

William W. Smith, 26, of Danville; Vivian June Boer, 21, of Pittsburgh; Jack Gale Sexton, 22, of Shelbyville; Ann Vester, 19, of Shelbyville.

John Henry Turner, 27, of 125 Lynn St.; Evelyn Rhea Green, 21, of 109 N. Belmont ave.

Paul William Koon, 22, of 521 E. New York St.; Pauline Katherine Hudson, 21, of 2902 Caroline St.

Robert Warren Klein, 22, of 1418 N. New Jersey St.; John Elmer Rudebeck, 26, of 1409 N. Delaware St.

Ben Liggins, 35, of 288 Oxford St.; Juanita Kennedy, 21, of 2902 Caroline St.

John Fidler, 31, of 2257 Carlton St.; Ann Edwards, 26, of 2256 Carlton St.

Robert J. Hampton, 23, of Tipton; Mich. Geraldine A. Bosson, 18, of Franklin.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Marguerite vs. Fred M. Purdy; Mabel L. vs. John E. Smalley; Hazel vs. Bernard F. Carney; Juanita vs. Theodore Beay; Maude E. vs. Elbert Ray Long; Edna vs. Eugene Elmer Walter; Rita D. vs. Robert A. Hopkins; Stella vs. Hunter Brown; Dorothy M. vs. Glenn Short; Louise vs. Ralph W. Morgan; Juanita E. vs. Wilbert A. Harter; Silvia vs. Thomas Earl Silvius.

BIRTHS

At St. Francis—Sidney, Lettie Houchins; At Coleman—Joseph, Norris Faggar; At Lord—Dorothy Dugy; At Methodist—Virgil, Alta Soles; Frank, Warren; Myrtle, Staples; Welby; Frances Taylor; At St. Vincent's—Dr. Thad. Lois Richard; At St. Vincent's—Dr. Thad. Lois Richard; At St. Vincent's—Dr. Thad. Lois Richard.

## 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 35, far outnumber their country cousins, according to State Police statistics. Women usually carry 25 or 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 holdup victims "worsen" their predicament if they attempt to draw weapons. In fact, they may be signing their own death warrants, the troopers warn.

All persons applying for gun permits are investigated, said Col. Robert Rosow, State police superintendent. He disclosed 541 saw several teen-age youths bind men and 66 women have renewed licenses since 1943.

Requests must be filed with a drunk charge.

Man Found Lashed To Railroad Tracks

A modern version of an age-old melodrama was re-enacted on a railroad spur at Louisville and East St. last night.

Railroad detectives found Henry Fleming, 53, of 530 Fletcher Ave., tied to the rails with heavy permits are investigated, said Col. Robert Rosow, State police superintendent. He disclosed 541 saw several teen-age youths bind men and 66 women have renewed licenses since 1943.

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