

Spy Inquiry Charges Former New Deal Aid With Perjury

Angry Accusations Fly As Witness Refuses To Answer Questions

Progressive Party Researcher Told He 'Sold His Country Down River'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (UP)—House spy hunters today accused an angry, red-haired former New Deal economist of lying under oath and said he would be haled into court.

The accusation was hurled at the House Un-American activities Committee as Charles Kramer on charges that he spied for Russia as an alleged leader in a Communist underground made up of government employees here.

Mr. Kramer, for a while poker-faced, refused to answer questions as to whether he was a Communist or a spy on constitutional grounds that his answers might incriminate him.

Loses Temper

Under committee needling, which included a charge that he sold this country "down the river," he lost his temper and shouted: "You're not trying to find the facts. You're making a circus to hide what Congress has failed to do."

Meanwhile, there were other fast-breaking developments in the House espionage inquiry, including:

ONE: The Justice Department launched an investigation to determine what previous witnesses have lied to the committee under oath.

TWO: The committee announced that it will question a Soviet schoolmaster from New York in a secret hearing at 1 p.m., Indianapolis Time, today. He is Mikhail Samarin, who renounced his country and wants to live in the United States.

THREE: George Silverman of New York, former civilian economic adviser to the Army Air Force chief of staff, told the committee he is "innocent of any charges of espionage or other criminal conduct." Like Mr. Kramer, however, Mr. Silverman refused to say whether he is a Communist. He, too, had been accused of delivering wartime secrets to Russia.

Mr. Kramer formerly worked for a number of government agencies and for a Senate subcommittee. He is now a progressive party research specialist.

Sold Your Country

The perjury accusation was hurled at him by Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R, Cal.) and Rep. John McDowell (R, Pa.), made Mr. Kramer a "promise" that he would be brought into court. Rep. Edward Hebert (D, La.) should add, "You know you sold your country down the river."

Mr. Kramer declared that he would not answer any possibly incriminating questions because, he said, the committee is not a "proper forum." Such a forum did not stop.

Report Russ Plan to Bolster Berlin Troops

Signals Fresh Propaganda Attack

BERLIN, Aug. 12 (UP)—A report that the Soviet Army was preparing to move sizable numbers of new troops into Germany soon today spearheaded a propaganda barrage signaling a new low in East-West relations.

The British-licensed newspaper *Telegraf* said clothing shops and factories throughout Mecklenburg were swamped with orders for Russian army uniforms for fresh troops expected to arrive in the near future.

The same newspaper, which earlier this week reported that the Russians were fortifying their zone border with Western Germany, said the Soviets were pressing toward "sovereignty over all of Berlin."

Suspect Pretext

Soviet military authorities, the newspaper said, were trying to create a chaotic situation to be used as a pretext for Russian military intervention in Berlin.

Soviet propaganda organs also renewed their attacks on the West, demanding that the Berlin city council be ousted, and the whole city be engrossed in the Soviet zone administration.

American authorities meanwhile said they expected the next Russian step in the intended Soviet campaign on Berlin would be to cut the Western powers' telephone and telegraph communications between Berlin and the western zones.

Seize Prowler In Hospital Area

Another prowler was captured last night on the grounds surrounding Riley Hospital at the Indiana University Medical Center, scene of the unsolved clinking murder of Nurse Alberta Green two years ago.

Special Policeman Herbert Davison, 131 McLain St., employed to patrol the grounds following the Green murder, said he identified the suspect peering into Riley Hospital windows.

The suspect gave his age as 26 and answered some of the descriptions of the killer who entered a Rotogravure Home window and clubbed Miss Green to death in a corridor.

The suspect is being held on a vagrancy charge pending further investigation.



TEAM WORK—These youngsters rolled up their collective sleeves, commandeered rakes and shovels and cleaned up this vacant lot at 17th and Milburn Sts. to provide a playground for themselves. The boys shown doing the job are (left to right) Bobby, 6, and Billy Kelly, 8, of 1621 Milburn St.; Donna Sneed, 11, of 1622 Milburn St.; Terrance Ruffin, 11, of 1621 Montcalm St.; Sue Stew, 11, of 1450 Rembrandt St.; Nancy, 13, and Daniel Baker, 10, of 1627 Milburn St. Others shown are Buddy Smith, 13, of 1637 Rembrandt St.; Thomas Ruffin, 15, of 1621 Montcalm St.; Paul Teal, 13, of 1637 Montcalm St.; Richard Rosemeyer, 1708 Milburn St.; Mike, 10, and Patricia Ruffin, 14, of 1621 Montcalm St., and Lavina Sneed, 8, of 1622 Milburn St.

Children Clear New Play Site

The vacant corner lot at 17th and Milburn Sts. was the scene of activity today. Neighborhood children were working hard to clear their projected playground.

It all began when Mrs. Dick Ruffin, 1621 Montcalm St., decided the lot could be used by small children of the neighborhood. Neighbors enthusiastically agreed. Then they got to work.

Dr. Evanston B. Earp, 717 Hume-Mansur Bldg., owner of the lot, readily wrote a letter of consent.

Mayors Pledge Aid

Mrs. Ruffin and the Rev. Gerard Blue, pastor of Union Congregational Church, got the Mayor's personal pledge of cooperation. The street department sent a bulldozer to level off the lot. The John Jones Gravel Co., 21st and Montcalm Sts., donated enough sand for a sand box.

Now the children need gravel to cover broken glass and tin cans.

Couple Begins Global Trip In 17-Foot Sea-Going Jeep

Newlyweds Sighted 150 Miles Off Coast; Hope to End 26,000-Mile Jaunt in 6 Months

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (UP)—A man and wife were far out on the Atlantic today on the first leg of a trip around the world in the strange little amphibian 17-foot sea-going jeep—the smallest craft ever to attempt the voyage.

The Navy announced that an Atlantic destroyer had sighted the strange little amphibian 150 miles off the coast three days ago.

The couple plans to drive overland across Africa, the Near East, India, and Indo-China, embarking for the voyage back to the United States across the Pacific from Saigon.

The war surplus Army amphibian was bought by Mr. Carl in Washington for \$800. Mr. Lynch said. However, the Australian spent an extra \$9000 outfitting the craft for the voyage.

The vehicle is now covered with a plastic dome that makes it almost impregnable to storms, Mr. Lynch said, and is outfitted with an extra 500 gallon gas tank as well as extra water tanks.

The Carolina figure it will take them 18 days from the time they started the trip from Brooklyn last Saturday until they put into their first port, the Azores.

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'Cure' Tips Flood Hiccups Victim

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Aug. 12 (UP)—When it comes to hiccups, it seems everybody's a doctor.

Advice, free and otherwise, is relations man, filled in the details of the trip which he said was a wartime dream of the former Australian army major.

Mr. Lynch said the 38-year-old Canadian, a 27-year-old former Red Cross worker, didn't tell her mother about the trip, Mr. Lynch said, for fear she would worry. The mother, Mrs. Caroline Arone, now lives in Winnetka, Ill.

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4-Engine Navy Plane Missing in Pacific

GUAM, Aug. 12 (UP)—A four-engine Navy Privateer patrol plane, which usually carries a crew of 11, is missing on a routine weather reconnaissance flight over the Pacific. The Navy announced.

The plane left Agana Airfield at 3 a.m. on an overwater flight 450 miles north of here. It was due to return at 1 p.m.

Pilots estimated the ship had enough gas to stay airborne until 7 p.m.

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