

Spy Hunters Seek Flivver In Hope Of Tripping Up Fibber

Trace Records Of Hiss' Ford 19 Years Back

Man Named Rosen Crops Up at Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (UP)—House investigators called a closed session today to map the next step in their drive to find out whether Alger Hiss or Whitaker Chambers is the "damnedest liar" in America.

As the House un-American Activities committee began its strategy parley, Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R., Cal.) told newsmen every effort would be made to trace the full history of a 19-year-old Ford roadster involved in the case. He said it may prove the key to who told the truth—the boyish-looking Hiss or the pudgy ex-Communist Chambers.

Mr. Chambers, now a senior editor on Time magazine, has accused Mr. Hiss of being a member of an "elite" corps of pre-war Communists on the government payroll. Mr. Hiss, a former State Department official, denied the charge.

"Romantic Mood"

The 19-year-old Ford involved in the case is a model once owned by Mr. Hiss. Mr. Chambers testified that Mr. Hiss, in a "romantic mood," gave the car to the Communist Party for the use of "some poor organizer in the Middle West or elsewhere."

Mr. Hiss testified that he either gave it to Mr. Chambers, or sold it to him at a nominal fee. Committee investigators produced a transfer of title dated July 23, 1936, showing that Mr. Hiss transferred the car to a Washington dealer, who in turn sold it to an unidentified "William Rosen."

But they said no William Rosen ever lived at the address listed. Committee members said the location of Mr. Rosen and discovery of the Ford's whole history may "break" the case.

Mr. Nixon said the committee has the motor number of the car and "we are going to trace it down."

"It might take a year but we will do it," he said.

Face To Face

The committee brought the two face-to-face yesterday in an effort to resolve the contradiction. But each man stood firmly by his story.

Accuser and accused contradicted each other on almost every essential point. So conflicting were their testimonies that Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D., La.) told them:

"One of you is the damnedest liar ever to appear on the American scene."

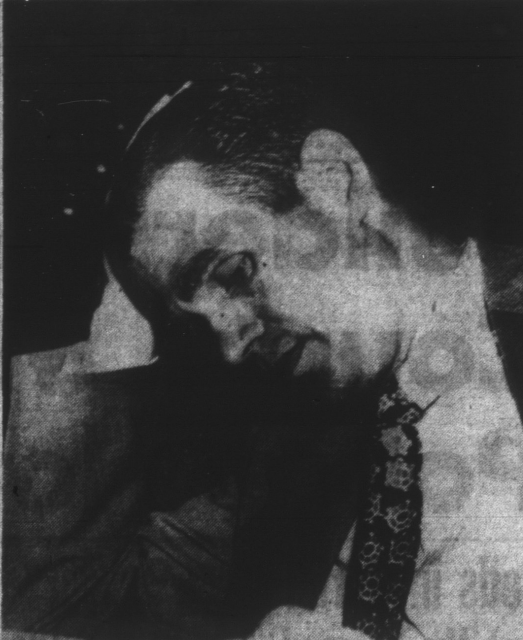
In his testimony yesterday Mr. Hiss raised the question of Mr. Chambers' sanity. He said he had heard admittedly second-hand reports that Mr. Chambers had spent part of the last four years in an institution. Mr. Chambers flatly denied this.

Eyes Brim With Tears

During his six hours of testimony yesterday, Mr. Hiss assailed his accuser as a "self-confessed liar, spy and traitor."

Mr. Chambers took the stand after Mr. Hiss had completed his story. His eyes brimming with tears, he told the committee he was testifying against Hiss "with remorse and pity."

"I was very fond of Mr. Hiss," he said. "He was certainly the closest friend I ever had in the Communist Party. But in the moment of historic jeopardy in which this nation now stands, so held me God, I cannot do otherwise."



TRIES TO RECALL—After facing his accuser, Whitaker Chambers, confessed ex-Red, Alger Hiss, former State Department aid, flatly denied charges laid before the House spy inquiry that he was once a Communist. Pressed for details of his friendship with Mr. Chambers, Mr. Hiss prefaced his replies with "To the best of my recollection" 75 times.

Around the World—U. S. Triples Air Forces In Europe Within 6 Months

Aircraft Increased From 175 to 466 And Manpower From 5000 to 18,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (UP)—The Air Force in the last six months has almost tripled its strength in Europe, it was disclosed today.

During that time, the number of U. S. aircraft in Europe has increased from 175 to 466. And the number of airmen on duty there has jumped from 5000 officers and men to 18,000—12,000 on the continent and 6000 in England.

And the type of planes concentrated in the area has changed radically. Six months ago, the U. S. force consisted of 75 out-moded World War II fighters and 100 small C-47 transports. None of these was in England.

Personnel Built Up

But as a result of the steady build-up, U. S. forces in Europe now are augmented by 90 B-29 long range bombers in England; 75 fast, modern jet fighters in Germany; and 125 large, four-engine C-54 transports and one huge C-47 Globemaster on the air-lift supply line to blockaded Berlin.

The Air Force announced yesterday that it was assigning 2500 additional maintenance and communications personnel to Burtonwood, Lancashire, and other points in England to service the B-29's there and the C-54's from the Berlin air lift.

Soviet Union

Envoys of the western powers have received new directives from their governments and are ready for the next Kremlin meeting in the series of conferences on Berlin and other German problems.

U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, French Ambassador Yves Chataigneau, and Special British Envoy Frank Roberts have applied to the Soviet foreign office for another appointment with Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, it was learned.

They are standing by to await a summons from the Kremlin. Mr. Smith, Mr. Chataigneau and Mr. Roberts were reported to have worked this morning at the latter's office in the British embassy on the draft of a new memorandum to be presented to Mr. Molotov and Mr. Stalin.

More Isolation

At Washington, government circles were convinced that a big factor in Russia's shut-down of her consulates in the United States was a desire to lessen the exposure of her people to Western ideas. The net result will be fewer Russians in contact with the Western world and less chance of "desertions" that would embarrass the Soviets.

According to one informant, Soviet Premier Josef Stalin was once asked by a Western diplomat to explain why Russia did not allow free exchange of persons and ideas. Mr. Stalin was reported to have replied it would be allowed when Russia's living standards matched this country's.

At London, U. S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas conferred with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin on the latest Moscow developments.

England

It is only a tiny, blank piece of paper, but W. E. Bee of Rotherham, England, said today it is worth at least several hundred pounds.

The blank oblong should have been a six-penny (10-cent)

Russ Vice Consul Heads for Home

First Red Official To Go After Break

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (UP)—Soviet Vice Consul Zolt I. Chepurnykh, one of the central figures in the case of the runaway school teacher, Mrs. Oksana Kasenkina, was en route home today—the first Russian official created Cominform.

Mr. Chepurnykh, accused by Kasenkina of being her jailer at the consulate before her leap to freedom two weeks ago, unexpectedly headed the Russian steamship Marshal Gorkov last night with his wife and three daughters.

The Gorkov sailed later for Progress, Mexico, and Leningrad. Five other Russians, clerical workers formerly attached to the United Nations, also were passengers.

No Place Like Home

The vice consul said he was glad to be leaving because "there is no country in the world like home." He said he thought the consuls of the New York and San Francisco consulates by the Soviet Union was "for good."

Consul General Jacob Lomakin, who precipitated the crisis over the runaway teacher, is scheduled to sail Saturday on the Swedish-American liner Stockholm.

In San Francisco, the Soviet consulate was closed, but the consul general, Konstantin Efremov, said he expected to remain in this country another "two months."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Kasenkina, the 33-year-old schoolteacher whose case brought about the ouster of Mr. Lomakin, told her own story at a press conference in Roosevelt Hospital.

Diabetes Stalls

"I jumped out of the window to escape," she said. "I did not want to kill myself. I wanted to escape."

She said she became opposed to the Soviet regime after the Communists "took away" her husband and her son was killed in the war.

"They made a big mistake in bringing me here from Russia," Mrs. Kasenkina said.

She said she loved Russia and her people but could "not agree with the policies of Josef Stalin."

Seize 'Tokyo Rose' On Treason Count

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (UP)—Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, the American-born "Tokyo Rose" of Japan's wartime radio broadcasts, was arrested for treason today.

Agents of Allied headquarters counter-intelligence department, and the theater provost marshal's office took her into custody at her shabby rooming house.

She was immediately lodged in Sugamo Prison, where wartime Premier Hideki Tojo and 26 others awaiting war-crimes verdicts are being held.

Mrs. D'Aquino will be sent to the United States aboard the army transport General H. Frank Rodgers. Trial probably will take place in San Francisco.

Tito Hits Back At Romanians

PRAGUE, Aug. 26 (UP)—Yugoslavia broke into open diplomatic hostilities of advocating the overthrow of the Tito regime.

Press dispatches said the Yugoslav note was handed to the Romanian ambassador in Belgrade. The note was the latest flare-up in the mounting cold war between Marshal Tito and the Soviet-created Cominform.

It was delivered against a background of reports that many high Yugoslav army officers have fled to Romania to set up an anti-Tito regime.

The note demanded that the Romanian government put an end to attempts to evoke resistance against Tito.

It was expected that other Yugoslav notes would be handed to Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary, all of which have been carrying out a press campaign against Tito.

Denies GOP Plan Federal Sales Tax

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (UP)—Chairman Harold Knutson (R., Minn.) of the House Ways and Means Committee today termed "merely a smokescreen" Democratic contentions that he intends to sponsor a federal sales tax.

He said the Republicans intend to lower taxes.

The sales tax charge was made by Sen. J. Howard McGrath (D., R. I.) as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. McGrath contended, in a press release from Democratic committee headquarters here, that the Republicans were making "elaborate plans to enact a federal sales tax if they should win Congress in November."

It would be called "a broad-based excise tax" but in reality it would be a sales tax and the federal government shouldn't enter this field already pre-empted by the states, Sen. McGrath said.

Unfair to Sales

He also termed the sales tax unfair to the poor, but needed by the Republicans who have favored the rich with tax cuts so that the government faces a deficit.

In response to a telegram sent to him in Minnesota by the Scripps-Howard newspapers, Chairman Knutson gave the following reply to the McGrath charges:

"Republicans have no thought of imposing a general sales tax. Such a charge is merely a political smokescreen."

"The New Deal must be in desperate straits when they resort to such distortion."

"The Republican's aim is again to reduce taxes. We will lower taxes—not increase them."

Political Rift In AFL Widens

Hutcheson Balks At OK on Truman

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

CHICAGO, Aug. 26 (UP)—Width of the political split in the AFL depends on the respective efforts of aging William L. Hutcheson and the younger George M. Harrison.

Mr. Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, leads a movement to line up as much of the AFL as possible back of his new labor's committee for election of President Truman and Senator Barkley. He predicts "all but a few" among the heads of the AFL's 105 unions will be in camp.

Mr. Hutcheson, president of the 600,000-member Carpenters Union, says he "awaits to be shown about that." He adds, "I never voted for a Democrat and I won't this year."

"May or May Not"

"These other fellows," said the former chairman of the labor department of the Republican National Committee, "say they're for Truman because he tried to veto the Taft-Hartley law. They don't know what Dewey would have done under the same circumstances."

"At least he opposed the same kind of legislation as Governor of New York. So did Gov. Warren of California."

Another AFL political figure, Daniel J. Tobin of the Teamsters, says he "may or may not" join in the Harrison movement. He's as much an habitual Democrat as Mr. Hutcheson is a Republican.

William Green, AFL president, and George Meany, secretary-treasurer, are expected to take no active part in the Harrison movement but both are sympathetic to it.

By United Press

CIO—The CIO executive board will meet in Washington Monday to consider the advisability of endorsing a presidential candidate.

The board has already come out against the third party of Henry A. Wallace and may come out for the Truman-Barkley ticket.

Democratic Sen. Carl A. Hatch of N. M., chairman of the Democratic party's speakers bureau, said all cabinet members with the exception of Secretary of State George C. Marshall would stump for the Truman-Barkley ticket.

He said Mr. Marshall and his aids would stay out because of the bi-partisan nature of the U. S. foreign policy.

Dewey—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, who has been accused of calling the teachers' lobby the "most vicious in the nation," defended his educational policies as he named 14 trustees of New York State University.

He said that as a result of his New York administration, "we now have the highest school teachers' salaries in the world."

CHAMP GI FATHER

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (UP)—Sgt. Joseph D. Ferguson of the First Cavalry Division was believed to be the champion father in the Far East occupation Army today.

His wife gave birth to their 10th child, a boy, in the 49th General Hospital.

Prank Delays Film Wedding

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 26 (UP)—Movie actress Marjorie Lynn Carver and actor John Burt today planned a private wedding out-of-town after a friend's prank spoiled their scheduled nuptials Tuesday.

Clifford Fish, the intended best man and a classmate of Burt's at the University of Southern California, admitted yesterday that he told the couple Burt already had a wife just as a practical joke.

"I just thought we'd have a little more fun with John before he got hitched but they called the ceremony off before I could tell them it was a joke," Mr. Fish said.

He explained that fraternity friends put Burt through a mock wedding in Mexico about a year and a half ago.

William and Mary Shake Off Jinx, Finally Wed

ASHFORD, England, Aug. 26 (UP)—Mary Gigg, 21, finally was Mrs. William Bates today.

Her wedding was scheduled originally a month ago. But she kissed the page boy at a rehearsal. He had chicken pox.

After Mary was released from quarantine, she and her fiancé tried again. But as the guests assembled Saturday, it was found that the marriage license had expired.

They held a reception, threw confetti and had wedding photographs taken anyway.

Yesterday William and Mary were married.

Prohibitionists File Candidates

Claude Watson Up For President

The Prohibition Party has filed its list of state and national candidates for approval by the state board of election commissioners.

The list includes electors for Claude A. Watson of Los Angeles for president and for Dale H. Learn of East Stroudsburg, Penn., vice president. The party is privileged under Indiana law to nominate by convention rather than by petition since it regularly casts more than half of one per cent of the votes in a general election.

Clinton W. Speicher of LaPorte, Ind., is the party's governor candidate and Orval L. Huffman of Marengo the candidate for lieutenant governor. The Prohibitionists filed a full state ticket except for appellate court judge candidates.

Grade School Opened For Handicapped Pupils

NEW CASTLE, Aug. 26—Opening of grade school facilities for handicapped children was announced today by the city school board.

Joe R. Craw, city superintendent, said handicapped children will be taught in special rooms in the remodeled annex to the Parker building.

1227TH BLOOD DONATION

VERONA, Italy, Aug. 26 (UP)—Giamonda Cason, a 40-year-old hospital stretcher-bearer, claimed a world record today with his photographs taken anyway.

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