

Probers Hope To Bare Russ Atom Secrets Grab In War

Predict West Coast Spy Ring Data to Dwarf Hiss-Chambers Affair

House Investigation Opening Sept. 15 May Link Film Stars Among Wide Operations

By TONY SMITH, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7—House spy hunters are all set to kick over a powder keg loaded with details on how the Russians tried to ferret out our atomic bomb secrets during the war—and succeeded up to a point.

The House Un-American Activities Committee is said to have information on west coast operations of an atom bomb spy ring that will dwarf the Hiss-Chambers affair for public interest.

Revelations through committee testimony, it is said, will support the contention that three spy rings in the U. S. operated in concert with one in Canada with the goal of stealing atomic bomb secrets.

(Rep. John McDowell (R., Pa.), a member of the committee, disclosed that Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, wartime head of the Army's atom bomb project, will testify at one of the public hearings concerning the spy organization.)

Testimony is expected to involve the activities of atomic scientists working on the Manhattan district project (the atom bomb unit), Russian diplomats, Hollywood stars, top government officials and a Moscow-trained Red who recently took over Communist affairs in western Pennsylvania.

Hearing Postponed
The atomic phase of the committee hearings originally was to open today. It has been set back to Sept. 15 and indications are it may be October before the committee starts popping its atom "sensations."

The committee is expected to try to show the following:

ONE: That a tiny but important quantity of uranium 235, most important single ingredient of the A-bomb, was turned over to Soviet agents by an American scientist, who was discovered and dismissed from his job with the Manhattan project.

TWO: That the U-235 eventually found its way into the hands of Dr. Allen N. May, convicted on charges of spying for the Soviets in Canada during the war.

THREE: That the leader of the atom spy ring was a graduate of the Lenin School of Espionage in Moscow, a member of the Communist Party's national committee and an "Inspector general" of Soviet espionage agents in this country working under direction of J. V. Peters, who now faces deportation proceedings.

Hotbed of Intrigue
FOUR: That the atom radiation laboratory at the University of California, at Berkeley, was the focal point of Russian interest and hotbed of intrigue; that scientists discharged for security reasons were permitted to go free, including the one accused of passing U-235.

The investigators are expected to produce testimony to show that at least three atomic scientists working at Berkeley were fired for associating with the man identified as head of the atom ring.

FIVE: Disclosure that the brother of one of the top men in the development of atomic energy was at one time a card-carrying member of the Communist Party. Committee investigators are said to have a photographic copy of the original.

SIX: That some members of the Hollywood film colony provided a blind for part of the spy ring's activities.

Most of the committee's information, it was understood, is based on the secret testimony of an Army intelligence colonel who worked at Berkeley as a security officer during the war.

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Services Planned For Mrs. Newman

Services for Mrs. Etta Larr Newman, who died Sunday in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Frank L. Cooper, 3610 Carrollton Ave., will be held at 3 p. m. today in Flanner & Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Newman, who was 79, was the wife of the late Omer Newman. She lived in Indianapolis more than 50 years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Past Masters Wives' Association of Centre Masonic Lodge and State Assembly Women's Club. She was a worker for the American Red Cross.

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N. Y. Area Short Milk And Grocery Supplies

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