

Probe Links American Heiress With A-Bomb Spy Activities

Accused of Financing Soviet Agents, Acting As Social Contact

Louise Bransten Slated for Questioning; Contributed \$1900 to Wallace Campaign

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 17—A blond American heiress, accused of financing Soviet agents and providing them a social contact with U. S. atomic scientists, is slated for questioning in the House atom spy investigation.

The story of tall, green-eyed Louise Bransten of New York, Hollywood and Berkeley, Cal., who contributed \$1900 to the Wallace for President campaign Aug. 15, is a matter of public record.

It was secretly read into the official record of the Un-American Activities Committee and escaped public notice.

It tells of swank dinner parties on the West Coast where American Reds tried to "educate" scientists working on the Manhattan project "along Soviet lines."

Louise Bransten was the hostess most of the time, according to the record, and her guests included top Soviet diplomats, Communist leaders from Russia, atomic scientists, and members of the American Communist Party in the movie colony.

\$2 Million Estate
She seldom hesitated to give of funds left from her father's \$2 million estate to help the cause, according to the record. Party leaders touched her frequently and in 1944 she donated \$50,000 to the "People's World," West Coast organ for the Communists, the testimony says.

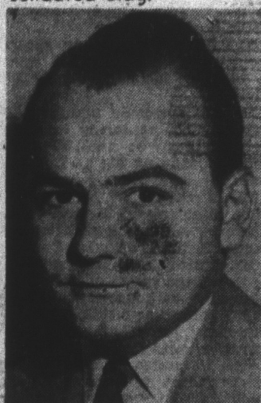
The story was developed from questioning of Louis J. Russell, former FBI agent employed by the committee to investigate the movie industry in 1945 and 1946. Mr. Russell's testimony links the stylish, 40-year-old woman prominently with Gregori Kheifets, former Soviet consul at San Francisco. Mr. Kheifets was one of the Russians who entertained Dr. Martin D. Kamen of St. Louis in a San Francisco restaurant before the scientist was fired from the radiation lab at Berkeley for "indiscretion."

Linked to Spy Figures
Dr. Kamen testified before the committee Tuesday. He insisted that he gave away no atomic secrets.

Louise Bransten had a wide circle of acquaintances, many prominently mentioned in the spy case. The record indicated she was friendly with Gerhart Eisler, Earl Browder and the four Hollywood scenario writers convicted of contempt for refusing to say whether they were Communists.



NABS 'MR. BLANDINGS'—Charles A. McCotter, of 4612 Guilford Ave., special agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. (left), receives an armload of General Electric prizes for catching "Mr. Blandings" yesterday, from Joseph K. Gaskill, sales promotion manager of Electric Appliances, Inc. Presentation of the prizes was made at the Dream House, 6416 Dean Rd. "Mr. Blandings" was Henry S. Hohlt, of the law firm of Hohlt, Coburn and Hohlt, 548 Consolidated Bldg.



"MR. BLANDINGS"—Here's the man who eluded downtown searchers until yesterday. He is Henry S. Hohlt, local attorney.

Springer Slaps Back at Schriker

Republican State Chairman Clark Springer last night accused Henry F. Schriker, the Democratic candidate for governor, of making a "deliberate misstatement of facts" in defending his clemency record while he was in the State House.

Mr. Springer renewed the election-year argument over Mr. Schriker's parole record in a statement issued here.

"The smokescreen of patriotism that Candidate Schriker is attempting to build up around his clemency record does not hide the facts," said Mr. Springer.

Speaks at Waterloo
Wednesday at a political meeting in Waterloo, Mr. Springer answered Mr. Springer's earlier charge that he "shockingly

abused" his clemency powers.

Mr. Schriker said "less than three per cent of his clemency cases were failures and that he paroled 500 men so they could enter the armed services during the war."

"This" a deliberate misstatement of the facts and candidate Schriker knows it," Mr. Springer said. "The figure is 51—not 500."

Mr. Springer said that the "remaining 661 parolees were not released for military service. Many of them were released, as I have said before, for political reasons and political reasons only."

Mr. Schriker said Wednesday that he was "proud" of his record. He said one of the 500 parolees was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and several others died in battle.

Mr. Schriker said he was "willing to go to bat with Mr. Springer and his outfit on the subject."

Feeney Squelches City Parking Plan

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ing spaces, or just throw up its hands and allow business to scatter to the neighborhood areas."

He said he believed the City owed an obligation to the downtown taxpayers to have been the backbone of Indianapolis.

Norwood Reads Report

Ralph S. Norwood, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce downtown parking committee, read a report of his group which favored a minimum participation by the City and a maximum participation by private enterprise.

He said his committee would favor a City Parking Authority which could exercise the municipality's right of eminent domain to acquire sites for parking garages which would then be turned over to private enterprise.

Wallace Mullen, owner of several downtown parking lots, said, "There is no downtown parking shortage. I have never turned a motorist away from my lots."

Taxpayer Speaks Up

John B. Downey, 5510 Central Ave., who said he spoke as a private citizen, declared, "We taxpayers don't want the burden of paying for expensive parking lots. Let the merchants who benefit by them build them."

Frank Murray of the Indiana Taxpayers Association suggested setting up a downtown parking district which would be assessed to support the plan if the lots did not produce a profit.

Edward Saathen recommended an underground parking garage be constructed under University Park.

Plan Further Study

Theodore Griffith of L. S. Ayres & Co. asked Mayor Feeney to appoint a citizens committee to further study the problem and the Mayor said he would do so.

Mr. Kammins said the Plan Commission would hold more public meetings on the parking problem.

Television Tieup With ABC Planned

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (UP)—Television station WVEU in Cleveland, which is owned and operated by Scripps-Howard Radio, Inc., will become a full TV affiliate of the American Broadcasting Co. on Sept. 20, Lee Jahnke, director of station relations for ABC television, announced today.

Farmers Plan Eastern Tour

Hoosier farmers will tour seven eastern states, Canada and the District of Columbia in the annual Christmas trip sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau Dec. 9 to 19.

The tour will be the fourth sponsored by the Farm Bureau during the past two years. A total of 2486 farmers have participated in the past three trips, all to western areas. More than 400 farmers are expected to request reservations for the eastern trip.

The tour will be conducted in modern deluxe coaches, with all train movements scheduled during daylight hours. The farmers will spend nights in hotels in Niagara Falls, Ontario; New York City, Atlantic City, Washington, and Columbus, O.

Price of the trip is \$197 a person, which includes meals, lodging, transportation, sightseeing, tips on the train and baggage transfers.

Red Cross Honors 300 Volunteers

Rewards Group With 5 to 30 Years Service

Served bars for from five to 30 years of service were awarded to nearly 300 volunteer Red Cross workers at a special meeting last night in the World War Memorial.

Those receiving the highest award were Miss Agnes Cruise, Rabbi Morris M. Feuerlicht, Wallace O. Lee, Charles J. Lynn, E. H. Kemper McComb, Mrs. Owen Mothershead and Mrs. Wolf Susan.

Twenty-five year awards were presented to Miss Jessie Klingman and James A. Stuart.

William H. Book, Bowman Elder, Felix M. McWhirter and Mrs. Leonard Troy shared the awards for 20 years of service.

The 15-year awards were presented to Louis J. Borinstein, Miss Dorothy Haskett and Mrs. E. Kirk McKinney.

Those receiving 10-year awards included Lt. Harry R. Branson, James Clark, Joseph C. Cunningham, Miss Clede Edington, Miss Mary Jane Edington, Mrs. Ross Halgren, Joseph F. Hancock, Miss Anna Hueber.

Others in the 10-year group are Mrs. Charles A. Huff, Mrs. E. F. Hauser, Mrs. Walter J. Hutton, Mrs. William Johnson, Mrs. John G. Kingham, John Q. Kirkpatrick, Joseph A. Lime, Justin E. Marshall, Earl Montgomery, Mrs. James H. Ruddell, Capt. Ernest F. Schaefer, Miss Carmen S. Sharp and Glen E. Willis.

'Steno' Charges Czech Wed Her To Enter U. S.

MISHAWAKA, Sept. 17 (UP)

A 27-year-old stenographer charged today that her Czechoslovakian husband married her only because he wanted to come to the United States.

Mrs. Lillian Fiala said in an affidavit filed in Circuit Court that Dr. Alexander Fiala admitted he didn't love her.

She said they met and married while she was on a trip to Prague in 1946. The marriage was a civil one, she said, so when they came here early this year they made plans for a church ceremony.

FOUR DAYS before the wedding was scheduled, Mr. Fiala disappeared, she said. Later, she received a letter from him saying that he didn't love her, that he married her only to gain admission to the U. S., and he wouldn't take part in a religious wedding. Mrs. Fiala said her husband now was at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Elizabeth, N. J.

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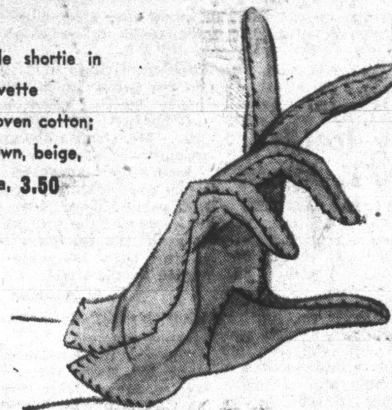
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