

House Hunters Promise Extensive Probe On Atom Spying

Assert Indictments Sought Against Four Only a Beginning

Report Charges 'Several' Espionage Groups Directed by Soviet Diplomats

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 28—The first chapter of the American atom spy case was unfolded today and the House Un-American Activities Committee promised the indictments it recommended against four Americans are only a beginning.

More witnesses, reports and recommendations for indictments are to come, the committee's first report on atom spying said.

The list of intended defendants under the 1937 Espionage Act was started yesterday with the names of Steve Nelson, western Pennsylvania Communist leader, two U.S. atomic scientists and the ex-wife of one.

It will grow longer in the weeks to come. House investigators said.

It was indicated these persons are not necessarily the most important figures in the picture. In its report the committee referred to five New York residents as possibly making up a "higher echelon" than the top leadership of the "open Communist Party in the United States"—perhaps a part of the leadership of "the international conspiracy."

Russians Aided

Release of the report followed three months of investigation and three weeks of secret hearings. It charged flatly that "several" spy organizations directed by Soviet diplomats and helped by domestic Reds penetrated the various atom bomb installations and succeeded in gaining "vital information."

The committee cannot accurately evaluate the importance or the volume of the information thus transmitted," the report stated. "It has been established, however, that certain vital information was transmitted to the Russian government, and this information has been and will be of assistance to the Russians in their development of the atomic bomb."

Accuses Truman

The committee stressed that its report concerns only a small part of the story of the Russian spying. It claimed President Truman's freeze order denying access to government files is hampering the investigation, and suggested that under one interpretation 15 million Americans may have had their lips sealed.

The case presented was built around the missing Arthur Adams, identified as a Russian agent assigned to get the dope on the A-bomb.

In addition to Mr. Nelson, whom it charged with collecting information on the atomic bomb from scientists at the Berkeley, Cal., radiation center and delivering it to Russian consular officials in San Francisco, the com-



ELECTED PRESIDENT—Julian Freeman, past president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Indianapolis, has been elected president of East Central States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

ONE: Dr. Clarence F. Haskay, an atomic scientist working for the Manhattan Project in the Chicago metallurgical lab in 1944 and charged with being a close contact of Mr. Adams.

TWO: Dr. John Hitchcock Chapin, a chemical engineer who worked in Cleveland, O., on a project that was secret even inside the Manhattan Project. Mr. Haskay is charged with persuading Dr. Hitchcock to see Mr. Adams and supply him information on atomic bomb progress.

THREE: Muriel Sand Haskay, former wife of the scientist who the committee charged was utilized as a signal between Dr. Haskay and Dr. Chapin whereby Mr. Adams could be tipped off when Mr. Chapin completed his work in Cleveland and was returning to the Chicago laboratory, where he formerly worked.

The committee repaid Dr. Chapin for his "co-operation" by stating it felt his participation was mitigated by his sincerity. It said Dr. Chapin impressed the committee as "a person of deep sincerity who, in a moment of weakness, had made a vital mistake."

Adams' Contacts

The report named Mr. Adams' New York contacts as Victoria Stone, for whom the Russian agent bought a jewelry store in New York.

Julius Heiman, a Communist Party leader in the United States from the party's inception, according to committee testimony.

Eric Bernay, Russian-born phonograph record manufacturer, who once employed Mr. Adams in New York.

Samuel Novick, Russian-born president of the Electronics Corp. of America, who did business with Amiorg, Russian purchasing agency, and an acquaintance of Adams since 1938, according to testimony.

And Dr. Louis Miller, family doctor to Mr. Heiman, Mr. Adams, Mr. Bernay and Mr. Novick.

The report said all the persons mentioned had Communist backgrounds, were mutually acquainted and were engaged in some type of business or professional activity.

OK Expected On Tax Cut Appeal

(Continued From Page One) for a final vote on the night it was introduced.

Republican members Joseph E. Bright, Charles P. Ehlers and Donald Jameson voted "No" to the suspension of rules. They also said they would vote against passage of the resolution tomorrow night.

However, only a simple majority is needed to give final approval to the measure and this is sure to be obtained from among the six Democratic councilmen, all of whom voted for suspension last night.

The resolution specifically approves a cut from \$1.135 per \$100 of assessed property in the general fund tax rate to 96.3 cents and a cut from \$1.7 cents to 27.5 cents in the Health and Hospital Fund.

Joseph A. Wicker, Democrat and chairman of the Council finance committee, called the cut by the county board "arbitrary and politically inspired." He said that unless the State Tax Board restores the cut the city will have to sell bonds next year.

Republican members said they thought the county tax board "did the job the City Council should have done." They indicated they would vote against the measure tomorrow night.

Both Parties Urge Citizens to Sign Up

(Continued From Page One) some personal attention is being given him around to exercise his rights of citizenship.

A Republican worker convinced several residents in a remote predict the other day that it was their duty to get registered and vote.

Democratic Buttons

He drove them to a branch registration office and after they were duly signed up the GOP worker noticed they not only picked up some Democratic campaign buttons but put them on their coats.

The Democrats face the same

disappointments but the show must go on and will continue at a feverish rate until the deadline for registration next Monday night.

The heavy thinking strategy

leaders in both parties recently

has not been on campaign issues.

They've been wracking their brains for weeks now on how to engineer the registration machinery to areas where they think they have the best chance of signing up more of their party's sympathizers.

Accuse GOP Brass

They clashed on this issue last

week when Democratic leaders accused the GOP brass of maneuvering about 5000 prospective voters out of a chance to register and vote in Wayne Township.

The Democrats said the Repub-

licans wouldn't agree to reopening

of several branch registration

offices in that township despite

the fact that "thousands" didn't

get a proper chance to register.

The area is a Democratic strong-

hold.

Republicans came back fast on

that one. They said they certain-

ly wouldn't be stampeded into a

thing like that unless the Democ-

rats would agree to reopen

branch registration offices in the

Republican strongholds too.

Ends In Deadlock

It ended in a deadlock.

But it didn't stop the scramble

for registration.

If you are not properly regis-

tered to vote, it's a cinch some-

one will knock on your door and

take you to register before Mon-

day night.

That will be only half of it.

You'll hear and read millions

of words on how you should

vote. And on election day the

same visitor who took you to

register will be back to haul you

to your precinct polling place.

But after you get behind that

curtain you are strictly on your

own conscience.

Belgian at UN Scoffs at Soviet

Cites World Fears Of Red 5th Columns

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use and abuse of the veto.

"We fear you because you champion national sovereignty.

"We fear you because you have

always refused to co-operate with

the United Nations whenever it

made recommendations against

your will."

Cites 5th Column

"We fear you because you are

making us seek our security not

within the framework of this orga-

nization, but within the frame-

work of other organizations.

"We fear you because in every

country represented here you are

maintaining fifth columns beside

which the Hitlerite organizations

are nothing but Boy Scout organ-

izations."

"We fear you because there is

not a single spot in the world

where the governments repre-

sented here fail to find difficulties,

and where the difficulties are not

still being encouraged by you."

Earlier, he pointed out at Mr. Vishinsky complained that Ameri-

can newspapers and magazines

have printed articles pointing out

the distances to Moscow from

U. S. air bases.

Marshall Approves

"Does Mr. Vishinsky wish to

give me assurances that the gen-

eral staff of the Soviet Union

never has figured the air distance

between Moscow and London?"

Mr. Spaak, first president of

the United Nations, when hopes

for its success ran high, received

a full minute of sustained ap-

plause when he descended from

the rostrum.

Secretary of State George C.

Marshall, dropping his usual

military reserve, left his seat to

shake Mr. Spaak's hand. A dozen

other delegates went to his seat

to congratulate him.

Before Mr. Spaak spoke, For-

mer Minister Robert Schuman of

France charged Russia with an

"act of force" in blockading Ber-

lin. He voiced fear that the

United Nations was on the verge

of failure.

And Prime Minister W. L.

Mackenzie King of Canada, pre-

ceding Mr. Schuman on the ro-

strum, accused the Soviets of

wrecking the United Nations

ideal of a world organization.

When the smoke ordinance was

adopted in June 1941, it had prac-

tically the entire community in

back of it. The winter of 1940-

1941 had been an especially

smoggy one. Hearing about the

successful St. Louis ordinance, in-

dividuals and organizations by the

thousands demanded that Pitts-

burgh do something about its

ancient problem.

Adopt St. Louis Plan

A Citizens Commission was ap-

pointed, and after months of

study and hearings, decided the

basic principle of the St. Louis law

Are We Inheriting The 'Smoky City's' Title?</