



Alger Hiss

Hiss Seeking New Perjury Hearing

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (UP)—Alger Hiss, former high government official convicted of perjury for saying he never passed secret papers to a Russian spy ring, appealed for a third trial yesterday on the basis of new evidence uncovered by his lawyers while he was in prison.

Hiss was convicted on two counts of perjury Jan. 21, 1950 and sentenced to five years in prison four days later. He stoutly maintained his innocence throughout his two trials—the first of which ended in a mistrial when the jury could not agree on a verdict.

He surrendered to federal authorities to begin his prison sentence Mar. 22, 1951 after the Supreme Court refused to review his conviction.

Chester T. Lane filed the motion for a third trial for the former State Department employee who advised President Roosevelt at the Yalta Conference.

Mr. Lane asked for a hearing on the motion for a new trial in U. S. District Court on Feb. 4.

He made the appeal on five points:

ONE. That the Hiss attorneys had a New York typewriter engineer build them a machine with a type face producing documents no expert can tell from typing on the Woodstock typewriter placed in evidence in Hiss' trial.

PART of the evidence which convicted Hiss was that secret papers given to Whittaker Chambers, then a Communist courier, were typed on the Woodstock typewriter which belonged to Hiss.

Hiss' lawyers claim that "instead of using the Hiss typewriter Chambers had in some way forged the . . . documents so as to make them appear to have been written on the Hiss typewriter."

TWO. The attorneys question the identity of the Woodstock typewriter that was placed in evidence at Hiss' trial. They think the typewriter may have been a "plant" and not actually a typewriter owned by Hiss at any time.

THREE. Testimony by Lee Pressman, onetime CIO attorney, after Hiss was convicted had a direct bearing on the conviction in that Pressman's testimony to the House un-American Activities Committee after Hiss' conviction that he had belonged to a Communist cell but that Hiss was not a member of it.

Mother Drowns in Rescue Try

CHICAGO, Jan. 25 (UP)—A 38-year-old divorced mother, living in poverty in a one-room shack with her 10 children, drowned in the Des Plaines river yesterday while trying to rescue a daughter, who also drowned.

Eight of the children, poorly dressed and shivering, watched their mother, Mrs. Rose Green, give up her life in a vain effort to rescue Carol Jean, 16.

The daughter had ventured onto the river ice to fetch a pail of water for the family wash. The ice gave way, plunging her into the cold water.

A son, Edward, 13, leaped into the water in a rescue attempt and nearly foundered before managing to drag himself ashore.

Crying softly, Edward told police that "I tried to get them out—I just couldn't."

The eight other children lined the shore to watch the tragedy. Authorities, inspecting the shack near the shore, found evidence of hardship and poverty. The mother had been living on relief.

Some of the children had no shoes and most had barely enough clothing to cover them. They said they spent most of their time in the basement because it was warmer there.

A wood cookstove furnished the only heat. There were three beds and a few rickety chairs.

Mrs. Green was divorced from her husband, Theodore, a carpenter, last June. Police said they had a warrant for his arrest on non-support charges.

Grandparents have agreed to care for the children, police said.

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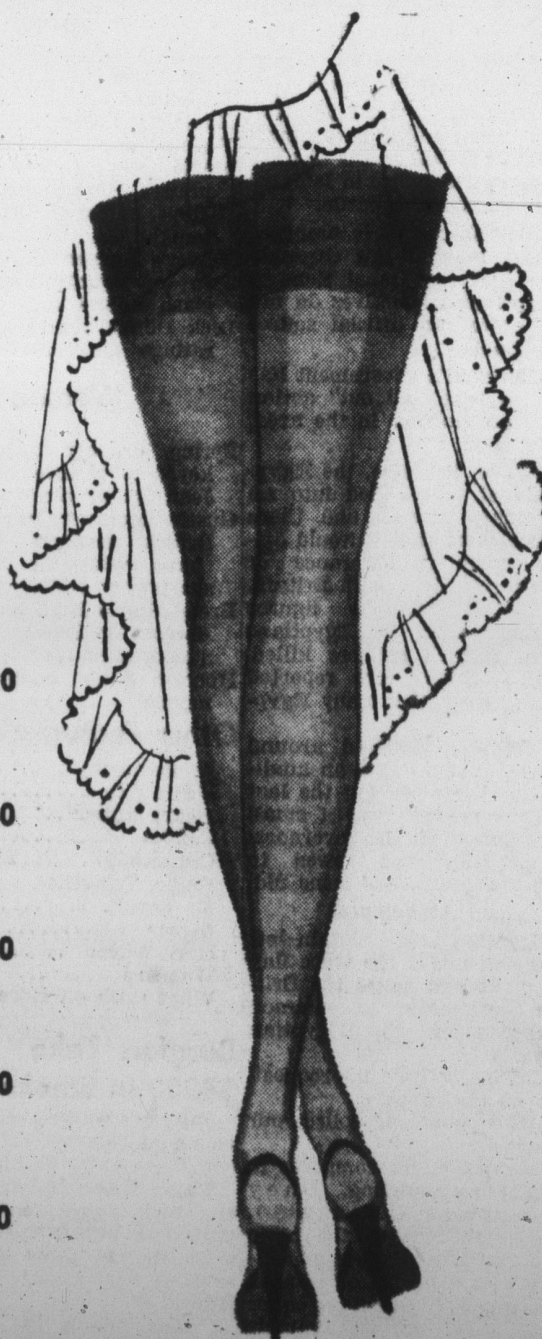
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