

# PROBERS, JURY TO SHARE SPY FILM

## *Hiss Resigns Job, Gets Paid Leave*

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**Harried Birds.** The man who had so many people eating crow not too long ago is going to do much better for himself Christmas Day. Harry Truman, the people's choice, gets acquainted with one of the two turkeys presented to him by poultry groups. The way he's treating the President, you'd think the white gobbler was a poll taker.

(Associated Press Wirefoto)

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Patti Luer

## Loses Beauty Prize, Voice Wins \$1,000

Atlantic City, Dec. 13 (AP).—The Miss America Pageant announced today an unusual grant of an extra \$1,000 scholarship to a Montana girl with an exceptional operatic voice.

Lenore Slaughter, pageant director, said the extra \$1,000 would go to Patti Luer of Anaconda, 19-year-old junior at Montana State University. She was one of 15 finalists in the Miss America contest last September.

### Met Officials Consulted.

Miss Slaughter said that Dr. Guy E. Snively, director of the Association of American Colleges and head of the pageant's scholarship committee, had authorized the grant after consultation with officials of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York.

As one of the finalists, Miss Luer won a \$1,000 scholarship, which she said she would use for

her studies of languages at Montana State. She carried off a talent prize for her singing during one of the beauty contest's preliminaries.

### Trained Only 2 Years.

"Some music critics said at the time that Miss Luer's voice was exceptional," Miss Slaughter said. "But it wasn't until she was heard by the Met that we realized she had great possibilities. And she had only two years of voice training."

The girl will be asked to transfer to Columbia University next fall so she can earn her degree and take voice training at the same time in New York.

# Nixon and Grand Jury Share Punkin Spy Film

By Norma Abrams and Henry Lee

After four hours' legal rassing between the U. S. Justice Department and Representative Richard M. Nixon of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Justice was not triumphant last night, and Nixon won out on his announced determination to keep physical possession of Whittaker Chambers' pumpkin evidence.

However, in a sort of compromise worked out with Federal Judge John W. Clancy and Justice lawyers, he agreed that the five microfilms of State Department evidence could be taken to the FBI offices in Washington today for examination.

In addition, it was decided that any time the Red-probing grand jury wants to peek at them, they will be produced.

"This arrangement keeps the film in the custody of the House," the 35-year-old California Republican blandly announced—and that was what he had been arguing for all day.

Delayed by a freight train wreck on a seven-hour trip up from Washington, called twice before the grand jury under subpoena, cioseted both with Justice lawyers and the judge, Nixon had a strenuous afternoon, even for a Con-



Representative Richard M. Nixon arrives with the microfilms.



Alger Hiss

Resigns, gets 3-month leave

gressman, but emerged triumphant at 6:10 P. M.

### Just a Long Peek.

At that time the victory statement came out of the Federal Building, disclosing that Nixon had given the jury a long peek—but no grabsies—at the films which Chambers plucked out of a pumpkin on his Westminster, Md., farm several days ago.

"The Congressman declined to leave the films in the custody of the grand jury or the federal attorneys," the statement went on, "because he says the rules of the House require that exhibits in committee hearings, such as these

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## Study Lie Test For Hiss Pair And Chambers

By FRANK HOLEMAN

From THE NEWS Bureau

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.

—The House Un-American Activities Committee is weighing a proposal that Whittaker Chambers, Alger Hiss and Donald Hiss submit to a lie detector test, to find out who is telling the truth about the secret documents stolen from the State Department for the Russians in 1937-38, it was announced today.

Representative Karl S. Mundt (R-S.D.), acting chairman of the committee, said the group will decide in the next day or two whether to propose the test.

Last Summer, when the idea first popped up, Chambers readily agreed to take the test, but Alger Hiss nixed it.

Donald, Alger's brother, was not asked at first, but since then Chambers has named both of the Hiss brothers as members of a pre-war Red underground which fed him secret documents, some of which he hid in a pumpkin on his farm.

Mundt also revealed today that the committee wants to question former Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Sayre, who was Alger's boss during the period, and Anna Belle Newcomb who was, and still is, Sayre's secretary.

### Will Arrive From Paris.

Mundt said the committee has "several interesting clues," but still has not located the typewriter which Chambers alleged Mrs. Alger Hiss used to copy the hot state secrets for the Russians.

Sayre and Miss Newcomb will arrive in New York about Dec. 20

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Representative Karl S. Mundt

## Victim of Guam Jungle Attack Dies

Guam, Tuesday, Dec. 14 (U.P.).—Ruth Farnsworth, attractive 27-year-old jungle attack victim, died in the Army hospital early today without regaining consciousness and naming her murderer.

The brown-haired Navy civilian employe was kidnaped from a jade shop Saturday night and beaten in a heavy matted jungle 200 yards away.

She was found partly-clad, bleeding and unconscious yesterday morning after an island-wide search by troops and native police. The Navy said she died at 12:10 A. M.

### Engaged to Marine.

First reports said that the girl had been raped, but later Navy officials said that no examination for rape had yet been made. Miss Farnsworth was engaged to Marine Sergt. Sterling McGinnis, who is also attached to this island base.

The Navy said the girl's mother, Mrs. L. B. Farnsworth of San Francisco, had been notified of her daughter's death.

U. S. military authorities on the island redoubled their efforts to find the slayer. Several service men were questioned, but all were cleared.

Carl Wall, American owner of the jade shop where Miss Farnsworth did part-time work in the evenings, offered a \$1,000 reward for the capture of her slayer.

Search for the girl was launched Sunday morning when it was dis-

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Ruth Farnsworth

(Acme Telefoto)

## In Labor for 33 Hours, Shoots Self, Bears Son

Trenton, Dec. 13 (AP).—A 22-year-old mother today was recovering from gunshot wounds she inflicted on herself after enduring 33 hours of labor pains.

Police said the woman, Mrs. Eleanor Cunningham, shot herself in the shoulder yesterday with a 12-gauge shotgun while awaiting the birth of her fourth child. A few hours later, after emergency treatment, she gave birth to an 8-pound, 13-ounce boy at Mercer Hospital.

Her condition today was reported good, while the boy's was listed as only fair.

State police said Mrs. Cunningham's labor pains began 2 A. M.

Saturday at her home in nearby Hopewell Township, her doctor visited her periodically, making the last call at 10:30 yesterday morning.

Soon after the doctor left, Mrs. Cunningham asked her husband, James, to go to the kitchen and make her some fried onions. While he was gone, she sat on the edge of her bed and shot herself, State Trooper A. W. Geran said.

## Nixon and Grand Jury Share Pumpkin Films

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films, must remain in the custody of the House until released by the House. These films have not yet been so released."

In what appeared to be the triumph of the parliamentary over the prosecutory, the statement then explained the compromise agreement.

Attending the harmony conference, it was announced, were Nixon, Alex Campbell, chief of Justice's criminal division; Thomas J. Donegan, special assistant to the U. S. Attorney General; U. S. District Attorney John F. X. McGohey, and Judge Clancy.

### He Only Saw Pumpkins.

Though he had left Washington at 7 A. M., Nixon didn't show up in Foley Square till almost 2 P. M., explaining that a freight wreck had tied up the tracks. Asked if anyone had been hurt, he said:

"I don't think so—all we saw were pumpkins."

At times, he laughed with the press, and when someone suggested why didn't he just go ahead and give up the microfilm, he came back:

"I suppose we just made up the whole thing."

Then he added:

"And I suppose I'll see that tomorrow in The Daily Worker."

But as he raced back and forth between the grand jury room and the prosecutor's office, clutching his briefcase of film, he was obviously angry once or twice. At one time, before entering the jury chambers, he sat down to cool off.

Nixon was not very enthusiastic at having been subpoenaed—the first member of the House group to be so treated—and his long jury appearance, from 2:15 to 3:45 P. M., didn't improve his cheeriness. In an unusual gesture, Campbell sat in on this session. Asked why he'd been singled out for the subpoena, Nixon said:

"You guess, and you'll be right."

### Back to Washington.

But just as he had said at the beginning of the day, he announced again last night that he was returning to Washington—taking the five-roll, 200-photograph batch of microfilm with him. He won't be back, either, he said, unless he is asked.

In addition to the ambattled Congressman, the jury heard several other witnesses, including Chambers and his day-by-day target, Alger Hiss. Hiss yesterday tossed in his resignation as \$20,000-a-year president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, but the trustees wouldn't accept it.

The jury—originally scheduled for dissolution tomorrow night—is being pulmotored through Thursday on a legal technicality, and to waste no time, squeezed in several added-starter witnesses yesterday, as follows:

Eleanor Nelson, ex-government employe and official of the United Federal Workers, a CIO affiliate, who has been active in Baltimore and Washington.

### Denied Knowing Chambers.

William Ward Pigman, ex-employe in the Bureau of Standards, where secret weapons are tested. The 38-year-old chemist was named by Chambers as a possible source of some of the restricted papers, but has flatly denied giving out any government hush-hush stuff, or even knowing Chambers.

George Pigman, an engineer on the staff of the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Indianapolis and brother of William Ward Pigman. The reason for his subpoena was not explained.

In addition, Henry Julian Wadleigh, former State Department economist accused by Chambers of being an "active source" of State Department papers, was on hand for call. Wadleigh, who has previously testified, recently refused to tell the House probers whether he had ever passed on material for forwarding to Soviet agents, but denied ever having been a Communist, or following the Red line. Hiss' rejected resignation was

## O'D. Opens Traffic HQ

Manhattan's Traffic Signal Control Center was placed in operation yesterday when Mayor O'Dwyer pulled a switch in the control room on the third floor of the W. 30th St. police station. The switch controlled traffic lights on Lexington Ave., from 21st to 63d Sts., Madison Ave., from 23d to 62d Sts., Sixth Ave., from Third to 59th Sts., Seventh Ave., from 12th to 40th Sts., and Eighth Ave., from 14th to 58th Sts.

based on the fact that for some weeks to come he expects to be fully engaged in preparing for "investigations and legal proceedings." In addition, he reported to his Carnegie trustees, he hoped "to eliminate any possible embarrassment to the Endowment from my continued connection with it."

### Decision Was Unanimous.

However, according to the Endowment, the 20 trustees attending the semi-annual board meeting at the Carnegie Corp., 522 Fifth Ave., unanimously decided on the three months leave, instead of the resignation.

Eight trustees were absent, among them John Foster Dulles, UN delegate for the U. S., Dwight D. Eisenhower and Frederic A. Delano. Dr. James T. Shotwell was named acting Endowment president in Hiss' absence.

## Study Lie Test In Spies Hunt

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from Paris where Sayre has been attending the UN meeting as U. S. representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

"We plan either to subpoena both, or invite them to appear before the committee, whichever is necessary," Mundt said.

Only four persons in Sayre's office had official access to top secret documents, Mundt disclosed. The other two—Alger Hiss and Eunice Lincoln, a secretary—have already been heard in executive session.

### Would Be Very Scientific.

The lie detector test, if agreed upon, will be conducted in the most scientific manner possible, Mundt promised.

"It will be in a closed session, with the best equipment, and the results will be made public," he said.

Mundt dashed cold water on reports that the committee had already found a typewriter which was used to copy some of the documents.

"We don't have any typewriter in our possession. We have some very interesting clues leading to a typewriter, however," he said.

The committee also has a letter written on a typewriter by Mrs. Alger Hiss, Mundt disclosed, but doesn't know exactly when it was written, or whether she used a machine at home or in some other place.

### Top Secret Papers.

Chambers claimed it was "the usual practice" for Hiss to bring top secret papers home overnight, where Mrs. Hiss would copy them.

Mundt said Representative Richard M. Nixon (R-Calif.), who carried the spy microfilm before the New York grand jury today, has committee instructions to "let the grand jury look at it, scrutinize it, let their experts analyze it, and return to Washington with it."

Apparently, Mundt did not fear a clash with the Justice Department, or U. S. District Attorney John McGohey over actual possession of the film.

## For Loyalty to Uncle Sam



(NEWS photo by Whittaker)

FIVE of the winners watch as Mayor O'Dwyer signs one of 350 Good Citizenship Awards to be presented tomorrow by the American Heritage Foundation, sponsor of the Freedom Train tour, to boys and girls selected for leadership in citizenship activities. Standing are (l. to r.) Mary Kilkenny, Marilyn Hecker, Thomas Hack, Eileen Koch, Norman Ginsberg and J. Edward Shugrue, national director of the Foundation.

## Supreme Court Backs Cop Transom Peeping

By JERRY GREENE

of THE NEWS Bureau

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The Supreme Court today upheld the right of a policeman to peek over a transom in search of evidence, but rapped severely the knuckles of cops who invade private homes without a search warrant.

It was a rough day in court for the police and eager-beaver prosecutors. In two other cases, the



Justice Douglas

high court outlawed confessions obtained by holding a suspect for a long time without arraignment, and reversed the 10-year-old conviction of a Pennsylvania burglar who pleaded guilty without benefit of counsel.

The transom-peeping case involved two residents of Washington, D. C., Earl H. McDonald and Joseph F. Washington, who were sentenced respectively to six to 18 months and 60 days in jail, respectively, in 1946, for running a numbers game.

### Had Time to Get Warrant.

The convictions were reversed—not because the cops peered over a transom to see the game in operation, but because they broke into McDonald's boarding house without a warrant. The court, splitting 6-3 on this decision, pointed out that the police had been tailing McDonald for two months and had plenty of time to get a search warrant.

Under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, said the majority opinion delivered by Justice Douglas, "the right of privacy was deemed too precious to entrust to the discretion of those whose job is the detection of crime and the arrest of criminals."

"Power is a heady thing; and history shows that the police acting on their own cannot be trusted."

But the peeping, once the cop is legally inside a building, is okay. "Looking over the transom was not a search," the majority held, "for the eye cannot commit the trespass condemned by the Fourth Amendment."

### Held 30 Hours by Cops.

The "prolonged detention" case also involved a Washingtonian, Andrew Upshaw, who got 16 months to four years for stealing a \$135 watch from the wife of a policeman. Upshaw was held "on

suspicion" for 30 hours, during which he made a confession which was used in evidence.

The Pennsylvania case, where Elmer Uveges is serving 20-40 years on four burglary charges, was simply a case where the prisoner, 17 years old when convicted, pleaded guilty without having had an attorney. The high court reversed the conviction, 6-3.

## Bev Says Putt May Still Be Hers, But Her Writ Loses

By JAMES DESMOND

In cafe society, keeping track of who is married to whom is a major pastime, requiring a cross-index file, an extensive memory and a taste for collecting trivia.

Yesterday, however, a complication popped up that threatened to wreck the filing systems. Beverly Paterno Humphreys and A. Putnam (Putt) Humphreys, the playboy jeweler, got into a wrangle in Supreme Court over their 1946 Florida divorce.

### May Still Be Wed, She Says.

"I have obtained documentary evidence leading me to believe that I might still be the wife of the defendant," Bev told Justice Joseph Gavagan.

The assertion was a painful one for Putt. After shelving Bev, he remarried his second wife—Bev was his fourth—and he was hurt by the suggestion that the remarriage wasn't entirely lawful. Besides, he said, Bev "appeared by counsel" in the Florida divorce action and that "constitutes a complete answer to her intimation that I am still married to her."

He added: "The tactics pursued demonstrate that she (Bev) is attempting to blackmail me through the courts."

### Attachment Thrown Out.

The marital question went undecided, however. Justice Gavagan limited his ruling to throwing out a writ of attachment Bev had obtained against Putt's New York property. The court had assurances from Putt that he had no intention of leaving the jurisdiction of the court. After all, Putt said, "I

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covered she had not returned to her quarters from the jade shop.

### Property Left Behind.

Investigators found the young woman's jeep still parked outside the shop. Inside the shop they discovered her jacket, handbag, bracelet and comb.

Evidence at the jungle spot where she was found indicated that she struggled before she was beaten into unconsciousness.

A marine sentry who was on duty Saturday night at headquarters, about 400 feet from the jade shop, told authorities he had seen the shoplights go out at about 8 P. M. His statement apparently established the time of the abduction as investigation showed the wires to the shop's generator had been ripped out presumably by the girl's murderer.

### Seek Missing Sandal.

Lieut. Comdr. James P. Hackett, assistant chief of Guam police, said he had been authorized by the Navy to offer a reward for one of the girl's sandals which had not been found at the scene.

Hackett added that all command officers had been ordered to examine their personnel for evidence of fresh scratches which might have been received in a fight with the victim.

## 50,000 Belgians In Border Strike

Brussels, Dec. 13 (U.P.).—More than 50,000 Belgians who work across the border in France went on strike today because a French Government decree effective this morning forces them to spend half of their salaries in French francs. The Belgian Federation of Labor advised the strikers to register immediately as unemployed. If they do, Belgium's jobless figure would soar to 250,000, or 16% of the working population.



Beverly Paterno Humphreys Questions Florida divorce.

have a lease at the Plaza; I'm not going to move."

Bev had obtained the writ after bringing suit against Putt for \$25,200, representing \$8,300 in back alimony and \$16,900 in jewels she said she had turned over to Putt to sell for her. No date for trial has been set.