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HOUSE UNIT SEIZES FILMED U. S. SECRETS AT CHAMBERS' HOME

Vital State Department Data
Reportedly Fed to Red Spies
Bared in Row With Hiss

FEDERAL JURY MAY ACT

Committee Declares Evidence
of Big Network Is 'Definite'
—Hearings to Be Resumed

By W. H. LAWRENCE

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—The House Committee on Un-American Activities declared tonight that it had "definite proof of one of the most extensive espionage rings in the history of the United States" and that it possessed "microfilm copies of documents of tremendous importance" which had been removed from the State Department for transmission to "Russian Communist agents."

The committee said that the evidence was taken from Whitaker Chambers, senior editor of Time magazine and declared former Communist underground agent, who has been engaged in a running controversy, involving alleged slander and perjury, with Alger Hiss, former high-ranking State Department official.

Mr. Hiss, who is now president of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace in New York City, has filed a \$75,000 slander suit against Mr. Chambers in Baltimore.

Hiss Claims Credit

[The Associated Press quoted Mr. Hiss as saying in a statement issued in New York:

"During the course of examination by my counsel of Mr. Chambers in the libel action which I have brought against him in Baltimore, Mr. Chambers produced certain documents which I consider of such im-

STUDYING MICROFILMS IN CAPITAL



Robert E. Stripling (seated), chief investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, looking over microfilms found in a hollowed-out pumpkin on a Maryland farm. The others, left to right, are Robert Gaston, Donald Appell and C. E. McKillips.

Associated Press Wirephoto

End of Racial Segregation Asked by Churches' Council

By GEORGE DUGAN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 3—A statement condemning racial segregation in all its ramifications and calling upon the churches of this country to press for the extension of full social, economic

DIVORCE REFORM IS BACKED BY BAR

Hogan Moves for Two-Month
Extension of Grand Jury
in Inquiry Here

and political rights to every citizen without discrimination as to race, color, creed or sex was overwhelmingly adopted here today by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

[Text of Council's statement on human rights, Page 11.]

The statement on human rights was described by council officials as the most comprehensive document of its kind ever to be acted upon by the organization in its

WATERFRONT GANGS FACE CITY INQUIRY ORDERED BY MAYOR

Rackets That Prevent Full Use
of Dock Properties Stated
for Full-Scale Study

PORT PROJECT UP AGAIN

Authority Spokesmen Called
for Reconsideration of Old
Rehabilitation Program

By GEORGE HORNE

A full-scale investigation of waterfront gangster activities that prevent full utilization of the city's dock properties has been ordered by Mayor O'Dwyer.

In another action bearing on the health and prosperity of the waterfront, one of the busiest in the world and one most affected by crime, the Mayor called spokesmen of the Port of New York Authority yesterday for a reconsideration of the bi-state agency's proposed port rehabilitation program.

The Mayor, after conferences with police and dock officials, announced at City Hall that Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallender and John W. Murtagh, Commissioner of Investigation, would collaborate on the waterfront inquiry and report to him on the findings. There were indications that the inquiry might result in grand jury action.

The pier investigation, based on a report filed with the Mayor by G. Joseph Minetti, Commissioner of Marine and Aviation, had no ostensible connection with the summoning of the Port Authority, which had been rejected as overseer of waterfront properties in September in favor of the city's own reconstruction plan.

Order Under Agency Seen

However, some shipping men who privately have favored the Port Authority plan since it was announced, said they believed that its

RIO DEFENSE PACT, AMERICAS' ALLIANCE, BECOMES EFFECTIVE

Ceremony Marks Ratifications
of Treaty, Now Pattern for
Atlantic Security

MARSHALL CITES U. N. TIE

He Sends Message to Capital
Gathering—Ecuador Pledges
She Will Round Out Signers

By C. P. TRUSSELL

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—The Treaty of Rio de Janeiro, binding nations of the Western Hemisphere to mutual defense against any and all aggression, became operative at 12:27 P. M. today.

It went into effect at an historic ceremony at which Costa Rica, through her Ambassador, Mario A. Esquivel, deposited her papers of ratification before an assembly of officials and diplomats of the Western world. Costa Rica was the fourteenth of twenty-one States to present her ratification, meeting the two-thirds requirement to put into action the pact that seeks to end neutrality anywhere in the hemisphere when aggression is on the march.

Assurances came from States still not on the ratification list that their conformance was on the way.

Secretary of State Marshall in a message to the gathering hailed the treaty as setting out the purpose of the peoples of this hemisphere to do their part, under the United Nations Charter, in making world peace secure.

Today's ceremony, held at the headquarters of the Pan American Union here, had more than hemispheric implications. Activation of this pact, worked out after nineteen days of negotiation at the Hotel Quitandinha in the Brazilian mountains near Rio de Janeiro in August and September, 1947, concededly presented a working pat-

Eastern Berlin Mayor Bows To Russia as 'Only Authority'

Ebert's Soviet-Led Party Sends Hecklers
to Anti-Communist Election Meetings
in West Sector—They Are Ejected

By DREW MIDDLETON

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERLIN, Dec. 3 — Friedrich Ebert, Communist Mayor of the new Eastern Government for Berlin, acknowledged today the Soviet Military Administration as "the only authority" for his administration.

Meanwhile, the non-Communist parties of Western Berlin successfully resisted half a dozen attempts by strong-arm squads from Herr Ebert's Socialist Unity [Communist] party to break up their political meetings as Berlin's election campaign neared a strenuous climax.

The parties of the Western sectors will oppose each other in Sunday's elections, but the ultimate foe of each is totalitarianism in the form of the Soviet military administration.

"The issue is, do you want a secret ballot or a secret police," an unidentified Christian Democrat shouted at a meeting in the industrial suburb of Wedding.

Communist hecklers were thrown

out of this meeting and ejected from other assemblies held by the Liberal Democratic party in Moabit and the Social Democratic party in Charlottenburg.

Social Democrats, who command the services of a number of heavy-muscled young trade unionists, added a refinement to their treatment of the Communists. The hecklers were removed forcibly from the hall and then received first aid treatment at a post established outside the auditorium.

When the Communists were patched up and finally ejected they were showered with Social Democratic campaign literature.

The Communists tried to reduce the size of the crowd attending this meeting by running elevated trains (the administration of the elevated railroad is situated in the Soviet sector) past the near-by Witzleben station without stopping. Hundreds were carried on to the next station where they got out

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SAWYER LINKS RISE IN TAXES TO ARMS

Tells the NAM Allocations Will
Continue, Controls Will Grow
With Military Spending

Excerpts from the address by
Secretary Sawyer, Page 6.

By RUSSELL PORTER

Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, in a conciliatory speech approved by assured A

SERVICES ACCEPT 15 BILLION LIMIT

Express Support of Truman
Ceiling on Total Defense
Outlay in the Budget

By WALTER H. WAGGONER
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—The armed services expressed various degrees of "support" of the forthcoming unified military budget today and indicated they would re-

CONCILIATION PLAN FOR PALESTINE RIFT PREPARED BY U. N.

Action on Resolution to Give
Free Hand to Commission
Is Virtually Completed

MEMBERS NOT YET PICKED

Body Will Meet in Jerusalem
—Political Committee to
Resume Debate Today

By THOMAS J. HAMILTON

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Dec. 3—The Political and Security Committee of the United Nations General Assembly virtually completed action tonight on the resolution that would give to the proposed conciliation commission a virtually free hand in its efforts to work out a permanent settlement in Palestine.

The resolution reaffirms the recommendation in the original partition plan that an international regime be established in the Jerusalem area, but drops the Anglo-American stipulation that the boundaries in Palestine as a whole should be determined on the dual basis of the partition resolution and the Bernadotte plan.

The committee rejected two other important provisions of the Anglo-American proposal: first, that territory to be assigned to the Palestinian Arabs should be annexed to Trans-Jordan; second, a request that, when the boundaries between Israel and the Arabs are determined finally, the Security Council should consider any attempt to alter them by force as a violation of Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter.

On the other hand, the committee approved provisions of the resolution requesting the conciliation commission to facilitate the return of the Arab refugees and to help arrange compensation for the de-

which I consider of such importance that I directed my attorneys to place them at once before the Department of Justice.

["This has been done, and I have offered my full cooperation to the Department of Justice and to the grand jury in the further investigation of this matter."]

The committee announcement was made by Robert Stripling, its chief investigator, who issued a statement in the name of Representative Karl Mundt, Republican, of South Dakota, recently elected to the Senate, who is in his home state, but who announced his intention to reassemble the committee as soon as possible.

Mr. Stripling, in making Mr. Mundt's statement public, said that some of the microfilmed documents turned over to the committee would have permitted cracking of a United States secret code if placed side by side with the coded originals.

All Dated Before War

He said that none of the documents microfilmed was dated after the year 1938, but that he had a stack of papers, developed from the film, about three feet high.

Mr. Stripling said that Mr. Chambers had not volunteered the data but that it had been taken, under subpoena, at the Time editor's home in Westminster, Md., last night.

The committee investigator described two of the documents. One, he said, was a report signed "Bullitt," obviously referring to William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to Russia and to France, who reported to the department his conversations with a Chinese official, formerly in Moscow, regarding the prospects of Russia's entrance into the Chinese-Japanese war.

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It did not name the member of the "Communist underground" who supplied the documents to Mr. Chambers, but it did say that the purpose of their removal from

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House Unit Seizes Filmed Secrets Linked to Hiss-Chambers Dispute

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State Department offices was "transmittal to Russian Communist agents."

The House committee's statement was made public a few hours after Attorney General Tom C. Clark told reporters at the White House that the Department of Justice had "new information" regarding the Hiss-Chambers case.

It was indicated that this material might be placed before a Federal grand jury in New York next week. Attorney General Clark and Justice Department officials declined to discuss it in any way.

Mr. Stripling said that Representative Mundt spoke for the entire House Committee on Un-American Activities in the following statement:

"Documents secured by subpoena last night from Whittaker Chambers indicate that a final conclusion is imminent in the long discussed Hiss-Chambers espionage case with which the House Committee on Un-American Activities has been concerned since before the special session of the Eightieth Congress.

"There is now in the possession of the committee, under twenty-four-hour guard, microfilmed copies of documents of tremendous importance, which were removed from the offices of the State Department and turned over to Chambers for the purpose of transmittal to Russian Communist agents.

Documents Sought Ten Years

"These documents are of such startling and significant importance, and reveal such a vast network of Communist espionage within the State Department, that they far exceed anything yet brought before the committee in its ten-year history.

"Those microfilms have been the object of a ten-year search by agents of the United States Government, and provide definite proof of one of the most extensive espionage rings in the history of the United States.

"On the basis of evidence now before the committee, it appears that conclusive proof has been established that secret documents of direct significance to our national security were fed out of the State Department by a member of the Communist underground to Whittaker Chambers, who at that time was operating as one of the Washington contacts for the Communist underground operating in America.

"As the chairman of the subcommittee handling this entire matter, I shall proceed to Washington as soon as possible. I have radioed Congressman [Richard M.] Nixon [Republican, of California] to fly back to Washington, if possible, and am getting in touch with other members of the subcommittee to ascertain the earliest possible date for a public hearing. The evidence before us is so shocking that I do not feel justified in delaying action a day longer than required."

Microfilms in Pumpkin At the Chambers Farm

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—Microfilms which the House Un-American Activities Committee described as definite proof of an extensive espionage ring were produced from a hollowed-cut pumpkin, Robert E. Stripling, the committee's chief investigator, said tonight.

He said that when investigators talked with Whittaker Chambers under subpoena last night at his farm near Westminster, Md., Mr. Chambers led them to a spot behind the farmhouse. There he showed them a pumpkin. He then lifted a cut-out lid and pulled out the microfilms.

a Congressional committee in Washington that Mr. Hiss was active in a "Communist apparatus" that operated in Washington in the late 1930's.

Mr. Hiss, a former State Department official and now president of the Carnegie Endowment for World Peace, denied these charges and sued Mr. Chambers for \$75,000 in Federal court here.

Richard F. Cleveland, attorney for Mr. Chambers, said today that the magazine editor and his wife came to Baltimore in November and gave depositions in the libel suit.

The statements were taken down at the office of William L. Marbury, attorney for Mr. Hiss.

Mr. Cleveland said attorneys for both sides had agreed to keep the depositions secret. They may be introduced at the trial of the libel suit, but not necessarily.

Both attorneys declined to say whether the depositions had been turned over to the Department of Justice in Washington.

They said the information in the statements was "not necessarily" new.

203 of 287 Draftees Rejected

Out of 287 draftees appearing yesterday for mental and physical tests in connection with the peace time draft, seventy-three were accepted, 203 rejected and eleven put in an "indeterminate" category by Army officials at 39 Whitehall Street. The prospective draftees came from boards in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx. Processing of men will continue Monday morning, when 354 are expected to appear at 8:30 A. M.

Sally Milgrim

SAYS:

"Our quilted rayon satin bedjacket edged in lace... perfect Christmas gift for those who love luxury."

The Hiss-Chambers controversy, which has brought about not only the \$75,000 damage suit but also demands that one or the other be indicted for perjury, has concerned Mr. Chambers' charge that Mr. Hiss was a member of a pre-war "Communist apparatus" operating in Washington. Mr. Hiss has categorically denied the assertion.

Mr. Hiss entered the service of the State Department in 1936 as an assistant to an Assistant Secretary of State and thereafter held posts in the Office for Far Eastern Affairs and the Office of Special Political Affairs until January, 1945, when he became director of the latter office and held that position until 1947.

Outgrowth of Libel Suit

Before the House committee acted tonight, Attorney General Clark had indicated that the new evidence had been discovered in Baltimore while depositions were being taken in Mr. Hiss' suit against Mr. Chambers.

Although the un-American Activities Committee now is very much of a "lame duck" group because it is under Republican leadership and so many of its members were defeated in the elections last month, Representative Mundt, who moves to the Senate in January, said that "the evidence before us is so shocking that I do not feel justified in delaying action a day longer than required."

In the November elections, control of Congress passed from the Republicans to the Democrats and this means the retirement of Representative J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey as chairman. Since the election Mr. Thomas has been indicted on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government and of making false payroll claims against the Government.

Representatives John McDowell of Pennsylvania and Richard B. Vail of Illinois, Republican members of the committee, were defeated for re-election.

Mr. Stripling said in response to a question that the Justice and State Departments had not been consulted about the microfilmed evidence, and added in response to another inquiry that the committee would have to decide what it wished to do if the Justice Department requested them.

Presumably the "new information" mentioned by Attorney General Clark will be presented to the same Federal grand jury which indicted twelve top Communist leaders and which is scheduled to end its term of service Dec. 18.

Nobody at the Justice Department would go beyond Mr. Clark's statement, but it was understood there had been lengthy conferences concerning presentation of the matter to the grand jury.

GIVE DATA IN LIBEL CASE

Chambers and Wife Make Secret Depositions in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3 (AP)—An attorney for Whittaker Chambers said today the magazine editor and his wife have given secret pretrial testimony in a libel suit against Mr. Chambers by Alger Hiss.

Mr. Chambers, a senior editor of Time magazine, testified before