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The December 26, 1951 edition of the New York "Journal-American" carried the following item in CROTTY WILGALL'S column entitled, "The Voice of Broadway":

"Friends report that Mrs. ALICE HISS is ailing and requires constant medical attention."

Communist Party Membership

There has been no evidence or information developed to date indicating that PRISCILLA HISS is or had been a card-carrying member of the Communist Party, or that she was attached to any particular Communist cell or branch, or that she attended Communist Party meetings.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, a self-confessed former Soviet agent, has advised that sometime in the latter part of 1938 at a time some months after he had broken with the Communist Party, he made a special trip to Washington, D. C. for the purpose of talking HISS into breaking with the Communist Party. CHAMBERS stated that with tears streaming down his face, HISS refused to break with the Communists, and gave as his reason for not breaking with them, his "loyalty" to his friends and principles. CHAMBERS stated that in his opinion, the strongest reason for HISS maintaining his status with the Party was the fanatical loyalty for the Communist Party on the part of PRISCILLA HISS, his wife.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, mentioned above, when interviewed in September of 1949 stated that PRISCILLA HISS was a close friend of MARION PACHTAGE, the Public Relations Director of the Communist Party in Washington, D.C.