



### Stuck with Will In Washington

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Dear Ella:

Washington in the summer! What a steaming hellhole! While you're on the beach at Narragansett, here I am stuck with Will until Congress lets out.

For amusement, I've been going to the hearings of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations on Harold Talbott. You wouldn't believe it, Ella, but I don't believe Harold Talbott had any idea in the world that he had done one earthly thing wrong in getting all that business for his efficiency firm.

In case you are too busy working up a suntan to read the papers, the Secretary of the Air Force has an interest in a firm called Mulligan that shows big corporations how they can cut down their clerical staff. What do you suppose they do—make the remaining clerks work faster? Well, I'm rambling as usual, so back to the hearings, which really have been as good as going to the theatre.

First of all, as you probably don't know, Harold Talbott asked to testify before the committee. It was really rather noble of him. Of course, he heard that some letters he'd written on Air Force stationery, soliciting business for the Mulligan firm, had been printed in the N.Y. Times.

And, incidentally, Peggy Talbott, his wife (she was Peggy Thayer of the Philadelphia Thayers) nearly ruined everything for him when she grabbed the telephone when the Times reporter called up to tell Harold the letters were being published. She said it was a pretty snide, low, sneaking group that had done this. She said her husband was tired, and to stop calling him. Imagine, to the Times! How snooty can you get? Of course, I admit Talbott is pretty awe-inspiring, with all that money, and playing bridge with the President, but even so.

Anyway, to go back to the hearings, I enjoyed them no end. Harold began explaining he had done nothing wrong, though even his friend Donald Douglas, the head of the Douglas Aircraft, with which the Air Force does a tremendous amount of business, said that Talbott told him he got \$10,000 a month out of the Mulligan Co.

Senator McClellan, from Arkansas, the Subcommittee Chairman, told the reporters that he personally believed Talbott was innocent of wrongdoing. And he's a Democrat. If you could have been there, Ella, and seen him practically bowing from the waist, he is so impressed by Talbott. Will says Talbott has done a lot for the Democrats, even though he is an old-time Republican. He supports them when they have to fight those reds that are for desegregation in the South.

Anyway, even poor old McCarthy came to Talbott's defense, and said he shouldn't resign. McCarthy couldn't see he'd done anything wrong — unless making a profit is wrong. Anyway, it was pretty dramatic, especially when Talbott began explaining how all the things he'd done were absolutely O.K. He got in deeper and deeper. But sitting there in the committee room, everyone treats him

## Subsidized Perjurers -- Some Stool Pigeons Who Made Good

By Henry Gitano

Would you like to make a dishonest buck as a paid liar? If so, you might try for a place on the federal payroll as a witness in "subversive" hearings and trials, for it appears that there are still openings despite the unfavorable publicity that has lately cast a shadow on the profession.

The training is not difficult. You start as a stoolpigeon, a job that requires neither brains nor heart and no talents at all

except a propensity to betray the friends you make. In the stoolpigeon staff of the FBI, any tendency you may have to confuse fact and fiction is carefully nurtured. Finally you graduate for the performances in court where your imagination, if it proves fertile enough, may bring you national fame.

**DEAN OF WITNESSES**

Paul Crouch is generally considered the Dean of Witnesses for Hire. He is said to have averaged \$5,000 a year. The

### Wall Street Finds Good in Moscow

By Daniel Roberts

Now that Wall Street has decided on a truce in the cold war, its spokesmen must put back in moth balls the lies about a Soviet conspiracy to conquer the world.

For eight years, journalists and professors, taking their cue from the State Department, went to great pains to "prove" that the counter-revolutionary Stalinists were really world revolutionaries on a rampage. This they insisted was the true and only reason for the war danger confronting mankind.

Now the same obedient journalists and learned historians have undertaken to dispel the notion that a "red peril" emanates from the Kremlin. A rash of predictions are being made that the Communist Party leaders will abandon their belief in world revolution.

The noted historian Arnold J. Toynbee is one such prophet. Writing in the July 24 issue of the N.Y. Times Magazine he asks, "Can Russia Really Change?"

Yes, he answers. Although the Russian leaders will never renounce the doctrine of world revolution, they may let it become a dead letter in practice.

He then offers an analogy. "One of the tenets of Islam," he says, "is that the Islamic world is in a permanent state of war with the non-Islamic world." All the same, no one expects a holy war to break out between Moslems and Christians. The Islamic concept is now a dead letter.

On the basis of these and similar observations, Toynbee ventures the prediction that the Kremlin leaders will cease to be loyal to the program of world revolution and that peace is therefore possible.

Another prophet of the coming transformation of the Stalinists into conservative bureaucrats is Joseph Harsch, Special Correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, and an authoritative U.S. capitalist journalist.

Harsch wrote on July 19 from France on the theme that the Communist Parties of Europe have spent some of their force "as the self-proclaimed new evangelism of the 20th century." This, he claims, is really a factor for peace.

He sees the loss of revolutionary ideology manifested in the fact that Maurice Thorez, leader of the French Communist Party, owns a villa on the French Riviera, which cost the party \$70,000. And Harsch asks, "Is not a political movement, which gives the chubby little figure of Maurice Thorez the bourgeois luxury of a villa on the Riviera losing its ability to hypnotize the European working class?"

Another bourgeois analyst, quoted in the July 22 U.S. News and World Report, writes the

### ... "SATELLITE" PROJECT

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Soviet government would support the satellite experiment.

Furthermore, despite claims about sharing information with the rest of the world, all data about the power system of the satellite will remain a closely guarded secret.

**MILITARY EXPERIMENTS**

The Defense Department explained that this phase of the project is connected with military experiments. The only information to be shared will be about the satellite itself — its orbit, speed, composition — plus whatever scientific data it may gather in flight.

Evidently, so long as they can test the rocket relay system, the actual nature of the experimental satellite is a matter of indifference to the war-makers, and they are happy to give it a "peaceful" guise. In that way military experimentation and demagoguery are fruitfully united.

The announcement of the satellite project came right on the heels of the Geneva Big Four Conference. This conference was a sounding board for Pres. Eisenhower's current "peace" propaganda. The aim was to portray the U.S. government as sincerely wishing coexistence and thereby cloak its preparations for World War III.

At Geneva Eisenhower and Dulles obtained the cooperation of the Stalinist leaders of this masquerade. Khrushchev, Bulganin and Zhukov declared themselves convinced of the peaceful intentions of the spokesmen of U.S. imperialism.

Eisenhower's first use of the Stalinist declarations was to announce the satellite project — with its death-dealing secret aim — as if it were a great boon to mankind.

**STALINIST REACTION**

And the Stalinists are going along with the fraud. On Aug. 1, Khrushchev announced that the

This note, too, is beginning to be sounded again in the Big Business press. Thus, writing about a newly published book on Russia in the July 10 N.Y. Times Book Review, Harrison E. Salisbury, former Times correspondent in Russia takes its author to task for excessive criticism. "For example," he says, "a good many events are presented from the point of view of Leon Trotsky but nowhere is it brought out that he, as the greatest believer in world revolution, was the most dangerous of the whole sorry crew."

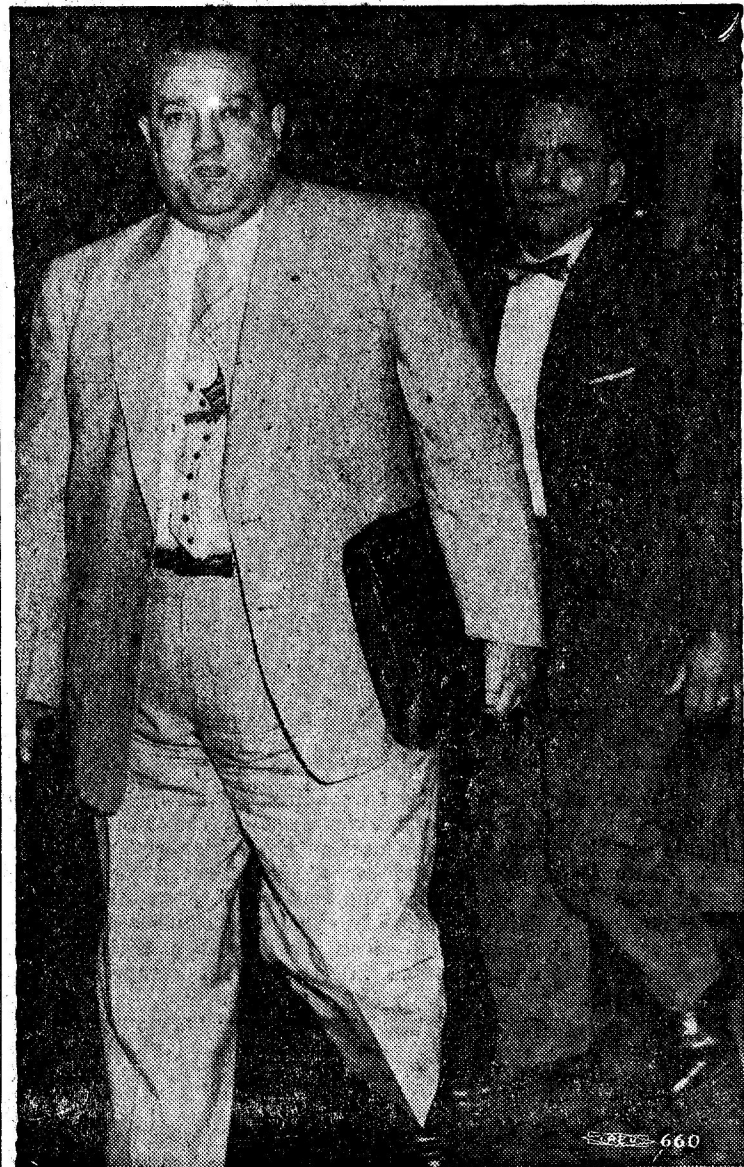
Although it knew the truth about Stalinism when it launched the cold war, the State Department wanted to shift the blame for the war drive it was starting from its own shoulders to those of the Kremlin.

That is why Wall Street propagandists pretended to discover that the Stalinists were really world revolutionists and as such imperiled the peace of the world.

Now they are changing their line again, back to "discovering" the non-revolutionary nature of Stalinism, and this "discovery" will last them until U.S. imperialism is again ready to openly drive for war. Then once more the journalists and professors will shout that Russia has betrayed her commitments to peace.

One sure conclusion emerges from these flipflops of the capitalist journalists and professors. No one seeking the truth about the nature of war, Stalinism or the authentic struggle for socialism and peace will find it in their writings.

### Informer Jailed



FBI informer Joseph Mazzei is escorted to jail by sheriff's deputy (rear). Mazzei has had a long career as a professional stool pigeon against Pennsylvania unionists. He was jailed, however, not for his stool-pigeon activities but on charges of failing to meet payments for support of an illegitimate child he allegedly fathered.

### WELL-KNOWN WRITERS BUTCHER IWW HISTORY

This is the 50th anniversary year of the Industrial Workers of the World. Founded in 1905, the IWW wrote a glorious page in U.S. working-class history.

But as the July 25 issue of the Industrial Worker, official organ of the IWW, points out it has not fared so well in U.S. history books. Nor is this all due to class prejudice, much is the result of mere ignorance.

One example given by the Industrial Worker is from the liberal historian, Henry Steele Commager. In "The Growth of the American Republic" by Commager and Morison, it is stated that "the International Workers of the World" was born of the Cripple Creek coal strike of 1904. Not only is the name of the IWW wrongly given, but there was no coal mining at Cripple Creek. Finally, though the Cripple Creek strikes made the Western Federation of Miners want larger labor backing, this was but one of many factors behind the formation of the IWW.

Says the Wobbly newspaper, "we wonder what such a prof would say to a student who submitted such a parallel statement

as that the League of Nations grew out of plans to build a railroad from Berlin to Baghdad?"

A second illustration is from an openly anti-labor historian, one Samuel P. Orth. He describes such things as the IWW burning down sawmills in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The Wobblies' gentle answer is that the town named is in "the midst of vast treeless plains." Searching scrupulously, they find there is an Aberdeen in Washington, "but the mills are still there and no complaint has appeared elsewhere that the IWW burned them."

The issue of the magazine, Fourth International, now on the press, has a lengthy article on the 50th anniversary of the IWW. It is of unusual interest because it is a political analysis, written by James P. Cannon, himself an active participant in the IWW prior to World War I, who later was one of the founders of the American Communist Party and, in 1928, a founder of American Trotskyism.

For students of American labor history and militants in today's class struggle who want to know just what the IWW was and did, its strength and shortcomings, its leaders and ranks, and the lessons to be learned from its bright page in American history, Cannon's article is "must" reading.

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