

L.T.-K. Fri. Nov. 6 - '53.

Attorney General Brownell, today, made a statement about Harry Dexter White. Who was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury back in wartime. (The high ranking official - who participated in the Bretton Woods agreement on international money matters. And -- drew up the "Morgenthau Plan". Which proposed that Germany be turned into just a farming country - pastoralized.)

Today, Brownell declared that, in Nineteen forty-five, the F B I informed President Truman that ~~he~~ Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry Dexter White was a spy for Soviet Russia. But, the following month, he was named ^{Executive} U.S. Director in the International Monetary Fund.

When the F B I heard of this, it sent another, more copious report, to the White House stating - that the information was from the most reliable ~~xx~~ sources -- Harry Dexter White -- a spy.

of White as head of the International Monetary Fund
That nomination was before the Senate Banking

Committee, which voted an okay. After which -- the

nomination was confirmed on the floor of the Senate. Today, the Attorney General declared - that neither the committee nor the Senate was told of the F B I report picturing Harry Dexter White ~~was~~ as an agent of Soviet espionage.

Later on, in Nineteen Forty-Eight, Elizabeth Bentley, the former espionage courier, testified that Harry Dexter White had been a member of a spy ring headed by Gregory

Whitaker Chambers

Silvermaster, also an official in the U S Treasury.

White was called before a congressional committee, and denied the whole thing. Two weeks later, he succumbed to a heart attack.

Since then, his name ~~has~~ has appeared frequently in stories of Communist espionage. Now, for the first time, ~~we know~~ what the F B I informed the White House about him, back in Nineteen Forty-five.

This recalls a surprise I had - in talking with people who had wartime dealings with Harry Dexter White. I had supposed, from his name, that this Assistant Secretary of the

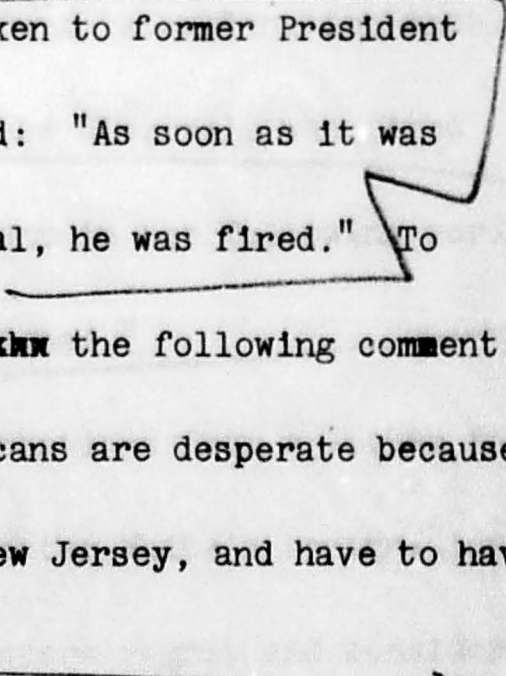
Treasury might have been an old-time Yankee, or a southerner. But I was told - that nobody really knew where he came from. That seemed to be a sort of mystery. The only indication was - that he spoke with a thick foreign accent, which might have been Russian.

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As for former President Truman's explanation that Harry Dexter White, when found to be disloyal, was fired

- The White House ^{today} issued a statement in the following words:-

"Mr. White was not fired. He resigned."

This is accompanied by quotations from a letter in which Mr. Truman accepted Harry Dexter White's resignation in the following words: "With sincere regret and considerable reluctance," and adding: " I know you can view with a great deal of satisfaction, your career in public service." Which could sound ironical, in view of statements made today.

KOREA NEGOTIATIONS

At Pan Mun Jom, today, the staff officers took over the negotiations for a Korean peace ~~CONFERENCE~~ conference. Following the Communist acceptance of a proposal made by U.S. Envoy Arthur Dean. He suggested that the deadlock be tackled by staff advisers - in secret meetings. That was the way the Korean armistice was finally arranged - after public discussions had failed.

(So what did the staff officers have to say today? Well, it was in secret. But we do know they ^{are} debating the Communist insistence that ~~the~~ neutral nations be represented in the peace conference. Also - our insistence that a time and place for the big palaver should be decided ~~on first.~~)

PRISONERS-COMMUNISM

The twenty-two American prisoners who refuse repatriation will no longer get -- ~~xi~~ letters from home. Today, General Thimayya, the Indian commander, stated: "We will stop all mail to them." (This - after a protest, signed by an American. Complaining - that families and other people in the United States were trying to persuade the twenty-two to leave Communism. "Coerce, slander and bribe," are the words used in the protest.

This rather startling development began with the seizure of two Indian officers - as hostages. A major and a captain were inspecting the compound of the captives who refuse to return to the free world - ~~three-hundred-and-twenty~~ two South Koreans, those ~~twenty-two~~ Americans, and one Briton. Suddenly, the two officers were seized, held as hostages, until the neutral commission listened to complaints from the pro-Communist prisoners.

Members of the commission went to the compound, and were handed a petition signed by a South Korean, an

American, and the one Briton. The American - Sergeant Richard
Corden, who seems to be from Rhode Island. The complaint was
accompanied by a bundle of letters, newspapers, magazine
articles. All - sent to the Americans by people in the United
States. ~~At~~ Families - pleading with them to return. Some
of the letters - were not even opened.

The petition stated: "We are violently opposed to
this. We demand to be protected from any such measures."

(Some of the letters were exactly the same. One,
presented as an example, was from Mrs. Ernest Regan of
Weatherville, North Carolina.

Today, Mrs. Regan was queried, and said that her own
son was a prisoner who had come home. And added: " I just
wrote a one-page letter to each of the boys, and asked them
if they would please come home.")

The petition complained that total strangers were
the Americans,
writing to/~~them~~, and added! "U N is asking the press and
innocent school children to do the stereotyped letters and

the dirty work."

Indian General Thimayya asked the twenty-two -- didn't they want to hear from their mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers? They ~~replied~~ replied -- yes, but they didn't want appeals and threats. So they demanded that the neutral commission censor all mail sent to them - and eliminate appeals and threats.

In Washington the U S Army expresses the belief - that this whole ugly affair was masterminded by five ring leaders among the twenty-two Americans. The other seventeen - under the control of the five. Who have prevented them from receiving the mail from home. Afraid - they might weaken in their determination to stay with Communism.

TRIESTE

The city of Trieste is quiet tonight, with British and American troops on guard - after an orgy of wild rioting. Ten killed in frenzied outbreaks. Huge throngs, fifty thousand pro-Italians, got out of hand, the police were being overwhelmed - and started shooting into the mob. The police, natives of Trieste, trained by the British. When they opened fire, bombs were thrown at them - and one policeman was killed.

→ Today, when the news was flashed, riots broke out in Italian cities, first, anti-British, then anti-American. Finally, anti-police. ~~There~~ There were battles all over the place, as in Rome - where windows of British buildings were broken by stones, and a huge crowd gathered in front of the American Embassy. They were dispersed by the police with - water cannon. That is, powerful streams of water.

The Italian government has sent diplomatic messages to Great Britain and the United States - protesting the gunfire by the police in Trieste. In Washington, our government sent a message to the people of that/~~support~~ ^{Adriatic}, asking them to help Allied forces maintain order.

Tonight an American Professor says - he was saved by a "cordon of Roman citizens." Professor Allen Tate of the University Of Minnesota, an exchange lecturer at the University of Rome, was driving in a British made car. A hostile crowd came surging - battering the car, smashing the headlights. But rescue came promptly. The Professor relating: "A cordon of Roman citizens surrounded the car, protectively, and walked alongside until I could safely drive away."

ITALY TRIAL

An Italian court has convicted the two Americans charged with the murder of Major William Holohan in wartime. Former Lieutenant Aldo Icardi of Pittsburgh, and former Sergeant Carl Lodolce of Rochester. Sentence - a life term for Icardi. Seventeen years - for Lodolce. Which doesn't mean anything practical, since neither can be extradited from the United States, and both were tried - in absentia.

At the same time, the court acquitted three Italians, accused of complicity in the murder of Major Holohan. Who, ~~was~~ with Icardi and Lodolce, was on a secret mission behind enemy lines. The charge is that the murder was incited by Major Holohan's refusal to let Communist partisans, in north Italy, get an undue supply of American weapons.

WEATHER

Across a large part of this nation today, the words were - snow and blizzard. From the Atlantic coast and on across the great plains of the West - the white storm was blowing.

~~In New York a blinding snow storm by a stiff wind.~~

~~Washington a snow storm of moderate force.~~

~~Chicago a snow storm of moderate force.~~

~~St. Louis a snow storm of moderate force.~~

~~St. Louis.~~ Up to seven inches of snow in western Nebraska. Kansas got five inches. ~~and~~ Gusts of wind ~~reached~~ at - sixty-five miles an hour. Which certainly made it - a rambunctious ~~blizz~~ blizzard.

WOMAN

At Long Beach, California, today, Mrs. Blanche Brandstetter got back a wallet and thirty-five dollars. Which she lost five years ago. At the same time, for the same reason - doctor cured his patient.

This is one of those odd cases in the realm of psychiatry, psychoanalysis. The patient - a woman in a state of nervous collapse, virtual hysteria. The doctor - trying to discover some secret cause of the mental disturbance. Finally, the patient told him - that five years ago at the Santa Anita ~~xxx~~ race track, she had found a wallet, thirty-five dollars in it. She had kept it, and still had it - money and all. Afraid, all the time - that she'd be arrested.

The doctor says she developed -- a "guilt complex."

So his prescription was to have the wallet and the thirty [^]~~is~~ five dollars taken to the police - and returned to Mrs. Brandstetter. The patient's condition improved immediately - her mind at peace for the first time in five years.

"Guilt complex"? They used to call it - conscience.

LONDON

In London, three magistrates were busy today, handing out sentences - wholesale. One hundred and fifty defendants, and a fine imposed on each - by three busy judges.

This is the aftermath of Guy Fawkes Day - which produced one of the liveliest riots London ever had. Hundreds of students - on the rampage.

Guy Fawkes Day is that annual rowdy celebration on the anniversary of the gunpowder plot, more than three hundred years ago. Guy Fawkes - the famous figure in the scheme to blow up King and Parliament with barrels of gunpowder.

This year, masses of students battled with London bobbies. Last night they tried to storm the House of Commons - all in memory of Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot.

Today, huge crowds of students gathered ^{outside} Bow Street Court, cheering the prisoners - as the three magistrates imposed fines on one-hundred-and-fifty of them.

COMEDIANS

In London, there's an impresario - searching in vain. Looking for something he can't find. Lou Walters, Manager of spectacular show places in New York and Miami. Night clubs called - The Latin Quarter. So what's he hunting? Well, he wants an old-fashioned red-nose baggy pants comedian.

He says that, nowadays, the young comics all imitate the genteel style of Bob Hope and Jack Benny, who usually dress like Park Avenue socialites, when they crack their jokes. He wants a 1953 version of George Rabey - who was the popular London music hall comedian back in World War I.

"Everything is too high class", he moans. "It would be nice to see a few rowdy, custard-pie throwers again, I'm tired of hearing jokes from fellows so well dressed, they make me feel like a social inferior."

Mike, the lament of the mournful impresario concludes in these words: "If any young comic asks me: 'How can I become a success in show business? I'm going to say: 'Son, first learn to throw custard pies!'"