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LATTIMORE

Startling, contradiction today in Washington, in the Owen Lattimore affair. A famous ex-Communist branded him a Red. A former chief of our Army Counter-intelligence said he is not a Communist. There was another one of those strangely dramatic scenes. In the senate committee room sat Lattimore, middle-aged, dignified -- like the personification of high respect and high regard. Owen Lattimore -- noted as an authority on the Far East, author of books and one-time advisor to the State Department. Not far from him Louis Budenz, one-time Communist and Managing Editor of the chief Red newspaper in this country, New York's "Daily Worker". Budenz, a small slight figure, with sharp features, who looks the part of what he was for long -- a radical labor agitator. But he turned against Communism, rejoined the Catholic Church, to which he was born -- now a professor of Economics for the University.

(State Department, accused of Communism by Whittaker Chambers, ex-Communist. Today's proceedings were less theatrical, but the gist was about the same.)

Louis Budenz declared ^{today} that he knew of Owen Lattimore as a Communist, because of what he was told by the top leaders of the American Red party; Earl Browder -- who was then chief of the American Communist ~~Party,~~ ^{Party,} And Jack Stachel -- one of the eleven members of the American Politburo, recently convicted in New York. He stated that he was never personally acquainted with Lattimore -- all his information coming through proceedings in that American Politburo.

He told of a meeting of that Communist Committee in 1937, which he attended as Editor of the "Daily Worker", ^{During the proceedings} ~~and at which~~ Browder commended Owen Lattimore for "placing Communist writers". And

~~at this meeting of~~ ^{he said} The Politburo, ~~it was~~ agreed that Lattimore should be given the assignment of picturing the Reds of China as "Agrarian Reformers". (which was then a favorite line - the Chinese Communists represented as merely planning the betterment of the poor Chinese farmer, not the Soviet type of Communists at all.)

This, ~~in the testimony today~~ led to the Institute of Pacific Relations -- which was not a Communist organization, according to Budenz. Most of the people in it were unsuspecting non-Communists, but the organization was infiltrated by the Reds, who got themselves into positions of control.

In the Institute of Pacific Relations, said Budenz, a Red "cell" was formed, one member of which was -- Owen Lattimore.

~~(Other members mentioned by the witness today were Frederick Vanderbilt Field, said to be a rich financial backer of Communism, and Philip Jaffe, convicted in 1945 of conspiring to steal secret government documents. *The Johns Hopkins professor at that time* Lattimore was Editor of the magazine "Pacific Affairs", run by the Institute. Purpose of it all -- to discredit the nationalist government of Chaing-Kai-Chek and promote propaganda in favor of the Chinese Communists.~~

~~(In 1944 Henry Wallace, then Vice President, made a trip to China, was accompanied by Owen Lattimore -- at which time, says Budenz, Communist leader Jack Stachel informed him officially that Lattimore was to be regarded as a Communist.)~~

Budenz said that Lattimore, like other secret Communists, had a code identification in the Red party -- known by the letter L, or XL.

He said that Lattimore was under Communist party "discipline", and added: "I have been present in Politburo meetings, which exercised discipline over him."

All this tended to bear out the charges made by Senator McCarthy ^(of Wisconsin,) who accuses Lattimore of being a Communist spy. But Budenz did not agree with the McCarthy allegation that the expert on Far Eastern affairs is -- the "top Soviet agent" in this country, Budenz intimating -- not the top.

Having been summoned by the Senator, the Ex-Communist editor declared he was testifying, "as a reluctant, if not unwilling witness" -- Having previously stated that he did not want to testify in any more investigations. [HP] Lattimore's lawyer pointed out that Budenz, while naming other

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Communists, had not previously mentioned

Lattimore, ~~not having given any information~~

~~about him to the F.B.I. until recently.~~ → Budenz

replied that he has been telling the F.B.I, about

some four hundred secret Communists -- and just

hadn't gotten around to Lattimore. ~~The question of~~

~~There was mention of~~
~~articles in "Colliers" come up, which Budenz had~~

~~mentioned the foreign expert was a fellow traveler -~~

~~but that reference was stricken out.)~~

(It was pointed out to Budenz that

Lattimore has supported projects under Communist

fire -- like the Marshall Plan. He replied that,

in certain cases, ^{party} discipline was relaxed, ~~so that~~

~~secret Reds might preserve their secret.~~

An excerpt from the "Daily Worker" was

produced at the hearing, ^a review of Lattimore's

book "Situation in Asia", which review called the

book -- "completely off the beam". Budenz retorted

that this was regular Communist tactics -- to attack secret Reds now and then, "praising them with faint ~~praise~~" ^{damns} said ^{he,} ~~Budenz~~. The witness declared that he could bring forward documents in proof of his testimony, and asked for a couple weeks in which to assemble them. He likewise urged the Committee to question Earl Browder and other Reds. ~~for proof of the Budenz charges.~~

LATTIMORE WITNESS

But here is another angle all together -- the appearance today of Brigadier General Edward Thorpe, retired, former chief of counter-intelligence for General Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo. General Thorpe gave his opinion of Owen Lattimore in the following words: "A loyal American citizen and in no way an agent of the Communist party". The General said that he himself had investigated Lattimore on three separate occasions -- and that the man accused as a Communist helped American counter-intelligence in the Far East, with what the General called "Assistance of material value".

Another example of ~~the way of~~ perplexing contradictions in these Communist cases.

CHINA

The Chinese Reds claim to have established four beach-heads on the island of Hainan -- storming ashore at four different places. The Communist radio at Peking declares that the attacking troops have broken through "line after line", of nationalist defenses, and at two places have thrust inland, seizing strong positions, ~~which would make it seem to be, as we heard last night -- that the big battle for Hainan is on.~~

On the Nationalist side, we hear of Red beach-heads blasted by heavy artillery fire -- while war planes are sinking ships, as Red reinforcements try to push across a narrow strait between Hainan and the mainland.

SAUCER

~~One~~ ^{Another} ~~was~~ flying saucer story ^{- alas, this time} ~~in which~~
the observer saw the mysterious thing come to earth..
A Wyoming cowpuncher/ spied the object in the sky
and says: "It scared me". With gaping eyes, he
watched the saucer -- all the more amazed, because
he noted it was descending to the ground. [?] When it
landed he ran to the place, and he saw it was a kind
of balloon with weird gadgets. Then he noted a
name plate, on which he read the following: "This
scientific apparatus is the joint property of the
United States Navy and the University of Minnesota".
In other words, ^{the} ~~a~~ flying saucer/ ~~is~~ was a contraption
^{set} up high in the sky, for recording cosmic rays.

Which reminded ~~me~~ me of something I heard last
night -- when we had a get-together with atomic ~~at~~
scientists of the Berkeley radiation laboratory, ^{of The}
University of California. ~~This has got to be a~~
~~regular thing, every time this program travels West~~

~~and what I heard was from~~ a famous nuclear physicist
Dr. ----- Alvarez, ^{speaking of World War}
~~Now, of course, there is~~
~~no particular suggestion that flying saucers have to~~
~~do with atomic matters.~~ But Dr. Alvarez noted that,
^{days when}
~~during the war,~~ he was in England on a job of --
electronics - radar, and such. ^{How} in that capacity
he had some part in the investigation of -- foo-balls.
~~Have you~~ Ever heard of them? Probably not -- few
people have. ~~Foo balls were a war secret kept~~
~~out of the news.~~

What went on was this: Flyers in the air-
war against Germany almost invariably ^{reported} ~~stated~~ that,
as they flew on their missions, they saw balls of
fire out off the wing tips of their planes. These
globes of fire followed them -- no matter how much
they ~~trix~~ twisted and turned in air maneuver.
All very mysterious, and the airmen called the strange
objects -- foo-balls.

The stories were so positive and insistent among the flyers that it was thought the foo-balls might be some weird scientific trick of the Germans ^{though} ~~but~~ the globes of fire never did any damage to a plane they accompanied. ^{But, because of the} ~~The~~ suspicion ^{of enemy origin, the} ~~that it might all be a Nazi dodge, is the~~ ~~reason that~~ foo-balls were kept a military secret -- and never did get played up in the ^H news. After the war, Dr. Alvarez told me, that an inquiry was made in Germany. ~~had the enemy been up to any kind of scientific trick to account for the foo-balls? The~~ ^{But the} ~~Germans were~~ ^{only} astonished, -- ~~No,~~ they never even heard of a foo-ball, couldn't venture an explanation.

So what was it all about? Dr. Alvarez said: ^{with} Well, maybe it all started ~~in~~ some instances of St. Elmo's Fire -- that ^{electrical} ~~electronic~~ phenomenon well known to sailing ship mariners of old. Maybe that started the foo-ball story -- which presently

became an illusion, imagination.) ~~It is hard to think of the war flyers - "seeing things", dreaming up some sort of mirage.~~ But the fact is that,

when the war was over, foo-balls were never seen again -- although plenty of planes, military and otherwise, have been flying in those same skies.

^{, Dr. Alvarez,}
The Atomic scientist is inclined to think it all -- illusion. Foo-balls! -- also flying saucers. ~~more~~

Foo-balls!

TOSCANINI

Today there is a venerable maestro with an earful of American history -- the legended Arturo Toscanini, who at eighty-three, is on a nation-wide tour with a radio symphony orchestra. His ears are still ringing with that echo of the American past, and they say that, after what happened last night, he is going to play more local American music, as he takes the orchestra from city to city.

(So what happened last night? Well, Toscanini, most famous musician in the world, has heard a lot of remarkable sounds -- ~~percussion, flute, kettle drum and bass tuba.~~ But his musical ear never listened to anything like ~~that~~ before.) ~~He was startled, they say.~~

It happened in Richmond, ^{Va.,} where Toscanini gave one of his magnificent concerts -- that ~~maestro~~ ^{master} of Brahms and Beethoven. The audience was enthusiastic, and the great music of the classics

CANADA

In British Columbia there is a bridge under guard tonight -- the bridge leading into the town of Nelson. The police are on duty to stop a mass parade -- in the nude. The town is in danger of being invaded by a march of hundreds of men and women -- wearing no clothes at all.

In that part of Canada the answer is easy to guess -- Doukhobors. Yes, those fanatics of ~~the~~ a Russian religious sect are on the rampage again -- with arson and ^{nudity} ~~burning~~ burning houses, and taking off their clothes. This strange sect, which migrated from Russia to Canada a half century ago, is divided into two factions -- the Orthodox and the Freedomites. Their feud flares up from time to time -- and, now once again. ^H During the past few days, members of the Freedom branch have staged raids against the Orthodox -- burning houses, and dancing ^{a la Adam} ~~in the nude~~ around the flames. The police made many arrests for

arson, and ^{that} ~~they~~ brought a climax last night, when the Freedomites began burning houses of their own members. Which may sound odd, but there is one thing that unites all the Doukhobors -- their dislike for the authorities, ~~is~~ and hostility toward government. ^P So, to show their defiance, a mob of the Freedom persuasion set out -- two-thirds of them women. They gathered at two of their own houses, and set them afire, shed their clothing, and staged a weird celebration -- chanting religious hymns of medieval Russia. The police say they saw a Freedomite wife deliberately set her own house ablaze, then joined ~~the~~ fanatic ritual.

Yes, the police were there, watching the arson. But they didn't make any arrests. No use --

the town jail at Nelson is already crammed full of Doukhobors. In fact, the house-burning nudists *- but there was no room for them in jail.* begged to be arrested -- ~~but it was no go.~~

- And today came the latest threat -- a march across the bridge into Nelson, the Doukhobors displaying their defiance by wearing no clothes at all. ~~That would have been all together too shocking for the local Canadians, and so~~ tonight the police are guarding that bridge -- against ^{this odd} ~~a mad~~ invasion at Nelson. And here's Nelson himself!
In Person!