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~~Here is a report from one who should know - J. Edgar~~

Right now how

~~Hoover, head of the F.B.I. He states how~~ many Communist Party

would you guess members there are in *our* this country? - fifty-four thousand, one

hundred and seventy-four. But for each card-carrying member

there are ten others who follow the party line, and do

Communist work. More than half a million - which ^{J. Edgar Hoover} ~~the~~ head of

the F.B.I. calls - "a potential fifth column of ^{five hundred and forty} ~~fifty-four~~

thousand people."

It revealed that
~~This was stated today~~

before a congressional committee.

~~that~~ *stated*

~~with~~ J. Edgar Hoover ~~stated~~ that the F.B.I. still has its

own sources of information in the Communist Party - and in

high positions. But the Reds are on the look-out, and the

thirteen-member executive committee has set up a three-man

sub-committee to investigate itself - in an effort to weed out

agents of the F.B.I.

J. Edgar Hoover summarizes by saying that right now

the Communists are more active in the United States than the

Nazis and Fascists were during the Second World War.

COMMUNISTS

A federal grand jury has indicted William Remington - the official of the Department of Commerce, who was named when the Red spy sensations began a couple of years ago. At that time he denied everything - stating under oath that he had never been a Communist. Which is the basis of the grand jury indictment today - a charge of perjury.

But, a few weeks ago, three witnesses testified - that they knew Remington as a Communist at Knoxville, Tennessee, when he was a nineteen year old employee of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Following that, the Department of Commerce asked for his resignation. But he refused - and moves were begun to dismiss him. When the indictment for perjury was returned today, he was at his desk - in the Department of Commerce.

Tonight he repeats his denial insisting that the case, thus far, is much like that of Alger Hiss: he was never a Communist.

Meanwhile, a New York Grand Jury was reopening the Amerasia case. Today proceedings were begun for a new investigation of that affair of stolen documents of the State

Department. This follows testimony yesterday that the prosecution of the Amerasia case was delayed - so as not to offend Soviet Russia. Former Assistant Secretary of State, General Julius Holmes, said it was at the instance of a government official. (~~He did not remember any too clearly - but thought it was James K. Vardeman, Junior, who, at the time, was Naval Aide to President Truman. This Vardeman denies with vigor and anger - and~~) Today there's mention of the late James Forrestal, who was then Secretary of the Navy. He may have been the one who thought it best to delay the Amerasia prosecution - so as to avoid friction with Soviet Russia.

~~(The story goes on to say, an appeal was made to President Truman, who immediately countermanded the delay, and ordered the F.B.I. to go ahead with prompt vigor - in the affair of the stolen secrets of the State Department. Six were arrested, including government officials - but, in the end, they all got off easily. Two with fines. The others - no prosecution at all. Which raises the present cry of -- whitewash.)~~

GERMANY

The United States denounces yesterday's action by the puppet government of Eastern Germany - recognizing the Polish annexation of a large amount of East German territory. ~~THE~~

~~Red regime in the Soviet zone - accepting the present boundary~~

~~at Potsdam.~~ Washington states that this is a violation of the Potsdam Agreement, in which it was agreed ~~where Soviet Russia informed the~~

~~United States and Great Britain in agreeing~~ that the present boundary line would only be temporary - a final decision to be made when a peace treaty with Germany is signed. In Washington, a spokesman of the State Department points out that the puppet government of Eastern Germany has no authority to speak for Germany as a whole - or make any decision in the question of the territory annexed by Red Poland.

(In Berlin, the belief is that Moscow may be preparing the way for a separate peace treaty with the puppet regime - and the withdrawal of Russian troops from Eastern Germany. Which would leave that area in control of the German Communist police - ~~the~~ a virtual Red army organized by the Soviets.

BERLIN

West Berlin is asking parents in the Soviet Zone to come and get three hundred children - teen age boys and girls who attended the Communist Youth Rally ten days ago. This represents a rather pitiful problem. Those three hundred in the Red Youth Rally drifted over to the Western sector - and now they don't want to go back under Communism. Today one sixteen year old boy put it in bitter words: "It is the uranium mines or worse for us, if we go back."

Another says: "We thought we'd be welcome here."

Right now, all three hundred are being kept in a camp, and West Berlin officials explain that it is hard to provide for them. One official ^{says:} ~~explains:~~ "They were fed bananas and oranges by sympathetic West Berliners - and now the kids think this is paradise." He says they will not be compelled to go back, but their parents are being informed, and asked to come and get them.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

In Red Czechoslovakia, sentences were imposed today on thirteen defendants in the latest Red trial. Four - condemned to death. The others - to imprisonment. Among those doomed was a woman defendant, Mrs. Milada Horokova, forty-nine years old, a former Socialist member of Parliament. Facing the death sentence, she was defiant - crying out that she retained her anti-Communist opinions.

BELGIUM

A new government took office in Belgium today -
pledged to bring King Leopold back to the throne. It's an
all-Catholic Cabinet, the Christian Social Party having won an
outright majority in the Belgian Parliament. But the margin is
mighty slim - a majority of four in the Lower House of the
national legislature.

In opposition, the Socialist Party ^{threats} announces, ~~what it~~
~~calls a "merciless fight" threatening~~ - strikes and a
national tie-up to prevent the return of Leopold.

PHILIPPINES

In Manila today, a Committee of the Philippine Legislature questioned a member of a band of Huks - an American soldier who deserted the U.S. Army, and joined the guerrillas. Private Donald Dorsey of Three Rivers, Massachusetts who skipped the Army, and became a "colonel" of the Huks.

Last week he surrendered, and today told the Philippine Legislative Committee that the Huks have translated the Red bibles of Marx, Lenin and Stalin into Tagalog dialect - native Malay speech in the Philippines. Their organization is headed by a politburo, which maintains contact with the Chinese Communists. He quotes the Huks as saying - the Chinese Communists are coming. Telling the people - that, as soon as they capture Formosa, the Reds will push on to the Philippines.

JAPAN

The crackdown on the Communists in Japan continues --with a raid on the office of the Number Two Red, Sanzo Nosaka, described as the theoretician of the Japanese Communist Party. His office is also the downtown Tokyo branch of the Communist newspaper -- and the raid included both. All this -- as the Reds continue to assail General Douglas MacArthur. Paving the way apparently, for a MacArthur order completing the job, and outlawing the Reds as a political faction.

LEAD

~~Since the latest~~ ^{Two airmen} ~~have been~~ spotted in a rubber boat

out in the North Sea. ~~They~~ believed to be survivors of the American B-29, which crashed yesterday. Of a crew of eleven, four were rescued promptly - picked up on rafts. Three bodies were recovered - four ^{men} still missing. That was the situation when this latest came in - a search plane reporting two men in a rubber boat. A surface craft is on its way to pick them up.

INTRODUCTION FOR LOWELL, JUNIOR

Now for that thriller I promised last night - the story of the Chinese farmer, who was trapped by rivers of lava in the eruption of Mauna Loa. Lowell, Junior, doing an eye-witness reporting job on the stupendous volcanic scene in Hawaii, happened to pick up just about as terrifying a bit of drama as you'll find in the history of fire mountains. He found the Chinese farmer at the village of Kona, in the shadow of erupting Mauna Loa, and ~~saw~~^{arranged with} him for the following recorded broadcast. [- again tonight -] So now, Lowell Junior, in Hawaii.