

LATTIMORE *L.T.P.G. Fri. Dec. 19 - '52,*

Owen Lattimore pleads "not guilty". The charge against him - that he lied in his testimony before a Congressional committee. The case will be tried in a federal court, some time next March.

Owen Lattimore ^{first} became front page news in Nineteen Fifty, ~~that was~~ when Senator ~~Joe~~ McCarthy accused him of being, in McCarthy's words, the "top Soviet agent in this country". Lattimore was with the Institute of Pacific Relations, an organization which helped develop our policy in the Far East. According to ^{the Wisconsin Senator,} ~~McCarthy,~~ Lattimore used his position there to support Communist aims in China.

Lattimore emphatically denied the charges. ~~Then~~ Then a Senate Committee, headed by ~~Sen~~ McCarran, of Nevada, began to investigate the Institute of Pacific Relations. Lattimore testified before the Committee. He is charged with perjury, because he swore that he never promoted ^{any} Communist ~~XXXXXXXX~~ causes.

Prof. Lattimore has been freed in two thousand

dollar bond; ^{at} liberty until March. Then the trial, which it is expected will attract wider attention than any since the trial of Alger Hiss.

ADMINISTRATION

More appointments by General Eisenhower.

Tonight we have these names added to his administration.

Roger Kyes (Kies) Deputy Secretary of Defense. Kyes is Vice President of General Motors. To continue to serve under his old boss - Charles E. Wilson. President of G.M. until January 20 when he becomes Secretary of Defense. Kyes is of course Wilson's personal selection for the Number Two post in the Defense Department.

Robert Stevens, Secretary of the Army. Stevens is one more choice from the realm of big affairs, and a man who once served the government, with the Quartermaster Corps.

Robert Anderson, Secretary of the Navy. Anderson, from Texas. A Democrat, who says he will remain one in spite of his new job. That is, an Eisenhower Democrat.

Harold
~~Harry~~

Talbott, Secretary of the Air Force.

Talbott is a New York ~~broker~~ *financier, also* connected with ~~the~~
~~Chrysler Corporation.~~ During the Second World War,
he served on the war production board in Washington.

These appointments show General Eisenhower
attacking a problem he knows well - national defense.
He now has four key men to rely on, as he prepares
to meet the danger of the cold war. A danger which
will be his responsibility after January Twentieth.

TAFT

Yes, Senator Taft does want to be the Republican leader in the Senate. Formal announcement comes tonight - from the Senator's Washington office.

Senators Bridges of New Hampshire, and Knowland of California were in the running for this honor. But both withdrew after a meeting with their Ohio colleague today. So, it's settled, Taft again will be the leader of the G O P in the Senate - as we all assumed he would -- playing a dominant role in the new government.)

Taft, by the way, says he will give up Chairmanship of the Senate Labor Committee. He intends, soon, to meet the new Secretary of Labor, Martin Durkin, to talk over the much discussed Taft-Hartley law, to which the new cabinet member has been opposed.

TRUMAN

How will history judge the foreign policy of the Truman administration? Many ~~men~~ might be tempted to dodge that one. But not the President himself. Mr. Truman predicts that future historians will judge him ~~very~~ favorably on this.

Speaking before the national War College, today he ~~has~~ gave a birdseye view of his foreign policy, And frankly ~~he~~ admitted that he and his associates had failed in China. But he added that we did everything in our power to help the regime of Chiang Kai-Shek. In the President's words, "with all our material help, and it was very large, the government of China was not able to save itself."

After noting this failure, the President went on to his successes abroad - such things as the Marshall Plan, Nato, the Japanese Peace Treaty, ~~also~~ the Korean war. Mr. Truman stated, that ~~we~~ we had met the Communist challenge there successfully. And that the Korean war was a triumph of the U N against aggression. He then predicted that future historians would say ~~that~~

that the achievements of his administration over-
balanced the failures.

~~(^{He} The President hopes that the essentials
of his foreign policy will be continued by the
incoming Republican administration. ^{And - he} He appealed to
the American people to support General Eisenhower.
This does not mean that President Truman is opposed
to criticizing the Republicans. Says he, "let us
tell them frankly when we think they are wrong. But
let us support them whole-heartedly when they are
right.")~~

ANASTASIA

A big-shot racketeer defies ^{the} New York State Crime Commission. Albert Anastasia - on the stand. The crime commission putting questions to him. What about his alleged rule of the New York waterfront? What about the many crimes with which he has been linked? ^{Also} What about the sources of his income?

Anastasia ~~simply~~ refused to answer most of the questions. He did admit knowing a number of criminals. But he side-stepped details, on the grounds that he might incriminate himself.

A nice example of irony - Anastasia was asked if one of his brothers ~~was~~ was a priest. His reply, "I refuse to answer."

~~The examination of Albert Anastasia~~
~~continues.~~ The Treasury Department is investigating his income tax returns - traditionally a vulnerable spot with racketeers. And the Justice Department is trying to find enough evidence to deport him to his native Italy.

MOUNTBATTEN

~~The British Navy will soon dominate the Mediterranean once again.~~ Until World War Two, Britain was undisputed mistress of ~~that great sea,~~ ^{the Mediterranean} From Gibraltar to Suez, Her Majesty's ships guarded the empire lifeline to the East. But, as we know, in World War II we had to build up our sea power to cope with the Nazis and also to win our war with the Japanese. So, entirely against our wishes we found ourselves with the greatest navy in the world, for a time even supreme in the Mediterranean.

But now, we have agreed that command in the Mediterranean shall go to Britain - to the Queen's second cousin, Lord Louis Mountbatten. The final word on this was announced today. Mountbatten to have the right to call on our Sixth Fleet to help him in case of war. This decision was made at a conference between Supreme Commander General Ridgway, Admiral Carney of the Sixth Fleet and Admiral Mountbatten.

This means that Mountbatten is to outrank Admiral Carney. Mountbatten one of that long line of British naval men to command the high seas - in the Mediterranean.

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... North Korea, all the way to the hills. One aerial ...

KOREA

(In Korea, those "mechanical monsters" are trying to terrify our ^(fighting) ~~fighting~~ men again. A few weeks ago the Reds attacked in strange, ponderous new armored vehicles. Monsters that erupted - spouting fire as they advanced. When our artillery got their range, they backed up in a hurry - rumbling off into the hills.)

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~~Allied planes are pounding Red bases in North Korea, all the way to the Yalu. One aerial assault hit a military center near Kaesong and flattened some forty buildings. According to~~

TUNISIA

In Tunisia, French outposts are warned against attacks by Arab Nationalists. The threat is said to come from nearb Libya, where political refugees are reported to have organized a military force, armed with British and Italian weapons. According to me account, this Nationalist raiding force was spotted in the South Tunisian desert. French planes and troops are now patrolling the long desert border between Tunisia and Libya -- including the famous Foreign Legion, also a force of Colonials - a highly mobile camel corps.

France is about to deliver an ultimatum to the Bey of Tunis: accept their reform program for Tunisia, or into exile he'll go!

PILOTS

An era in the history of aviation ended today. Craig Air Force base in Alabama, graduated a class of fighter pilots. And they were the last who will be taught to handle propeller-driven planes. In the future, the Air Force will train all of its fighter pilots for jet-aircraft. Said an information officer;- "this is the end of an era, and the true beginning of the all-jet age." The change ^{coming} ~~came~~ just forty-nine years after the Wright brothers flew the first heavier-than-air machine.

AVIATION

Here's an appropriate item for this year's celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the birth of aviation. ~~There's~~ ^{we have ahead of us} a whole year of commemoration with much recollection of the old-timers - the pioneers in the art of flying. So here's a reminder about one of them - who has settled down to a romantic life.

In this week's issue of Collier's, Lowell Jr. has an article telling of his trip to the Fiji Islands. There he found ~~Harold Gatty,~~ ^{---remember} Post and Gatty? In Nineteen Thirty-one, they set a round-the world speed record. Wiley Post was killed later in an air crash in Alaska - along with famous Will Rogers, the homespun philosopher.

Harold Gatty, an Australian, returned to the lands down-under and wound up with an airline in the Fiji Islands. He lives there now, directing aviation affairs amid legends of the South Seas. He told Lowell Jr a lot about tribal customs that still survive on islands notorious for cannibalism, not so long ago.

SERGEANT

A dispatch from Berlin, ~~discloses that~~ the Russians have freed an American soldier, after holding him ~~for~~ two days. Last Tuesday Sergeant William Rice, of Farmville, Virginia, was supervising a group of West Germans in setting up border ~~xxxx~~ markers between the American and Soviet zones. Sergeant Rice crossed a few feet into the Soviet zone, and, was promptly arrested.

During his two days confinement, the only thing the Reds did to him was ~~to~~ ~~an~~ try to persuade him to stay behind the Iron Curtain. According to Sergeant Rice, he was awakened the first night by two Russian civilians. They asked him if he had ever considered living permanently in East Germany. Here, in Sergeant Rice's own words is what he said: "I replied that I had not. They answered that a fellow like me would get along fine in the East, that I would enjoy life there. I stressed that I had no interest whatsoever in any such offer, that I only wanted to be ~~an~~ returned to the Americans, at once. They saw I

was a poor prospect, shook hands with me and left."

But that was not the last of the Russians. The next day they came back, and asked Rice if he had reconsidered. He told them emphatically that he had not changed his mind, and never would. After that, ~~then~~ the Russians said that he would be returned that night.

Before he was released, Sergeant Rice signed a statement, in Russian, which the Reds told him simply stated that he had not been mistreated and had been arrested when he entered the Soviet Zone illegally. He took the word of the Reds and signed.

Sergeant Rice's only complaint about the Russians was that they gave him ~~ix~~ tea to drink. Says he: "I practically live on coffee. But the Russians seemed determined to make me like their tea. Every time my cup was empty, a Soviet soldier ~~xxxxx~~ would pop into the room with a kettle and fill it up."

So about all they did was try to convert him to that fine old Russian samovar tradition. Cold

war? Why, for the Sarge and his adventure with
the Russians it was just one long two-day tea party.
That, Nelson, is almost cheery enough for a Christmas
story!