

SHERMAN ADAMS

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L.T. - Silver Monday, June 16, 1958.

(Given by Allan Johnson, L.T. in Alaska.)

Sherman Adams will testify before the Congressional

Investigating Committee, tomorrow. The announcement was made by presidential secretary Jim Hagerty - following new testimony, today.

Part of the evidence concerned more hotel bills paid by millionaire industrialist Bernard Goldfine. The presidential assistance has already admitted - that the Adams family occupied quarters in a Boston hotel, at Goldfine's expense. Also ^{at a hotel} in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The evidence today was that Goldfine also paid the Adams bill at New York's Waldorf-Astoria. Two visits in January and February of Nineteen Fifty-Four - the bill coming to two hundred and sixty-seven dollars.

At the hearing in Washington, today, it was disclosed that records concerning federal action against Goldfine - were destroyed, accidentally. So said Robert Secrest, Acting Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. Who added, however, that the transactions could be reconstructed by experts who were

in charge of the Goldfine case. Which had to do with charges that Goldfine textile companies - mislabeled woolen fabrics.

A lawyer for the Federal Trade Commission testified that he recommended criminal prosecution against the Goldfine firms involved. But the Commission decided - against prosecution.

At the White House, today, new confidence was expressed in Sherman Adams. Press Secretary Jim Hagerty stating that the President authorized him to say - that "he (the President) knows of no individual, in or out of the government, that he has more confidence in than Sherman Adams."

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court gave a ruling, today - that a citizen cannot be denied a passport, simply because he has been accused of membership in the Communist Party. The high tribunal - finding in favor of Artist Rockwell Kent of Ausable Falls, New York, and psychiatrist Walter Briehl of Los Angeles. Who appealed - after the StateDepartment refused to give them passports for foreign travel.

Today, the Supreme Court argued - that the State Department had no such right, under the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, as passed by Congress.

SPACE

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The Senate passed ~~the~~ Space Bill, today - to create a civilian National Aeronautics Space Administration. The measure okayed - by a voice vote.

The House of Representatives has already passed a Space Bill - much the same, but with some variations. The two versions - to be compromised.

The new agency to be set up, will have control of the non-military program - vying with Soviet Russia in reaching out toward the moon and the planets.

SUMMIT CONFERENCE

Khrushchev has asked President Eisenhower - do the Western powers really want a summit conference? Declaring - that the preliminary preparations for a top level meeting ^{are} ~~were~~ dragging, and even moving back.

Such is the gist of a letter the Moscow Premier sent the President last week. The letter - made public in Moscow, today. Where it was revealed - that Khrushchev sent similar ^{communications} letters to Prime Minister Macmillan and French Premier DeGaulle.

He says - the Soviets object, in particular, to the Western insistence that the question of German reunification must be discussed by the heads of state.

Meanwhile, in Moscow, today - the British, French and American Ambassadors resumed negotiations ~~at~~ with Russian Foreign Minister Gromyko, on the subject of a summit conference.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADORS

Soviet Ambassadors - are flocking home. Ambassador Menshikov left Washington, yesterday - flying to Moscow.

In London, Ambassador Malik left this morning. And it's the same home-going story for the Russian Ambassadors - to Paris, and West Germany.

So what's up? Probably - a new policy move by the Kremlin. The Ambassadors - to participate in a meeting of the all-powerful Central Committee of the Communist Party.

It is noted that the last time Soviet envoys were called home - was the occasion when Molotov, Kaganovich^{IN} and Malenkov were disgraced for "anty-party activities." This time, the surmises are - that it may have something to do with all the new trouble between Moscow and Yugoslavia. An old feud renewed in a bitter way - with Communist China leading the agitation against the rebel Red regime of Marshal Tito.

To this we can add another item in today's news -

the Chinese Reds are also recalling Ambassadors for consultation. Including the Chinese envoy to Yugoslavia - on his way home.^{IN}

EAST GERMANY

In East Berlin, today, American representative, Colonel Robert McQuail, was in conference with the Deputy Foreign Minister of the East German Communist regime. Negotiating for the release of the nine U.S. military men - eight officers and a sergeant. Proceedings - deadlocked. Because Colonel McQuail appeared with authorization from the U.S. Army high command in Germany. While the East German Reds demanded - credentials from the State Department in Washington. In other words, the Communists want to deal - with the U.S. Government, ^{which they would consider} ~~not merely with the American Army Command in Germany.~~ They consider this a sort of diplomatic recognition. The American view being - that the prisoners are being held for "diplomatic ransom."

(So there's no telling when the nine will be released from captivity. Which, the Reds declare, is mild and friendly.)

CYPRUS

An emergency session of Nato - in Paris, today.

Discussing - the quarrel between Greece and Turkey, over Cyprus. The Turks insisting - that the island shall be partitioned. One section - given over to the Turkish minority. Greece demanding - a popular election on the fate of Cyprus. In which case - a majority of the people would vote for union with Greece.

The quarrel threatens the whole Nato set-up in the Middle East. Turkey and Greece - having a vital role in the Western alliance.

Over the weekend, Greece removed Greek soldiers, who were serving with Nato, at Izmir, Turkey. Nato's East Mediterranean headquarters. In a secret surprise move, the Greeks evacuated their soldiers by air.

(On Cyprus, conditions are quiet - after violent rioting between Greeks and Turks. The British - sending in strong forces of paratroops - to maintain order.)

LEBANON

Things were relatively quiet in Lebanon, today - after a weekend of revolutionary violence. Some sniping by rebel gunmen - and that was all.

Today, Prime Minister Sami Es-Sohl charged that the rioters who looted, burned and dynamited his home - acted on the suggestion of the Cairo Radio, the voice of the United Arab Republic.

Our State department has advised Americans - not to travel to Lebanon - unless they have imperative reasons for making such a trip. The situation there - too uncertain.

FLOODS

The deluge struck at Terra Haute, Indiana, today, when levees on the Wabash River broke. Forty^{to}-five thousand men in a battle against the flooded stream, and they lost.

The inundation - swirling^{ed} through forty per cent of ^{West Terre Haute} ~~the city~~.

Fifteen hundred people - driven from their homes. Outside the city - fifteen thousand acres of rich farmland under water.

Amphibious tanks and helicopters of the National Guard rescuing stranded families. A bus-load of prisoners from the Indiana State Farm joining the flood fighters.

Elsewhere, the flood conditions in Indiana were easing off, today. *but not at Terre Haute*

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight, Lowell Thomas gives us another Alaskan report - on that question of so much burning interest up there in the North.

Somehow I get the feeling up here in Alaska, that there now is less bitterness over the statehood issue. Some of those who were against are saying:- Oh well, it's bound to come. It will upset a lot of things. But - maybe we might as well get it over with!

Some of the arguments against have been, that its main importance has to do with American national defense, therefore it should remain under federal control. That it doesn't adjoin the other states. That it is far too big for its small population. Too few people to pay what it costs to run Alaska. Its administration, its legislature, and its governor's office are now paid for by Uncle Sam. Also its courts are paid for out of federal funds. And its roads, and so on. That if it became the 49th state all this burden will fall on the people who live up here! That cost of government will sky-rocket.

But those who favor statehood now, say: - first of all, we object to being controlled by Washington. They may have nothing but good will for us - but they are too far away to know our needs. Whenever other areas became states there was rapid growth of population - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana - and so on. Congressman Leo O'Brien, father of the statehood bill, predicts that after Alaska becomes our 49th, its population will jump to over a million in twenty years.

As for it not being contiguous to the other states, some Alaskans point out that when California became a state it took sixty days or more to get there from St. Joe, Missouri, by covered wagon. Today it takes less than 5 hours to fly deep into Alaska, to Juneau, from Seattle. In two years or less jets will do it in less than 2 hours; $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as it takes to go by train from New York to Washington, D. C.

Advocates of statehood say they are tired of being what they call 2nd class citizens - even unable to vote for President!

When I was here nine years ago, I spoke at a banquet at the Baranof Hotel. That night I recall I asked the crowd - of a hundred or so - all in favor of statehood to raise their hands. Nine did. Less than 10%.

Feeling ran high over the issue then. One husband told me today that he was one of the nine - and that when he got home his wife punched him - and almost walked out on him for publicly saying he was for statehood.

I believe the bitterness has just about vanished now. And Congressman O'Brien tells me on the long distance phone from Washington that he believes Alaska will be our 49th state - before the end of this month.

If so - then this is an exciting time to be here - and life is nearly always exciting in Alaska.

PHILIPPINES - GHOST

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In the Philippines, tonight, policemen are on a spooky trail. Looking - for a ghost. Which is part - of a detective story.

Two years ago, a fourteen year old boy was killed - in a murder mystery. The criminal - never caught.

Then, recently, people began to report - they saw the ghost of the victim, haunting the scene of the crime.

One witness - a policeman, whose testimony was positive.

Telling - how he saw the wraithlike figure.

Usually, not much official attention is given - to ghost stories. But now the Chief of Police at Manila has ordered - a special squad of police to keep watch in the lonely suburban area.

Why? Well, they think the ghost, upon appearing, may give the name of the criminal - ^{tell them} ^{and a} in the solution of the murder mystery.

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