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Today's development in the big uproar suggests an answer to the question - why did President Truman promote assistant Secretary of the Treasury ^(Harry) ~~HENRY~~ Dexter White, after that F B I report? Answer - because it gave them a better chance to keep White under surveillance, and investigate the charge of espionage.

This explanation has been rumored before, and now is given official form by Congressman Francis Walter, the Pennsylvania Democrat who is a member of the Un-American Activities Committee. And - is in opposition to the Republican members.

Today Congressman Walter said he has been "reliably informed" that F B I Director J. Edgar Hoover was in ^{on} the plan. The whole thing - decided ~~at~~ at a meeting of President Truman, Attorney General Clark, Secretary of the Treasury Vinson, and the head of the F B I. The agreement being - that Harry Dexter White should serve with the International Monetary Fund, while F B I agents kept a watch on him.

"This", declares Congressman Walter, "was part of the strategy to ferret out the suspects in our government." So the Congressman demands that J. Edgar Hoover be summoned to testify.

This explanation was taken today to what the United Press calls "other equally high official quarters." Was the explanation confirmed? Not at all. The United Press says it is informed that, at no time, did the F B I enter into an agreement to remove White from the Treasury to the Monetary Fund, so that a close watch could be kept on him.

A later dispatch on the news wire states: The United Press also was informed that at no time did J. Edgar Hoover ever discuss the White matter with the former President.

Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark rejects the subpoena from the Committee on Un-American activities. He cites the same ^{reason} ~~ground~~ as former President Truman. Namely - that, under our constitutional separation of powers, congress has no authority to command a member of another branch of the government, like the Supreme Court.

TRUMAN

Former President Truman indicates - he may speak up in the noisy controversy, after he checks his records.

He was interviewed in the course of his daily stroll, and was asked: Did his refusal to answer that much debated subpoena mean - he intended to keep silent?

To which he replied -- "It doesn't necessarily mean that I will not speak out at some time. I haven't had a chance to look up the facts in the case, since my records are in Kansas City."

He then went on with a statement that surely is worth quoting. Somebody ^(criticized) ~~criticized~~ the way the Republicans are acting, and H.S.T. replied in the following words:

"I have no comment on that - because I was raised in a school where, if you can't say something nice about people, you don't say anything."

Hear hear! as the British say. First I ever heard that Harry Truman might be so delicately reserved. ^{Why he's} Just an old polyanna.

WHITE - Republican committee

It is disclosed - that the Republican high command tried to get the committee on Un-American activities to cancel the subpoena for President Truman. Also - to call off its inquiry into the affair of Harry Dexter White.

This happened at a secret meeting of the committee Wednesday night. The argument presented - that it ~~was~~ was "bad business" to subpoena a former President. All the more to the point, because of President Eisenhower's expression of disapproval.

The committee on Un-American activities was also told that -- it shouldn't have interfered~~nt~~ in that espionage sensation at all. That was the province of the Senate Internal Security committee - which had been looking into the question of Harry Dexter White for some time.

~~(The representations of the Republican high command were not accepted. But the committee decided to postpone the questioning of Harry Truman. Which was largely academic -- following the Truman refusal to obey the subpoena.)~~

FORT MONMOUTH

The Army reports - no evidence of espionage at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey - That is, not now. Everything okay, at present. No secrets missing - from the radar center of the Signal Corps.

But, Army Secretary Robert Stevens adds - that, apparently, there were attempts at ~~espionage~~ espionage during, what he calls the "Rosenberg days." He says the espionage ring, headed by the executed atomic spy, tried to procure military ~~secrets~~ secrets at Fort Monmouth, back in the time of the Second World War.

This is the Army's finding, after investigating the charges made by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin.

SPRAGUE

The Republican National Committeeman in New York State, J. Russell Sprague, has resigned -- as a result of criticism connected with the Harness Racing Scandal. Sprague owns shares of stock in raceways under fire.

Governor Dewey asked him to ~~re~~reconsider his resignation. But he said - no. Explaining - that he thought the criticism of himself might be a handicap for the party. So he quits as National Committeeman.

RYAN

Union leader Joseph P. Ryan was indicted today -- charged with stealing forty-five thousand dollars from the funds of his labor organization. Ryan is President of the international ~~long~~ longshoremen's association, which has long been under fire on charges of graft and corruption, and was expelled from the American Federation of Labor. Today's indictment was handed down by a grand jury in New York.

EISENHOWER

President and Mrs. Eisenhower are getting a great reception in Canada. Today, they were greeted at the railroad station ^{in Ottawa} by Prime Minister St. Laurent and other members of the Canadian government. Tens of thousands were gathered, when the President of the United States placed a wreath on the Canadian National War Memorial. All - now followed by a round of official ceremonies and conferences.

In Moscow, today, Molotov held a news conference - something unusual for the Soviet Foreign Minister. He talked to members of the western press, and repeated a long line of Soviet arguments, most of them familiar. Calling - for a five-power palaver, which would include Red China.

The one thing at all new was a warning that the Bermuda meeting, Churchill-Eisenhower-Laniel - could increase international tension.

Syngman Rhee says the Communists are violating the armistice, by building up military forces in North Korea.

Also, that Reds ^{already} are infiltrating into South Korea.

(This latter applies to the Ong-Jin Peninsula. Which is below the thirty-eighth parallel - and inside ~~South~~ South Korean territory. But the only highways leading to that neck of land run through ~~an~~ an area held by the Reds, which enables them to push into the Ong-Jin Peninsula - Red infiltration)

Syngman Rhee said all this to newsmen covering Vice-President Nixon - who today got a big welcome in Seoul. He addressed the National Assembly ~~next~~ of the Republic of Korea, and gave Syngman Rhee a message from President Eisenhower, together with a photograph. The Vice-President also relayed greetings from General Douglas MacArthur, former Supreme Commander in the Far East. And - from General Van Fleet - former Eighth Army Commander.

LONDON

The London fog - is a ~~fun~~ joke around the world.

But its no joke - in London. Today, the minister of health, Ian McCleod, announced in the House of Commons - that gas masks will be provided to the public, free. Masks to protect Londoners - from the fog.

Last winter, during a pea-souper that lasted for a week, there were four thousand fatalities - chiefly among people with respiratory maladies. And now - the ~~is~~ fog season is coming around again.

The Minister of Health told the Commons that the masks would give complete protection against the mixture of blinding mist and coal smoke, which makes the pea-souper such a menace in London. The masks to be distributed under the British program of socialized medicine.

No, the London fog is no joke - in London.

KIDNAP

New York had a strange kidnap affair today - a thirteen year old girl seized by a thug. Missing for hours - then found unharmed. A man with a scar on his face invaded an upper East side apartment early this morning. He terrorized the family at the point of a gun, robbed them of one hundred dollars in cash and some ~~other~~ other belongings, and abducted the school girl - Dorothea Del Longo.

He took her in a car, and started driving to East Rockaway. He didn't harm her. ^{In fact} "He was nice to me", says Dorothea. " He told me he used to have a home in Rockaway, and he was going to get me something to eat there."

Then, over the automobile radio, they heard a news report - telling of the kidnap. Whereupon the abductor turned his car around -- and headed back to New York City. When he got to Queens, he put the girl out, and gave her five ~~dolla~~ dollars -- telling her to take a taxi home.

So there she was, left on the sidewalk shivering, in pajamas -- her nightclothes. A woman saw her, and took her

to a nearby post office - and called the police.

Today Dorothea was back with her family - after a mystifying adventure.

Yes, the old story of the famous battle of Marston
March, with his green shirt - and his mighty bow and arrow.
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Tuck and all the others.

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Indianapolis is having an argument - in that familiar matter of banning books, or burning books, or whatever.

So what volume do you suppose is now under attack on grounds of - Communism? You'll never guess, - Robin Hood!

Yep, the old story of the famous outlaw of Sherwood Forest, with his green suit - and his mighty bow and arrow. Robin Hood, along with ~~Little John, Maid Marian and Friar Tuck~~ *and all the others.*

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since I read it." So he's going to read Robin Hood
all over again.

I don't know what his verdict will be, but I
can assure him he'll have fun - rereading Robin Hood.

Extra

No loss of life in the spectacular train wreck near Oklahoma City -- and it's like a miracle. Fourteen cars of a Santa Fe ~~ste~~ streamliner went off the track, when the train crashed into a truck load of iron pipe. The streamliner going eighty-five miles an hour. Only two of the passenger cars stayed on the track. ~~xmit~~ ^{Yet} only four passengers were injured. ~~And~~ the driver of the truck load of iron pipe ^{He} jumped to safety.

GATE

At Newark, New Jersey, a twenty-eight year old barber can't understand - how he did it. How he had - the strength. No, it hadn't anything to do with shaves or haircuts - it was a lot more ~~xxx~~ muscular.

Two small boys were playing around a huge wrought iron gate - which toppled over, and a five year old was pinned underneath. Across the street, Frank Gerald has his barber shop, and he heard the yells of the youngsters. So he ran to the rescue - and all he had to do was lift the gate, and pull ~~the~~ out the boy. The massive thing of wrought iron weighed - five hundred pounds,

Frank is husky. He served in the Pacific in World War two, and is in good condition. But he never thought he could lift five hundred pounds that way.

There was a child underneath - and he did it. With every ounce of strength he had, he raised the gate as high as his hips. Held it with one hand - and pulled the boy out with the other. The lad not badly hurt.

Today, Frank told the neighbors - "God must have given me the strength to lift that gate."

Frank Carone, a contractor.

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Well, when Frank looked back over all his figures, he found he had made no allowance for - labor costs. Nothing for wages, overtime - pay-off.

So he wonders Frank prefers to forfeit the thousand dollars rather than go through with a contract - in which he forgot to figure the cost of labor. Frank, however, if that was the case, he included the cost of laughing and weeping.

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Here's one for you business men, who have to figure prices and costs, contracts and inventories. You'll be astonished to hear about a fellow business man at Baltimore, Frank Carozza, a contractor.

Today, Frank forfeited one thousand dollars, which he had placed on deposit ~~in~~ in ~~his~~ bidding for a city construction job. He got the contract! - his bid the lowest by far. The city - jumped at it! So, what was wrong?

Well, when Frank checked back ~~at~~ all his figures, he ^found he had made no allowance for - labor costs. Nothing for wages, over-time - payroll.

So no wonder Frank prefers to forfeit the thousand ~~dollars~~ rather than go through with a contract - in which he forgot to figure the cost of labor. Mike, wonder if that makes ~~you~~ ^{feel like} business men ~~must be~~ laughing - or weeping?