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EDITOR'S DEPORTATION FIGHT

Handwriting expert, minister
dispute govt. witnesses
as Belfrage hearing ends

By Lawrence Emery

ELIZABETH MCCARTHY, one of the top-ranking handwriting experts in the U.S., last week took the witness-stand for the defense in the deportation proceedings against GUARDIAN editor Cedric Belfrage and disputed earlier testimony in behalf of the government by an FBI handwriting expert. A second defense witness, the Rev. Claude Williams, testified in direct contradiction of another government witness, Martin Berkeley. With Williams' testimony, the defense rested its case.

At issue in the handwriting matter was a small blue card which the government contends was a receipt for a Communist Party membership book for the year 1937 bearing the signature of one George Oakden. The government, which is basing its deportation proceedings on the charge that Belfrage was once a CP member, has sought to prove that George Oakden was a "Party name" assumed by Belfrage.

On Sept. 13 George F. Mesnig, for 17½ years an expert document examiner for the FBI, testified that he had compared the Oakden signature and other writing on the receipt card with samples of Belfrage's handwriting and found them to have been produced "by one person."

"VERY REAL DOUBT": Miss McCarthy, a tall, dynamic woman, last week swore under oath that it would be "impossible" for any expert to make such a finding. She testified that there are such "real differences" in the two handwritings that they left "a very real doubt in my mind that Mr. Belfrage wrote" the sample on the receipt card. Asked if she were to resolve that doubt in her own mind, she said:

"The weight is against his having written it."

Miss McCarthy whose home is in

Boston, possesses three degrees, including an LL.B., and has been an expert handwriting and document examiner for 19 years. During that time she has testified as an expert witness in countless trials and court cases, including many classic forgery cases. She has been employed by the nation's leading law firms, and has been engaged for special work by departments of the federal government, including the Post Office Dept., the Dept. of Internal Revenue and the Intelligence branches of all the armed services. In addition to this work, she also teaches her specialty and has lectured at some of the country's leading colleges and universities.

THE BRITISH SCHOOL: Whereas the FBI's Mesnig testified only that he had reached a "conclusion" from his examination of the documents, Miss McCarthy went into exhaustive details of her study. She said she had made a preliminary check of photostatic copies of the documents, then had gone to Ellis Island to examine the originals. As she presented her findings, reading from prepared notes, Inquiry Officer Aaron Maltin and Hearing Examiner Max Weinman clustered about her and frequently took a look for themselves through a special magnifying glass at what she pointed out as dissimilarities in the two handwritings.

She said that all who attended British schools in the same period as Belfrage were taught a system of writing based upon printed characters, and because of this there is more uniformity and "pictorial similarity" in the handwritings of British-educated persons than among Americans. But "vital differences occur in important unconscious characteristics" which cannot be hidden: these she pointed out, citing dissimilarities in pen pressure, size and shape of different letters, "fluidity"

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CEDRIC BELFRAGE and CLAUDE WILLIAMS
Old friends meet again under new circumstances



Sure makes a feller sweat, don't it?

Time was when a senatorial junket at the taxpayers' expense used to be fun, but our allies are getting kind of uppity these days. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Wiley (the other Senator from Wisconsin) found that out last month in Paris on a stopover from seeing our German allies. In commenting on French Premier Mendes-France and German Chancellor Adenauer, according to the London "New Statesman," he used the phrase "a man of courage with a great soul." A French reporter asked innocently which one he meant. "Why, Herr Adenauer, of course," Wiley snapped. Then the reporters quizzed him on EDC and the Paris "Le Monde" reported icily: "It became clear that the Senator's understanding of the treaty was so limited as to make it useless to pursue the matter further."

MILFORD, DELAWARE: ON-THE-SPOT REPORT

Segregationists red-bait
the U.S. Supreme Court
as the schools re-open

By Eugene Gordon

MILFORD, Del, Sept. 27
THE WOMAN who said her name was Mrs. Dorothy Bennett—"Yes, I was born here, too; right here in Milford, and I'm ashamed of it"—had twice yelled at the Time-Life photographer not to take her picture but to "take the picture of them empty buses." Now, seeming to fear he'd obey, she was maneuvering herself within camera range. Everybody could see the tape recorders, with tube microphones aimed at her, so her performance included talk—loud talk.

"The preacher told 'em to go back to school," she said, in answer to a neighbor's comment, "because he gets a handout. He's paid to say it."

"What do you get for what you're saying?"
She turned upon the shy-looking young reporter. "Nobody ain't—"
"Don't answer that!" This young woman, in pale blue slacks, made shapely contrast to Mrs. Bennett. "Don't tell 'em a thing."

Several school buses had now rolled down the drive through the broad green lawns to the school entrance. Some had carried two or three; some had been empty. The boys and girls, perhaps a little nervous but more likely enjoying this special attention—what with movies and TV and all—were shielded from reporters by the hefty city and state police while being hustled into the building. As the buses slid away, the chattering crowd on the sidewalk turned to watch for newcomers.

THE COPS: Both the growing sidewalk crowd and arriving students, up to now, were white, a fact which others than I were noticing.

"Where're all the nigras this morning?"

The crowd around the fellow laughed. Somebody said they were "in hidin'"; another "bet" they wouldn't "dare show up round here." And when a police car led into the driveway two closed autos filled with Negro children, they in turn

trailed by a police car, one felt the shocked silence. The hostile crowds recovered their voices as the kids, urged on by the cops, hastened inside. Mob clusters under the great shade trees yelled ugly epithets and kept their eyes on the cameras.

The two cars which had brought the Negro students sped down the driveway skirting the red-brick modern Milford High and Elementary School and vanished toward what I'd heard a woman call "Jimtown."

"Can you imagine that! Protecting them niggers like they was something special!"

"Yeah, Bryant Bowles said his daughter won't never go to school with nigras long as there's gunpowder to burn."

"LOVERS OF JUSTICE": A colleague from a local paper briefed me on Sunday night's anti-integration rally of the "Natl. Assn. for Advancement of White People" at Milford airport. He said the show was inferior to this, its next day's, performance. Bryant Bowles, he explained, founded the association last May in Florida; had set up headquarters in Washington; flew over this area yesterday in a light airplane with a loudspeaker summoning "lovers of justice" to Sunday afternoon's rally. About 5,000 went. Six carloads of Negroes were turned back at the gate. A Delaware branch of the "NAAWP" was set up, with a Millsboro volunteer as director. He'd point the man out to me.

A woman's voice shrieked that the law against keeping children under 16 from school didn't bother her: "We been promised all the lawyers we need. Good ones, too." But Mrs. Bennett was the mouthpiece. At least two efficient-looking men were always near. She was still insisting that the Negro students be dragged out. Evidently thinking this impractical, a neighbor observed that, anyway, only eight of the 11 had dared show up. Mrs. Bennett shrieked:

"I think this is something terrible! This is something serious! We ought to get down on our knees and pray!"

THE PRAYER: A hundred reporters and photographers converged, aimed cameras, grasped pencils, waited. But nobody knelt; nobody audibly prayed. Nobody spoke, until I said: "Mrs. Bennett. What would you pray for?"

Cameras immediately shifted so as to include me with her. She cast me

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THIS ISSUE

The GUARDIAN this week is eight pages on the longer-size paper we used last week in a 12-page issue. The regular stock of paper has been delivered and next week's issue will revert to the usual 12-page format.



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There is no silence

MAY LANDING, N. J.
Cedric Belfrage is the voice of thousands. They cannot silence him. Indeed, "The Banned and the Jailed," as my husband Walter Lowenfels calls them, are becoming so numerous, won't they soon have to find ways to speak out for each other together as writers?
You will be glad to know that there has been a most encouraging response to the Administration's attempt to jail a poet for his beliefs.
Lillian Lowenfels

Lesser evilism

BRONX, N. Y.
Your editorial on building a THIRD PARTY was very encouraging. Too often we have adopted the policy of "lesser-evil" when—let's face it—there's no such thing. It is impossible to vote for a "good" Democrat (even if there was such a thing) and build a third party at the same time.
The ALP, which is a third party, seems often, ironically, to endorse this policy of lesser-evil. By withdrawing their own candidates they give unofficial sanction to other parties. This is not the way to secure the confidence of voters in their program.
Even you, dear GUARDIAN, have been somewhat amiss by not pointing out these weaknesses. Let's face the facts squarely and then set about building a party with a program which will bring peace and prosperity for all.
R. Lorenz

Keep what we've got

NEW YORK, N. Y.
I've been with you for a long time. You talk good sense—but you've got me confused right now on this ALP-Democratic business. Are we worried about F. D. R., Jr.? So what if the labor racketeers are behind him; they don't take orders from the rank-and-file (hang around a union hall and see who gives the orders).
For God's sake give us an alternative. Everybody is always ready to throw us at the Democratic Party. We've got our own party, why give it away?
A Worker

Negro representation

NEW YORK, N. Y.
In the Sept. 13 GUARDIAN Elmer Bendiner, in his article on the ALP and the coming elections, states that "the ALP offered to join in any movement, across all party lines, to elect one Negro to a state-wide office, another to a seat on the State Supreme Court."
As I see it, the problem today for the ALP and Progressive Party is not whether any member of a minority group is elected to office, but whether he truly represents the interests of the people, particularly his own group. The more intelligent politicians these days utilize this desire for minority

**How crazy can
you get dept.**

Cats are somewhat like people I know and like. They respect the dignity of the individual and believe that his or her rights are sacred.
It is unlikely that a cat could long survive the ideologies of the Communist world because it would never give up these inalienable rights.
—From an article by Dr. Robt. T. Orr, Curator of Birds and Mammals, Calif. Academy of Sciences, in the San Francisco Examiner, Sept. 19, 1954.
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representation and cynically endorse "one of the boys," as the case may be, who will fit this vote-catching bill.
I think it is high time the ALP and PP took the responsibility for giving all oppressed minorities a chance for some real representation via its own, independent candidates. In this way, they will be exposing the phony machine-lackeys and winning support for their own principled program for peace, instead of asking the people to support the worst red-baiters and war-mongers for the sake of narrow nationalism.
R. N.

Will it work?

MANTON, MICH.
I have made a life study of government and history and I am sure that those who advocate third parties are just as badly deceived as those who blindly follow the GOP. If all progressives would stay and work in the Democratic Party regardless of how they are ignored at times then that party would be improved.
L. N. O'Brien

For Marc

FOCATELLO, IDAHO
You never knew these mountains, friend,
These wind-harsh hills in endless space,
These ragged lands where rivers end,
The fierce sun on this desert's face.
Your place was in the teeming town,
Where day by day you dared to do,
Herewith a sage sprig, dry and brown—
This Western land has need of you!
Hal Driggs

What would we do?

NEW YORK, N. Y.
The Russians have just announced the explosion of another nuclear device, presumably a bomb. Immediately, Mr. Cole, chairman of our own Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy that has sanctioned dozens of similar explosions, remarked that the Russian experiment was proof of the intention of the U. S. S. R. to achieve world domination.
Even the dullest person should remember these facts: The U. S. A., not the U. S. S. R., was the first nation to make and explode a nuclear weapon. The U. S. A. is the only country with the unenviable record of having used nuclear weapons to destroy tens

of thousands of civilian human beings. It must also be remembered that time and again responsible individuals and officials of our country have urged the use of atomic and hydrogen bombs to bring Russia and the Communist world to American terms.
Let us put ourselves in the place of Russia. Would we stand helpless, or would we, in sheer self-defense, not arm ourselves with similar or better weapons? The trouble with us Americans is that we are too self-righteous. Everything we do is right and everything the Russians do is wrong. No people or doctrine can be wholly right or wholly wrong. We are not the moral supermen we paint ourselves to be in comparison with the Russians.
At least the Russians have expressed repeatedly their willingness to outlaw all weapons of mass destruction. We have not even expressed a similar willingness in principle. Instead, we have openly stated that our military defense is based on use of nuclear weapons.
It is about time that we see "ourselves as others see us."
Africanus

Wertham's book
NEW YORK, N. Y.
Irene Kramer's piece on Frederic Wertham's book Seduction of the Innocent is by far the best I've seen all around. I've followed the whole subject pretty closely—it's close to my heart and activity. I shall be proud to pass it around.
B. M.

Winnipeg's watching
WINNIPEG, CANADA
Enclosed please find \$15.20 for which a small house social was held on behalf of Belfrage's Fight-Back Fund. We've been following your struggle through the GUARDIAN and think it's a wonderful paper.
A friend

Wall Street Journal
"But doctor, he HAS to go to work today. It's pay day!"
A vote from Lynn
LYNN, MASS.
I am forwarding \$3 to renew my subscription. The GUARDIAN is not only the best, but the only newspaper in the country. To any person well grounded in American history it is a must in this period of crisis. When the McCarthy-Jenner-Verde combine of witch-hunters are finally defeated it will be due to the fearless efforts of the GUARDIAN, its editors and writers, for of all the left-wing press the GUARDIAN is the most articulate. It's the one paper that gets across the true message on juvenile delinquency, political demagoguery, the phony flag-waving patriots, our infantile standards of taste in the drama, literature, music, radio, TV.
Things have been slow in the shoe industry but I'll always manage to get together the price of a GUARDIAN sub.
John M. Birmingham



The book and Ike
DENVER, COLO.
I would like to get an answer to this while Ike is vacationing here in Colorado. I didn't go to see him and he didn't come over to see me and no reporter has asked it.
The newspapers give us a running account of how many hours and minutes the President spends signing bills, preparing speeches, golfing and fishing. We get all the details, even the time he takes to go to the toilet to wash his hands. What I'm curious about is when the man gets five minutes to do some reading?
F. A. Adams

St. Paul on faith
CLEVELAND, O.
If Mr. Dulles at the current UN Assembly should be challenged once more to give his definition of aggression, I suggest that he might answer with St. Paul's definition of faith: "The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
John Belcampo

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"The means of defense against a foreign danger have always been the instruments of tyranny at home. Of all the evils to public liberty, war is perhaps the most to be dreaded."—JAMES MADISON.

REPORT TO READERS

Raymond Robins

THE life of Raymond Robins, an American who added grandeur to the name of America through all of his 81 years, came to an end Sept. 26 in his home at Chinsegut Hill, near Brooksville, Florida. He was one of the warmest and most devoted friends the GUARDIAN ever had. We shall not look upon his life again. With him, a whole era passes into history.

He ended his days, as the GUARDIAN pamphlet "An American Prophet Speaks" (1952) said, "appropriately obscure in the day when MacArthur, McCarran and McCarthy are the heroes of cold-war America." He was, as we told his story briefly then, "... the associate of Wall St. President-makers and of Presidents, a Christian of extraordinary devoutness... passionately devoted to his own land, a master of its history, an American whose yardstick has always been America—its growing welfare in the future based upon the best in its past... He started to work at the age of 8; left to seek his fortune at 17 with \$14; became a miner (and was blacklisted for helping to organize one of the the first strikes against the 12-hour day, 7-day week); and 50 years ago returned to his native land with a fortune in gold dug up in the Yukon.

"When his story is told, it will become manifest to his deluded countrymen that it was not in spite of, but because of, these things that Robins has been the most unwavering American champion of U.S.-Soviet co-operation since the day the people took Russia from the Tsars. Robins has given away most of his fortune in money but never lost what he strikingly calls 'the outdoor mind'—the insistence on finding out the facts for himself before forming an opinion, and unshakeable faith in his decision based upon the facts."

IN 1917-18 Robins, then known as a "wealthy do-gooder," was sent on a mission to Russia for the Red Cross and U. S. Intelligence with the rank of colonel. He learned the facts about the revolutionary government there: that it would endure, that Lenin (whom he came to know well) was a towering historical figure and "anyone who thinks leadership like that can be beaten by what we see of opposition in Russia is crazy." Robins returned to the U. S. to face vilification in Washington and in the press.

His outdoor mind and his faith could take it, and he threw all his efforts into forcing into the minds of Presidents and Congressmen the moral and material case for recognizing the U. S. S. R. and trading with it. Shortly before Roosevelt's administration recognized the U. S. S. R. in 1933, Robins returned to the U. S. S. R., brought back to FDR a report on Soviet progress and a historic interview with Stalin.

TWO years later Robins was permanently crippled from the waist down by a fall from a tree. He fought on, year after year, for life and for the progressive movement which he saw as the heir of Jefferson, Lincoln and FDR. He saw honesty becoming almost extinct among old friends and associates who knew the truth about the American tradition and about the socialist world, but dared only to speak lies. As he lay dying, another honest journalist's career turned to dust and poison with the N. Y. Times' publication of Harrison Salisbury's "Russia Re-Viewed" series.

Robins, who saw in the new socialist experiments the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy "The desert shall blossom as the rose," remained certain to the end that truth could not be killed in America by a thousand thousand pygmies who weigh it against cash and Cadillacs. The GUARDIAN, proud of his faith in us, salutes him in his brave passing as in his brave life. For us, he "never died."

—THE EDITORS

NOTE: Several years ago Cedric Belfrage spent time with Col. Robins at Chinsegut Hill gathering material for what was to have been his biography. His worsening health interrupted this work, but Belfrage has a rich store of material from which he hopes to write some GUARDIAN pieces about aspects of Robins' life. In view of Belfrage's current problems, readers will understand if there is some delay before the articles can be written and published.



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HOUSING SHORTAGE

The City Fathers and real estate big brass have just decided there is no lower class. "What's this?" they ask. "People turned out of homes? Where are they? Why don't they go to the banks for loans?" Then, told about poverty, that people are really there out in the streets—"What's the matter with the open air? The sky's a perfect roof; earth's a good bed; for stove take sun; for fun, hunt down a red. Health is the nation's really pressing need. Outdoors you'll toughen up. When war arrives you'll be prepared. Who knows? You may not bleed when atom fragments burst against the skin, because you've lived outdoors instead of in."
George Abbe

WAR & PEACE

Japanese fisherman's death from H-Bomb shocks world as Dulles bars weapon ban

By Tabitha Petran

SECY. OF STATE DULLES told the General Assembly on Sept. 23 that a ban on use of hydrogen and atomic weapons is "completely unacceptable." The same day, 10,000 miles away in a Tokyo hospital, a Japanese fisherman died of radiation sickness, the world's first H-bomb fatality. He was Aikichi Kuboyama, 40, a radio operator of the fishing schooner, the "Fortunate Dragon," which was showered by radioactive "fall-out" from Washington's



AIKICHI KUBOYAMA A crime against humanity

March 1 H-bomb although it was far outside the Bikini test area.

Dulles' UN speech betrayed little awareness, if any, of a fact underscored by Kuboyama's agonizing death. The fact is, as the Christian Science Monitor put it (9/24), that "the U. S. has in the H-bomb a weapon which could backfire disastrously for American and Western civilization." Flaunting the "great shield," the "supreme deterrent," Dulles bolted the already closed door to negotiation and compromise—not only on control of mass-destruction weapons, but on every key issue of world politics. Behind this rigidity is the myth of U. S. atomic "supremacy." Dulles ignored completely recent disclosure that Soviet progress has canceled out the U. S. atomic "lead," insisted that a ban on atomic weapons would be one-sided disarmament.

HUMANITY LOOKS ON: Kuboyama's death, which "affects all mankind" (Japanese Cabinet Minister Nasazumi Ando), came shortly after the U. S. Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission reported that the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs of nine years ago "are still spreading death throughout Japan" (N. Y. World-Telegram, 9/11). At the same time the debate among scientists erupted into public print over the extent of the damage to the human race from sharp increases in background radiation generated by A and H-bomb explosions.

(Some leading scientists hold that

bombs already exploded will produce "numerous defective individuals"; others believe repeated explosions will lead to a degree of radioactivity which humanity cannot tolerate—GUARDIAN, 9/27, Joseph & Stewart Alsop, 9/24.)

The progressive deterioration, moral and intellectual, of U. S. policy—built upon weapons of horror—could hardly be more plain. Dulles, however, brought it into even sharper relief by his statement that the U. S. S. R. has no "serious desire" to negotiate disarmament.

NOT INTERESTED: His presentation made clear that the President's "atoms for peace" plan of last Dec. 8 was never much more than a device to evade the real issues of control of weapons of mass destruction. At the time the New Republic (1/11/54) termed it "an oblique announcement that we are no longer prepared to negotiate with them [the Russians] on the control of atomic weapons."

This is borne out by the subsequent U. S.-Soviet diplomatic exchange, published last week. The U. S. notes (1) embroider details of what was even to begin with a trivial plan; (2) insist that a ban on A and H weapons "would increase the danger of war"; (3) make clear that Washington does not "trust" the U. S. S. R.—a way of saying it will not negotiate.

With the U. S. S. R. already operating an atomic power plant while the U. S. has none in sight for several years (see below), the President's plan has been reduced to these vague proposals: (1) set up an "international agency" outside the UN; (2) call an international scientific conference; (3) open a reactor training school; (4) invite foreign medical experts to work in U. S. cancer hospitals. Soviet delegate Vishinsky agreed to inclusion of the U. S. proposal on the Assembly agenda, declared it had "high importance."

HERE ARE THE FACTS: The U. S. line is that the U. S. S. R. has refused to co-operate in the atomic pool and thus prevented "immense relaxation of tension"; that the U. S. seeks "to eliminate the use of atomic energy for any purpose but those of peace" (Dulles) and will use the bombs only "against aggression." These propositions are belied by these facts:

• The U. S. S. R. has not rejected the pool plan. Its notes make plain its insistence on the need for international agreement to ban mass-destruction weapons; its concern that under the pool plan even more atomic material for bombs can be produced; its belief that the pool plan, without an outlawry agreement, would give international sanction to production of atomic weapons, make abolition more difficult.

• On Sept. 22, according to CSM (9/22), U. S. Atomic Energy Commissioner Thomas E. Murray warned that the U. S. atomic power program

"... was still far, far behind what it could and should be because the American emphasis on atomic weapons has been so total up to now."

The U. S. has only one atomic power reactor operating—at Arco, Idaho—and that designed for military purposes. The first big reactor, now being built

at Shippingport, Pa., was salvaged from a military project and would be out of date before completion, Murray said.

• In a world from which instruments of mass-murder have been eliminated, James P. Warburg pointed out (CSM, 8/16),

"... the U. S. would be about as vulnerable to attack as it was before World War II. ... Why then do we cling to a position which was valid, if at all, only so long as we held a monopoly of atomic power?"

As British physicist P. M. S. Blackett noted (London New Statesman, 8/28), Sir John Slessor in his Strategy for the West

"... makes perfectly clear that the readiness to be the first to use atomic bombs strategically is an essential element of this [Western] policy."

HORROR STORY: The Hydrogen Bomb (McKay, \$3) by Time's Washington bureau chief James Shepley and its Pentagon correspondent Clay Blair Jr.—added to the record of the Oppenheimer hearing—make it even plainer that the U. S. refuses to ban the bombs because it is organized in every way to wage aggressive war.

A vengeful controversy is now raging in the U. S. over the H-bomb. The GUARDIAN (11/2/53) was the first to report that the U. S. S. R. had developed a droppable, cheaply-produced H-bomb before the U. S. This fact is now acknowledged. The mounting attack on Oppenheimer and other scientists is, on one level, an attempt to find a scapegoat for the loss of the U. S. lead. (There is some evidence to suggest that the U. S. has yet to produce an H-bomb it can control.)

The fury of the attack mounts in proportion to the growing realization that U. S. dominance is a thing of the past. The Shepley-Blair book is easily the most dangerous and effective attempt yet made to poison the American mind. It provides—even more than did the Oppenheimer hearing—an insight into the climate of the highest official opinion, the attitudes of the small group of men in controlling positions. It is based, it is claimed, on official records, corroborated by U. S. officials. (U. S. Atomic Energy Commissioner Strauss, apparently attempted to suppress the book out of fear it would work havoc among U. S. scientists.)

ANCESTRALLY "SOFT": The book's thesis is that J. Robert Oppenheimer, whom it terms a Soviet spy or dupe, blocked the development of the H-bomb for four years with the help of "the opinion leaders of American science"—men like Albert Einstein, James E. Conant, I. I. Rabi, Leo Szilard, Robert Bacher and others. These and others, including David Lilienthal—and the "Jewish ancestry" is emphasized—are accused of being "soft on communism," organizing an "anti-H-bomb lobby," waging "political war" on the Strategic Air Command.

Literacy, science and reason are the book's real targets. Its heroes are the political and moral illiterates who include:

• William Borden, author of There Will Be No Time (Macmillan 1946), a call for all-out atomic armament. His 1953 letter to J. Edgar Hoover declaring Oppenheimer a Soviet spy set off the Oppenheimer investigation.

• The late Sen. Brien McMahon (D-Conn.), chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. After reading Borden's book he appointed him exec. director of the Committee, and with him exercised relentless pressure for the H-bomb.

• AEC Commissioner Strauss, good friend of Herbert Hoover, Robert Taft and the mad James Forrestal, whose views on "the Reds are coming" men-

see he shared in the war and post-war period. He is an ardent booster of H-bomb strategy.

• Edward Teller, the "father of the H-bomb," who holds that scientists are not qualified in public affairs and should not be concerned with the moral and political questions involved in mass-destruction weapons.

ROAD TO OBLIVION: To Americans, the Shepley-Blair book stands as a beacon marking the road down which Washington is traveling. It is also a warning of the toll in decency, sanity and humanity that is to be demanded long before the bomb may be dropped.

The worldwide movement to ban these weapons is growing as the horror of their short- and long-term effects becomes plainer. The fact of present atomic equality between the U. S. and U. S. S. R. makes this a favorable moment for Americans to join in the movement. Last April David Kirk of N. Y. State Teachers College wrote to the N. Y. Times (4/2):

"... We are marching into a terrible doom. I mean not only the doom of physical destruction of our civilization and of life itself, but of those cherished values of personal responsibility. ... At Nuremberg we judged war criminals on the basis of personal responsibility for acts of brutality committed while under higher orders. What about our own political leaders who in the fact of international questioning and protests pay no heed? ... Let everyone of us be heard. The time is now."

Minneapolis dinner for Benson Oct. 9



ELMER A. BENSON

In 1919 a 24-year-old farm youth from Appleton, Minn., was admitted to the bar of his home state after working as a bank cashier while earning his law degree. A staunch supporter of the farmer-labor movement, Elmer A. Benson became a state commissioner when the Farmer-Labor Party elected Floyd Olson governor; was appointed to the U. S. Senate by Olson and succeeded him as governor in 1937.

Leader of Natl. Citizens' PAC in the 1944 campaign for the re-election of FDR, he became chairman of the national Progressive Party at its founding convention (1948) and still heads it.

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Milford, Delaware

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a sneering glance, hesitated, and blurted, her face red:

"I'd—I'd pray for the colored people—I'd pray for them to go to their own school."

If the question had disconcerted her it had angered the men in the crowd. Their role seemed now, more clearly than ever—with clenched fists on hips or hands in pockets—silently to incite the women. Wherever I looked I caught the men's cold, level stare. Reporters, feeling the tension, kept alert; one asked:

"Mrs. Bennett, do you have any children?"
 "Yes. A daughter."
 "Is she in this school?"



THE FACE OF UNREASON IN DELAWARE . . . AND THE FACE OF REASON IN MARYLAND
 Left: Hostile faces outside the Milford school; right: peaceful integration in a Baltimore school

"I'll say she's not! My child is home, safe in bed."

THE AGITATOR: Her child was brilliant—a leader of her class. The girl would stay at home—"law or no law"—until this crime against the white race was wiped out. I said:

"Your daughter is a leader in her class—but how long can she keep that up if you won't let her go to school?"

"Don't answer him!"
 "Ignore that agitator!"

But she answered: "Don't you worry about me and my business. We'll open a private school."

A reporter said: "But that'd cost you something like \$500 or \$800 just to begin with. How—"

"Oh, don't you worry. We got money, all right."

The spontaneous murmur among the "press crew," as anti-integrationists were calling us, must have suggested questions already privately repeated: Who was behind all this? Who was "paying" these people while they stayed away from work?

A man in the crowd ordered sharply: "Shut up! Don't tell them nothing else!"

THE VISION: Somebody jostled me from the left. I glanced at him. Paunch-belly, I thought, meant business, for he was snarling: "You better git goin', you, if you know what's good for you."

Moving back among my colleagues, I

was beside a neat, placid little chap who introduced himself as Stanley Burch of the London News Chronicle. His soft, clipped voice said: "Ghastly, isn't it?"

We strolled together away from the crowd, the sharp edge of his humor cutting through his surface reserve. He briefed me further on last night's "NAAWP" rally. How did I like this one? He leafed through his notebook. A Mrs. Sharp, from Lynch's Height, near Murder Kill River—"Isn't that simply beautiful!"—had said there:

"I'm a servant of God. I live in fear and dread. I had a vision that sometime I'd be called on to serve God. This here meeting is the answer to that vision."

She had been chosen with two other volunteers to run the Delaware branch of the "NAAWP."

gardened homes, across the railroad tracks to the Negro section. Here all was as peaceful as the lazy summer sounds arising from grass- and weed-grown lots surrounding quiet homes. Nobody minded talking, so long as no names were published.

Who was behind it? One mentioned a "businessman who heads up a district agency for farm equipment." Another said a well-known building contractor supplied the money. Why was everybody here so calm? A Negro man laughed:

"Brother, don't you let what you call this calmness fool you. We may be calm, and we sure don't mean to start nothin'; but we're ready for anything anybody else starts."

Another spoke feelingly of the young people's mission—"and I mean white

Burch and I passed two men in rough clothes and deep conversation. One asked: "What did you say your name was?" The other answered: "Jabonowski." After a brief silence, the first said: "You got a little Jew in you?" Hastily, the other assured: "Oh, no. I'm Polish."

THE COMMUNISTS: That fascist tinge showed elsewhere, too. A woman quoted "Reverend Manaea Warrington": "Lots of kids shed their life's blood to stamp out communism an' we musn't fail them. . . . Integration is bein' forced down our necks by the Supreme Court, backed up by communists and party workers." The woman added: "Well, that's what the communists wanted."

The reporter who had promised to point out the local "NAAWP" leader did so. "His name's Charles P. West." A hard-eyed supporter stood beside West when I approached and asked him: "Will you tell me the purpose of the NAAWP?"

He wouldn't have surprised me if he had spat in my face. "It's a new outfit organized in this town"—we were looking each other straight in the eye—"and you'll find out about it soon enough."

"What is your program? What—"

His pal elbowed him in the ribs "Damn him! Don't tell him nothin'."

THE KIDS: I eased myself down peaceful, tree-shaded streets of lovely

as well as colored"—to set their elders right.

Back again when school was letting out, we waited for the kids to emerge. Most of the mob had gone. Mrs. Bennett and seven women friends remained. The police kept everybody at a distance. There was no "incident." A reporter asked a group of white boys:

"How did you do in school today? How do you like going to school with the colored boys?"

"OK," one said. "They're all right."

Another cried, with a defiance suggesting an answer to a taunt: "And they're clean!" The reporter said:

"Talk about being clean! You ever come across minds cleaner than these kids'?"

O to be in Switzerland!

President Eisenhower's action . . . raising the tariff on Swiss watches, has already zipped up American watchmaking . . . Hamilton will come out with a special wristwatch for left-handed people . . . Elgin has designed a watch that will literally "tell" you the time by means of a miniature Dick Tracy radio receiver that picks up radio time signals . . . Elgin has also designed a wrist-sized Geiger counter, that will not only tell you the time, but warn you if there's too much radioactivity in the air.

Sen. Karl Mundt, guest columnist for Drew Pearson, in the San Francisco Chronicle, 9/1.

Belfrage hearing

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and other details. She concluded that, concerning the receipt card, there is "a real doubt that he is the writer."

In cross-examination the Inquiry Officer produced the small book from which the receipt card was allegedly detached, and asked Miss McCarthy if her findings might not be altered when considering that a person's penmanship would be affected by writing on such a small, cramped space. She replied that such a circumstance would bolster the opinion she had already expressed.

THE 2 ADDRESSES: Claude Williams, director of the People's Institute of Applied Religion at Helena, Ala., testified that he first met Belfrage at the latter's home in Hollywood in 1938, either late in May or early June. Then director of Commonwealth College at Mena, Ark. (since discontinued), Williams had gone to California to solicit funds and support for the school. Belfrage had arranged a meeting in his home, attended by 60 to 75 persons, at which Williams spoke and a collection was taken. Williams recalled positively that the Belfrage home then was at 7777 Firenze Drive.

Earlier, government witness Martin Berkeley had testified that, during Williams' visit to Los Angeles, he was present at a meeting in the Belfrage home attended by some 12 Communist Party leaders to determine if the party would lend financial support to Williams' Commonwealth project. But Berkeley had been vague about the time, putting it somewhere between October, 1937, and March, 1938. Williams was positive on the stand that he couldn't have arrived in Los Angeles before late May. Berkeley had also placed the Belfrage residence at 1925 Oakden Drive. The two addresses are some two miles apart, the one, at Firenze Drive being almost inaccessible except by automobile. Williams denied any knowledge of any Communist Party meeting at the Belfrage home during his stay in Los Angeles.

7777: In lengthy cross-examination, government attorney Weinman attempted to show that Williams' memory for addresses during the years 1937 and 1938 was faulty:

"You can't remember these other addresses, but Belfrage's you remember exactly!"

Williams on re-direct examination finally was permitted to explain that his trip to Los Angeles was memorable for many reasons: it was his first visit to Hollywood after living most of his life till then in rural Tennessee and Arkansas; the address itself was unusual, consisting of four sevens; his meeting with Belfrage was the beginning of a close friendship that has been unbroken since; Belfrage at that first meeting proposed to write a biography of Williams, which he did; and in pursuance of that project Williams had corresponded regularly with the 7777 Firenze Drive address.

A ruling on the case is expected within three weeks.

A deposition made in Los Angeles by author-columnist Frank Scully was placed in the record. Scully had to travel 100 miles from a sickbed to make it. Excerpts next week.

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ALP LAUNCHES THE 1954 CAMPAIGN

Actress Karen Morley, Negro attorney, labor lawyer picked as McManus' running mates in N. Y. election

THE American Labor Party, which last week launched its crucial 1954 campaign, was more sober than the singing "Gideon's Army" of 1948. A grave sense of responsibility to preserve an independent voice for peace keynoted the party's convention and rally in Manhattan Center Sept. 23. It was voiced even in the benediction of the Rev. Wm. Howard Melish, "reluctant to ask God's blessing" upon a political

traced the desertion of New Deal principles by the old parties and their perpetuation in the ALP. (The GUARDIAN, 9/27, printed the text of McManus' speech.)

FOR THE 51%: Miss Morley said she was "alone in the field, the only representative on any ticket of at least 51% of our population." She spoke for the "women who work 8-10 hours a day, then come home

Stevenson's counsel to the Democrats: "I hope we may never forget that we hold far more in common with our friends the Republicans than we hold in dispute."

The rally also heard George Fish, Ernesto Martinez, chairman of the ALP Council on Puerto Rican Community Affairs, Lionel Stander, and Muriel Scheinman, ALP candidate for State Senator in the 20th B. D., and leader of the Green-



THEY'RE RUNNING AGAINST AN ALL-MALE LILY-WHITE OPPOSITION This is the ALP state ticket (l. to r.): For Controller, Ralph Powe; for Lieutenant Governor, Karen Morley; for Governor, John T. McManus; for Attorney General, George Fish.

campaign when politicians seek not peace but war. He asked for the ALP only because he was aware that here was the only voice against destruction. More than 3,000 people in the hall and thousands more who listened to a portion of the rally broadcast over WNBC, heard the Republican and Democratic parties alike labeled the "war parties."

A CHALLENGE: There were ovations that brought the audience to their feet but there was none of the traditional convention whooping. While the public waited in the grand ballroom the party's delegates in convention adopted a platform and a ticket that in itself posed a challenge to the other

ALP officers

THE ALP convention last week elected Peter K. Hawley state chairman. Other officers chosen are: Capt. Hugh N. Mulzac, secy.; Fannie Golos, treas.; Morris Goldin, exec. secy.

parties. Only the ALP named a woman and a Negro for state offices. The candidates are:

For governor, John T. McManus, general manager of the GUARDIAN; lieutenant governor, actress Karen Morley; controller, civil liberties attorney Ralph Powe, a Negro; attorney general, Brooklyn lawyer and ALP county leader George Fish.

Standing before a back-drop banner that said: "Join the American Labor Party—Defend the New Deal Heritage," McManus in his acceptance speech detailed the party's origins in the Roosevelt era,

WOLLIN DINNER

McManus speaks in B'klyn Oct. 2

JOHN T. MCMANUS will open his Brooklyn campaign at a dinner honoring Michael Wollin, ALP candidate for State Senator, Sat. eve., Oct. 2, at Sunrise Manor, 1638 Pitkin Av.

Wollin, a prominent Brooklyn attorney, past chancellor-commander of the Knights of Pythias and member of the Jewish War Veterans, is a long-standing ALP leader. Other speakers: Perry Rosenstein, ALP candidate for Assembly from the 15th; Raymond Gonzalez, Puerto Rican community leader; Mrs. Lee Moran, tenants' leader, and Paul Trilling, Kings Co. ALP exec. secy. Reservations: \$2.50 per person.

to start their second shift."

Her concern, she said, was the one white woman in three who works; the one Negro woman in two who works; the children who must take turns wearing the same coat to school. These and the threat of war, she said, "concern me, and let me tell you what concerns women concerns you." She brought down the house when she referred to her all-male opposition slates and said: "May the best woman win."

A NEGRO SPEAKS: Powe, accepting the nomination for controller, asked what the old parties were doing to enforce the Supreme Court's de-segregation ruling, "wrung from our highest court in the land after years of sweat, blood and tears . . . the pangs of millions of Negroes deprived of the right to a free education, as free and equal citizens."

Only the ALP, he said, has nominated a Negro for state office but, he added: "I am not merely a candidate on the American Labor Party ticket . . . I am a candidate fighting for a program of ALL Americans, and particularly the Negro people, regardless of party or political opinion." He challenged the Democrats to fight (he emphasized the word) for Negro rights listed in its program, and he warned the Negro people "of vote-getting lures, of those who, like Ives, pose as liberals."

Pledging an "all-out fight for election," he promised that, if elected, he would cut off state funds or contracts to any institution or firm practicing discrimination; revise the tax structure to shift the burden to those best able to pay, and effect a "fair and proportionate fiscal relationship with New York City."

Powe had another objective: "I will fight in the hope that my candidacy is a guarantee that never again will an election be held in N. Y. State which will not have a Negro running for major office on a major state ticket."

TOP AND BOTTOM: Paul L. Ross, veteran ALP leader and chairman of its public affairs committee, sounded the keynote. He called for a "fight against both the old political parties and their bankrupt candidates." Both, he said, had nominated bankers, with this difference: "The Democratic banker [Harriman inherited his banks] started at the top. The Republican banker [Ives worked as a bank clerk and then manager] started at the bottom." Ross cited Adlai

wich Village ALP Youth Club. There were songs by Leon Bibb and a comedy sketch by Les Pine.

TRIBUTES TO MARC: The rally was given a dedicated note in repeated reference to the late Vito Marcantonio. Marc had always brought ALP audiences to their feet. Now the party he had led so often stood in silent sorrow to mark his death.

Paul Robeson closed the meeting with a major political statement that was also warmly personal. He spoke of McManus as a friend, "a kind man, a sensitive man, clearly concerned with the liberties and dignities of us all. . . . When I see him come into a room I feel good. . . . I feel stronger."

He spoke of labor uniting in the Midwest and Northwest, of California's Independent Progressive Party making itself felt ("Where did [Chief Justice] Warren begin to see the light?"); of the achievements of independent political action to date: "Without our independent voices all over this land American reaction might be further down the road. . . . Mr. Ives takes a lot of credit for the leg work you did."

He saw the ALP shouldering "an historic responsibility of tremendous proportions" and called for "relentless, untiring struggle." For that struggle he offered himself and told the cheering crowd it would be enough reward to "be a part of and close to the America that you represent."

G-A RALLY OCT. 8

DuBois speaks

D. R. W. E. B. DuBois will address a rally commemorating the fifth anniversary of the German Democratic Republic Friday, Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. at Yugoslav American Hall, 405 W. 41 St.

The meeting, called by the German American, German-English language monthly published in New York, will discuss: "Germany—Peace or War." Frank Wedl, German-American trade unionist, ALP candidate for Congress in Manhattan's 18th CD, will also speak. Admission: 75c.

. . . and brotherhood

QUATSINO, B. C. Your pages stress the principles of Christ, "peace and the brotherhood of man," which should be enough for any Christian. God has been taken over by the warmongers and the hypocrites and used by them to spread hate and fear among people. J. Donaldson

AN EDITORIAL STATEMENT

Enroll and vote ALP!

THIS EDITORIAL IS ADDRESSED PERSONALLY TO YOU, as a member of one of the thousands of families now reading the GUARDIAN regularly in New York City and State.

It is a reminder to REGISTER NOW to vote in the Nov. 2 elections and to urge every member of your family and everyone else you can convince, to enroll in the American Labor Party when registering. (The registration dates are given below.)

We recommend that you determine now to vote for the ENTIRE ALP TICKET and that you try to convince at least one other voter outside your family to vote ALP.

If every New York husband and wife, brother and sister of voting age in GUARDIAN homes does this, the "must" objective of 50,000 votes required to insure the ALP its place on the ballot will be guaranteed by the effort of GUARDIAN readers and their friends alone.

ALP members are already at work, not only to insure the party's future but to build its enrollment and final vote. Only in this way can the hope for peace and civil rights be effectively expressed in the New York elections.

THE ALP HAS BEEN THE RALLYING POINT for New York progressives for 18 years, behind FDR and LaGuardia, for Wallace and Taylor in '48. It was led by the late Vito Marcantonio in all the independent campaigns since. It is the only party which proclaims Negro and Puerto Rican representation not as a demagogic slogan but as a firm principle. This principle was finally won for New York City in the '53 municipal elections and reflected in the '54 campaign by the nomination of the only Negro candidate for state-wide office.

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Oct. 9 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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Oct. 1, 2, 8 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Oct. 9 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Rural Areas with Permanent Registration

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Oct. 2 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Oct. 9 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ALP on air this week

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controller; George Fish for atty. gen.
Tues., Oct. 5, 10:30-10:45 p.m., WCBS, McManus.
Thurs., Oct. 7, 10:45-11 p.m., WNBC, McManus, Powe, Fish.
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FROM CALIFORNIA TO JERSEY, IT'S THE SAME

The chicken farmers have a sad story to tell

By Ione Kramer

COTATI, CALIF.

"YOU'VE come at a good time if you want a story," said chicken farmer Ben Fields ruefully as he went about his evening chores. A week ago Monday his red Cornish Cross broilers were selling for 32c a pound live; now they are 26c—below the break-even point. Farmers here predict they'll stay down until next August. Says Ben:

"If you go to the government farm adviser, he'll tell you there are always some fellows who get rich farming even in hard times, and it's all your fault that you're not making a living."

Half of the chicken farmers in this poultry-industry area north of San Francisco have been hiring themselves out by the day to earn enough to keep their farms going. Ben explained that 27c a pound was the price a farmer here had to receive just to pay expenses (cost per pound: baby chick 7c, mash 16-17c, heat, litter, taxes 3c). That doesn't include any return on investment, pay for the labor of the farmer or his family.

LIFE WORK IMPERILED: After 30 years in the garment industry in New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, Ben and Lena Fields, like many of their neighbors, went into hock to buy their small farm during the war when chickens brought a good price. "I've worked all my life on this capital investment," says one of Ben's neighbors, "but if prices keep going down we'll all go out of business." The investment on a medium-sized farm big enough to support a family is between \$25,000 and \$40,000, a relatively low figure compared to the outlay in machinery or livestock some farmers must make just to get started.

At a GUARDIAN meeting in the Fields' living-room after supper, the neighbors discussed their situation with this reporter. "As soon as there's any economic slump, the farmer gets it in the neck," commented a young farmer named Jack. It was the high cost of feed, said a man in a blue shirt. Grain prices are held up by parity; poultry and eggs are not. He urged full parity for all products. The present law includes a 75% discretionary parity for poultry prices, but the price per pound has to go down to 21-22c before the Agriculture Secy. can use his discretion to pay 75% of the price.

MEN IN THE MIDDLE: Others said their trouble was caused by the price spread between farmer and consumer.



BEN FIELDS
The farmer gets it first

On Aug. 2 a House Agriculture Committee study found food prices paid to farmers had dropped 20% since 1951, but "almost none" of it had been passed on to consumers. One of Ben's neighbors cited a local example: that week he had received 12c a pound for white leghorn meat while it was selling at retail for 47c.

The House Committee said that the farmer received only 44c out of every dollar consumers paid for food, but that he had to pay out 30c of that for machinery and supplies. Senate Agriculture Committee chairman George Aiken (R-Vt.) is scheduled to hold hearings on the price spread this fall. According to a special article in the York (Pa.) Gazette and Daily (9/3): "All hands—crop dealers, manufacturers, merchants are sharing in the broadened spread at the expense of farmers and consumers." But, says the Wall St. Journal (8/11), the purpose of the hearings will not be corrective legislation but to "stir up public indignation" against the "middleman" or, as the G & D suggests, win farm votes back to the Republican fold.

CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS: Some of the Petaluma-Cotati area farmers said their trouble was caused by Campbell's Soup's (their biggest customer) set price of 13c a pound for fricassee chickens. The price-setting situation in their area had not yet reached the proportions it had near Fresno, they said, where the big processors have put the middle-man poultry buyer out of busi-

ness and through price control are beginning the process on the farmers. One man said farmers there had "become little better than sharecroppers" receiving their baby chicks and feed, and performing the labor in return for a guaranteed market—at the processor's price.

To try to get a fair return, poultry farmers here have set up the Sonoma County Poultry Growers. Currently with 67 members—25% of the growers in the area marketing about 5 million pounds of poultry a year—the marketing co-op is working on plans for its own processing plant. But even co-op marketing or processing couldn't solve their basic problems of up-and-down prices, farmers here agreed. Government agencies could include eggs and chicken in school lunches, and the armed forces could buy their chicken stocks when the market was slow to give poultry farmers a break, explained co-op secretary Leon Alexander.

The government guarantees the big power plants and industries a return on their investment, said Ben. "We want a guarantee that we won't go out of business."

GRIM PROSPECT: In New Jersey, another poultry industry center, 20 to

30% of the farmers face loss of their farms, according to an official of Farmco, an egg marketing association. The N.J. Poultry Farmers Assn. has been urging the Agriculture Dept. to declare communities there "disaster areas" and grant farmers emergency loans. Three mass meetings in Toms River and Vineland, drawing 300-400 farmers each, urged release of government-held stocks of wheat and corn at prices in line with current egg prices, and the buying of a million cases of eggs for the school lunch program. Egg prices for the rest of the year will remain "considerably below last year," the U.S. Agriculture Dept. predicted in July. This summer farmers received an average of 35c a dozen, compared with 45c last year. At a conference of the Natl. Poultry Farmers Assn. (25 N. Montgomery St., Trenton, N. J.) in Washington in October delegates from several states plan national action.

Recently three N.J. poultry farmers committed suicide for reasons which the local papers recognized as the low egg price. Commented the Sept. Northeastern Union Farmer:

"The farm situation at the moment is very similar to that after the 1929 crisis. The farmers took the licking first and suicides among them were widespread. But, shortly, the crisis spread to the business world and soon financial and industrial figures . . . were jumping out of 16-story windows."

FLORIDA'S PREFABRICATED JUSTICE

Judge issues 17 show-cause contempt orders day before witnesses testify in Dade County

THE WHEELS of justice did another reverse spin last week in Dade County, Florida's current jailing-mill. On Sept. 22 Circuit Judge George E. Holt signed show-cause orders for contempt against 17 persons one day before they testified before the Dade County grand jury. The 17, latest and largest group to be called before the "subversive-hunting" grand jury by State Atty. George Brautigam, were scheduled for questioning on Thursday, Sept. 23. The Miami Herald (9/25) reported:

"A check of the Circuit court clerk's office reflected that the show cause [contempt] orders . . . were signed by Judge Holt Wednesday."

At the Sept. 23 hearing the 17 refused to answer questions, were immediately served the contempt citations under the new Florida law which grants so-called "immunity" by ordering them to testify against themselves or others (GUARDIAN 9/27).

TOTAL NOW 31: By "prejudging" her case before anyone knew what she was going to say, Judge Holt deprived her and other persons of their constitutional rights to due process of law, it was charged by Mrs. Molka Reich Bare, widely-known puppeteer and one of the 17 who immediately filed suit against Holt.

Thursday's action raised the new law's contempt citations to 31. Fourteen were jailed but are now free under writs from the state Supreme court where their appeal was set for Oct. 1.

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POLITICS

Roosevelt-Javits race watched; ADA neutralized by 'liberals'; Elliz. Gurley Flynn qualifies

THE game of pitting "liberals" against each other, which began with Ives vs. Harriman, continued to enliven the New York political campaign. The Republicans, fighting to neutralize the Roosevelt name, put up Cong. Jacob K. Javits to oppose Cong. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. for attorney general.

Rep. Javits posed a dilemma for state liberals. Liberal Party leaders in pre-convention days were torn by the Roosevelt-Harriman rivalry but followed their standing rule: on state tickets, follow the lead of Sen. Lehman. They reportedly worked behind the scenes for Harriman. When they had to choose between Roosevelt and Javits, both of whom they had backed in previous campaigns, they followed the rule again and went down the line for the Democratic ticket, including Roosevelt.

The Americans for Democratic Action, also faced with a choice among favorite sons, picked Roosevelt Jr. to beat Harriman at the convention but took a firmly neutral position on the Roosevelt-Javits race. ADA voted to back Harriman against Ives but not without a handful of supporters for the GOP's "liberal."

DON'T QUALIFY: ADA chose its neutrality position after a stormy debate at a 3-day session last week, in which the victorious neutrals argued that faced with two "enlightened" candidates ADA had to be non-partisan. Similar thinking led the delegates to withhold endorsement of either candidate for controller—the GOP's Frank del Vecchio or the Democrats' Aaron Jacoby—since neither qualified for ADA backing.

Since this year for the first time the Lt. governor vote will be registered automatically with that for governor, there could be no question about ADA support for the Democratic candidate for Lt. gov., George B. DeLuca, to oppose the GOP's J. R. McGovern.

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his campaign. In a press interview he said he remained a "liberal by philosophy"; declared he would not run on Dewey's record; made it plain he was picked by Ives, not Dewey. He spent the Sunday after his nomination on the boardwalk at Coney Island with his two children, Joy, 6, and Josh, 4½, vigorously shaking hands with people at hot dog stands. Before stepping into his rented Cadillac he told reporters the excursion reminded him of his boyhood when his family fled to Coney from the heat of Orchard and Stanton Streets where he grew up.

Javits was on the team to make end runs into usually Democratic New York City. Roosevelt Jr. made no immediate answer to the boardwalk play since his mission was to score in the customarily GOP strongholds upstate. Throughout the convention upstate counties had rallied to him as the standard bearer against the big city bosses and he was counted on to keep the rural rebels in the fold.

TARGETS & ECHOES: Theoretically New York City, with 55% of the potential vote, could decide the election no matter what upstate did; but in actual practice it accounts for only 49% of the vote, since a higher proportion of upstate voters turn out at the polls.

To win, the Democrats must keep the GOP hold upstate below 60% (it scored 62% in 1950) while maintaining at least a 60% edge in the city where the Democrats got 45% in 1950).

Primary echoes governed campaign thinking. In Manhattan's 18th CD, which would have been the toughest, most hopeful battleground had Vito Marcantonio lived to campaign as an independent, James G. Donovan had narrowly won

the Democratic nomination. He was unopposed in the GOP race. Though solidly backed by the machine, Donovan squeaked through with an 800-vote margin over Casper H. Citron. The Citron vote (4,678 to Donovan's 5,438) was almost exclusively an anti-Donovan vote. Last week Citron filed a motion in the State Supreme Court claiming "gross irregularities," asking that he be declared the winner.

FLYNN ON BALLOT: In the Bronx 24th CD canvassers gathered 4,000 signatures to put on the ballot Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the Communist Party's national committee, Smith Act defendant and long-time labor leader. Miss Flynn ran as an independent but also as one of the best-known Communists in the country. Newspaper stories followed her campaign closely, warning all signers that the FBI was watching.

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