

George Sokolsky
Jury Issue
Is Important
In Red Trial

THE Communists now being tried in New York have raised an issue which needs the widest discussion.

THE 18 Communists being tried constitute the National Committee of the Communist Party of America. One of them, William Z. Foster, the chairman, is ill and has been severed for a separate trial.

THE law only provides that they should be American citizens. The fundamental question raised by the Communists is, what kind of people are we? Are we Americans or are we Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Negroes, whites, Nisei, Italo-Americans, workers, capitalists, management, labor leaders?

THE courts have held that a change in the indictment deprives the court of the power of proceeding to try the accused.

GRAND juries and trial juries. In this area, are "hand-picked" by the judge. It is also true that in a city of 1,000,000 population, it is possible to have juries of bums, loafers, crooks, scoundrels, and bribe-takers.

SOMEONE has to decide what constitutes the "best." Is it "best" that members of Marston's club should fill the panels? Somebody has to decide on a formula. The officers of the court make the decisions.

Washington Background
Beware Governmentese!
Miss Perkins Tells Girls

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. GIRLS, if you have a yen to write, don't get a Federal Government job.

That's the advice that Miss Frances Perkins, Civil Service Commissioner and former Secretary of Labor, recently gave to members of the National Capital Alumnae Chapter of the Theta Sigma Phi.

Commissioner Perkins said that "Governmentese" is a new type of English, is the stumbling-block for women with a literary bent who work for the Government.

As to "Governmentese," Miss Perkins says she has never been able to learn it. "I'm sure there must be a course in it," she said. She reminded her audience of the blackout signs of the war, which read, "The illumination must be extinguished before departing."

At a Cabinet meeting members took a vote on that one, and it was unanimous for "put out the lights."

The face was familiar: A stranger approached Herbert Hoover as the former President of the United States was leaving his hotel in Washington the other day, and asked, "Haven't I met you before?"

The House Un-American Activities Committee published 592,300 copies of tracts dealing with various Communist activities in the United States during its first year.

Samuel Grafton
Something
Phony About
Red Program

IT IS nice to hear leading French and Italian Communists say that it is possible for Russia and the West to live in peace together.

And one of the things that is necessary is for Communist pundits to give up the absurd business of alternately declaring it possible for Russia to live in peace with capitalist democracy, and then falling over in mock dismay at the discovery that capitalist democracy behaves like capitalist democracy.

IT IS very easy to make peace in a never-never land. No great seamanship is needed for that.

IF IT is peace they really want, they will give up their synthetic expressions of dismay at the stupefying discovery that, in America, somebody makes a profit whenever a fountain pen is sold.

SOMEWHAT the same points could, of course, be made about the President's formidable attack on Communism in his inaugural speech.

THESE from the U. S. leap to the platform, big, strong, ruddy-cheeked with smart uniforms and packs, appalled at the ruins around them.

THEY'll DO IT EVERY TIME
By Jimmy Hatlo
SHAKE, BOSS! IT'S A BOY! WE NAMED HIM J. PLUVIUS AFTER YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO BE HIS GODFATHER, TOO!

Gossip of the Nation
Walter Winchell

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. MATT ABOUT TOWN—Marie Oberon's heart is in matters because Count Cini's application for a divorce (in Rome) has been veto'd.

THE reason the N. Y. Star folded is that the latest "angel" (who planned giving it a \$200,000 transfusion a fortnight ago) was counsel'd against it.

THE ROARING 40s—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor's 17-room chateau near Cannes, France, is up for sale.

LANA TURNER
Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi (Commissioner of Immigration during the Herbert Hoover regime) will toss his hat into the ring as a fusion candidate for Mayor of New York next year.

MEAN AND MAIDS, AND STUFF
—When will New York Dist. Atty. Hogan explode the Parole Board investigation?

DE-BOP circles still discussing Tommy Dorsey's blast at be-bop musicians, in his interview with Monica Lewis, over the Copacabana mike.

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By Jimmy Hatlo
THANK AND A TIP O' THE HAT, AND A CIGAR, TO "POP'S PALS," NEW YORK, N.Y.

and movie actress Joan Lorring prefer the secluded corners at Cafe Trouville... Bandleader Gene Williams and tele-vision Joy Reese are trying each other for sighs.

THE other day the N. Y. Herald Tribune ran a batch of letters from readers protesting Gieseking's "leave-ho... The newspaper's editorialist declared it was still bewildered by the case.

THE French Navy is being offered to steel mills as scrap metal... Sec'y of Interior Krug is slated for private life (they say) because he's a protege of Bernard Baruch.

WILLIAM POWELL talks of taking a permanent vacation after three more years of film work.

ETA HAYWORTH has written friends here that she and Aly Khan will go through a second wedding ceremony in Hollywood, following religious nuptials to be held in Europe.

THE out in purses at Florida racetracks is the forerunner of a trend that will manifest itself at tracks all over the country.

DETECTIVES prowling Broadway spots, looking for Sonja Henie fur thieves (Delmonico's Joe Feder says the solution is easy; a freezing California rain, em).

COAST says Academy award for G. G. Messers is between Jane Wyman, Olivia de Havilland, and Jane Fonda.

Louella Parsons
Metro to Film
Kipling Story
In India

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 30. "KIM," Rudyard Kipling's fascinating story of a white boy brought up in India by the natives, will be made in India by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Chatter in Hollywood: Connie Haines, who was so heartbroken when her fiancé, Richard Gray, died in veterans hospital a year and a half ago, tells me she has found a new romantic interest.

Connie had just started a successful singing career at Cleo's. She planned to marry Gray while she was in Los Angeles.

IN spite of all rumors to the contrary, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello both assure me: "We've never been closer friends than we are today."

THE Martin yarn is that of a show off who brags himself into a murder. "It's a character something like Jack Jolly in radio," said Popkin.

REPORTS are current that Victoria Mix, widow of Tom Mix, is negotiating to buy the Sunset Hotel.

THE Mervyn Leroy party for the Ernie Byfields went off as scheduled, except that the guests of honor were missing. Their plane was held up because of weather.