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## ALTHOUGH MANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED, SPY INVESTIGATION NOW IN CLEARER FOCUS

**AFTER A FALSE START**, due to the over-eagerness of Chairman Velde of the House Un-American Activities Committee, the inquiry into charges of laxity toward communists in the Truman Administration is proceeding in an orderly and logical pattern.

The original charge, based on the Harry Dexter White case, was made by Attorney General Brownell in a speech in Chicago on Nov. 7. It was answered by President Truman on Nov. 16. The Security Subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee is proceeding in an orderly and logical pattern.

**WHEN** Tuesday's committee hearing was over, many questions remained unanswered.

In his Chicago speech, Brownell said: "The FBI became aware of White's espionage activities at an early point in his government career and from the beginning made reports on these activities to the appropriate officials in authority. But these reports did not mention White's espionage in the administration."

White's career began in 1934, and the implication of this statement was that both the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations had failed to act on FBI reports. White, however, offered no evidence of any FBI warning earlier than Nov. 8, 1945. If the FBI was alert to White earlier than that, the fact should be brought out.

In his nationwide broadcast, former President Harry Truman said he learned of the "serious accusations" against White early in February, 1946, and that he consulted with the late Fred M. Vinson, who was Secretary of the Treasury and White's superior at the time, and with Tom Clark, then attorney general. "The conclusion was reached that the appointment should be allowed to take its normal course," Mr. Truman said. The implication was clear that either Vinson or Clark or both approved Mr. Truman's action.

Further on, Mr. Truman said that in reaching the decision, "I relied on my personal advisers. One of them—one of the most concerned was the then Secretary of the Treasury, and later the beloved Chief Justice of the United States Fred M. Vinson."

Yet FBI Director Hoover, describing a luncheon conversation with Vinson and Clark on Feb. 22, 1946, said categorically: "Judge Vinson did not want Mr. White to serve as a United States delegate on the International Monetary Fund and, in fact, did not want him to continue as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury." He said also that Clark "felt the President should personally tell White that it would be best for him not to serve."

If both Clark and Vinson were opposed to White's nomination, upon whose recommendation, then, did Mr. Truman act? The former President should clear up this point.

Mr. Truman also implied that the decision to leave White in his Monetary Fund post had the approval of the FBI.

**24 HOURS—AND 20 PER CENT—TO GO**

**A** MAN named Brenton Grant once put it this way:

"Sometimes it's a meaningful little tune that hums while you work."

Or it may be a sardonic snicker, like a glass of milk, or a baked potato, or a crisp clean sheet on a sunny patio.

"It could mean a little girl showing off her brand new second-hand dress."

"It's a lawyer pleading a case for a client who hasn't a cent. It's the telling again of family jokes that were all forgotten in bitter quarrels, and new hope in the eyes of a disillusioned young girl. It's the pride of a legless man earning a decent living, or a contagious smile on the face of a homeless boy at a USO club in Germany, or Korea, or right here in one of the 16 USO centers in the Carolinas."

That is your United Appeal. What Mr.

**From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

## LOUDER AND HIGHER

**WOMEN** have raised the pitch of men's voices, says a throat specialist. Dr. Paul J. Moses, of San Francisco—and we don't doubt it. What we doubt is the reason Dr. Moses gives for the phenomenon.

He says many men have high-pitched voices because virtually their only contacts with adults during childhood, when their speech patterns were being set, were with their mothers and women teachers.

The reason advanced by Dr. Moses may have had something to do with it. On the other hand, has Dr. Moses ever tried to make himself heard in a deep bass voice above a gable of high-pitched voices? If so, then there just a possibility that men's

voices have evolved a higher pitch because of a desire over the years to break into the conversation?

Around Kingsport we don't have too much noise from auto horns. In fact we can't hear them for all the tires screaming from the fancy, noisy exhausts—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

Some men have so much advice to give because they never used any of themselves—Donaldson (Ga.) News.

It's getting so it costs almost as much to crown one of these school queens as it did Queen Elizabeth—Elizabethtown (Ky.) News.

## White Spy Sensation Covers Dewey's New York Troubles

By MARQUIS CHILDS

**WASHINGTON**  
THE bombshell that Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. exploded in his Chicago speech is now seen to have been part of a carefully calculated plot. Some able reporting out of Washington has documented the ramifications of that plot from the Department of Justice to the White House, the Republican National Committee and the Senate Internal Security sub-committee.

But many pieces are still missing and in the present fiercely partisan atmosphere they probably will never come to light. One big question has to do with the timing of the explosion.

It came in the aftermath of the Republican defeats in Wisconsin and New Jersey and on the eve of the Congressional contest in California's 24th District. The Republicans were scared to death that they would lose that election. So it has been widely assumed that Brownell had an immediate political motive in setting off the powder mine.

**NEW YORK SCANDAL**  
But some observers now incline to view that there was another motive at least as strong. Brownell's interest in politics, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, is in the middle of a messy situation in New York State with leaders in the Dewey organization involved in major cases of corruption and racketeering in harness racing. J. Russell Sprague, Republican boss of one of the four tracks before he was elected, resigned as a national committeeman after it developed he had a \$50,000 interest in one of the racetracks for which the record shows he had put up \$24,000.

Much of this scandal was forced into the open by the newspaper and it is spreading like wildfire. A headline in the New York Times, "The White House's Secret," is a headline. But now as it approaches a crisis, with Dewey's complete force out of action, the scandal is being kept under wraps. Brownell's charge is being kept under wraps. Brownell's charge is being kept under wraps.

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**PRESIDENT EISENHOWER**, who calls himself a political novice, isn't necessarily in command of his party's program as communism as a 1954 election issue.

At first glance he might seem to be riding in an opposite direction from that of the Republican party's highest-ranking political adviser, Leonard W. Hall, and Atty. Gen. Brownell.

Hall, Republican national chairman and therefore a guiding spirit of the Republican effort in next year's congressional elections said last Sunday.

Communism is going to be one of the issues in the election. He added "We'll see to it that all Communists and left-wingers who are in the government and the former administrations are going to be put out."

Two days later, Brownell, a real political pro, after managing the presidential campaigns of Eisenhower and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, said he was going to make a political push, to dig into the Communist issue.

When he testified Tuesday about Harry Dexter White before the Senate's subcommittee on Internal Security, he had a prepared statement. He wasn't talking at random when he told the senators.

"This subcommittee, I am sure, will want to examine more closely the claims that there was a plan to keep White and others in the espionage ring in government employment in the hope of catching them."

And then he said: "I don't want to investigate. I believe, what care was used to protect the national security. These are grave matters and the government is entitled to complete answers."

That was the end of the investigation. He said he didn't want to investigate. He said he didn't want to investigate. He said he didn't want to investigate.

**Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round**

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THAT the present Harry White controversy was started to divert the nation's political trouble is debatable. Not debatable, however, is the fact that it has distracted the nation from some of the most important developments going on inside Russia since Stalin died.

The State Department and the American Embassy in Moscow have been changing worried cables about these developments. Churchill has been chiming in with the American government to Paris to report to U. S. diplomats.

What worries the diplomats is the sudden change in Moscow's attitude toward Russian foreign policy, plus reports that Premier Malenkov has allied himself with the most radical anti-American hawks in the Russian army.

Malenkov, who started with a soft tone toward the Americans, has been changed to a hard line. He is just the opposite. Anti-Semites are being encouraged again, possibly as a result of the Arab boycott. His intention has been shown of sitting down at a conference table regarding the future of the Middle East. He is even talking of Korean peace as just as elusive as

capturing the Republican nomination for General Eisenhower than was understood at the time. In May and June of 1952 Brownell was perhaps the No. 1 agent for Dewey in engineering the nomination for Ike. Staying almost entirely behind scenes, he was extraordinarily effective, so effective that he enraged and baffled the forces of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft in his historic struggle.

The biggest quarrel was over the Texas delegation to the Republican National convention. The old line Republican moved to Texas had captured the delegation for Taft by refusing to count the votes at precinct caucuses of those whom they accused of only recently switching from Democratic to Republican allegiance.

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Report From Indochina

## Short Warning For Americans

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**REACTING TO TRUCE**  
This sudden and quite recent French reversal against the war effort in Indochina is quite clearly a reaction to the Korean truce. In his recent, supposedly firm speech to the French Senate, Premier Laniel said in so many words that as long as we had the truce in Korea, France had a right to hope for a truce in Indochina.

The enemy already shares the main military base of the war almost equally with the French. Even a few weeks of cessation of the struggle will allow enough infiltration to insure a Communist success. These political effects of the Korean truce, one must also add the effects of the release of Chinese troops to consider the military power from its containment and sterilization in Korea.

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