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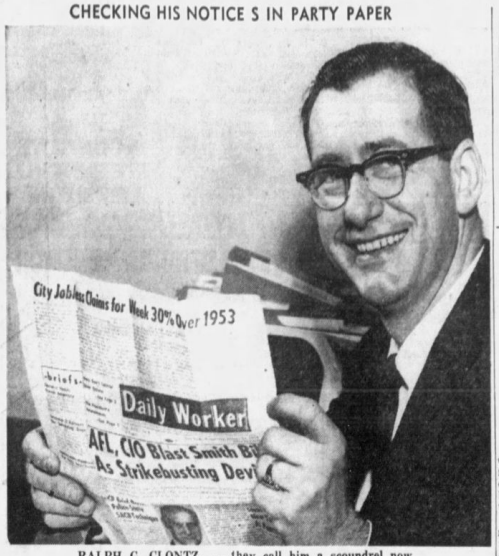

RALPH G. CLONTZ. . . they call him a scoundrel now

Work As FBI Spy Among Reds Strictly Clontz' Own Idea

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Back in his Law Building office today, Ralph Clayton Clontz Jr., Charlotte's number one hero of the day, has but one job now, "earning a living."

Mr. Clontz returned late last night from Washington, D. C., where his identity as an FBI undercover spy on the communists was revealed.

He was a star government witness in the Subversive Activities Control Board hearing into the Jefferson School for Social Science, to determine if it should register as a Communist agency.

Mr. Clontz's appearance at the Washington hearing this week was the first knowledge anyone here, except his wife, had of his work during most of the past five years.

If anyone could have been more surprised than the Communists, it was his own neighbors, who didn't know that he worked for the FBI, let alone that he had been a party member.

The shock on some people at the hearing was apparent. One newspaper reporter present at the hearing said that when Mr. Clontz walked into the hearing room as the secret witness, Howard Selsam, director of the Jefferson School, had the most "amazed look on his face of anyone I have ever seen."

WORK PILED UP

Back to his law practice today after 10 days in Washington, Mr. Clontz found work had piled up so he "hardly knew where to start."

The cigar-smoking, 31-year-old attorney and ex-undercover agent took time out today however to go back over some of the highlights of his "Red activities" since he joined the party in 1948.

The first time he hit the local headlines was shortly after he had established contact with Junius Scales, whom he named as top man in the Communist Party in North Carolina.

OVERCOAT CASE

Mr. Clontz was the Charlotte man who argued his own case before the State Supreme Court. That was over an insurance claim after his overcoat was burned in a local service station.

"That fitted right in with the character I was supposed to be," he said. "After the superior court non-suited my case, I almost decided to drop it. But the party members thought I ought to carry it to the high court, so I did. It gave them an even better idea of the kind of wild-eyed radical I wanted them to think I was."

Mr. Clontz said there have been various accounts of how he began his activities as an undercover agent, many of them wrong.

"I was working for the Carolina Motor Club to make a living while I was at Duke Law School," he said, "and several agents working for me passed on information about subversive activities. A lot

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Carolinians Taken On Kidnap Charge

The FBI reported the arrest today of a young man and woman wanted on charges of kidnaping a Courtland, Va., policeman Jan. 6.

Special Agent William A. Murphy identified the two as Harvey Glenn Pardue, alias Fred Walker, of near Elkin, N. C., and Geraldine Helen Elmore, about 27, of Winston-Salem.

Murphy said Pardue, also wanted on an armed robbery charge in North Carolina, and the woman are charged with kidnaping Policeman Harwood Watkinson in Courtland and with forcing him to drive about 35 miles before handcuffing him to a tree near Carrolton, Va.

The FBI said the officer had stopped an automobile to investigate the man and woman at the time of the kidnaping.

Murphy reported Pardue was arrested in a Lexington motel while he hid under the bed today. A loaded, silver-plated .45 caliber automatic was found under a pillow, he added. The woman was arrested while driving on a Winston-Salem street.

Both were named in federal warrants charging unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Murphy said Pardue jumped $10,000 bond and failed to appear for trial in Wilkes County last month on a charge that he had robbed a Traphill, N. C., store of about $170 last Sept. 8.

Charged with armed robbery, Pardue was released under bond posted by his 70-year-old father, James Pardue and Donald Pardue, both of near Elkin.

When he failed to appear for trial, the father and brother faced the loss of their property and the father made a public appeal for assistance in finding the fugitive.

"I guess sometime you can do too much for your son," the father commented.

OUR WEATHER

Warmer this afternoon tonight and tomorrow. Sunday, partly cloudy and colder.

Low temperature this morning, 41 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 30 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 42 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 60 degrees.

Sunrise 7:32 a.m.; sunset 5:35 p.m.

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Returned Men To Be Freed, Hull Declares

Civilian Status Set For Anti-Reds

By JOHN RANDOLPH

PANMUNJOM (AP) — The U. N. Command said tonight it will accep from the Indians 22,000 unrepatriated anti-Communist war prisoners—but not on India's condition that they remain prisoners.

Gen. John E. Hull, U. N. Commander, wrote the Indian command that as of Jan. 23 the U. N. will consider the prisoners "entitled to their freedom as civilians."

Hull's letter was the U. N. answer to India's decision to turn back to their captors all unrepatriated war prisoners starting next Wednesday.

However, Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Indian chairman of the Neutral Repatriation Commission, said it would be an armistice violation if either side changed the status of the POWs.

The Communists were expected to oppose the Indian decision since they want all prisoners kept in neutral custody until a peace conference decides their fate.

The Allies contend that under terms of the armistice all unrepatriated POWs must be liberated as civilians at midnight next Friday.

"For the United Nations Command now to agree to further and indefinitely prolonged captivity of these prisoners of war would negate the very principle of human rights for which so many men of this command have fought and died," Hull wrote.

Indian Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, in letters to both Hull and the Communist command, said he was turning unrepatriated POWs of both sides back to their captors, but that it would be an armistice violation if either side altered their status from prisoners to civilians and released them.

"The United Nations Command cannot accept custody of these prisoners of war in accordance with the terms of your proposal," Hull replied in a letter made public here tonight.

"However," Hull continued, "in view of your stated intention to release unilaterally the prisoners of war starting Jan. 20, the United Nations Command must necessar-

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Conspiracy Accusation Is Hurled At McCarthy

BOSTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Sen. McCarthy's hearing into subversion in industry was thrown into an uproar today when Nathaniel Mills, a suspended General Electric Co. employe, stood in the rear of the courtroom and shouted:

"McCarthy! I accuse you of conspiring with the company and getting the jobs of General Electric people."

Deputy U. S. marshals forcibly ejected the stoutly-resisting Mills, who continued a tirade as the majority of spectators booed and shouted, "Throw him out." A few applauded. Whether they were applauding Mills or the marshals was not clear.

It was the third ejection of the session. Earlier, on order of the Wisconsin senator, marshals removed Theodore Pappas, of Lynn, an earlier witness, and his counsel, Oliver S. Allen.

Mills is under suspension by General Electric for refusing to answer questions concerning Communists before McCarthy here last November. He invoked the Fifth Amendment at that time.

As Mills was hustled down the corridor by the deputies, he shouted, "Let me get my coat on." As they pushed him into an elevator, he was told, "Put it on in the elevator." Two marshals rode to the street floor with him.

Mills' ejection came just as Alexander Gregory, 64 - year - old Lynn General Electric employe, refused to give McCarthy, sitting as a one-man senate investigating subcommittee, the names of persons the senator described as "Communist - conspirators" he might have known at Lynn.

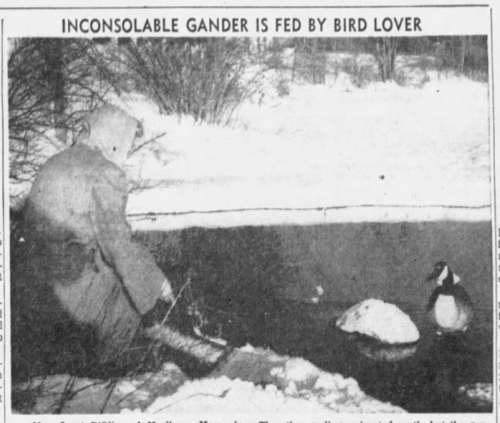
Gregory, who said he was born in Bulgaria and became a U. S. citizen about 1927, pleaded the First and Fifth Amendments—refusing to answer on the grounds of free speech and self-incrimination.

In answer to questions, Gregory said "As far as I'm concerned I've never seen an evil Communist. I never was in contact with a vicious Communist. The persons I came in contact with were gentlemanly and secret - minded, who wouldn't give away any information."

Gregory said he had worked for General Electric over the last 35 years.

Pappas was ejected when he refused to answer the question: "Do you consider a man a traitor to his country if he has the names of Communist conspirators and refuses to give them to law enforcement officials?"

INCONSOLABLE GANDER IS FED BY BIRD LOVER



Mrs. Janet D'Olive of Marlboro, Mass., is shown feeding an inconsolable Canadian Gander on Hager Pond as the ice closes in near her home. The gander and its mate reared a family on the pond last summer. The goose and two goslings were killed during the hunting season. The other goslings migrated south, but the gander, plaintively crying for its lost mate, continues to hunt the pond. Mrs. D.Olive called the Audubon Society who sent agents to the scene, but the gander eluded them to continue its futile quest. (AP Wirephoto)

Europe Counts Storm Dead; Blizzard Moves Over Plains

LONDON —(AP)— Gales howling across the British Isles and Western Europe quieted down today, leaving in their wake a heavy death toll and costly wreckage. Four died in Britain and five in Germany.

A blizzard—the third in 14 days—lashed Sweden but the worst appeared over for the British Isles and continental Europe after a nightmarish night.

Austria, counting 130 dead in snow avalanches, was still digging out with many lonely villages cut off from the outside world in the great Walser "valley of death." American helicopters taking off in mercy missions were hampered somewhat by high winds sweeping the mountainous ski country.

Holland's repaired dikes withstood their first grueling storm test since their repair after the great floods of almost a year ago. The last of 67 big dike breaches were plugged in November. Nearly 2,000 people perished when the dikes gave way on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 of last year.

GALES KILL FOUR

Britain's worst gales in a half century killed four people during the night and left a tattered trail of wreckage strewn from Scotland to the south coast.

Winds whipping along up to 80 miles an hour blew down bombed out buildings in Germany, where five persons died of storm injuries. Three were buried alive in wreckage in Hannover, a man was killed in Muenster by flying debris, another in Wandsbeck by a falling power line.

Fire, fanned by storm winds, swept a metal grinding factory in Hannoversch-Muenden with loss estimated at $750,000.

Shipping ran for cover in the Baltic and the English Channel as storm-tossed seas lashed coastlines. Defenses built up after the disastrous floods of just a year ago held out everywhere, however.

Three small islands off the west coast of Scotland—Islay, Jura and Colonsay—were cut off from communication with the mainland.

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A mid-January blizzard whistled across the northern plains from Montana and Wyoming today as the season's coldest weather headed for wide areas in the mid continent.

Arctic air extended over wide areas of Montana, the Dakotas and parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin. It headed south and eastward and bone-chilling weather was in prospect for the central part of the country over the weekend.

Temperatures early today were near 30 degrees below zero in parts of the cold belt. Fresh falls of snow were in prospect for many areas. Flurries and light to moderate snow fell today in the northern Midwest states.

The U. S. weather bureau in Washington early today issued warning of fresh snowfalls measuring three to six inches for the area north of Harrisburg, Pa., to Elmira, N. Y., and to north of Albany, N. Y. Snow also was in prospect for the New York City area.

The cold air along the northeastern slopes of the Rockies also pushed into the Pacific Northwest. Light snow fell in south central Washington and northern Oregon.

Cold wave warnings were issued for many Central states. It was 28 degrees below zero today in Cut Bank, Mont.; -24 in Minot, N.D.; -22 in International Falls, Minn., and -7 in Minneapolis. Readings generally were below zero in most of Montana.

In contrast to the biting cold in the Rockies and the northern Midwest, temperatures in the Gulf region and in the Southeast were in the 50s and 60s. Light to moderate rain fell in a broad belt from central sections of Mississippi and Alabama northeastward through the Appalachian Mountain region into the Middle Atlantic states. Nearly 4 inches of rain fell in a than 3 inches in Memphis and nearly 3 inches in Birmingham, 24-hour period at Knoxville; more Ala.

Light rain fell in the Pacific coastal areas from Medford, Ore., to San Francisco. There was considerable fog early today in the Ohio River valley.

Auriol Paints Gloomy Picture

PARIS — (AP) — Rene Coty, a 71-year-old lawmaker from Le Havre, was installed today as new president of the French Republic. The outgoing president, Vincent Auriol, told Coty he was taking over at a time when the very "authority of the state, its independence and its efficiency are threatened."

Auriol spoke at ceremonies at the Elysee Palace residence of the French president. Coty, an attorney who has been in French Parliaments since 1923, will make it his home until 1961. He was elected by Parliament on Dec. 23.

Auriol gave this pessimistic picture of France's position in the world today:

"Our economy is only partially at the level of our foreign competitors. Many French families still are waiting for a house and for the possibility of acquiring through their work, a decent existence in a more just and better organized society.

"The French Union is supporting in Indochina a war heavy in sacrifices. In a world still paralyzed by mistrust and fear, France is having difficulty in accomplishing her mission of reason and peace."

Auriol said changes in the constitution "are indispensable for the good functioning of the parliamentary regime."

Preliminary Talks Resumed

BERLIN (AP) — The three Allied commandants reopened talks with the Russians today on what buildings in divided Berlin will be used for the Jan. 25 Big Four foreign minister's conference.

Two locations appeared certain to be chosen — one in the Allied West sector and the other in the Russian-run East.

The renewed talks were held at British headquarters.

Sergei A. Dengin, chief of the Soviet High Commission for Berlin, was the last to arrive. The usually glum Russian representative was smiling broadly as he entered the British headquarters building.

The three Western commandants received instructions to resume the interrupted discussions on location of the Big Four meeting, now an urgent matter with the opening date only nine days away.

The Americans, British and French broke off the talks with the Russians early Thursday morning after four meetings in which complete disagreement developed.

Governor's Wife Cut In Accident

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Mrs. G. Mennen Williams, 38, wife of Michigan's governor, spent a "restful" night at Lansing's Sparrow Hospital after undergoing an emergency operation for a seriously slashed wrist.

Mrs. Williams cut her wrist accidentally yesterday while washing glass jars in the kitchen of her home.

EVENING PRAYER

Our Father, let Thy Spirit come upon us, so that among those who are the underprivileged in store and the desperately need in soul, we may give ourselves in the witness of love and service. In Jesus' name. Amen.

April 26 Date Is Chosen By RKO President

Declares Freedom To Act Afterward

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

SEOUL (AP) — President Syngman Rhee today set an April deadline for the peaceful unification of Korea and warned that "We will not sit back and wait until we are sold out."

An official government spokesman later issued a statement modifying the aging President's warning.

Rhee told a news conference that 180 days after the start of preliminary Korea peace talks last Oct. 26 South Korea will be "free to take our own action—good, bad or indifferent."

This would make the deadline April 23.

Rhee reiterated the 180-day warning three times during the news conference. But six hours later Dr. Karl Hong Ki, official government spokesman, said the President "did not set a definite deadline of April 26 for Korean unification. . ."

Rhee said that even if a peace conference convenes "I do not expect any great achievement."

Asked about the possibility that no conference will be held, the ROK President replied:

"I think that would automatically relieve my government of the obligation for waiting."

ANOTHER MONTH

Rhee said he would give Allied and Communist diplomats another month to settle the time and place for a political (peace) conference.

"I could settle it in three days," he added.

"Then the political conference should begin right away—give it 90 days, that's 180 days in all. After that, something must be done.

"Our brothers are begging and

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Rhee Moves Surprises U.N.

TOKYO (AP)—President Syngman Rhee's statement today that he would act on his own after April 23 unless some decision had been reached on the unification of Korea is contrary to what he has been telling the United Nations Command.

The impression around Gen. John E. Hull's Tokyo headquarters is that Rhee will respect the armistice, as he has been asked to do and had promised several U. S. representatives.

The South Korean army by itself could fight about six days before running out of ammunition, if it didn't have United Nations support.

Many people believe Rhee says one thing for home consumption and another for the U. N. Command.

He has been unpredictable always, however. He turned 27,000 Communist prisoners loose without warning and almost wrecked the armistice talks when the truce document was all but signed.

The only reason that might lead him to resume the war on his own would be the belief that the United Nations forces would have to join him in the fight or be overrun.

Whether or not there would be time to pull out and leave him to his fate is a matter of conjecture.

But that is exactly what Rhee has been told would happen.

New Arm Added To NATO Defense

Forces In Europe To Get Missiles

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is arming its forces in Germany with guided missiles capable of carrying atomic warheads hundreds of miles into Red-held territory.

The Air Force announced tersely last night that it will send two pilotless bomber squadrons to Germany this year. No details were given.

This move seemed to fit into basic U. S. strategy defined by Secretary of State Dulles in a New York speech Tuesday and affirmed by President Eisenhower at his news conference the next day.

This strategy, Dulles said, is based on "massive retaliatory power" to deter Soviet aggression.

In this connection, the decision to augment the fire power of American forces helping defend Western Europe immediately raised a question:

Would this mean fewer American troops in Europe?

"No, not in itself," Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson told reporters yesterday. He didn't say more.

The two squadrons bound for Germany will be equipped with B61 Matador missiles. These have been in mass production at the Baltimore plant of the Glenn L. Martin Co. for more than a year.

The Air Force did not disclose the number of missiles in a squadron, but it is believed several hundred may be allotted to each. By comparison, a squadron of jet fighters numbers about 25 planes.

THREE-WAY PUNCH

When the Matadors arrive, U. S. forces in Europe will pack a three-way atomic punch:

U. S. Air Force jet and piston engine planes that can carry atomic bombs, the giant 280 millimeter atomic cannon, and the guided missiles that could be used to strike at Soviet troop concentrations, supply depots and communications centers hundreds of miles back of the lines, if war came.

The Matador is about the same size and shape as a conventional fighter. The differences, aside from the missile's self-steering radar and radio system, are these:

1. The Matador needs no takeoff run. It is hurled into the air by a powerful rocket with a thrust of about 40,000 pounds. Two seconds later, with the missile airborne and well on its way, the rocket burns out and a J57 jet engine takes over propulsion.

2. Having no pilot and free of the mass of instruments and controls needed to fly a plane, the Matador can carry a far heavier load than a comparable jet fighter. It is entirely possible that an atomic warhead close to the size used for strategic bombing could be loaded into the Matador.

Measured against the known range of a comparable jet fighter, the Matador presumably has a range well beyond 500 miles—perhaps approaching 1,000 miles.

Indian Proposals For Korean Debate Rejected

By A. I. GOLDBERG

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The United States with support of other big powers gave the cold shoulder today to India's proposal to recall the U.N. General Assembly Feb. 9 for debate on Korea.

Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, of India, the Assembly president, had issued the call earlier this week, asking for replies by Jan. 22.

The United States said it would not be able to decide by that date which meant that the U. S. didn't want a session called while the prisoner question and the Korean political conference talks remained up in the air. The U. S. left the door open for a later meeting by adding it was keeping the proposal under consideration.

Reportedly taking the same view were Britain, France, Australia and the Netherlands—all members of the U.N. Allied force in Korea.

The Soviet bloc, except for Poland, went on record supporting Mrs. Pandit's plea for the resumed session. Iraq alone among the 16-nation Asian-African bloc also reported it supported the call.

Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold sent to Mrs. Pandit in New Delhi his appraisal of the situation through the Indian delegation.

An Indian spokesman said Mrs. Pandit has given no indication when she intends to return here. The deputy Indian delegation leader, V. K. Krisha Menon, is expected late this month.