

Rep. Thomas Thews Himself in Merc of Court  
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Lawmaker  
Changes Not  
Gully Plea

Charge Against  
Aide Dismissed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.) today withdrew his plea of not guilty to charges of pay roll padding, and threw himself on the mercy of the court.

The 54-year-old legislator changed his plea to one of guilty to contend that means he does not contest the Government's charge.

With this startling move, Thomas was allowed his freedom under his present bond of \$41,000.

Thomas' change of plea came when the Government was ready to put Miss Midkiff and Miss Minor on the stand.

The sudden shift of plea came in the midst of the trial. The Government's case against Thomas was based on the fact that he had paid \$10,000 to Miss Midkiff and \$10,000 to Miss Minor.

Thomas is a member of the un-American Activities Committee and was chairman of it during the Republican-controlled 80th Congress.

AWAITS SENTENCE  
Chambers Ends  
His Testimony

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The reports were by Whitaker Chambers, chief prosecution witness against Hiss, who said that Duggan was a member of the Communist Party and was a close friend of Hiss.

Chambers finished his testimony after six and one-half hours on the witness stand.

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Goose On The Loose Settles Here

THE Barnacle goose was first sighted and identified by Mrs. Lockhart Gaddy on Nov. 3. Of course she could not believe her eyes, but soon, as word got out, ornithologists from many adjoining States began to arrive as if charmed by a mild pipper.

It is not uncommon for European birds to reach America, each Spring and Fall some record is sighted off Long Island or Cape Cod. Storms, peculiarities of air or sea currents, and perhaps in the case of sea birds, sometimes just pure whim, cause these birds to appear.

In the case of this Alaskan goose which I think can safely be called "ours," it is probable that after the nesting season in Greenland or Norway, instead of flying to England, he accidentally fell way, fell in with a flock of West-Indians sea ducks, and eventually alighted in a leaving ocean feeling very much like an Englishman who wandered by mistake into a ladies' room. Perhaps a storm caught him, and he was swept several hundred miles further westward. At that point he might well have met another group of ocean birds to eventually settle in Labrador. Now, however, he is the next step... then New Brunswick, Maine, the Massachusetts marshes, and perhaps farther, a strong formation of Canada geese, he one day looked down on the "wild" pond as for a landing, and there you are! My guess is that he was as good as dead.

MR. GADDY relates that this mild mannered fellow, though quite tame, is very pretty much to himself. And while our American geese are still in the city, he is daily being fed by the city's gentlemen who will even let him walk on their lawns, and do everything in fact, but eat it with the bally stuff. I'll have none of it at all, says Gaddy, but he does not seem to mind it. He all respects his reactions are much the same as those of the birds about him.

The Barnacle goose is undoubtedly thriving on Mr. Gaddy's Southern hospitality. Perhaps soon he will be him-himself with a "Goose" title.

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Chiang Shifts To New Capital  
Reds Reported in Chungking

By WAYNE RICHARDSON  
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By HAROLD W. WARD  
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Weather  
Fair through tomorrow; cooler tonight and mild tomorrow. Low tonight, 35.  
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