

Newsman Criticize Congress' Tactics in Red Investigation

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, (AP)—Congressional committees are making headlines with their investigation of alleged Russian spy rings in wartime Washington among government employes.

But they're using tactics completely different from those of the Canadian government which in 1946 not only investigated a spy ring, but found it, smashed it and sent people to jail.

The Canadian government made its investigation privately. When it felt it had enough evidence to send certain people to jail, it made the evidence public. And those people were convicted and jailed.

Some innocent people were dragged into the investigation. When the Canadian government found they were innocent it saved them from injury by never making their names public.

But the opposite method is being used here, especially by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The Senate Investigating Committee has let its witnesses accuse only one man by name.

But before the Un-American Activities Committee confessed former Communists have trotted up to the stand and publicly denounced a number of men—some of them formerly high in this government—as Communists or tools of American Communists and Russian agents.

If those men—or some of them—prove to be innocent they've already suffered bitter damage from having their names dragged into the case at all.

These tactics have now been severely criticized not only by President Truman but by at least two leading newspapers, the New York Times and The Washington Evening Star.

The Times and The Star both think a careful check on spy activities in this country should be made, but not the way the House committee is doing it. The Star says:

"The procedures being used by the House Un-American Activities Committee are so different from those used by the Canadian Commission and so fraught with dangers of injustices to innocent persons as to disturb many thoughtful citizens."

Forrest Sparks Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant

Forrest H. Sparks, E. E. major and of "C" Composite last semester, was commissioned as 2nd lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps July 29 at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland.

Sparks, was the only cadet from A&M to receive a commission. The highlight of the day's ceremonies, which climaxed six weeks of intensive training, was a parade and review at which 28 cadets received commissions as 2nd lieutenants in the Officers Reserve Corps. The commissions were presented by Major General Henry B. Saylor, Chief of Research and Development Division, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

Following the presentation of the commissions the class of 125 cadets passed in review for General Saylor. Other members of the reviewing party were Brigadier General Elbert L. Ford, Commanding General, APG; Colonel Ward E. Becker, Deputy Post Commander, APG; Lt. Colonel Frank Swigger, ROTC Camp Executive Officer and the assistant professors of Military Science and Tactics from the universities and colleges represented in the ROTC camp.

In the morning ceremonies at the Post Theater, Major General Saylor addressed the cadets and presented awards to various cadets for outstanding marksmanship for the six weeks training period.



BOB "SACK" SPOEDE is shown being sworn in as a Second Lieutenant, AUS Reserves, by his father, LT. COL. H. H. SPOEDE, in Nurnberg, Germany. SACK qualified for his commission at A&M but left for Germany before the regular commissioning exercises.

F. B. Clark to Run for Senate On Independent Demo Ticket

Dr. F. B. Clark, former head of the Economics department at A&M, announced Wednesday that he will run for the United States Senate in November as an "Independent Democrat."

Clark withdrew as a candidate in the first Democratic primary in favor of Roscoe Collier.

Last week, Dr. Clark asked the Brazos County grand jury to investigate the campaign expenses of Lyndon Johnson and Coke Stevenson, candidates in the August 28 run-off election.

It was his charge that the two candidates have exceeded the legal limits for campaign expenditures and that their names should not appear on the run-off ballot pending grand jury investigation.

Dr. Clark announced his intention after receiving a letter from Robert W. Calvert, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee.

In his letter to Dr. Clark, Calvert said, "Unless enjoined by some court of competent jurisdiction, I can assure you that the state executive committee will certify that Coke Stevenson and Lyndon Johnson as run-off candidates for the office of U. S. Senator in the second Democratic primary August 28."

In a letter to Secretary of State Paul H. Brown, Clark said, "It may not be possible for the grand jury to establish proof of this in time to have their names eliminated. Because of this I am planning to take steps immediately to institute proceedings looking to an injunction restraining the committee from placing the names of Coke Stevenson and Lyndon Johnson on the run-off ballot."

Although he had officially withdrawn as a candidate, Dr. Clark polled 7,466 votes in the last primary.

Veterans who wish to have their training programs interrupted at the end of the current semester should write to the VA regional office in Waco soon, Taylor Wilkins, Veterans Advisor, announced today.

This procedure will stop the payment of the veteran's subsistence allowance August 27 and thus save two weeks of eligibility.

However, Wilkins warned that if a veteran does halt his training as of August 27, his record will have to be re-processed by the VA upon his return in September. This may delay the payment of his subsistence allowance from six weeks to two months.

In order to continue drawing their allowance between August 27 and September 11, veteran students should not contact the VA.

However, it should be remembered that this time will be counted against the veteran's remaining time of eligibility, Wilkins said.

Juzgado is the Spanish word for a trial court. From it the U. S. got the slang word "hoosegow," meaning a jail.

'On Our Merry Way' Finds Fun For Family in Infant Influence

By BILLY SCHIPP

"ON OUR MERRY WAY" (U. A.), starring Paulette Goddard, Burgess Meredith, Henry Fonda, James Stewart, Fred MacMurray, and Dorothy Lamour.

The Palace Theater in Bryan offers quite a galaxy of stars in their current showing. Some of Hollywood's top entertainers help to make "On Our Merry Way" one of the best comedies to come out of the film capital this year.

The story deals with the aspirations of a want-ad writer (Burgess Meredith) to become a roving reporter. His wife (Paulette Goddard) gives him a question to ask, "How has a baby influenced your life?" Meredith takes a day off and goes around asking this question.

He hears the story of how Henry Fonda and James Stewart lose their dance band to a baby. And I may add, what a baby! Then he interviews Dotty Lamour and thus gets the inside story on her fan-songs-sarongs. And finally he hears how Fred MacMurray left his card sharpening profession and became a top magician. All of these stories were brought about because of a baby.

Meredith loses his job because he wasn't at work that day, but naturally everything turns out all right. He gets the job and Paulette divulges that she is expecting the blessed event. And they all live happily ever after. If only life could be like the movies.

This movie shows thru Saturday and is well worth seeing. It is recommended as family entertainment.

Two Bryan Men Turn Down Draft Board Nomination

Travis B. Bryan and N. A. Stewart have notified Governor Beauford Jester that they will be unable to serve on the Brazos-Grimes County draft board.

Bryan said in a letter to the Governor that he regrets having to decline the appointment but other activities of a civic nature place a demand on his time to the extent that he will not be able to accept the appointment to the draft board.

Bryan also stated in his letter that he had been asked to advise Governor Jester that N. A. Stewart will not be able to serve on the board due to ill health.

The two Bryan men were members of the draft board during the war from October 1, 1940, until it was placed on inactive status, June 30, 1946. They were reappointed to the board last week.

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Direct Commissions in Reserve Being Offered in Special Fields

Direct commissions in the Officer's Reserve Corps for persons possessing either professional or technical qualifications critically essential and adaptable to the needs of the Army have now been authorized, Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, senior instructor for the Organized Reserves, announced today.

Appointments will be given in grades from second lieutenant through colonel. The purpose of the new regulation is to provide a source of officers possessing specialties in which it is not feasible or economical for the Army to train. Individuals with and without prior service can be appointed, although those without prior service will be required to meet, within a reasonable length of time, minimum military training requirements.

Qualifications Given To be eligible for an initial appointment an applicant must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, have appropriate professional or technical educational requirements, and be physically qualified. Various ages indicate the grade in which the applicant will be placed. A second lieutenant commission will be given to those between 21 through 30 years of age, a first lieutenant from 30 to 33 years of age, a captain from 33 to 37, and so on through to a colonel who can be 55 years of age.

Also deciding the grade in which the applicant will be placed is the qualifying college education or experience level. For instance, a first lieutenant must have had 7 years of education and/or experience in his specialty. A major will be required to have 16 years and a colonel 26 years of education and/or experience.

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