

Worth Says B-36 Document Carried 'Confidential Data'

TRUMAN INVITES BOLTERS TO RETURN BUT TO 'GET IN STEP'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—President Truman put out the welcome mat for party bolters Thursday, but demanded that those who cross it get in step with the 1948 Democratic platform. He delivered the invitation—strictly on his own terms—at a rousing dinner of the Democratic national committee a few hours after it had read five Southern States Rights members from the high command.

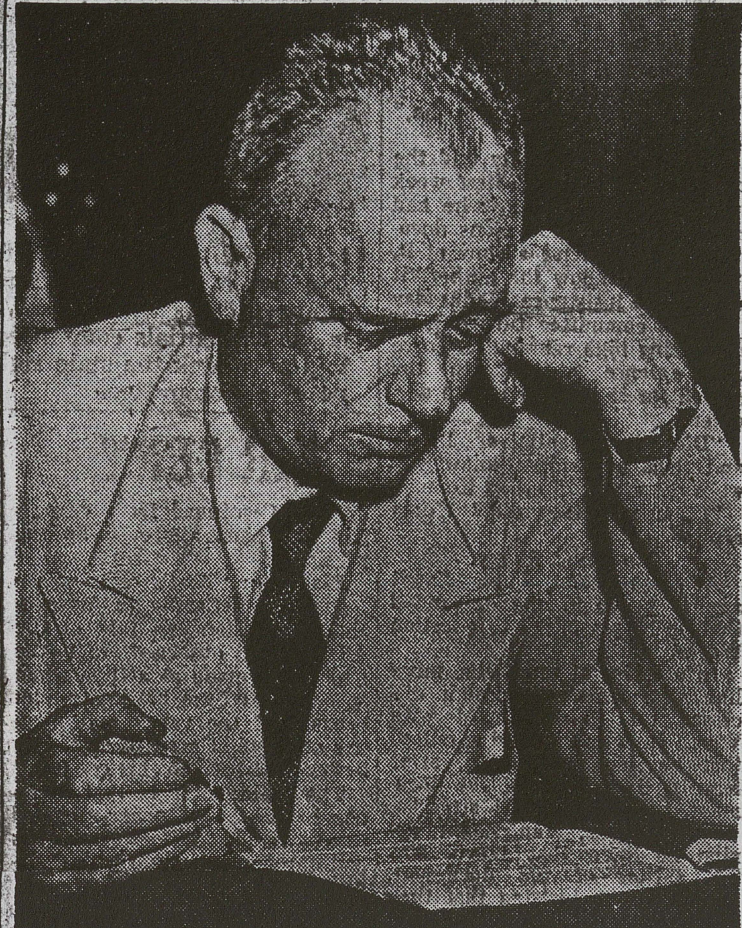
And, leaving the door open to non-Truman Democrats in Congress to fall in line with the Truman program, the committee exempted them from the party purge.

The fires of revolt, however, already were burning anew. States Righters announced they are opening Washington headquarters to spread the flames.

'Interest' in on Trip Noted

Department memorandum. Flanagan said "JFS" was a "Mr. Scanlon" assistant to Mrs. Shipley.

the affair straight. He asked Flanagan whether Vaughan had interceded with Mrs. Shipley—"with or without the knowledge



—Associated Press Wirephoto.
SUSPENDED NAVAL OFFICIAL—Cedric Worth, above, was suspended Wednesday from his job as assistant to the undersecretary of Navy after testifying before a House committee that he wrote an anonymous document that set off the B-36 investigation.

Witness Backs Down On Previous Testimony

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—The suspended Navy official who wrote the anonymous memo that touched off the B-36 investigation acknowledged Thursday he put "confidential data" into it.

Cedric Worth also told the House armed services committee he had given a copy of the document to plane manufacturer Glenn Martin without knowing whether Martin was entitled to secret information.

The document now has reached many hands. Committee Counsel Joseph B. Keenan suggested that parts of it relating performance figures of the giant, six-engine intercontinental bomber, "might help an enemy or potential enemy."

"I don't doubt that they had it," Worth said.

Kimball Is Questioned

'Somebody Fell Down On Job,' Vinson Says

BY HOWARD JAMIESON
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—Chairman Carl Vinson of the House armed services committee Thursday told Undersecretary of Navy Dan Kimball that "somebody fell down on the job in the Navy Department" for not discovering the author of the anonymous document on the B-36.

The tart-tongued Georgian said that his committee had specifically asked defense officials to cooperate in locating the author.

As Vinson cross-examined Kimball, Cedric Worth, Kimball's assistant who has admitted authorship, sat by his side.

Kimball recounted the events of early this week when Worth visited his office. The undersecretary said Worth declared that his name had been mentioned as a rumored author of the document.

Didn't Question Worth. Kimball said he "assumed that no one in the Navy Department had authored it," so he did not specifically ask Worth if he were the author.

Because "he was busy with other matters," he said he merely remarked that if Worth's name had been mentioned, "he would probably be called before the committee."

He said he had "assumed" no Navy official was involved because he had asked the office of Naval Intelligence back in April to check to see if the document emanated from the department.

Naval Intelligence could find no information, Kimball testified.

Testimony Changed. The conversation between Worth and Kimball about the document figured earlier in Thursday's session when Worth changed his testimony of Wednesday that he had specifically told Kimball he was the author.

Thursday, Worth said that he merely told Kimball that "Chairman Vinson had told Commander Marineau that he knew that I was the author of the document."

After Committee Counsel Joseph Keenan had completed preliminary questioning about the conversation, Vinson took over.

"What was your reaction when Worth told you his name had been rumored as the author?" Vinson asked.

"I assumed that there was nothing to it and that he would be called before the committee," Kimball replied.

"What was your reaction when you first heard that there was an anonymous document?" Vinson continued.

Had No Access to It. "I had no access to the document," Kimball replied.

"You made no effort to get it?" "I did not think it concerned the Navy."

"It did not seem a matter of grave importance to an undersecretary of the Navy?" Vinson asked incredulously.

The chairman then bore down: "Didn't you receive a copy of the agenda for this investigating stating, in point two, that one ob-

Slayer of Two Sleeps Soundly After Confession

DALLAS, Aug. 25 (Sp1)—Weary W. L. (Ike) Arwine, confessed slayer of a Wise County farm couple, Thursday stretched his 230-pound bulk on a Dallas County jail cell bunk and recovered sleep he lost while leading an armed posse on an extended hunt.

He was charged late Wednesday night in Peace Justice, C. M. Quisenberry's court, in Decatur with murder of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mash.

The couple were shot to death on their farm near Bridgeport Tuesday morning. A rape charge, naming Mrs. Mash as complainant, had been filed in Decatur against Arwine Aug. 6. He was arrested and released on \$1,000 bond.

Arwine admitted shooting the couple but denied the rape charge.

House Cuts Race Clause From Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—The House reversed itself Thursday to strike down a civil rights amendment previously written into a housing bill. Then the chamber shouted approval of the measure providing about \$3,750,000,000 in mortgage insurance to help people with modest incomes build homes.

The House approved, with only a scattering of no votes, a substitute bill that eliminated any reference to the race issue.

Chairman Spence of Kentucky of the banking committee offered the substitute when the House became snarled over the civil rights question and provisions for \$300,000,000 in direct housing loans to veterans.

At one time it looked like the argument might sidetrack the bill completely.

The substitute, also eliminating the direct loans, got a tentative vote of 142 to 39 before the House later shouted its final approval by voice vote.

The House Wednesday, by a 77 to 57 tally, wrote a civil rights amendment into the bill, making it unlawful to segregate White and colored persons in housing

ject was to find the source of the anonymous document?"

Kimball said he had received a copy.

"Did it not convey to your mind an earnest desire on the part of this committee to get at the source of the document?" Vinson continued.

"I had already taken action and was satisfied that nobody in the Navy Department did it," Kimball responded.

"Fell Down on Job." "Then somebody fell down on the job in the Navy Department," Vinson commented crisply.

Kimball was questioned about information he sent to Representative Van Zandt of Pennsylvania as to the altitude of the Navy's Banshee fighter.

The information was published last week, during the course of the investigation. It asserted that the fighter can fly higher than the published altitude of the B-36.

Kimball said he had replied to a request from Van Zandt, but admonished him not to make the information public.

Van Zandt, who spent a good part of Thursday's session defending himself, interrupted to say that he had asked the information back in late April and received a reply only on May 16.

Didn't Open Letter. He said he had not opened the letter when a newspaper reporter, identified as Jim Lucas of Scripps-Howard, "walked into my office and told me the contents."

Van Zandt said he then read the letter from Kimball containing the information.

The congressman said he asked Lucas where he got the information, and quoted Lucas as replying "from the Navy Department."

Kimball said Lucas came to him to ask if he had replied to Van Zandt's original request for the information.

Worth, who had stepped aside for Kimball, returned to the stand to tell about his two meetings with Glenn Martin, Maryland plane manufacturer, in Baltimore.

Met in Baltimore. Worth said the first meeting was in Baltimore, where he went with Cmdr. Tom Davies and former Congressman Hal Moiser, a Martin representative, to get information on the state of the aircraft industry.

Vinson said he would ask Worth later just what part of the information contained in the anonymous document was furnished by Martin.

The second meeting with Martin was at the Statler Hotel, Worth testified.

Martin was alone at the time, Worth said, and he handed Martin a sealed envelope with a copy of the anonymous document, which was to be transmitted to Senator Tidings, chairman of the Senate armed services committee.

Asked about the specific dates of the two meetings, Worth said he couldn't remember.

"Well, I'll tell you," Vinson in-

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terjected. "The first one was April 13."

Worth said the second was "a few days later." But he couldn't remember the exact dates.

Keenan and Vinson teamed up to try to get Worth to name names in his charges of "corruption" and "unscrupulousness" carried in the anonymous document.

Odlum Mentioned.

When asked about "unscrupulous men," Worth at first replied "the Atlas and Consolidated Corporations."

"They are not men," Keenan objected.

"The only name I know is Odlum's (Floyd Odlum, head of the companies)," Worth declared.

"You intended to refer to Odlum as an unscrupulous man?" Keenan asked.

"Yes, that was my intent," Worth confessed.

When he asked whether he intended to label Secretary of Defense Johnson and Air Secretary Symington "corrupt," Worth protested:

"Oh no—far from that."

Injudicious Judgment.

He said he thought they had exercised "injudicious judgment and propriety in certain of their activities," but that he had no intention of impugning their honesty.

"So long as a public official does not take money himself, then you think that excludes him from the classification of being corrupt?" Keenan asked.

Vinson interrupted Keenan's detailed cross examination about words used in the document to admonish Worth to be frank with the committee.

"Go ahead, be frank and candid, you owe it to yourself," Vinson said.

"But I have been frank," Worth protested.

"You've been sort of evasive," Vinson said.

The admonition was made when Keenan asked where Worth obtained certain figures and statements used in the document.

Worth said he could not remember.

Confidential Information.

The information came from a "meeting" which Worth said he did not attend. He said he might have heard it "from one or two or three persons."

Keenan brought out that the information was classified as confidential, and pressed Worth to tell what authority he had to show it to Glenn Martin.

Worth said he had done it in the execution of his duties.

Under coaching from Keenan, the witness said that confidential means the information is "not to be disclosed to anyone who has no right to have it." He said that is a very wide field.

He said "secret" is a tighter classification than "confidential."

Keenan wanted to know who was entitled to secret information.

"Any one who needs it," Worth answered.

"Including Mr. Stalin?"

"He has some secret information."

"Is Glenn Martin entitled to it?"

"I don't know."

Gave It to Martin.

"You gave it to him?"

"Yes."

"You gave it without knowing whether he is entitled to it or not, is that correct?"

"That is correct."

Just before the session ended, Worth admitted under questioning that Commander Tom Davies, now on duty with the Navy here, had supplied him with information on at least three paragraphs in the document.

He identified these paragraphs as those reading:

"Colonel Wolfe (brother of Maj. Gen. K. B. Wolfe in the Air Force procurement section) retired after the war for physical disability. He now lives in Beverly Hills, Cal., in a house reputed to have cost him \$85,000, which appears to be a bargain at the price. He maintains an office in Los Angeles under the business name of Wolf Aircraft Company."

"From mid-summer on, Messrs. Symington and Odlum have been much in each other's company. The log of Mr. Symington's plane, a special Lockheed Constellation, shows frequent trips between Washington and Palm Springs. There is no military installation near Palm Springs, with the field able to take such a plane nearest Odlum's ranch near Indio. On one occasion this year Symington and General Vandenberg (chief of staff of the Air Force) spent a week at the ranch. Efforts to obtain a copy of the plane's log from Lockheed disclosed such degree of sensitivity that the request was withdrawn."

Earlier, Worth declared that he kept his activities secret from his superiors because he knew they would make him stop them.

At the same time, he said he was certain members of Congress to whom he gave copies of the document knew that he, Worth, was the author of the document. Included among these members was Representative Van Zandt.

Van Zandt made a futile at-

tempt to halt Thursday's hearing when Whairman Vinson and committee counsel began questioning Worth on his first meeting with the Pennsylvania congressman, at which time Worth delivered the document to Van Zandt.

Point of Order.

First Van Zandt raised a point of order against the committee inquiring into the activities of a member of Congress. When Chairman Vinson overruled the point of order, Van Zandt shouted:

"Then, I move that the committee adjourn."

"We are not going to adjourn," Vinson declared, as he continued to question the witness.

Later, in a series of question to Worth, Van Zandt confirmed that he met Worth in the Capitol, talked to him between 5 and 10 minutes and received the document, as well as a general discussion of it from Worth. Both agreed that Van Zandt did not open the envelope containing the document at that time.

Early in his cross-examination, Worth told the committee he wished to change his statement made Wednesday that he had told Undersecretary Kimball, who he has been serving as a special assistant, that he was the author of the anonymous document.

"I want to change the statement that I made yesterday," Worth told Keenan.

"I went into Mr. Kimball's office. I told him that Chairman Vinson had told a Commander Martineau that he knew that I was the author of the document."

"What did Mr. Kimball say when you told him that?" Keenan demanded.

Received No Reply.

"My recollection is that he said nothing," replied Worth.

"Do you mean to tell this committee that when you said that to Mr. Kimball, he did not open his mouth?" Keenan shot back.

"That is my recollection."

"Then what happened?" continued Keenan.

"I discussed some cuts in civilian personnel with him. I was not there more than five minutes."

"Why did you volunteer the information about the document to him?" Keenan demanded.

"I thought that it was of direct concern to him," was Worth's reply.

"Why?"

"Because I work for him."

Didn't Tell Superiors.

Asked whether he had tried to keep the document a secret from his superiors, Worth said he had not told any of them about it.

"Then you tried to keep it a secret from them?" asked Keenan.

"I hoped they would not find it out."

"Mr. Kimball was your superior and you worked directly under him," Keenan continued. "Why did you not tell him about this or discuss it with him?"

"My opinion was that it would do him no good," answered Worth.

"What do you mean?"

"If he knew about it, he would be forced to stop me."

"Why would he have had to stop you?" demanded Keenan.

"It would have been embarrassing to him," replied Worth.

Questioned regarding his statement Wednesday that Kimball "appeared surprised" when he told him about the document, which conflicted with his testimony Thursday that Kimball said nothing, Worth explained that "I thought he appeared surprised."

Worth testified that he first met and delivered the document to Van Zandt about two or three weeks before the congressman made his speech attacking the B-36 program and citing numerous rumors and charges.

He said, however, that he had delivered the first copy of the document to Representative Deane of North Carolina.

"Why did you give a copy to Van Zandt?" asked Chairman Vinson.

"He had shown in speeches and interviews that he was gravely concerned over the state of the armed services, with particular respect to the Navy," Worth explained.

In reply to another question, Worth declared that no one in the Navy had suggested that he give the document to Van Zandt.

Phone Appointment.

After admitting that he had made the appointment over the telephone and met Van Zandt and Robert McCord, then a newspaper correspondent, outside the House chamber, Worth was told to tell the committee just what he said to the congressman.

"I told him that I had compiled some facts and rumors regarding the B-36 and the defense establishment which I thought might interest him. I told him that since I had already given a copy to a Democratic congressman, I thought that I should give a copy to a member of the other party. Then I discussed in general terms what the document contained."

"Did he read the document in

your presence?" asked Keenan.

"No sir."

"Then all the time, Mr. Van Zandt knew you were the author of the anonymous document?" declared Vinson.

"That was my impression,"

Worth replied.

Van Zandt repeatedly told the committee during the first week of the investigation that he had never seen the anonymous document, did not have a copy of it, and did not know the author. It was on his insistence Wednesday that the committee turned from examining high ranking air force and defense officials in the search for the author of the document.

"Did Representative Deane and Senator Bridges know you were the author?" asked Keenan.

"I am sure they did," Worth replied.

Van Zandt Angry.

At this point, Van Zandt angrily broke in and demanded that he be permitted to question Worth.

In a series of questions, more like statements, Van Zandt disclosed that he had met with Worth as described and admitted that he had told Worth, after learning in general of the document, that "this is hot stuff."

Nevertheless, Van Zandt denied he knew that Worth was the author of the document, though Worth insisted that they had discussed the material in it during the initial conference and later.

Van Zandt, who declared he did not actually know that Worth was the author until a week ago last Tuesday, when he met Worth again, asked Keenan if it were not true that when the last conference was arranged, "I asked the counsel of the committee to give me protection so that there would be no embarrassment?"

Keenan agreed that Van Zandt had discussed this with the counsel for the committee.

"That explains my contact with the witness," Van Zandt declared.

Identified Himself.

Worth told the committee that in each instance he talked to members of Congress he identified himself as a Navy official. At the same time, he said, he told Van Zandt, Deane and Bridges that he had written the document without the knowledge of his superiors.

When he first took the witness stand, Worth was told by Keenan to name anyone whom he had contacted, except members of his family, since he left the witness stand Wednesday afternoon.

Worth said that he had talked to his attorney and a number of officers in the Navy. Except for his attorney, he said, the only naval officer he had himself telephoned was Commander Davies. Davies, he had already testified, had supplied him with some of the information he used in his document.

"What did you tell Mr. Davies?" Keenan demanded.

"I told him that his name had been mentioned in the investigation and what I had said," he replied. "I also told him that it had been tough on the witness stand."

Worth denied that he had destroyed anything in his files since called by the committee Wednesday, explaining that he had not returned to his office since then.

Church Youth Retreat Will Start Tomorrow

The second annual young people's retreat of Broadway Baptist Church will be held Friday and Saturday at the encampment grounds at Eagle Mountain Lake.

Charles Wellborn will speak at the Saturday morning watch service. Speaker for the Saturday evening service will be Rev. Woodson Armes, new pastor of Polytechnic Baptist Church. His subject will be "Victory to Be Won."

Rev. Lory Hildreth, pastor of First Baptist Church, Handley, and Bill Cody, youth director of Travis Avenue Church, will lead discussion groups.

AF Reserve Training Program Planned

Formation of a volunteer Air Force reserve training unit, with Lt. William E. Sherwood as liaison officer for the Fort Worth area, was announced Thursday.

The unit, designated as the 9179th Bombardment Group, will be three squadrons—the 9823rd, 9824th and 9825th.

Reserve Air Force enlisted men and officers interested in enrolling for the work, which will include weekly orientation lectures, were requested to communicate with Lieutenant Sherwood at Hensley Air Base, Grand Prairie.

3 to Go to Army School

Second Lt. Thomas N. Armstrong Jr., Sgt. James P. Hedgecock and Sgt. Eugene R. Hester, Fort Worth, National Guardsmen, will attend Army Service Schools this fall, it was announced Thursday by the State Adjutant General's Department.