

## Hiss Or Chambers Will Be Tried For Perjury

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Alger Hiss and his accuser, Whittaker Chambers, confronted each other in the Congressional spy hearings today and were told that "certainly" one will be "tried for perjury."

The statement came from Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R-N. J.) of the House un-American activities committee.

Slowly, solemnly, Thomas said:

"As a result of these hearings certainly one of these witnesses will be tried for perjury."

Perjury is lying when under oath to tell the truth and conviction would carry a possible jail sentence.

Hiss, former state department official, and Chambers, now a senior editor of Time magazine, have told the committee widely varying stories.

What Thomas, statement implied was this: The committee intends to make a decision which one is lying and seek action against him in the courts.

The 43-year-old Hiss was sworn

in as the first witness immediately after Thomas' statement. Hiss then publicly admitted for the first time he once had known Chambers, but said it was under the name of George Crosley.

At previous hearings, Chambers has accused Hiss of being a member of a Red underground in Washington in pre-war days. Hiss has denied it.

His also once testified publicly that he never knew Chambers. But since then, Hiss has told the committee in a closed door session that he did know Chambers under the name of Crosley.

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More than 100 kinds of birds have become extinct during the last two centuries.

## Bedell Smith Very Optimistic After Talk With Stalin

(By Eddy Gilmore)

MOSCOW, (AP) — A qualified source said the Western envoys and Russia have reached a general area of agreement during talks climaxed early yesterday by a four hours and 40 minutes Kremlin interview with prime minister Stalin.

The informant said technicalities lie ahead for adjustment but they are not trifles and will require considerable negotiation.

U. S. ambassador Walter Bedell Smith emerged from the Kremlin in a buoyant mood at 1:40 a.m. and declared "We're going to have more meetings."

He added later:

"We're always optimistic. We expect the best and prepare for the worst."

The envoys have been trying since late July to find bases for lifting the land blockade Russia imposed on Berlin and for four power talks on Germany and perhaps other problems in Europe.

The informant said the seven Kremlin conferences, two of which included Stalin, has a "fair chance of resulting in a solid agreement. He said prospects are far better today than they were at this time Monday before Smith, French ambassador Yves Chataigneau and British envoy Frank Roberts saw Stalin.

"Some progress" has been made, the source said.

He declared there is no cause for pessimism.

The source said the Western powers and the Soviets now have reduced their terms to the "lowest denominator." Had no progress been made Monday night and early yesterday, he added, the current series of conversations would have ended.

It had been stated on good authority before the meeting Monday night that the session would be the last.

(Whitehall sources in London said Stalin introduced certain "new ideas" which offer hope for on East-West settlement in Berlin. The introduction of these unexplained new thoughts dispelled fears that the diplomatic exchanges would break down, the informants said. They added that prolongation of the Moscow negotiations averted a potentially explosive international situation, at least temporarily).

It was stressed that despite the length of the talks, the delicacy of the subject and the frankness exhibited by both Stalin and the western diplomats there has been no loss of temper.

The conversations have been correct and polite.

Indications here were that the four powers may issue a public statement shortly on the talks.

### SEATTLE CREDIT MAN VISITS ALASKA

Burke Gerraghty, credit manager for the McKesson-Robbins Drug Co., of Seattle, is in Nome for an orientation trip. He stated that he was thoroughly enjoying Alaska, particularly its hospitality.

### MISS BETSY YACOFF, PASSES ON AT BETHEL

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