

Arends and Woodruff Call Upon President To Get Rid of Acheson

Two prominent House Republicans demanded yesterday that Secretary of State Acheson resign, or that President Truman fire him, in view of Mr. Acheson's expression of continuing friendship for Alger Hiss.

In separate statements, Representative Arends of Illinois, minority whip, and Representative Woodruff of Michigan, chairman of the Republican caucus, declared Mr. Acheson's statement made him unfit for further service as head of the State Department.

Hiss Has Appealed.

Hiss, a former official of the department, is under a five-year prison sentence on a perjury conviction stemming from charges he passed confidential information to Whittaker Chambers, admitted one-time Soviet espionage courier. He has appealed.

"The continuance of Dean Acheson as Secretary of State is an affront to the Nation," Mr. Arends declared.

"It is accepted around the world, and has been since the foundation of the Nation, that when the Secretary of State speaks, he speaks for the United States Government."

"What Acheson does as an individual is his own business; what he does as the Secretary of State is the business of every person in the United States. Mr. Acheson should resign his Cabinet post immediately. He is unfit for such a high position, and his statement on Alger Hiss proved it."

"If Mr. Acheson does not resign, President Truman should fire him."

Calls Shakeup Necessary.

Mr. Woodruff said the statement, in which Mr. Acheson said he would not "turn his back" on Hiss, "emphasizes the need for a shakeup from top to bottom" in the State Department.

"Mr. Acheson's thinking is not in line with the thinking of the people of the Nation, as reflected by the jurors who heard the evidence in Hiss' trial," he said.

In calling on Mr. Truman to oust Mr. Acheson if he does not quit, Mr. Woodruff continued:

"Despite the fact that President Truman called the investigation into Hiss' activities a 'red herring' and that he said the menace of communism to the United States was a 'bugaboo,' the President has a responsibility to the people of the Nation, and that responsibility is to have a Secretary of State whose thinking coincides with the thinking of patriotic Americans."

Taft Says Acheson's Stand On Hiss Is 'A Great Mistake'

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 28 (AP).—Senator Taft, Republican, of Ohio today termed Secretary of State Acheson's stand on the perjury conviction of Alger Hiss "a great mistake."

Senator Taft, here for talks in his campaign for re-election, said:

"I think the Secretary of State made a great mistake because his statement gives some protection to people in the State Department who take the same position."

Paul Wright, Jr., Dies; In Service 29 Years

Lt. Comdr. Paul N. Wright, Jr., 62, retired Coast Guard officer who served in both World Wars, died yesterday at United States Marine Hospital in Baltimore after a long illness.

Comdr. Wright, who lived at 4122 Eighth street N.W., served here with the Coast Guard for 15 years before his retirement in 1945.

Born in Norfolk, he was engaged in the mercantile business there before joining the Navy in 1916. He served with the Navy in World War I in the West Indies. A veteran of 29 years in the service, he joined the Coast Guard in 1926 and was commissioned in 1930. He then was stationed on various cutters and destroyers as a disbursing officer. He was attached to Coast Guard Headquarters here in World War II as a special disbursing officer.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Muriel Wright; two sons, Calvert and Paul N. Wright III, both of Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Stokes and Mrs. Gwendolyn Kraemer, both of Norfolk, and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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BILLFORD, tan, contains money, driver's permit and other valuables; lost probably on F street carline going east bet. 11 and 12 a.m. Fri. Jan. 27; reward. AX 5358. —32

COCKER SPANIEL, black with white markings, wearing tag. Answers to "Daddy." reward. OR 3539. —33

DOG, German boxer, reddish brown, black mask, white breast, silver chain and tag; lost vic. Kennilworth; reward. AX 2335. —34

DOG, part fox terrier, curly brown hair, white face and chest, white spot on neck; answers to name of "Trailer"; reward. Call AD 1458. —35

DOGS (2), orange Pekinese, in Arlington Forest-Buckingham area; reward. OL 3579. —36

EARRING, diamond and emerald pendant, on Jan. 21, downtown Washington or taxi bet. G and Ashmead pl. n.w.; reward. RE 4700. —37

EYEGLASSES, child's, on Pershing drive, bet. Buckingham center and Geo. Mason drive; reward. CH 6509. —38

HANDBAG, black lizard; on Forest Glen bus, Friday. Keep money, other contents precious to owner. Please return to 1300 Seminary rd. or call SL 6058. —39

KITTENS, 2, black and white, near Belmont, Kaywood Gardens, reward. VN 2842. —40

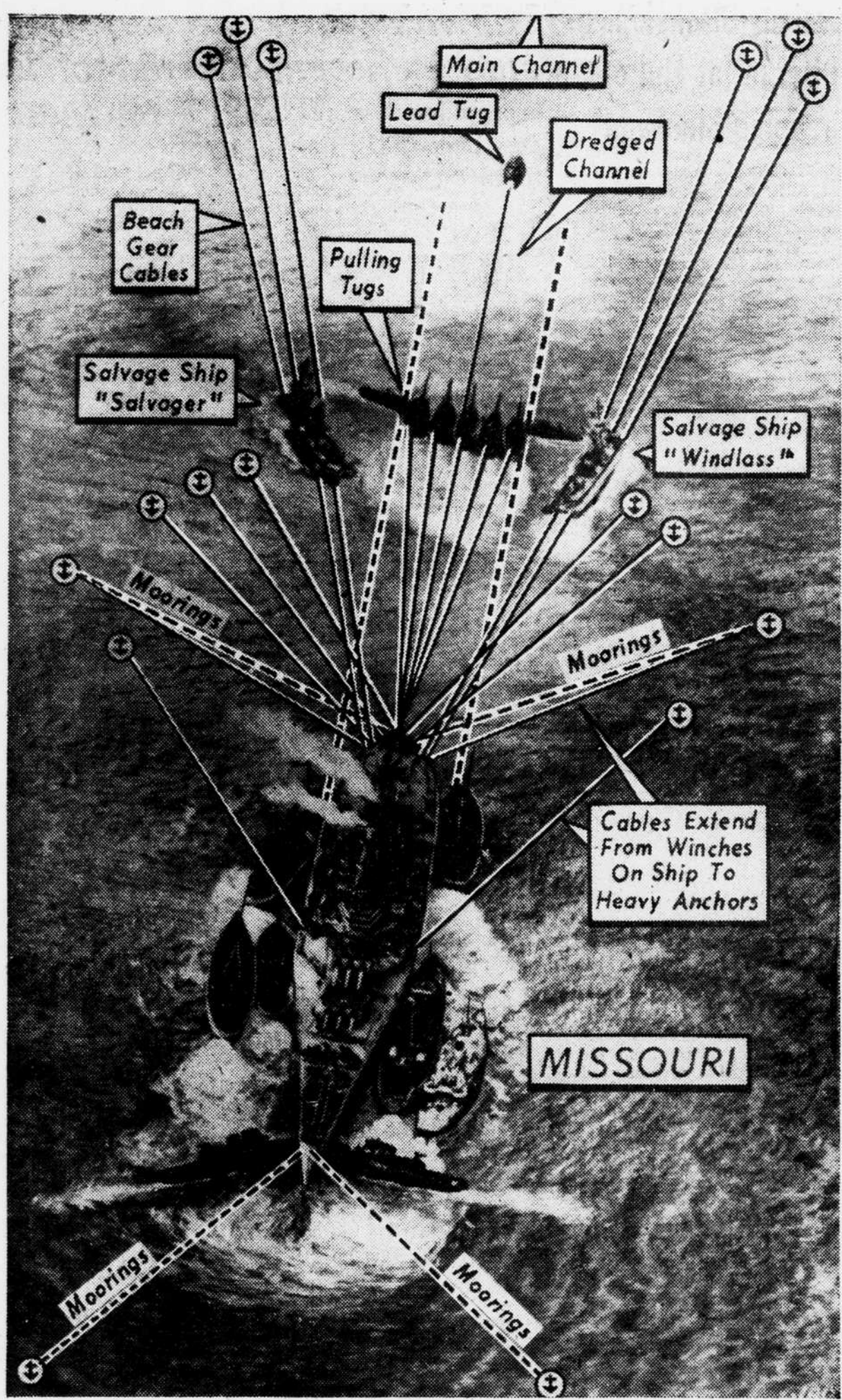
PURSE, black, shoulder strap; Wednesday evening; reward. Call CH 8310. —41

WATCH, Hamilton, with bracelet, monogram on back; lost near 10th and F; reward. LA 1083. —42

GARNET EARRING, possible vicinity Washington Cathedral; reward. CH 6409. —43

LADIES' BULOVA WRIST WATCH, lost Thursday; reward. LA 3504. —44

LOST—Lady's black pocketbook, on Falls Church bus No. 28C, around 100 P.M. Friday; keep money, return contents. FALLS CHURCH CAB CO. or call PA 0265. —45



"OPERATION PULL-OFF" PLANNED TO GET MISSOURI OUT OF MUD—This photo diagram, based on the Navy's maneuver chart, shows the plan for "Operation Pull-Off" to get the Battleship Missouri off the Chesapeake Bay mudbank near Norfolk, Va. —AP Wirephoto.

Missouri Grounding Uncovers Mishaps Concealed by Secrecy

The Navy unwrapped a wartime secret yesterday to disclose that a sister ship of the 45,000-ton Missouri, now aground in Chesapeake Bay, suffered an underwater accident in 1943 off the Maine coast.

And in answer to questions, the department came up with some other encounters between its ships and too-shallow water.

The giant battleship, Iowa, commissioned a year before her sister the Missouri, sideswiped a ledge of rocks in the summer of 1943 as she was heading into Casco Bay, Me., on one of her first trips.

Long Groove In Hull.

The rocks made a long groove in the hull of the new ship about five feet above her keel. The Iowa kept on into the bay, where divers came on the scene. The Iowa then was sent to the Boston Navy Yard where she remained three weeks.

The repairs to the hull plates took only a few days. However, the Navy said, investigation showed that a contributing cause of the accident apparently was the fact that the chart house was 45 feet away from the bridge and that the delay, while officers went from the chart house to take sightings from the bridge, contributed to the accident. Therefore, much of the Iowa's stay in Boston Navy Yard was for moving the chart house nearer the bridge.

Skipper Reprimanded.

A Navy spokesman said today that her skipper, the then Capt. John L. McCrea, received a letter of reprimand. The then Capt. McCrea now is a vice admiral, director of the personnel board of the Defense Department.

The Navy expects to make a supreme effort on Thursday—when high tides should help—to get the "Mighty Mo" off the mud bank of thimble shoal. The effort is given an air of urgency by several factors, including:

(1) She is the only battleship in commission.

She is the favorite of President Truman, a native of Missouri.

But there was no certainty that she would be freed by the new efforts. The Bureau of Ships at Washington has sent to the scene Capt. John Zabitsky, head of the salvage section, and a number of experts.

The first and as it turned out, puny efforts to haul the Missouri out of the mud was made with a fleet of more than a score of tugs. Since then salvage men have worked to lighten the huge weight of the ship, actually more than 50,000 tons when fully fueled and equipped with supplies and ammunition.

Edisto Runs Into Rock.

Only last Wednesday, the Navy had cause to blush a deeper shade. The Edisto hit an uncharted rock, but was only slightly damaged and put into Boston harbor. The unhappy thought about that,

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in the East River on April 30, 1927, but was free of the mud the following day.

The old battleship Texas grounded off Block Island soon after her commissioning prior to World War I, but was freed to fight in two world wars.

D. C. Ministerial Union Will Hear Educator

Dr. Frederick E. Johnson, professor of education, Columbia University, will address the Washington Ministerial Union at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. tomorrow in Lisner Auditorium, George Washington University.

Dr. Johnson, who is also executive secretary, Department of Research and Education, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, will talk on "The Church as Educator" in the morning and on "Religion and Public Education" in the afternoon.

Submarine Incident Recalled.

Then there was the submarine Darter. Her rusting hull still shows on a coral reef in Pelawan passage in the Philippines. The Darter, in the pitch blackness of the night of October 24, 1944, in company with another submarine, went in after two Japanese cruisers. The torpedoes had been fired, one cruiser was sinking and another damaged. The submarines were getting out of there.

Suddenly the Darter struck, rode high up in the water and came to a dead stop. The crew set demolition charges, then hustled aboard the second submarine. The charges didn't work too well, but the crew had taken the precaution of destroying all secret equipment.

The cruiser Little Rock went aground near Gravesend Bay, in the Long Island area, on February 25, 1947, but was refloated in less than two hours.

Other Vessels Grounded.

The destroyer Ernest G. Small grounded off Block Island, R. I., on April 3, 1947, but was refloated in 13 hours.

The battleship Colorado stuck

Missouri's Winches To Join in 'Big Pull' Against Mud Thursday

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 28.—The Navy is counting on the battleship Missouri to help pull the Missouri out of the mud.

The salvage experts are completing plans for "operation pull-off" which will include use of winches on the Missouri's deck to haul on long and heavily anchored cables.

But when the time comes for the big pull—now scheduled for Thursday morning, the "big Mo" will have plenty of help. Actually, all practical available Navy facilities and the help nature can give will be used.

High Tide Will Aid.

That's why Thursday morning was selected for the all-out attempt. The highest tide of the month is expected at 8:39 a.m. Thursday, higher than at any time since the 45,000-ton battleship ran aground on the Chesapeake Bay shoal off Old Point Comfort January 17.

Fuel oil, stores and ammunition have been taken off and by Thursday the salvage men expect the Missouri's stern draft will be only 26 feet. That means that the ship's bottom will be only 26 feet below the surface, ten feet less than when she ran aground.

Six submarine pontoons secured under her stern will give additional buoyancy. Each pontoon has a lifting power of 480 tons.

But the Navy expects that more than buoyancy and a high tide will be needed. The mud of the bottom has formed a giant suction cup holding the Missouri fast.

The first phase of "operation pull-off" will be to pull the Missouri free of this powerful grip. To do this, the Navy will employ equipment and techniques used to salvage landing craft from wartime beachheads. The winches on the Missouri and the anchored cables will be used in that manner.

800-Ton Pull to be Utilized.

There are nine of these 1,500-foot cables fanning out from the ship's winches to four-ton anchors imbedded in the mud. Block and tackle will multiply the power of the winches, to a total pulling force of 800 tons. A naval spokesman said that each winch installation can build up a pulling force five times greater than that of one tugboat.

Two windless-type beach salvage ships, will be used also, one on either side of the dredged channel astern of the Missouri. Each will be linked to the Missouri by double tow cables, and beach gear cables extending from each salvage ship to heavy anchors astern will multiply the power of the pull on the big ship.

A small armada of tugboats will join in the combined effort. Five seagoing tugs will be grouped astern of the Missouri in the

dredged channel. They will produce a "surging" or "rocking" motion. That's what you use to get your car out of snow or mud.

These tugs will pull at full speed ahead for 10 seconds at 10-second intervals. A smaller harbor tug will press in against the group on either side to help the lead tug keep the group pulling together.

Tugs Lashed to Sides.

Other tugs will be lashed to the side of the Missouri to add power to the pulling effort. Two harbor tugs will alternate in pushing against the opposite sides of the Missouri's bow in a "whipsaw" motion to help the big ship squirm free of the tenacious mudbank.

Once free, the Missouri will be floated through a channel dredged to a depth of 40 feet from the stern of the ship to the main ship channel a half-mile away.

Moorings will hold the Missouri from turning when the pull is started.

Charges to Be Set Off.

Tomorrow small explosive charges will be set off near the grounded battleship in an attempt to break the suction that imprisons her on the shoal.

A fleet spokesman said charges equal to about 75 pounds of TNT will be placed about 50 feet from the ship on either beam. The explosives will be lowered into 10-

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