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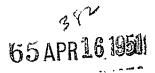
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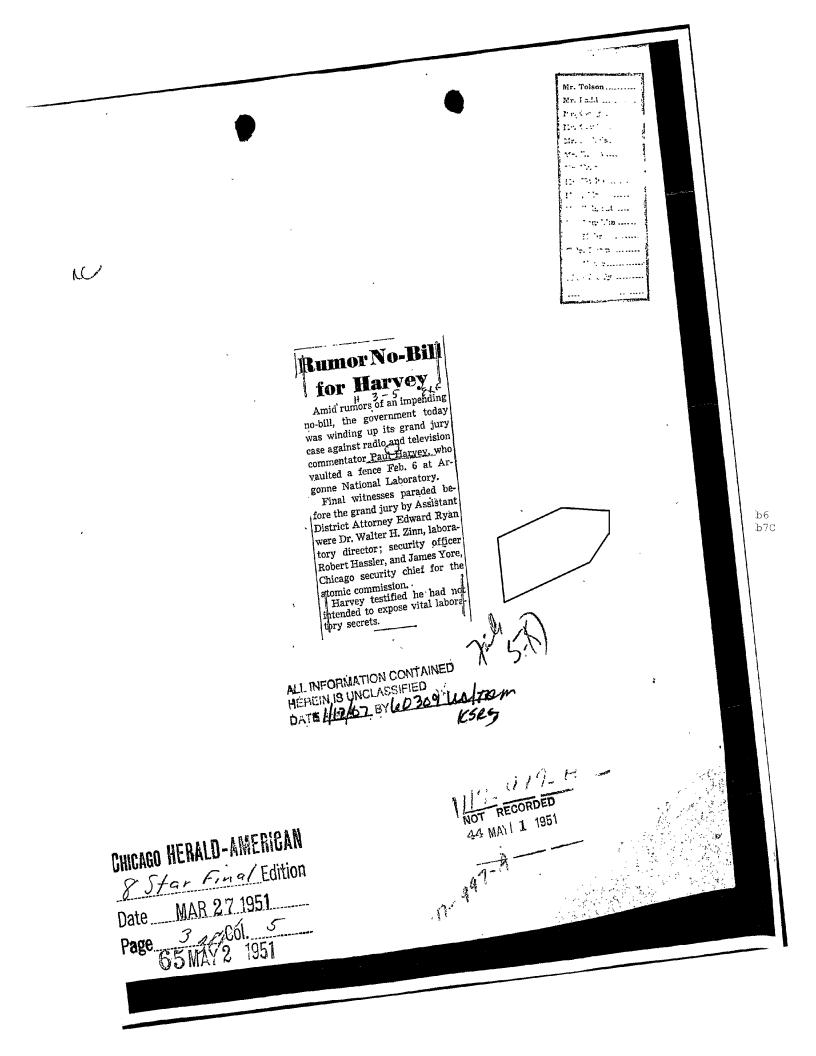
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Didn't Know Harvey's Plan: Busbey Rep. Busbey (R-Ill.) reportedly gress last November, said he finally knew of Harvey's attempted inva-

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told a U.S. grand jury Thursday of the Atomic Energy Committee told a U.S. grand jury Thursday of the Atomic Energy Committee I read it in the paper.". that Paul-Harvey is a "great Amer-on Feb. 12, six days after Harvey

ican" but that he knew nothing went over the fence. of the commentator's fence-climbing episode at Argonne National Laboratory.

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He said the radio - TV commentator told him last summer how easy it was to get over the fence and later sent two guards to him to tell of the "laxity of security" at Argonne.

WASN'T SUMMONED Busbey said he made a trip to Argonne but it was or a Sunday and the laboratory was of a sunday become involved in the election campaign, he said, and dropped the investigation temporarily. Busbey, who was elected to con-

He pointed out he was not summoned before the grand jury, but came of his own free will.

"No one is going to accuse me of being a fair weather friend," he said. "Harvey is one of the great Ameri-

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HARVEY'S WORK TO AID SECURITY Heard by Jury in Quiz on A-Lab Invasion

The federal grand jupy yester-day heard Paul Harvey Aurandt

and Rep. Fred Busbey [R., Chicago] in its investigation of

Aurandt's fence climbing esca-pade at the Argonne National laboratory Feb. 6. Aurandt, radio commentator

who broadcasts under the name

Paul Harvey, spent more than three hours with the jurors explaining the motive and circumstances of his action. A guard arrested him just inside the 10 foot fence surrounding the atomic installation's grounds, and Aurandt later said he was testing security there.

Two Others Involved

Charles Rogal, 26, of 9747 S. Harding av., Evergreen Park, a guard at the laboratory, and John J. Crowley, 31, of 450 Belmont av. naval reserve officer and civilian ner added. employe of the office of naval intelligence, accompanied Aurandt to the laboratory, but were outside the fence and escaped after Aurandt-was caught. Rogal later was suspended. The government is

BUSBEY RELATES seeking indictment of Auranat and possibly of Rogal and Crowley on conspiracy grounds. Busbey, who spent an hour and

15 minutes before the jury, told reporters that seven months ago Aurandt sent two guards, one of thêm Rogal, to his home after they had told Aurandt that security measures at the laboratory were lax. Busbey said he had worked previously with Aurandt on federal security problems and in investigating subversive activities.

Tells Visit to Lab

Busbey said he had gone to the plant one Sunday and had found it closed, but was admitted after identifying himself. He said further investigation had been interrupted by his political campaign. Busbey made public a letter which he had written to Sen. Brian Mc-Mahon [D., Conn.], chairman of the senate committee on atomic energy, attesting to Aurandt's patriotism and asking that Aurandt and other witnesses be taken before a closed session of the joint! senate-house committee on atomic energy at the earliest opportunity. · Busbey previously had written United States Atty. Otto Kerner Jr., asking to appear before the grand jury.

Kerner said more witnesses will be heard by the jury Monday. He predicted the hearing might extend until Wednesday. The jury will not be in session today, Ker-

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U.S. Jury Calls Rep. Busbey in Harvey Probe

Rep. Busbey (R-III.) was called before a federal grand jury Thursday to discuss a report naming him as one of the masterminds behind radio-TV commentator <u>Paul Harvey's</u> attempted invasion of Argonne National Laboratory.

Harvey, worried and chain-smoking, was said to have told of Busbey's role when he testified before the jury investigating the incident Wednesday.

Harvey was reported to have said Busbey was a candidate for office when he became interested in a scheme to show up "lax security" at Argonne.

Another witness, Charles Rogal,



Rep. Busbey

Paul Harvey

26, a suspended Argonne guard, has already admitted telling both Harvey and Busbey of the so-called security weaknesses at Argonne seven months ago.

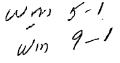
Busbey was not elected to Congress until last November and did not take office until January.

Harvey was reportedly asked by the grand jurors why Busbey did not take some action about the "poor" security. He was said to have answered: "The congressman didn't want to tip off the enemy."

The radio commentator stuck to his story, that he climbed a 10foot high fence at Argonne in the pre-dawn darkness Feb. 6 for only one reason. Ho said he was checking reports that it was a cinch to sneak into the laboratory.

Harvey was arrested seconds after he landed in the grounds.

The grand jury is said to regard, the episode as "very serious." Stiff fines and prison terms are provided for persons convicted of illegally entering an atomic laboratory for the purpose of revealing restricted information.



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Harvey Tells Atom Lab

Paul Harvey, 32, radio and television newscaster, went before the federal grand jury Thursday to recite Chapter II of the story behind his "invasion" of the Argonne National Laboratory.

Also on hand in the U.S. Courthouse was Rep. Busbey (R., Ill.), who has defended Harvey's action as "patriotic."

Busbey arrived at the courthouse after Harvey had gone before the grand jury.

The congressman refused to comment to reporters on his role in the case, 'saying he first wanted to talk with Otto Kerner Jr., the U.S. district attorney.

Jr., the U.S. district attorney. HARVEY, who presented the jury with Chapter I of his story Wednesday, likewise refused to pomment.

He carried a folder of papers into the jury room.

The government is seeking to indict him, on a charge of conspiracy to reveal secret information vital to national secruity. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

WHEN QUERIED by reporters Wednesday about Busbey's role in the Feb. 6 invasion of the laboratory, Harvey said the congressman knew all about "this business."

Harvey said Busbey particularly knew about an alleged lack of security in the top-secret atomic plant, located near Lemont.

"I'm sure he took appropriate action," Harvey said, but declined to explain the "action."

Kerner said Busbey may be invited to go before the grand jury if he has any important evidence. The case probably will be concluded next week, Kerner said.

TWO MEN who were involved in Harvey's foray also have been questioned by the jury. They are John J Crowley, 3, ormer civilian employe of naval intelligence, and Charles Roga, 6, former Argonne guard.

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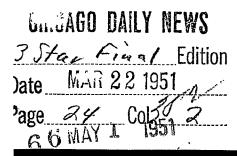
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Harvey Lab Sorfie y Idea; Guard A suspended guard at Argonne National Laboratory ad-

mitted Tuesday that he induced radio-TV commentator Paul Harvey to attempt their ill-fated gate-crashing at the secret atomic energy installation.

The admission came from Charles C. Rogal, 26, of 9747 Harding, Evergreen Park, as he went before the federal grand jury.

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Also heard by the grand jury was another companion, John J. Growley, 31, of 450 Belmont. Crowley reportedly was fired from his job as a civilian agent of the Office of Naval Intelligence for his role in the gate-crashing.

Rogal said he had visited both Harvey and Rep. Busbey (R-III.) seven months ago to complain about "inadequate security" at Argonne. "inadequate security at Argonne, scaling a barbed wire fence at the "I wanted some big names who laboratory. If the gate-crashing had succeeded, Rogal said, Harvey in-tended to broadcast an expose of the security situation "at a certain

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Charles C. Rogal

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defense installation."

"We weren't worried about getting shot," Rogal said. "None of those guards could hit the side of a barn."

The WENR-ABC commentator will appear before the grand jury Wednesday, U.S. Atty. Otto Kerner Jr. said.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Rep. Busbey, who has demanded to congressional inquiry of security at Argonne, will appear before the grand jury Thursday.

Crowley, who is still a naval reserve officer, refused to discuss the case before going into the hearing room,

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Harvey to Tell Al for Argonne Jury

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Paul-Harvey, radio-TV broadcaster who climbed the fence at Argonne Atomic Research Laboratory, was granted permission today to give his story to the federal grand jury.

The two men who accompanied him in the venture were given similar permission by Assistant U. S. Attorney Edward J. Ryan, conducting the investigation.

Charles Rogal, 28, of 9747 S. Harding av., laboratory guard fired over the incident, was taken before the jury by Ryan, and John J. Frowley, 31, of 450 Belmont av., was to be next."

Crowley also lost his job as a civilian employe of the U.S. Naval Intelligence Service because of his part in the fenceclimbing.

Harvey will testify tomorrow and will be required to sign an immunity waiver as were Rogal and Crowley.

In Washington, Rep. Busbey (R) of Illinois demanded that a be sent to Chicago at once to investigate security measures at the laboratory, near Lemont, Will county.

Busbey cited a broadcast Sunday night in which Harvey said his fence-climbing exploit was a test of security measures and that while he was outside another man was in the laboratory for more than an hour undetected

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The two companions of Paul Harvey in his attempted "invasion" of the Argome National Laboratory were called before the federal grand jury Tuesday for questioning.

They are Charles Rogal, 26, of 9747 S. Harding av., Evergreen Park, a former Argonne guard, and John Jf.Crowley, 31, of 450 Belmont av., a former civilian employe in Navy intelligence.

They were termed "possible co-defendants" of Harvey by U.S. Attorney Otto Kerner Jr., who required them to sign immunity waivers.

HARVEY, radio and television newscaster, also will be allowed to tell his story before the jury, Kerner said.

Harvey has contended that he climbed the laboratory fence to prove the grounds were not properly guarded.

But the government is seeking indictment of all three for an alleged conspiracy to reveal information vital to the nation's defense. The maximum penalty is 10 years in prison and \$10,000 fine.

MEANWHILE, in Washington Rep. Busbey (R., III.) planned to come here to Harvey's defense. He asked Kerner to keep the case open until he can bring "important in for mation and evidence."

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3 Republicans Go to Bat for Paul Harvey

Three Republican politicians went to bat Monday for Paul Harvey as a federal grand jury began hearing testimony about how the radio and TV commentator slipped into the supersecret Argonne National Laboratory. 5 30-4 LF

Harvey faces possible indictment for trying "to obtain information

respecting national defense with intent or reason to believe that the information is to be used to the injury of the United States."

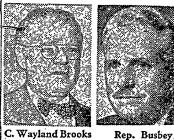
The laboratory, site of extensive atomic research, is near Lemont. The Justice Department believes Harvey, in scaling a high barbed the first witnesses were summoned, wire fence there Feb. 6, was trying to prove that security at the laboratory was lax. He was seized by a guard a few seconds after he land Brooks and Grenville Beardsvaulted the fence.

BUSBEY PRAISES HARVEY

In Washington, Rep. Busbey, from the 3d Illinois District, urged that a congressional subcommittee be sent to Chicago to investigate security protection at the laboratory. Busbey, who has made a speech of two praising Harvey as a "great American," also called U.S. Atty. Cito J. Kerner Jr. and said he had

Earlier, Busbey said he Idence." had worked with Harvey on "certain phases of an investigation of our nation's security." - He hoped, said Busbey, that the inquiry wouldn't end before he had a chance to tell Kerner what that information is. Kerner assured him it probably wouldn't.

Busbey said he would be in to see Kerner Thursday, when he re-



turns for the Easter holiday. Kerne said he isn't sure if Busbey will b called as a witness.

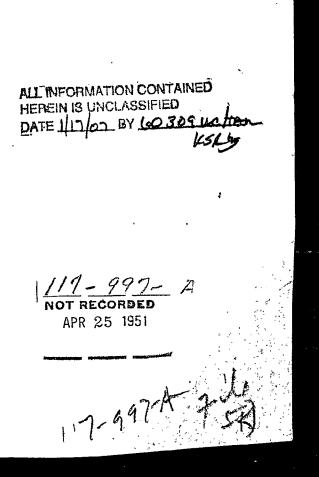
BROOKS HIS LAYWER

While all this was going on and two other GOP politicians, now law partners, showed up at Kerner's office. They were ex-Sen. C. Wayley, who was defeated by County Judge Edmund K. Jarecki in last November's election.

They told Kerner they were Harvey's lawyers and asked that the commentator be permitted to testify before the jury. Harvey, they emphasized is "ready, available, willing and anxious" to tell the jurors all about it.

The lawyers were told Kerner important "information and evi- will confer with his assistant, Edward J. Ryan, on this request.

First witnesses were Emmett Dalton, 28, of Joliet, the guard who grabbed Harvey; Robert Hessler, 42, of 7025 34th, Berwyn, a security officer; Robert E. Aulabaugh, 30; of Joliet, a communications employ and alf unidentified FBI agent.



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Harvey Asks to fell Jury of A-Lab Stunt

Paul Harvey, WENR and WENR-TV newscaster, today sought permission to appear before a federal grand jury to tell all about his fence-climbing episode Feb. 6 at the Argonne National Laboratories near Lemont.

Former U. S. Sen. C. Wayland Brooks and Attorney Grenville Beardsley, who conferred with U. S. Attorney Kerner in Har-vey's behalf, said he was willing to waive immunity and all civil rights. 🦸 🐪

DELAYS DECISION

Kerner said he would an-nunce his decision after consulting his assistant, Edward J Ryan, in charge of the case against the newscaster and his two collaborators.

Meanwhile; the government began presentation of evidence

before the grand jury. Emmet Dalton, one of the guards, who found the newscaster 'on, the grounds of the atomic plant; two FBI agents, and two other persons connected with the laboratories will be the first five witnesses.

THREE CHARGED Harvey; Charles Rogal, 'a guard dismissed, for helping him, and John R. Crowley; formerly a civilian employe of the naval intelligence office, are charged with giving out infolmation on security and defens. The maximum penalty, under prison, is 10 years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both.

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Kerner Given Instructions in Harvey Case Instructions concerning the case of Paul Harvey, atom lab-

Instructions concerning the case of Paul-Harvey, atom labcrashing radio and TV commentator, were received in a letter from Washington Thursday by U.S. Atty. Otto Kerner Jr.

Kerner, however, refused to comment pending further study of the letter.

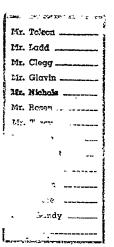
It was reported that he was ordered to prosecute Harvey. However, it was believed Kerner may be delaying final action pending further communication with Washington.

SCALED FENCE

Harvey was, captured by guards at Argonne National Laboratory near Lemont Feb. 6 after he scaled a 10-foot fence. Although he did not explain his motives, he was believed trying to show that inadequate security conditions existed. As an aftermath, three laboratory guards were ousted and a naval intelligence. officer who aided Harvey was suspended.

EVIDENCE QUESTIONED The Department of Justice is reported to feel that Harvey's stunt should not be allowed to go unchallenged.

Kerner is said to believe that there is not sufficient' evidence of intent to win a conviction against Harvey. He also is reported to feel there is a question whether Argonne is government property, since it is onerated by the University of Chicago.



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FIRE ATOM LAB UNION AGENT IN

Merlin Wy Griffith, 58, a guard tory in Du Page county, and business agent for local 1, Argonne Guards' union, was discharged yesterday by the atomic energy commission.

Griffith charged he was dismissed because of letters he wrote to newspapers commending the action of Paul H⁴ Aurandt [Paul Harvey], radio newscaster who was seized Feb. 6 after scaling a fence at the laboratory in a purported attempt to test security measures. Griffith also said the AEC action was desigend to oust him as a union leader and head off a threatened strike of the 225 guards in the plant.

The union has served notice that its members will strike Feb. 28 unless they receive pay in-creases of 15 cents an hour. The AEC has offered 4 cents. Negotiations will begin Tuesday.

AEC Denies Union Angle . Alfonso Tammaro, manager of the AEC Chicago operations office.

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nections. Tammaro refused to disalge the reasons for the distrissal, but said Griffith was privileged to do so.

Griffith said the AEC dismissal letter charged that he had demonstrated he was a security risk as a member of the laboratory guards. It also charged, he said, that he told newspapers a vital naval experiment was in progress at the laboratory. Actually, Grifat the Argonne national labora- fith asserted, the navy project had been described in newspapers previously.

Says Entry Proved Weakness

Griffith said the AEC letter also stated he showed lack of security judgment in writing' letters to newspapers. Such suppression, Griffith said, would be a violation of his constitutional rights.

"In a statement to the press Feb. 12, I said Aurandt should be commended by the AEC for showing security weaknesses in the plant," Griffith continued. "If he had been a saboteur, he might have blown up the laboratory."

Griffith said he filed four grievances with the laboratory relating to poor security and guard safety, but nothing had been done. He also said he had written Rep. Busbey [R., Ill.] and Sen. Wherry [R., Neb.] asking them to investigate the alleged laxity in plant security.

Griffith, who lives at 7247 Stopy Island av., had been a labdenied Griffith's discharge had gratory guard since July, 1948. anything to do with his union con-

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b6 b7C sion in a five-page letter from A. Tammaro, manager of Ch cago operations for the Atomic Energy Commission.

READ TO GRIFFITH

The letter was read to Griffith in the office of James Yore, security officer for the Argonne National Laboratory near Clarendon Hills, where Harvey was seized after he had scaled an 8foot fence early on the morning of Feb. 6.

His dismissal notification em braced a copy of Griffith's let ter to newspapers criticizing se curity regulations,

ASK WRITTEN RESPONSE

Griffith was called upon to make a "written response" to the charges within five days, for hearings before a security board to be named by Tammoro. Griffith said:

"I feel this is a move to break up the guards' union, and I believe it is a reprisal for a telegram I sent to Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R) of Nebraska, and <u>Rep.</u> Fred Bushey (R) of Chicago, in which I said; "I believe there is no time

"I believe there is no time to waste in holding congressional investigation of the security set-up at Argonne Natie-ral Laboratory projects in Chicago and Lemont; 111." ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE (17/02 BY 6030 UNTER

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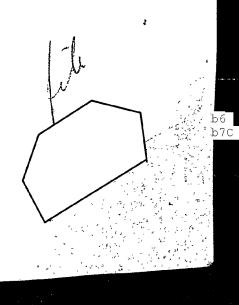
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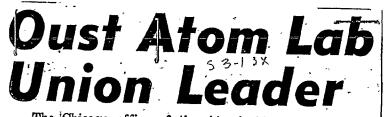
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The Chicago office of the Atomic Energy Commission Saturday suspended Merlin W. Griffith, 38, business agent of Local 1, Argonne Guards Union, on charges that he publicly "condoned and approved" attempts of news commentator Paul Harvey to crash the Argonne National Laboratory. Griffith has been employed as a

guard at the laboratory, near Le- his plan to "show up" lax security mont, since July, 1948. The union at the atomic laboratory backfired. currently has a wage dispute with the commission, which already has ousted two other guards as an aftermath of the Harvey incident.

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"I will appeal the suspension to the AEC as well as to my interna-tional union," Griffith declared. "I feel that I' have the right of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, both as a union official and a citizen."

Griffith said that he did not reveal any secrets or confidential hatter, or any security informa-tion." "Harvey was arrested Feb. 6 after

Griffith said in a statement last week:

"I would like to see Paul Harvey get a letter of commendation from the Atomic Energy Commission for helping them (the commission) learn of conditions that exist at the Argonne National Laboratory."

U.S. Atty. Otto Kerner Jr. is studying an FBI report of the Harvey incident to determine whether the radio and television commenta-

tor will be prosecuted for violating security laws.

Griffith's suspension was ordered by A. Tammaro, manager of the Chicago Operations Office of the AEC.

Harvey, who questioned the government's security measures in his broadcasts, persuaded a friend, a reserve naval lieutenant' and a civilian employe of the office of naval intelligence, to accompany him and a guard-one of the two suspended. earlier-on an early morning trip to the lab grounds.

He was seized after scaling a 10-foot barbed wire fence into a restricted area. Harvey claimed he was working with "government agencies." That could not be verified and the FBI entered the case.

The naval employe also was suspended from his post because of his, participation in the affair.

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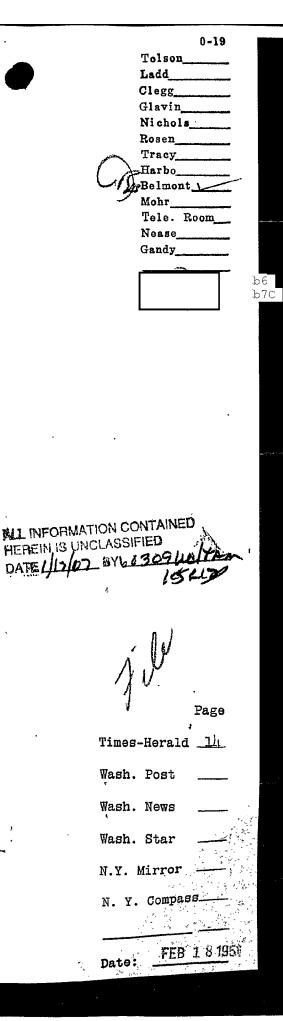
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AEC Fires Third Guard From Lab

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (UP)—The Atomic Energy Commission's Chi-cago office today fired Guard Merlin Griffith on grounds he publicly "condoned and approved" an at-tempt by news commentator Paul Harvey to break into the Argonne national laboratory. Griffith was the third Argonne

guard dismissed in connection with the case. He is a father of eight children and is business agent of the Argonne Guards' Independent union, which currently is involved in a wage dispute with the AEC. Griffith said he would appeal his dismissal to his international union.

"I feel that I have the right of Treed on a press, both as a union official and a citizen," he said. He said he revealed no secret or confidential

confidential matter.

In a statement last week he said he would like to see Harvey' get a letter of commendation from the AEC for his attempt to show up alleged laxity at the laboratory

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Union Officer Fired In Atom Security Case

By the Associated Press CHICAGO, Feb. 17: <u>A third</u> guard was suspended by the Argonne National Laboratory today as an aftermath of Newscaster Paul Harvey's "unauthorized entry" into the laboratory's grounds February_6.

Merlin W. Griffith, 38, the guard, is business agent of the Argonne Guards' Union (Ind.) He said his suspension was ordered by the Atomic Energy Commission on the grounds that Mr. Griffith "condoned" Mr. Harvey's nighttime fence-scaling episode. Mr. Griffith charged today

Mr. Griffith charged today that his, suspension was a move to oust the union and to make pending wage negotiations more difficult.

"I don't know the man," Mr. Griffith said referring to Mr. Harvey." "I only went to his assistance because he knew the weakhess of the security setup. I said previously that I could not revea the "actual weaknesses."

previously that I could not reveathe actual weaknesses." Mr. Griffith said, he made a public fight to save the jobs of two other guards suspended in the Harvey incident. He charged the AEC viewed this as a violation of security regulations.

of security regulations. Mr. Harvey, the American Broadcasting Co.'s Radio-TV commentator, was questioned by FBI agents for several hours after his seizure and then released. The incident occurred at 1:10 a.m., February 6.

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Kup's Colum Mr. Tolam -Mr. Ladi ... -Mr. Clev T - --in C 🔅 AS A result of the Paul Harvey fiasco, Navy Intelligence here has fired the civilian agent who "cooperated" with ABC's fadio-active commentator. His initials are "J.C."... Harvey, an investigation reveals, is lucky to be alive. The guard at the Argonne National Liboratory who first spotted Harvey had his gun drawn and was body to first when the commentator fall in the snow. Harvey called 147. 1. 1. 2. 4 Mr. . win Mr. L. 157 ---Mr. 18, 25 ready to fire when the commentator fell in the snow. Harvey cathe Mr. Jen Star up with his hands in the air. N. 7 . 35 b6 The Firty b7C 1. rse ... 欽 ndy -ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED ALL INFORMATION CONTRACTOR HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4102 BY 60339 US NIG DATE 4102 BY 60339 b6 b7C /17-OT RECORDED 8: FEB 27 1951 HIGAGO DAILY SUN-TRACK Star June Edi FEB 1 6 1951)ate____ Page 382 MAR 24 1951 - 34

Groves Assails Harvey for His Argonne 'Stunt'

Leslie R. Groves, wartime head of the atomic bomb project, -Friday lambasted radio-TV commentator Paul Harvey for his attempted "invasion" of Argonne National Laboratory.

"Anybody pulling a stunt like that," declared Groves, a retired lieutenant general of the Army, "is in the same position as someone calling the fire department to see how fast the fire trucks could come."

Groves said that the guarc who seized Harvey after the latter scaled a 10-foot fence "had every right to shoot him."

Groves, now a vice president of Remington Rand, Inc., came to Chicago for a speaking engagement.

Harvey was arrested Feb. 6 after his plan to "show up" lax security at the secret atomic laboratory backfired.

U.S. Atty. Otto Kerner Jr. is studying an FBI report of the incident to determine whether Harvey will be prosecuted for violating security laws.

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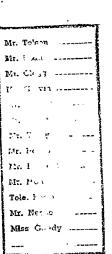
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Officials Baffled for Law to Deal With Harvey

BY ELGAR BROWN

Chances that radio commentator Paul Harvey ever will face prosecution for his ill-advised over-the-fence foray into Argonne National Laboratory were about as slim today as Jake La-Motta's hope of regaining his invader's own personal safe-. title. 🔬

- It was learned that ever since GUARDS SUSPENDED the "crusading kid" staged an He might have added, of abortive test of the laboratory's course, that a couple of laboradefenses, District Attorney Ker-tory guards who got themselves involved in the awkward inciner's staff has been stumped for dent also shouldered a few risks:

a law with which to punish him. Both have been suspended. Diligent study of federal sta-tutes failed to reveal one cover-ment of Justice men in Washing the current "case of bad ington still are studying the judgment," and, unless Washington gets too insistent, the prosecutor in Chicago is prepared to "forget" the whole dreary incident.

STAFF BAFFLED

A legal attache who, declined to be identified told this newspaper:

"The suspicion that first flashed in most minds-that enemy espionage was involved and cloak-and-dagger work was afoot-simply isn't borne. out. "Mr. Harvey quite evidently. let his zeal overbalance his judgment and the result was

"The obvious lack of wilful

intent to commit a wrong in this case has us pretty well baffled. Nobody in govern-

ment, I suppose, is interested in prosecuting a misdemeanor charge based on trespassing.

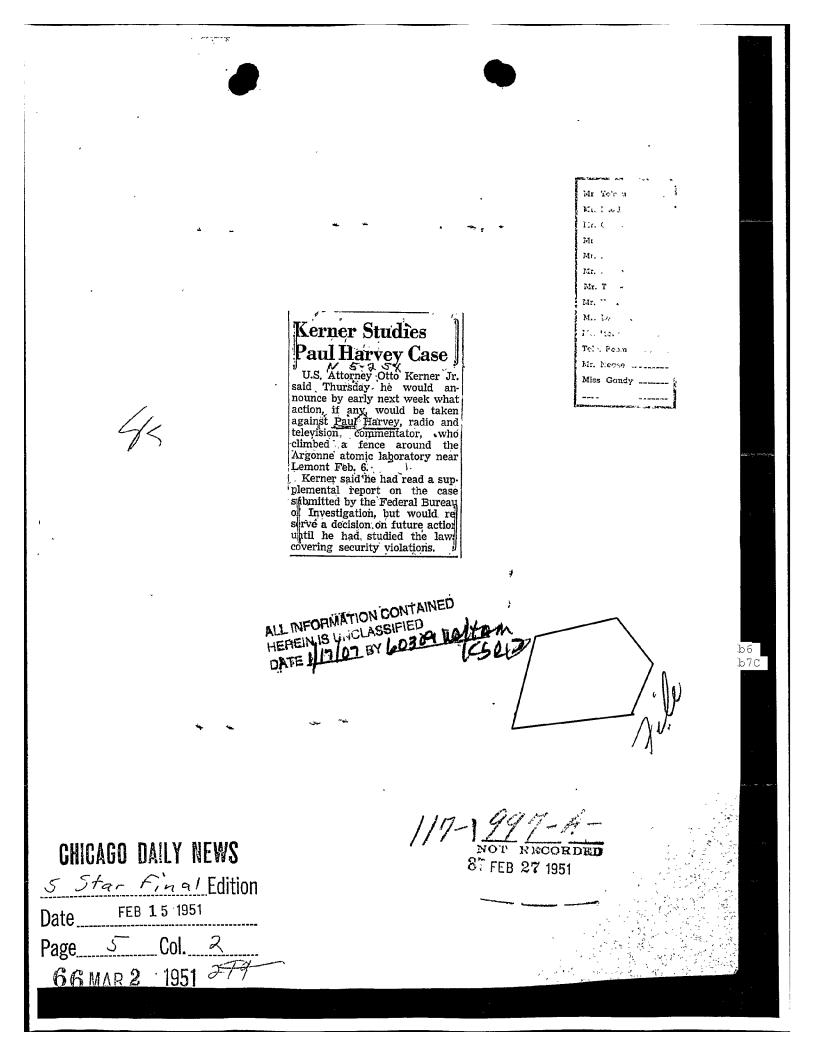
an episode more stupid than menacing to our top secrets. The danger, if any, was to the ty."

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HARVEY SAGA Atom Spies, Beer and Mattresses

BY JACK MABLEY What's the REAL story on Paul Harvey?

That is the question asked frequently by radio and TV listeners this week. You have read the real story in the newspapers. There's little more—no mystery. Paul Harvey is what I call a I ramatic. Newscaster. He has nightly, dramatic newsreadings' on WENR and WENR TV. He takes the straight run of the, day's news, and simplifies and dramatizes and personalizes in

THERE IS a good market for this type of news presentation, and Paul Harvey has tapped it. He has high ratings, and sells a lot of beer and mattresses.

Tuesday evening, for instance, on his 11 p.m. TV show he recited the Korean news reports.

He strode around the studio. We made dramatic pauses. He yould drop his voice, scowl, and then race through a sentence at high pitch.

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ÉAUL HARVEY has been criticized for his news presentations for several reasons. Legitimation newsmen, for instance, resent the theatrics. They think this sort of acting belongs in Uncle Tom's Cabin, and not in a report on the Korean Wark

There is criticism of his accuracy, and of his constant injection of his own personality into world news events.

There is very legitimate criticism of running his news interpretation right into his commercials without a pause or change of tone

FOR INSTANCE, Tuesday night he said: "You know, Americans, it's a source of constant amazement to me the amazing advances of science. We find new developments in the atomic field and have to add three pages to the dictionary. And it's happening to mattresses, too. . . .

"Oh, my dear Americans, you have no idea what this mattress..."

As for his attempt to break into the Argonne atomic laboratory, it was a simple case of a bumbling reporter trying to break into a top secret establishment to get a story on lax security.

IT WAS A colossal flop. Even if it had been a dignified failure, Paul Harvey would have benefited from the publicity. But he reaped ridicule instead.

The venture took on comic opera aspects as he got stuck on top of the fence, and plopped onto the ground with such a thud that he was immediately surrounded by guards. He was lucky he wasn't shot.

Yet in a clumsy, oafish way he misadventure may have done

spine good. If there wasn't propex security at Argonne before. Paul Harvey got stuck on the fence, there certainly is today. But there must be more credit. able methods of proving a point.

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Scans Law In Harvey A-Lab 'Raid

U.S. Attorney Otto Kerner Jr. said Wednesday he is checking the statutes to see whether there is ground for criminal prosecu-tion of <u>Paul Harvey</u>, radio tele-vision commentator.

Harvey tried to sneak into the Argonne National Laboratory near Lemont to prove, according to some sources, that security precautions were lax.

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AN FBI REPORT of its investigation caused Kerner to consult the laws. The finding of a gun in Harvey's car at the scene was noted.

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Two guards at the atomic laboratory—one of whom ac-companied Harvey in the "invasion"-have been suspended.

A naval Reserve officer, John Crowley, 31, of 450 Belmont av., also joined in Harvey's attempt. He was suspended from his civilian post in Navy Intelligence here 1

* * * Rep. Busbey, Republican from Chicago's 3d district defended Harvey, saying: 8.3

"I am one of the persons in Washington who have worked with Paul Harvey on certain phases of an investigation of our nation's security."

Busbey urged a congressional hearing lor Harvey to clear his name.

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Mr. Tolson M. Lodd ____ 1. 1. C'ogg .. 12 Cana the best Tr. Jacob 🖬 . Tro 🤘 Harvey Gets 2d Pat on Back From Busbey Mr. Nocse Miss Gondy ____ Paul Harvey, the atom labcrashing radio and TV commentator, could claim another pat our the 45 back Tuesday from Rep Busbey (R-III.). R-III.). In a long statement Sunday, Harvey quoted Busbey in an effort to justify his thwarted attempt the break into Argonne National Lab Later, Busbey said at Washing ton: "I am one of the persons in Washington who have worked with Paul Harvey on certain ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HENGIN IN CONSIGNED phases of an investigation of our DATE 1) 17/07 by 60305 WG nation's security." He asked that Harvey and some 115RIG other persons be given a hearing in a closed session of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee. "Mr. Harvey, bound by matter nvolving security and confidence is remaining silent, even to the ex tent of placing his reputation in bб b7C CHICAGO DAILY SUN-TIMES NOT RESCORDED Loop Fingl Edition 87 FEB 27 1951 202 INDEXED - 104 FEB 1 3 1951 Date 'age

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Busbey Gives Boost To Harvey's 'Raid'

Rep Busbey (R., Il.) linked himself Tuesday to Paul Harvey, the Chicago newscaster who was taken into temporary custody last week for climbing a fence into the restricted grounds of the Argonne National Laboratory.

Chicago's 3d district, issued a for the last several months." statement in

Washington. "I am one of the persons in Washington who have worked with Paul Harvey on certain phases of an investigation of our nation's sequrity," the statement said.



REP. BUSBEY

"Mr. Harvey, bound by matters involving security and confidence, is remaining silent, even to the extent of placing his reputation in jeopardy."

* * * **BUSBEY** asked that Harvey and some others be given a hearing in a closed session of the Senate-House atomic energy committee. He said he was certain the hearing would clear Harvey completely.

Harvey, who's real name is Paul H. Aurandt, was seized at 1:10 a.m. last Tuesday by an Argonne guard, after he had scaled a 10-foot fence to enter the restricted area near Lemont.

Harvey, after questioning by the FBI, said only that he hall been "working in conjunction and co-operation with the investgating divisions of several of the

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Busbey, representative from departments of the government

ACCORDING to high govern ment officials, preliminary ir vestigation has indicated no criminal intent upon Harvey's part, but pointed to an attempt to obtain material for a broadcast on security arrangements at the laboratory.

Merlin W. Griffith, business agent of the Argonne Guards Union (Ind.), praised the commentator for showing up what Griffith said were security "flaws."

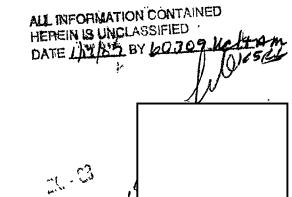
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Bushey Links Himself With IV Commentation Seized at Atom Plant

By the Associated Press

Representative Busbey, Repub-lican, of Illinois last night linked himself with Paul Harvey, the Chicago radio and television commentator, who made a night-time incursion into the grounds of an atomic laboratory last week and was taken into temporary custody. Mr. Busbey said in a statement:

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These officials have said evidence pointed to an attempt to obtain material for a broadcast on security arrangements at the look at. laboratory.

Mr. Harvey has said the episode will be cleared in due time but added he was not in position to provide details.

Chairman McMahon said the formation to the proper investi-Senate-House Atomic Committee gating authorities." is not planning any full-scale The AEC said Mr. Harvey was is not planning any full-scale investigation of its own.

Defended by Union Leader.

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OF PAUL HARVEY Mr Chicago office of operations of the atomic energy commission yesterday declined to confirm or deny Mr. Maaas reports that a television script Τe 100 was found in the auto of Paul H. Aurandt, radio news commentator known as Paul Harvey, when he was seized at 1:10 a. m. Tuesday in a restricted part of the Argonne National laboratory in Du Page county. . The television script purportedly was to relate details of Aurandt's experiences in testing security measures at the atomic center. The script was said to have been found in Aurandt's auto parked outside the laboratory fence. Aurandt was questioned, ţ but was not held. Two guards at the laboratory have been suspended as a result of the incident. It was presumed that: neither was the guard who seized Aurandt. The radio commentator had scaled a 10 foot fence and his overcoat became caught in barbed wire before he was seized. It has been disclosed that one of the suspended guards was taking part with Aurandt in the so-called test. The atomic energy commission said names and other details would not be disclosed until its investigation has been completed. 6 1 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED BEREIN IS UNCLAUSIFIED b6 07 BY 10309 DATE) b7C 17-947-A CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE 87 FEB 27 1951 <u>Ltan City 7forme</u> Edition . e_____. EB 11 1951 Date 1956ol.

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Harold C. Urey, noted atomic scientist, Saturday blasted the abortive attempt of news commentator <u>Paul Harvey</u> to crash the Argonne National Laboratory as "a bunch of darn foolishness."

At the same time, an official of Local 1, Argonne Guard Union (Ind.) declared the union would seek the reinstatement of two guards suspended in connection with Harvey's foray into the atomic plant grounds.

Urey, Nobel Prize winner and University of Chicago chemist who Lelped develop the atomic bomb, demanded:

"What was he (Harvey) trying to do—sabotage the defense effort? If he had sneaked into the lab, a furor would have been created all over the country. Security regulations would have been clamped down hard and all atomic research at the lab would have been stopped or slowed down."

SCRIPT PREPARED

In advance of his "Operation Backfire," Harvey had prepared a "script" of an expose intended to show up security safeguards at the laboratory near Lemont. A guard seized the hefty radio and television commentator early Tuesday after he had scaled a barb wire fence.

The Atomic Energy Commission Suspended two guards who allegedly aided Harvey in his exploit. Merlin W. Griffith, business agenof the guards' local union and him self a guard at the lab, said.

"The men should be exonerated --both were interested only in bettering security conditions. There isn't a man among us who wouldn't give his life for his country."

Griffith. said the union didn't sanction Harvey's method of seeking to show that the lab's security line could be crashed.

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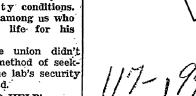
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But the two guards he defended apparently were implicated in cooperating with the fantastic "Operation Backfire" which Urey said could have slowed atomic research progress if it had been successful. "Harvey was only trying to helf of mational security," said Griffith Griffith maintained that protective facilities at the lab were in need of "overhauling."



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U. S. SUSPENDS 2D A-LAB GUARD IN HARVEY CASE

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Suspension of a second guard at the Argonnie laboratory was announced yesterday as more details were learned of the seizure of Paul Hi Aurandt, radio news commentator known as Paul Harvey, just inside the laboratory grounds about 1:10 a. m. Tuesday. The new information indicated Aurandt was attempting to test security measures of the atomic center.

A guard at the laboratory, which is near Lemont, Will county, had told Aurandt that security was lax, according to the details learned yesterday. Aurandt, who has criticized government security measures in his broadcasts, persuaded a friend, John Crowley, 450 Belmont av., a reserve maval lieutenant and a civilian employe of the office of naval intelligence, to accompany him and the guard, one of those suspended, on a trip to the laboratory grounds.

Coat Caught on Wire

As Aurandt scaled a 10 foot fence, his overcoat became caught in barbed wire. By the time he freed himself, a jeep patrol arrived. The guard hid in bushes, and Crowley hid outside the fence. While the patrol questioned Aurandt, the guard slipped away. He and Crowley returned to Chicago. Crowley's identification card was found in Aurandt's automobile, hidden nearby. The second guard's connection with the affair was not explained.

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John G. Sevcik, 2221 Ridgeland av., Berwyn, president of the Burton Dixie company, mattress makers who sponsor Aurandt's broadcasts, said he is convinced, on the basis of information received from Aurandt and other sources, that the commentator will be vindicated.

AEC Pushes Inquiry

Sevcik said he was not permitted to say more until a hearing is held by the atomic energy commission. The commission's Chicago field office, in two statements announcing suspension of the guards, said names and other details would not be issued until its investigation has been completed.

The federal bureau of investigation has made a thoro inquiry, federal officials in Washington said. Justice department criminal lawyers studied the FBI- report and decided that Aurandt did not willfully violate any federal law and that no prosecution was indicated.

Aurandt, addressing the annual Bureau county teachers institute at Princeton, III., yesterday, said he couldn't "answer the \$64 question" but assured his questioner that "this thing will be cleared up in due time."

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On Horvey Exploit: CHICAGO, Feb. 9 (CTPS)—AL thought FBI and Atomic Energy commission officials refused to comment, it was reported today that the science of Paul Harvey. American Broadcasting company commentator, inside the 10 foot fence of the A.E.S.'s Argonne Na-tional laboratory near here last Tuesday resulted from an at-tempt by Harvey to prove security measures at the laboratory were inadequate.

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A guard who had revealed lax safety precautions and a civilian employe of the Office of Naval Intelligence h ad accompanied Harvy to the laboratory grounds shortly after 1 a.m. They were not sighted by the jeep patrol that captured the radio man. Both escaned while the newscaster Both escaped while the newscaster was explaining his presence, and both have been suspended.

Harvey had scaled the fence, and the guard and intelligence employe were preparing to follow when the patrol which guards the

vey's automobile near-by. Guards mund the car and traced the emmoye through the billfold.

Atom Group Gets FBI's Findings on Harvey

Federal Bureau of Investigation reports on the attempt of Paul Harvey, radio commentator, to get into the Argonne National Laboratory here were in the hands of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy committee today.

Sen. McMahon (D) of Connecticut, committee chairman, said in Washington an exhaustive investigation would be made into "this monkey business."

Harvey's capture while reportedly scaling the first of seven fences surrounding the laboratory, has resulted in suspension of two guards and firing of a Navy civilian employe who accompanied Harvey on last Tuesday's venture.

The second guard was suspended last night.

A laboratory official said all 250 guards had been screened before being assigned, and added that the fact Harvey was nabbed at pistol point seconds after he had scaled the outer 10-foot fence showed the expansive grounds are well protected.

Sen. McMahon, commenting on the committee's interest in the case, said:

"We're very much interested. We want to know about this lad, and what he's up to."

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Suspended for Not Shooting at Harvey

The guard who caught Paul Harvey when the radio news caster invaded the Argonne National Laboratory grounds was suspended because he failed to open fire immediately, the Daily News has learned.

While this "laxity" spared Har. vey, it was explained that if real hold the names of the guards saboteurs had been involved they could have killed or disabled the guard and gone on to damage the laboratory.

HARVEY himself was kept at gunpoint by the guard. But he was accompanied to the grounds hear Lemont early Tuesday by wo other men, a disgruntled guard and a Navy Reserve officer.

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Saboteurs might have used just such a method: sending ahead a "decoy" to distract the guard so that the others could come up behind him and kill or slug him.

Credence was lent to this possibility by the fact that Harvey's companions did escape at the time.

Federal officers later learned their identity and questioned them, however.

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sion continued Saturday to withpending further investigation. * *

THE NAVY MAN, John Crowley, 31, of 450 Belmont av., has been suspended from his civilian post in Naval Intelligence here.

He was under Navy orders not to talk of the incident.

<u>Crowley voluntarily went to</u> the FBI and told of his part in the fiasco at the urging of his brother, George, former attorney in the penal division of the Internal Revenue Department.

He reportedly said he was unaware of the extent of 'Harvey's plans.

* * * HARYEY, whose real name is Paul H. Aurandt, kept his silence Saturday. 🐡

-But Washington sources said he had simply planned to write his name at several spots in the leboratory and then relate the exploit on his radio and television news broadcasts.

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The Chicago field office of the atomic energy commission announced yesterday that a guard at the Argonne National laboratory has been suspended pending completion of the investigation into the seizure last Tuesday of Paul H Aurandt, radio newscaster known as Paul Harvey, in the laboratory grounds.

A. Tammaro, manager of the Chicago office, said a third per son, not connected with the lab oratory or the commission, also is involved in the investigation. Tammaro declined to disclose the name of the suspended guard or the other person involved.

Details Pledged "When Safe" Commission officials said no nipre information could be disclosed, but indicated a thoro govelament investigation is in progriss and said future developments would be announced "as soon as this can be done safely."

Aurandt read a copy of the commission's announcement in his office at the American Broadcasting company, and then said; "No comment."

A spokesman for the AEC in Washington said the incident is still under investigation and nothing will be reported until the inquiry is completed. A spokesman for the justice department said it has investigated and has forwarded a report to the AEC.

In Washington, the office of Sen, McMahon [D., Conn.], chairman of the joint congressional committee on atomic energy, said McMahon would ask the AFC to make a full report to his committee.

Nabbed After Climbing Fence Aurandt was seized at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday just after he had climbed a 10 foot fence into the laboratory grounds near Lemont. He was fuestioned by laboratory guards and federal bureau of identificaion agents, then released. Later he issued a statement in

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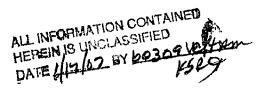
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which he said he had been working in cooperation with investigating divisions of several departments of the federal government.

Shortly after Aurandt was seized an automobile was found hidden outside the laboratory grounds. A wallet and identification papers belonging to another person were found in the car.

FBI officials said Aurandt had never worked for that organization.

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Navy Agent Linked Tó Atom Mystery 3-4-3×By, Jack Star A guard at Argonne National Laboratory has been sus-

pended as a result of the mysterious invasion of the restricted area by Paul Harvey, radio and TV commentator, it was disclosed Thursday.

A. Tammaro, manager of the Chicago Operations Office of the Atomic Energy Commission, said a third person, not connected with the laboratory. reportedly was involved.

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Meanwhile, Sen. McMahon (D-Conn.), chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, told The SUN-TIMES he would demand full facts of the episode Friday.

SECURITY BLACKOUT A security blackout tes, shrouded the case since the American Broad-casting Co. commentator was seized early Tuesday by a guard at the months." Taboratory near Lemont. The FI

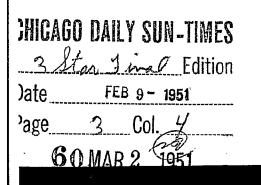
Tammaro said the name of the suspended guard would not be, made public until a complete investigation has been carried out.

The third person reportedly involved in the case is believed to be an agent of the Office of Naval Intelligence acting without authorization.

Rear Adm. J. Cary Jones, commandant of the 9th Naval District, said he had insufficient information to warrant a statement at this time.

'HARVEY'S EXPLANATION

The only explanation offered by Harvey is that he "has been working in conjunction and cooperation with stigating divisions of sev-



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eral of the departments of the U.S. government for the past several

The FBL which under law is the sole agency responsible for atomic security, denies that Harvey was

working for it. Harvey, who is also known as Paul H. Aurandt, was arrested at 1.10 a.m. Tuesday just after he climbed a 10-foot barbed wire-topped fence into a restricted area of the laboratory. He was questioned for many hours at FBI headquarters here and then released.

TRUE FACTS' KNOWN

McMahon said he understood the 'true facts about the case" are known to both the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Justice. He said he will demand that their reports be made public.

A wallet and credentials belonging to another man were found in Harvey's parked car near the laboratory grounds. The Atomic. Energy Commission believes they belong to an "accomplice" who fled from the scene.

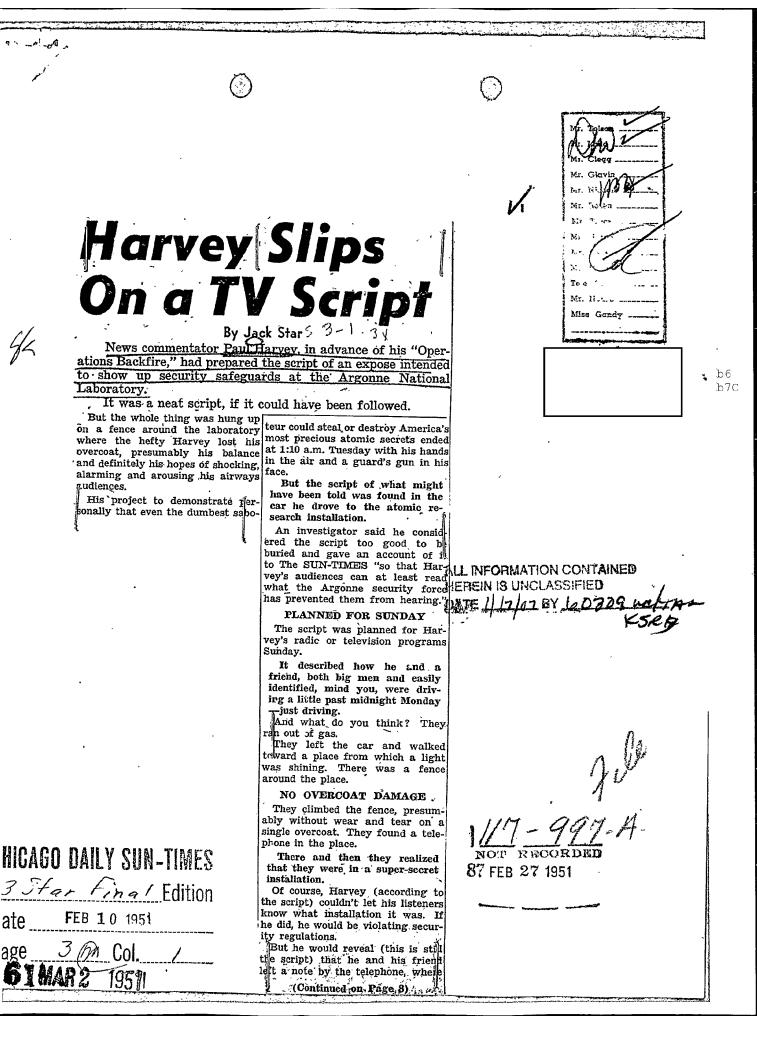
There has been much speculation about the contents of the FBI's report on Harvey., One associate of the WENR commentator said Harvey 'was engaged in a research project for a certain agency" about the efficiency of security precautions

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guards. Then they climbed back over the fence and returned to the car, carefully described as a bright-colored

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'Paul's fiasco" bore no resemblance to the script, meanwhile.

The Atomic Energy Commission suspended the second guard implicated in Harvey's "unauthorized entry." A first guard was suspended 24 hours earlier. Neither's name was disclosed.

Another victim of "Operations Backfire" was reported to be a civilian agent for the Chicago Office of Navai Intelligence. He was fired, it was said, for going along with Harvey as per script.

The Navy announced that "whatever the civilian employe did was done without the knowledge or consent of the Navy."

HARVEY'S CLAIMS

Harvey, whose programs are aired over WENR and WENR-TV (American Broadcasting Co.) has claimed affiliation "with the inestigating divisions of several departments of the U.S. government."

A probe begun by Sen. McMahon (D-Conn.) and his Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy has failed to uncover any of Harvey's "government connections."

McMahon labeled Harvey's predawn foray a "very bizarre exploit," and promised that his committee will get "a full report at the eagliest possible moment."

Just what motivated the "bizarre exploit" was the subject of a 3,000word report turned over Friday to the Atomic Energy Commission by the FBI.

CREDENTIALS FOUND

That Argonne's security is excellent, authorities said, was evidenced by the fact that Harvey was nabbed at pistol-point only seconds after he laboriously scaled a 10-foot fence topped with barbed wire. Leaving his overcoat impaled on the wire, Harvey surrendered willingly.

There was nothing lax about the subsequent FB1 probe, either. The "a complices" who aided Har ey were quickly taken in too. T hat wasn't too difficult because one of Harvey's aids left all his creden-

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tials behind him as he fled Argonne What Harvey would have done if he hadn't been nabbed is a matter for conjecture - there were about seven more high fences between him and the nearest building.

The Atomic Energy Commission refused to comment on a report that an Argonne guard had induced Har-Developments growing out of vey "to see for himself" how easy it was to sneak into the laboratory. The guard is said to have guided Harvey and the Navy employe to the fence.

Harvey, whose real name is Paul. H Aurandt, maintained his abashed Slience when questioned by reporters. Nor were the Navy, Justice Department and atomic authorities willing to discuss what some thought was becoming an atomic comedy.

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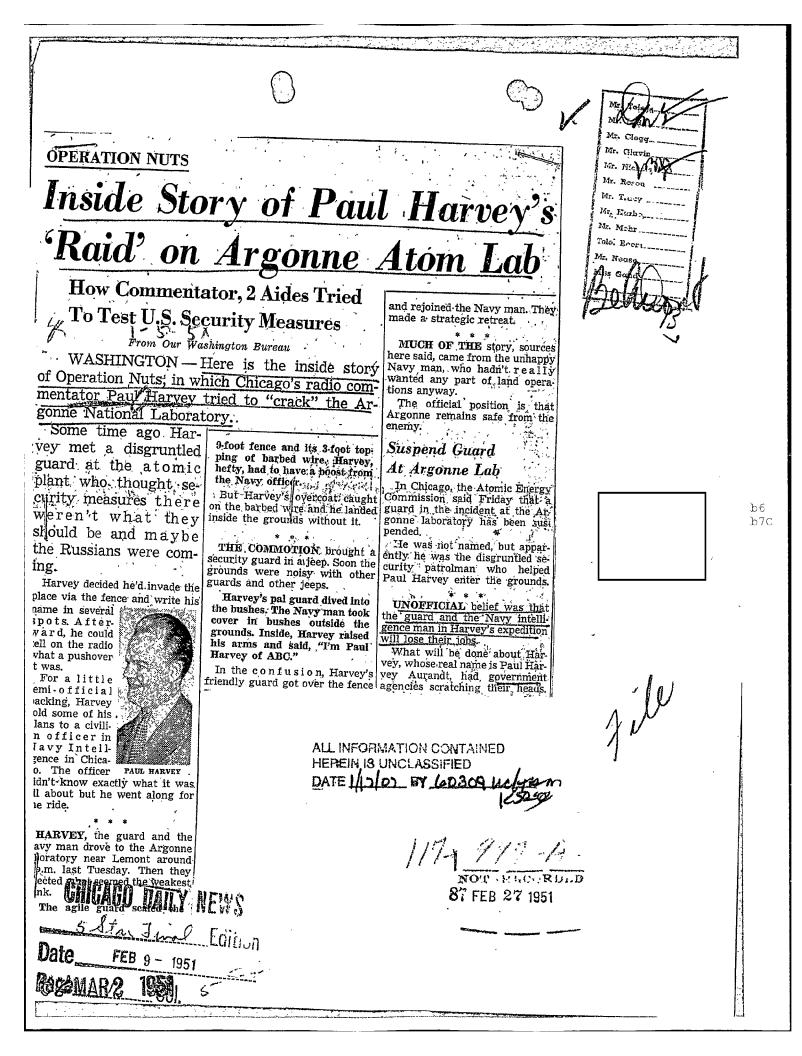
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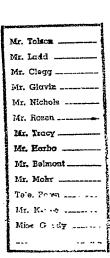
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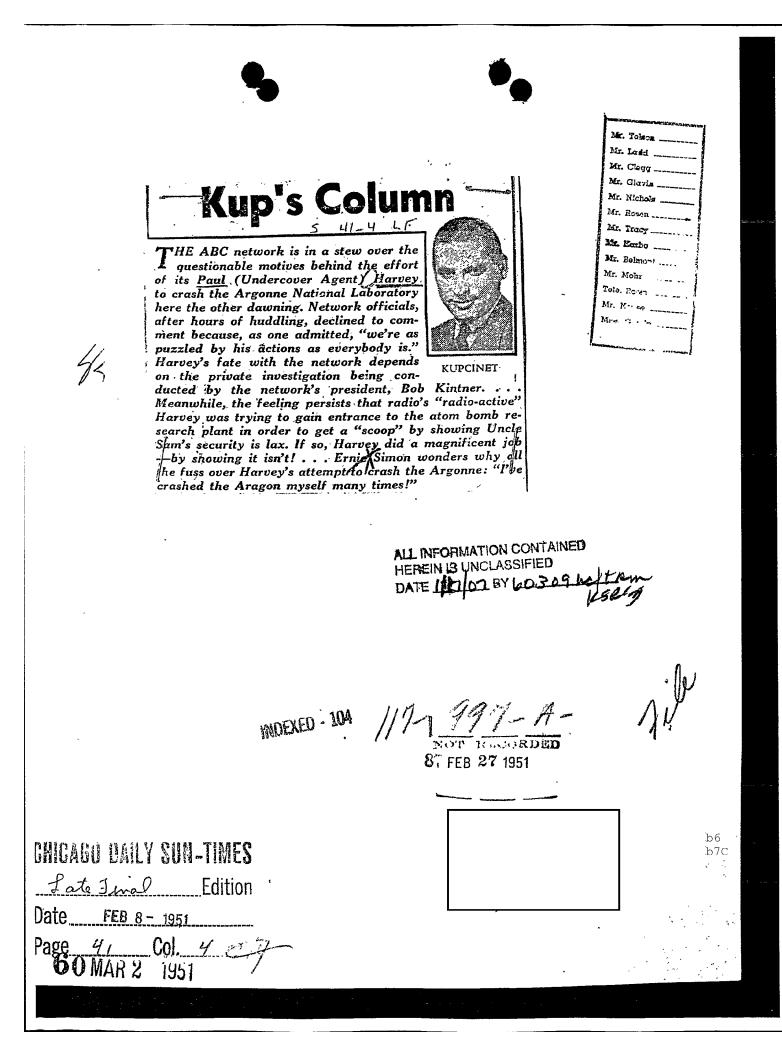
Asked about Harvey's 10 p.m. broadcast over WENR, the receptionist said the show would be played from a record.

Later, an ABC spokesman called reach Harvey for comment at the The SUN-TIMES to say that it was all an error-that Harvey had Jeen in the studios all the time, but had "just left." A call on Harvey's unlisted phone

brought only the information that "Mr. Harvey is out."

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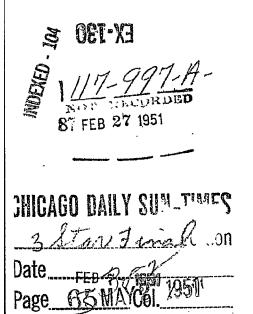


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An official of radio station WENR, the local ABC outlet, denied Mrs. Harvey's assertion that the statement came from the radio station.

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of guards at the atomic laboratory You can understand," he said,

"that because of the circumstances surrounding all this I cannot elaborate."

McSwain said that "at no time was Harvey employed by the FBI." He also pointed out that the FBI is the particular agency "charged with the responsibility for internal security."

Harvey did say that the predawn foray had nothing to do with his nightly radio and television broadcasts over WENR and WENR-TV. He indicated he wasn't trying "to get a story."

The Atomic Energy Commission as Paul H' Aurandt, was seized by himself only briefly and in the third guard Emmett Dalton who was pa- person. He said that Paul Harvey trolling a road inside "a fenced re- news commentator, had been found stricted area."

Dalton reported that Harvey was working with a government in started to flee but stumbled and vestigative agency.

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A coat was found atop the fince and Harvey's Cadillac auto was discovered hidden in some bushes on government property outsiding the fenced area.

"A wallet and identifying papers found in the car indicated that Harvey may have had accomplices," according to a commission spokesman.

Authorities here and in Washing ton said they regarded the episode as "extremely serious." It was understood that the connections Harvey claimed with "governmental investigating divisions" are being checked.

On his WENR news broadcast said that Harvey, who is also known Tuesday night, Harvey referred to himself only briefly and in the third at the laboratory and had said le

FBI Continues Probe Of Atom Lab Incident

FBI agents Wednesday continued their investigation into the unauthorized attempt of radio news commentator <u>Paul Harvey</u> to enter the grounds of the Argonne National Laboratory near Lemont.

Harvey was captured at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday by guard Emmett Dalton, a few minutes after he had scaled a 10-foot fence topped with barbed wire, according to an Atomic Energy Commission statement.

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A laboratory spokesman said papers and a wallet found in Harvey's auto, parked in bushes outside the laboratory grounds, indicated someone else may have been with him.

HARVEY, whose full name is Paul Harvey Aurandt, said he has "been working in conjunttion and co-operation with the investigating division of several of the departments for the last several months."

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He said he could not say more.

In Washington, the FBI said: "Paul Harvey has at no time ever been employed by the FBI, the agency responsible for internal security.

"This matter is still under investigation. As soon as all the facts are secured, they will be turned over to the Atomic Energy Commission."

Harvey was released after Fill agents had questioned him.

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PAUL HARVEY SEIZED INSIDE ATOM LAB AREA

Paul H Aurandt, 3400 Lake Shore dr., an American Broadcast-

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ing company radio and television newscaster under the name of Paul Harvey, was seized by a guard at the Argonne national laboratory in Du Page county at 1:10 a. m. yesterday, a few minutes

Harrey after he had climbed a fence surrounding the laboratory's restricted area.

News of the arrest was released in a statement by the atomic energy commission only after it was approved "at the highest level" in Washington. Aurandt was turned over to federal bureau of investigation agents for questioning and later released.

Too Busy to Talk Reached at his home, Aurand declined comment. He said he wa busy in many conferences and only wanted to make it clear that he was not in custody. When asked when and why he changed his name to Harvey, he hung up the phone. Friends explained Paul Harvey are his given names.

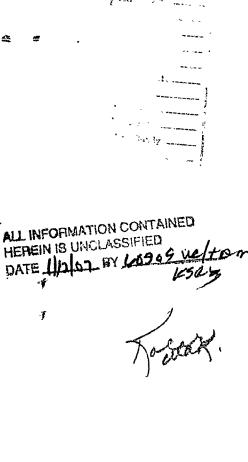
Later in the day Aurandt said: "I have been working in conjunction and cooperation with the investigating divisions of several of the departments of the United States government for the last several months. I am not at liberty nor am I authorized by the governmental investigating divisions to release any story or information concerning the matters upon which I have been working."

Held by Guard

The statement of the atomic energy commission said that Aurandt was arrested by a guard patroling a road inside the fence. An automobile with 1950 Illinois license plates registered under the name "E. Harvey, 3400 Lake Shore dr., Chicago," was found parked in bushes near the plant. The statement added that a wallet and identifying papers found in the car indicated that "Aurandt" may have had accomplices."

Cornelius O'Dea, news director of the American Broadcasting company, said the company had no knowledge of what Aurandt was doing yesterday. O'Dea said he called Aurandt, but all he could get from him was a terse " no comment."

Aurandt appears on a 15 minute news broadcast nightly over station WENR and has a 10 minute program on WENR-TV, Monday thru Friday.



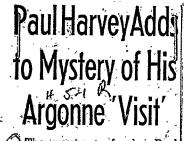
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The mystery of why Paul Harvey, radio and television commentator, was on the grounds of the closely guarded Argonne National Laboratory in Du Page County early yesterday remained veiled today.

In his broadcast on station WENR last night, Harvey gave ne explanation. Referring the himself in the third person, he

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said: "The Atomic Energy Comand television commentator Paul Harvey, was 'appre-hended' making an 'unauthorized entry' early today at the Argonne National Laboratory. The laboratory turned him over to the FBI for questioning, but it was learned he has not been detained.

"Paul Harvey made a state-ment saying: "He has been working in conjunction and cooperation with the investigating divisions of several of the departments of the United States government, for the last several months." The AEC statement said Ha-vy was seized "affer he hed apparently scaled the fence." ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 417/07 BY 60309 KA

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Paul Harvey, radio and TV commentator, was testing the security setup of Argonne National Laboratory when he was seized Monday night on the federal reservation, The Herald-American learned today from a reliable source. He found the security setup . Having chosen a course of so adequate that he has since silence following his promot spent many unpleasant hours capture after he had scaled a

ing, but the explanation is a MYSTERY DISPELLED simple one. ι,

testing grounds was lax, Harvey pipgram as a public service.

Since outcome of his own "experiment" was quite the contrary, his closest associates now explain that Harvey's strange silence is due to a fear that the "simple explanation" would not be accepted.

NOT THE FIRST

reporter to be led astray by an to the case. intense desire to learn firstnation.

Recently newsmen came ashore in New Jersey from a small raft on the Atlantic to prove the ease with which invaders carrying an atom bomb could reach downtown New Yark-with such weapons, without Coast Guard detection.

under FBI grilling. He has re-The Herald-American he would mained silent as to his actual not confirm or deny the story motive in the nocturnal prowl- of his "journalistic enterprise."

Nevertheless this newspaper's If he had found that guarding source was so close to the popof the Atomic Energy Commis- ular radio and TV figure that sion's most secret experimental no "mystery" existed after the true version was learned. testing grounds was lax, Harvey Harvey in no way strayed had intended to report that from the truth when he andingerous situation in his news no inced, in this only public statement, that he had been

> "cooperating with secret gdyernment agencies.". He is a very cooperative man-but this had nothing to do with his adventure.

Though releasing ... Harvey after extended and futile ques-The 6-foot-3, 235-pound ABC tioning, the FBI continued to commentator is not the first take a very serious attitude as Admitting Harvey's record hand information on a situa-seemed "entirely beyond ie-tion of vital importance to the proach," agents added they were still investigating.

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