Lie Detector Test Invited By Chambers

By Associated Press

Whittaker Chambers offered last night to take a lie detector test as a means of checking his charges that Alger Hiss slipped U.S. secrets to him for relay to Moscow.

"I particularly want to spike the rumor that Alger Hiss is shielding some one," Chambers said. "He is shielding nobody but himself."

Chambers made that offer in a radio interview with Bert Andrews of the New York Herald Tribune.

Hiss Refused Test

He previously had offered to undergo such a test when he testified in 1948 before the House un-American activities committee, but none was ever made after Hiss declined to take one on the grounds that the test was not reliable.

It was Chambers' disclosures of a pre-war Communist spy ring which led to the perjury conviction last week of Hiss, former State department official who now is under a five-year prison sentence.

Chambers told Andrews he is willing to be asked any questions with the stipulation that those

Mrs. Roosevelt "not convinced" Hiss is guilty. Story on page 2.

who conduct the test "must be free of any suspicion of complicity with Communists or close ties with Alger Hiss and his sympathizers."

He said he also wanted to specify that this question be included:

"Was there ever anything peculiar in your relationship with Alger Hiss or any member of his family?"

Mrs. Roosevelt

He offered no comment on the court verdict which Hiss has appealed. But when Andrews quoted Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as saying she thinks it was "rather horrible" of the jury to condemn someone on the word of someone else who admits to guilt, Chambers said:

"I think that Mrs. Roosevelt, like some other people, is too inclined to consider this a contest between Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers. She overlooks the fact that the jury did not reach its verdict merely on the basis of the stories of the two men. There was corroboration from many witnesses and from other forms of evidence on the charges against Mr. Hiss."

"I believe the American people," Chambers added, "still accept the verdicts of their duly-selected juries rather than the personal opinion of any well-meaning individual, no matter how highly placed that individual may be."

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