

# A-SPIES CALLED U. S. PATRIOTS IN COMMIE PAPER

## Party Leaders Eulogize Rosenbergs

New York, June 23 (AP)—The Communist party today in an official statement about the Rosenberg spy executions called the couple "two immortal American patriots."

The statement was published in the Daily Worker, Communist party journal. It was signed by William Z. Foster, party chairman; Pettis Perry, and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

The statement said: "The claim the Rosenbergs 'had their day in court' is a mockery of truth and justice. The Supreme court was reconvened illegally to cancel the stay of execution, and met with a pistol at its head in the form of impeachment threats, in an atmosphere of a southern lynch town."

### Betrayed Atom Secrets

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were electrocuted at Sing Sing Friday for betraying United States atomic bomb secrets to Russia. The case was appealed to the Supreme court five times. It met in special session last week after Justice Douglas granted a stay on grounds the couple might have been tried under the wrong law. By a 6 to 3 vote the full court voided the stay.

Thruout their trial and afterwards, the Rosenbergs declined to answer questions whether they ever belonged to the Communist party, and insisted they were innocent victims of a frameup.

### Convict Two of Signers

The party statement today said the government "plotted to force the humble Jewish couple to betray democracy by 'fingering' the progressive and Marxist movement as an 'espionage conspiracy.'"

Two of the signers of the statement, Miss Flynn, 62, and Pettis Perry, 56, were convicted Jan. 21 with 11 other "second string" communist leaders for participating in a revolutionary conspiracy. Each was sentenced to three years in prison and fined \$6,000. All have appealed.

Foster, 72, recently was granted a stay of trial because of a heart condition. He is charged with conspiring to advocate overthrow of the government. Foster was indicted with 11 top Red leaders, but gained a severance. The rest were convicted in 1949. Eight are serving prison terms and three jumped bail and are still at large.