

# Saturday January 21, 1950



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## Overview

January 21, 1950 (Saturday)

- Former U.S. State Department official, and accused Communist spy, Alger Hiss was convicted of perjury by a federal jury in New York, based primarily on the testimony of former Communist, and *TIME* Magazine editor, Whittaker Chambers.
- The village of Tangasar, located in the Kurdish region of Iran, was buried in an avalanche of ice and snow, killing 44 families.
- *The Cocktail Party*, a play by T. S. Eliot, began a successful run on Broadway, and would win the 1950 Tony Award for Best Play.
- **Born:** Billy Ocean, Trinidadian-British pop singer, as Leslie Charles in Fyzabad
- **Died:** George Orwell (Eric Arthur Blair), 46, English novelist who wrote *Nineteen Eighty-Four* and *Animal Farm*

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Last Thursday the 19th Kim had asked Nil to have the Chinese troops, of Korean-nationality returned to North Korea, and today Nie sent a report to the CCP Central Committee on the subject.

## Alger Hiss Convicted

Alger Hiss is convicted for perjury after a jury concludes that he made false statements in denying Whittaker Chambers' allegations that the two men had known each other as Communists in the 1930s. Hiss will serve more than three years in federal prison.

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