

Bloodshed Threatens as Refugee Ships Anchor

Black Market Gang Smashed

New York Family Spread Over World

Two Former Army and Navy Officers Arrested—Father Ran Business From Gotham

BERLIN (UP)—The U.S. Army reported today that its agents had smashed a multi-million-dollar global black market ring operated by a New York family with sons in Berlin, Paris, New York and Shanghai.

War Surplus Profits Told By Ex-Convict

Agent Field Hazy On Details of Wire Screen Deal

WASHINGTON (UP)—Benjamin F. Fields, ex-convict and man of many parts, told a House investigating committee today that he profited by buying government surplus war materials at below market costs and reselling them to private enterprises.

WAA Is Easy

Fields said there was "no difficulty" finding out what material the WAA had for sale. "It's all catalogued," he said. Fields explained that a call to any War Assets office sufficed to obtain information on surplus property.

Fields testified he found the screening while visiting a Richmond, Va., surplus property warehouse.

He said he also received "a split" of the difference between the cost and sales prices of goods involved in deals that he arranged. Fields was called to tell, among other things, how he obtained scarce bronze wire screening from the WAA.

Fields also said he could not remember the exact terms of an order for wire screening placed with him last April 20 by Baumrin Brothers, a New York firm.

He said, however, that ordinarily he received five per cent of the purchase value as his brokerage fee. He said he also got "a split of the difference" if he bought at a lower price than the market price.

Caribbean Has New Tremor

CUADRU TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic (AP)—Earth tremors which have kept this Caribbean island in terror for eight days were felt here again this morning, but the shocks have been decreasing in frequency and intensity in the last 48 hours.

Monk Arrested in Connection With Theft of Il Duce's Body

MILAN (UP)—Police said today they have arrested Fr. Enrico Zucca, director of the Franciscan Angellum Convent, in connection with the theft of Mussolini's body. Police, however, refused to reveal the exact charges against Fr. Zucca.

Forecast

The U. S. Weather Bureau reports:—Pittsfield—Fair tonight and tomorrow, continued cool. Low tonight, 46. High tomorrow, 56. Gentle variable winds.



RETIRE AT 40: Peter Buckley, five-gaited grey ribbon winner in show rings from Massachusetts to Kentucky, long owned by the late James T. Goggins Jr. of this city, was officially retired from competition at the Williamstown horse show yesterday.

Audience of 12,000 Hears Final Tanglewood Concert

Demonstration at Concluding Performance Exceeds Anything Ever Witnessed Before in Music Shed

By JAY C. ROSENFELD The season at Tanglewood came to a glorious close yesterday afternoon when Serge Koussevitzky led the Boston Symphony Orchestra and a chorus trained by Robert Shaw of the Berkshire Music Center in the ninth program of the ninth Berkshire Festival consisting of the Beethoven ninth symphony and Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom." An audience of 12,000 of which scarcely half could be seated in the formal rows within the Shed lingered to cheer and applaud long after the last note of the choral symphony had ceased to resound.

Russia Asks Reshuffle in Dardanelles

LONDON (UP)—The British government announced today that Russia had asked Turkey for a revision of the Montreux convention which now gives the Turks a large measure of control over the Dardanelles.

The Foreign Office said the government had received a copy of the Soviet note to Turkey asking for the Montreux revision. A Foreign Office spokesman said Britain will support the demand for revision of the convention, pointing out that both Britain and the United States agreed to this during the Potsdam conference when Russia raised the question.

It was believed that Britain would support American proposals that the straits be opened to merchant ships and Black Sea warships at all times. However, it was expected that Britain would oppose any proposal depriving Turkey of her sovereign rights over the Dardanelles.

Drive-Yourself Movement Wipes Out Festival Craps Game

Yes, the revival of the Berkshire Symphonic Festival after four war summers is marked by nostalgic similarities of prewar years but one old festival phase was missing this year. The chauffeurs over in the parking area for box holders were not shooting craps for the first time since the Festival went bi-time.

Russian Poker Kills Seaman

ST. PETERS, Pa. (AP)—A 19-year-old merchant marine staked his life in a game of Russian poker yesterday and drew a losing hand. The victim was John D. Baldwin of Pottstown, Pa.

In "Russian poker" a single bullet is placed in the chamber of a pistol. The "player" spins the chamber, points the gun at his head and pulls the trigger. The weight of the bullet is supposed to carry it past the hammer of the gun as the chamber revolves.

Four Nations Get Voice in Treaty Making

Decision Opens Gates to Similar Requests

PARIS (UP)—The peace conference today agreed unanimously to invite Albania, Mexico, Cuba and Egypt to state their views in a plenary session and in the Italian treaty commissions. The four nations were invited by the plenary session after two hours of wrangling over procedure and technicalities during which the Soviet bloc was defeated by a 15 to 6 vote when it opposed a British proposal.

Others Excluded Iran also sought admission, but failed when none of the members moved to include her. Britain tried to get Austria included among the invited states, after Austria submitted a belated request. Later the British withdrew the Austrian proposal.

The conference decision ended two days' debate on ways of letting nations outside the 21 members express their views. It almost certainly opens the floodgates to a flock of other requests—probably from most countries which declared war against the Axis.

The Soviet defeat came in a dispute over what body would establish the procedure for hearing the views of the newly invited states. Russia favored letting the secretariat do the job and Britain proposed that the steering committee handle it. The British view prevailed 15 to 6.

The conference then elected Fouques du Parc, France, as permanent secretary general. He is already serving as temporary secretary general. It was proposed that the conference secretariat be formed of representatives of the Big Four and four other states.

Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Russia, opposed naming Australia to the secretariat, saying that Australia was going to get the chairmanship of an important commission and the secretariat place should go to some other nation.

Australia, Vishinsky said, has "been a rather temperamental member of our meeting and has taken part in our discussions with great strength and energy. I therefore suggest a representative of a slightly calmer nation and suggest Ethiopia which is a very calm nation, indeed."

Ethiopia declined the Soviet nomination, and the Soviets withdrew. Vishinsky declared the original four nominees elected to serve with the Big Four members.

Vishinsky rose and said, "We must say here to be quite precise that the Soviet delegation did vote for the Australian representative who solemnly acknowledged the statement."

Strikes Cut Down Bread in Major Cities

Bread supplies were curtailed today in two of the nation's three largest cities by strikes of AFL Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union locals seeking wage increases.

Two-thirds of the daily output in Philadelphia was cut off by walk-outs at 13 plants of 8 major firms. An industry spokesman estimated the daily production loss at a million loaves, leaving fewer than half that many to feed approximately 4,000,000 residents of the area.

In Chicago a walkout affected some 350 smaller shops, leaving the large wholesale bakeries in operation. The union estimated the strike cut the city's bread supply 20 per cent, but a spokesman for the Associated Retail Bakers of Greater Chicago said production would drop 33 per cent.

British Plan Detention Camp, Declare Sympathizers Ashore

Shower of Rockets Seen Over Sweden

STOCKHOLM (UP)—The Swedish Army sent investigators today to central Sweden where rockets were reported to have crashed last night during a veritable shower of the mysterious missiles.

The first reports seeping through a military black-out indicated the Army investigators found nothing at the scene of the reported explosions. They gave rise to a theory that the rockets are made of material of which little or nothing is left when they explode in the air.

Most unconfirmed theories were that the Russians were experimenting with rockets or flying bombs and German scientists were helping them in their work. Witnesses said that one of last night's rockets passed directly over Stockholm and exploded north of the city.

Many experts think the things which crashed in Sweden were not bombs, but the accumulation of what is left of propulsion material, with the rockets themselves being radio-directed back to base after a tour of Sweden. The movement of the rockets varied. Some followed a straight course, others veered. In most cases the course was from southeast to northwest. But there were stories of missiles coming straight from the north.

The missiles seemed to be flying soundlessly, giving rise to stories that they were launched or powered by some new means. The speeds were estimated in some cases as high as 600 miles an hour.

Shipments to Berkshires Cut Off by Truck Strike

Many Necessary Commodities Held Up as 1000 Drivers Including 150 From County Quit Work

Shipments of many necessary commodities into Berkshire County were cut off today because of a motor transportation strike by Local 294, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL). The local has about 1000 drivers, 150 of them in Berkshire County.

Relief Study Group Favors Soviet Loan

Would Speed Rebuilding of Cities Ruined by War

PRAGUE (UP)—Seven members of the American Russian Relief Committee, who just completed a 5000-mile uncensored tour of the Soviet Union, today recommended the granting of American credits to speed the rebuilding of Russian cities destroyed in the war.

Members of the committee will leave Prague today for Amsterdam and New York. Dr. Edward Young, Boston, Mass., said: "If Minsk or Stalingrad, whose destruction could not have been more complete, could have one brick cleaner like the 50 which Americans took to Berlin, it would relieve 200 women laborers."

Dr. Quis Newton, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "One bulldozer would help thousands of people existing in the rubble of bombed cities to get a decent place to live."

Had Free Hand The committee members said they inspected every phase of Soviet life without restriction and for the most part without official guidance, they took still photographs and movies of Russian factories, hospitals and laboratories and held open press conferences in all cities. Ministers on the committee reported complete religious freedom. They were allowed to preach in Moscow, Leningrad, and Minsk and to participate in several scores of Moscow radio and local broadcasts, they said. They reported a tremendous religious revival under way with churches jammed to standing room.

Other members of the party were Peter Grimm, president of the New York State Chamber of Commerce; Louis Levine, president of the Jewish Council for Russian Relief; Mrs. Laell Dickinson, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Dr. Ralph Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, New York, and Fred Myers, executive director of the American Russian Relief organization.

Son Slays Politically-Minded Mother for 'Good of Citizens'

SALEM (AP)—Shortly after 10, Thomas Henry Brown, 29, called police to his home today and told them he had killed his mother, Mrs. Annie Dixon Brown, 67, he was held without bail charged with murder.

"I did it for the welfare of the citizens at large," police said Brown told them. Brown attempted to plead guilty at his preliminary arraignment in District Court. After City Marshal John C. Harkins explained the lower court could not accept such a plea, Brown impenitently changed it to one of innocence. The case was continued to Aug. 19. In summoning police, Brown told them to "come over and you'll find something funny."

The woman's body was found on a day bed and a preliminary examination, Dr. Herman C. Sands said, indicated she had been strangled. Police Capt. John D. Brennan quoted the son as saying: "I just murdered my mother. I had been thinking about it some time. I did it for the welfare of the citizens at large."

Transports Stand By for Transfer Job

JERUSALEM (FP)—Two more immigrant ships crowded with Jewish refugees anchored just outside Haifa harbor today, adding an explosive pressure to the Palestine situation already tense with reports of a pending British blockade.

Arrival of the two ships brought to 3900, by Jewish estimate, the number of refugees aboard ship at Haifa or en route who may not be allowed to land because they are without immigration certificates.

Many Jews have predicted bloodshed if the immigrants are not allowed to land, and there have been hints at "direct action" to bring them ashore.

Jewish circles said they believed the British intended to load the newcomers on two British troop transports, standing by in the harbor and heavily guarded harbor, and take them away, possibly to a prepared detention camp on the island of Cyprus in the eastern Mediterranean.

One of the troop ships, said a Jewish Agency spokesman, arrived yesterday with the captain's quarters enclosed by barbed wire, indicating the officers were prepared to fence themselves in event of emergency.

London dispatches said Britain is expected to announce tonight its immediate Palestine program, a program which government informants already have said will include an ironclad sea blockade to halt the flow of unauthorized immigration, and land operations to halt at its source in the displaced persons camps of Europe the tide of Jews seeking a home in the Holy Land.

Other developments in tense Palestine included a recess until tomorrow in the trial by a military court of 29 young Jewish men and women members of the Stern Gang, underground or g a n i s t s , on charges of attacking the Haifa railway shops on June 17.

The accused sang in Hebrew for 10 minutes when the trial opened this morning behind a heavy guard of British and Arab Legion troops. Shlomo Eisenberg, general secretary of the Jewish Agency Executive Council, he had asked Jerusalem's postmaster general to investigate alleged tampering with agency mail. Declaring many letters to the agency staff had been torn open in the past two weeks, he said he suspected "secret unofficial censorship."

2700 Detained Arrival of the two vessels brought to almost 2700 the number of Jewish refugees detained aboard ships at Haifa because of lack of proper immigration certificates. Still another vessel loaded with illegal immigrants was reported en route to Haifa under escort of a British destroyer after being sighted off the coast by an RAF plane and at least one more was believed at sea.

The newest arrivals were identified as the Yagur, carrying 700 refugees, and the Henrietta Szold, a one-masted sailing craft loaded down with 500 passengers—half of them children and 30 of these babies in arms.

The Szold, named for the American Jewess who devoted her life to aiding child immigrants in the United States, was towed the last few miles of the journey by a police launch, her engine having broken down at sea.

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