



Anti-Aircraft Rocket Claim Of Germans Recalled

FORT BLISS, Tex., Oct. 13.—(P)—German scientists have said they had intercepted type rockets used by the enemy against American forces at the end of World War II. This was recalled as a congressional committee was told that Russia probably has guided missiles capable of downing bombers flying above 40,000 feet. A German engineer, Walter Riedel, told reporters about the

anti-aircraft rocket here late in November 1946. He and 117 of his countrymen then were engaged in missiles development at Fort Bliss and the nearby White Sands, N. M., proving ground. They had been brought here a year earlier as civilians working under contract with the army ordnance department. Riedel was a design engineer for the dread V-2 rocket. He also was principal designer of the German's "wasserfall" (waterfall). A much smaller missile. This 26-foot, 81-ton rocket had just been pronounced ready for use about the time Germany was forced to surrender, Riedel related. He said it was operated by remote control and proved satisfactory in tests.

Actress Object Of Police Search At Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13.—(P)—Police ran down such leads as "a clean cut young man," someone named Kirk, and an enigmatic note today, as they searched for Jean Elizabeth Spangler, movie and television bit player and former Earl Carroll dancer. But not a single clue paid off. The only really tangible lead, investigators said, was her ripped purse, found in rambling Griffith park. The 27-year-old brunette has been missing since Friday night. The purse was found Sunday.

Folsom Convicts Knifed; One Dead, Another Dying

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 12.—(P)—A stabbing affray at Folsom prison Tuesday took the life of one prisoner and another is not expected to live. The warden's office reported Willard Borton, 49, serving a life sentence from Los Angeles county as an habitual criminal, was stabbed three times near the heart and once in the back. A knife with an eight-inch blade was used. Frederick Galloway, 47, doing life for assault with a deadly weapon, suffered knife wounds and is not expected to live, according to the prison officials. The stabbings took place near the laundry about 8:30 a.m. The wielder of the knife has not yet been apprehended.

Czechoslovakia's Spreading Purge Arousing Dread

PRAGUE, Oct. 13.—(P)—Large sections of Czechoslovakia's 13,000,000 people live in fear today while the Communist government carries out a purge that has hit Army Officers, Catholic officials, Businessmen and Communist party functionaries. Citizens display a dread bordering on tearful hysteria that almost anybody can be hit in the great roundup, by the charge of treason or of "Titoism" or merely by the denunciation of some snoper. The police roundup is centering in Prague, but it is hitting elsewhere in Bohemia and Moravia. Slovakia, however, is the scene of more routine arrests, chiefly of Roman Catholic priests and other accused of being "disident elements." Some estimates, doubtless exaggerated, place the number of those arrested throughout the country in recent days as high as 30,000. There is nothing official yet from the Communist-led government. Even wearers of Communist Party badges didn't appear to feel safe. An unimpeachable source said that two officers in Moravia had been sentenced to life imprisonment for high treason. Five defendants were given shorter terms. Other sources said many officers had been arrested as "political unreliable" at Olomouc, also in Moravia. The roundup of thousands of small business and professional persons was reported diminishing, though it still continued.

Belittling Of A-Bomb's Power Branded 'Silly'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(P)—Two lawmakers told Congress Tuesday it is not true that an atomic blast won't hurt you from a mile and a half away. Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) said in the Senate that it was "silly" of Navy Commander Eugene Tatom to make such a statement to the House Armed Services committee. McMahon is chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Energy committee. Another member of that group, Rep. Hollifield (D-Calif.), similarly denounced Tatom's statement in a House speech. Hollifield said Tatom must have drawn his conclusions from knowledge of the "obsolete" bombs dropped on Japan. Great progress has been made since the war, Hollifield said, in developing the A-bomb. The United States' present area of commercial forest land is estimated at 461 million acres.

Other reliable sources said 40 more Roman Catholic priests and nuns had been arrested, joining more than 300 church leaders in jail because they oppose government plans to take over control of the nation's churches on Nov. 1. As yet the government-controlled Czech press has not reported any of these arrests.

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Lumber Orders Outstrip Output

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 13.—Unfilled order files for lumber mounted and gross stocks at Douglas fir sawmills of western Washington and Oregon declined as mills for the sixth straight week took more business than production, according to H. E. Smith, secretary, West Coast Lumbermen's association. Orders have exceeded output for nine of the last twelve weeks. Fir producers accepted 18 million feet a week more business during September than production, Smith pointed out. Even in the face of a serious freight car shortage in southern Oregon, mills shipped 15 million feet a week more lumber than they cut during September. By September's end gross stocks at mills had shrunk to 929,038,000 board feet, lowest in 12 months, the lumber executive stated. Stocks dropped 38 million feet in September from August totals and the unfilled order file stood at 584,574,000 board feet, up some 12 million feet over August. Both orders and shipments were well above production for the first 30 weeks of 1949, Smith stated. He said the demand for West Coast lumber was credited to some extent to the nationwide promotion campaign financed by the industry to acquaint buyers and users with the proper grade of lumber for each job.

Investigators were mystified over a note in the purse reading: "Kirk—can't wait any longer. Going to see Dr. —. Will work best this way while mother is away." The mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Spangler, formerly of St. Louis, is visiting relatives in Lexington, Ky.

OSC Student Badly Injured In Auto Crash
ALBANY, Oct. 12.—(P)—A head-on automobile collision two miles west of here Monday night put two Corvallis men in a hospital, one of them seriously hurt. Arthur D. Fugate, Oregon State college student, suffered possible internal injuries, arm fracture and severe cuts. He was driving west. Eldon LaVerne Edwards, driving east, suffered face cuts. Mrs. Edwards escaped with minor hurts.

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Localities, there were published reports suggesting that she is the tenth victim of a series of unsolved sex murders which began in January, 1948, with the mutilation slaying of Elizabeth Short, known as the Black Dahlia.

Initiative Petition At Salem Presents Puzzle

SALEM, Oct. 13.—(P)—A preliminary initiative petition, the first filed for the 1950 general election, was filed in the State department Tuesday. But nobody knows what it means around here. The sponsor, Raymond J. Beach, Portland, said it would amend the constitution to "perpetuate the tax freedom" of Oregon citizens. It says: "The financial policy of this state shall implement the development and perpetuation of tax freedom by utilizing the service contributions of its citizens as basis for credit issue." If Beach gets the required 16,000 signatures, it would go on the ballot.

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