

Western Allies Turn Back Expellees From Poland

GOETTENGEN, Germany, March 7.—(AP)—The Western Allies kept a trainload of 198 Germans expelled from Communist Polish territory out of Western Germany Monday.

The Allied high commission has said it has information that Poland intends to dump 250,000 expellees in Western Germany.

The Western Allies have vowed to prevent the forced exodus, except for 25,000 expellees who have West German relatives who can help care for them.

West German officials have informed the Western Allies they will be unable to cope with the expected flood of refugees.

The Allied authorities believe Communist Poland has a two-fold objective: to complicate the West German economy, already burdened with 9,000,000 refugees and expellees and 2,000,000 unemployed; to cut the ground from any future German claims on territory east of the Oder-Neisse line based on the argument that the population is largely German.

Skier Evens Score On Accidentally Broken Legs

SEATTLE, March 8.—(AP)—Doug Devin is turning out to be something of a trial to his father, Mayor William F. Devin.

Mayor Devin, charged with the safety of Seattle's 500,000 persons, a former traffic judge, and acknowledged expert among safety officials of the nation, visited his son in the hospital Monday again.

Young Devin broke his leg two years ago in a skiing accident at Stevens pass. Saturday he repeat-

ed the mishap, only this time it was the left leg—and worse.

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Egg Business White Elephant For Uncle Sam; He Wants To Discard It

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—The subject for today will be eggs, too. The government has about 73,000,000 pounds of same stored in a dozen states in the Midwest. That's the equivalent of 219,000,000 dozen eggs in the shell.

Only about a tenth of them are in the famous cave near Atchison, Kan., which has received so much publicity. But wherever they are, the government would like to get rid of them.

To this end the government recently offered surplus dried and frozen eggs for sale for export for 40 cents a pound, at some 75 storage points. There are few takers. The dried eggs cost the government from \$1.00 to \$1.20 a pound. But since one pound of dried eggs is equal to three dozen shell eggs, there's a lot of food value for the money.

For school lunch programs, Bureau of Indian affairs and federal agencies, the government is offering the dried eggs for free, if they'll pay transportation costs.

The government got into this egg business during the war, of course. It was through the famous Steagall amendment to the 1945 farm bill, it specified that, to encourage the production of much-needed foods, their prices should be supported by government purchase at 90 percent of parity. This was for the duration plus two years, which meant through the calendar year 1948.

The Hope-Aiken bill continued this support through 1949. The Gore-Anderson farm bill of 1949 put eggs on a permissive list, which meant they could be supported at any level from zero to 90 percent of parity. Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan made the administrative decision to support the price of eggs at 90 percent of parity.

What the secretary was shooting for was to keep the farm price of eggs at around 47 cents a dozen. But since this resulted in the production of too many eggs, on Jan. 1, 1950 the secretary lowered supports to shoot at a farm price level of 37 cents a dozen.

This cut of over 20 percent in support prices brought a loud squawk from the egg trade, but so far it hasn't cut down egg production much. One principal reason is that in this year's open winter, the hens have been laying more than usual. But the hope is that ultimately the lowered support price will reduce production closer to demand levels.

Of course the government doesn't buy the eggs themselves. It buys only dried eggs, paying the egg dryers a price that will enable them to buy eggs from the farmers at the desired levels.

Grading Is Barrier

The fact is not generally recognized, but the government has bought no eggs in the populous east, nor on the west coast. It has not been necessary. There is an egg shortage in these areas, not a surplus, and it is this shortage which is blamed for high egg prices in city markets.

One question frequently asked is why the surplus eggs from the Midwest couldn't be shipped east to relieve the shortage and break the high prices?

The principal reason given is that the Midwest farm or nest eggs are ungraded and too small for city market acceptance. Only about one or two eggs out of a dozen would be accepted by the egg trade. And the cost of sorting, grading and transporting to city markets is too high to yield any profit.

Egg men say it may take a generation to get farmers' wives into the habit of sorting and grading their eggs so that they'll compete with the product of the egg "factories" which cater to city markets.

Ungraded nest eggs are, however, cheaper and therefore more suitable for breaking and separating for freezing, or for drying. But the normal commercial outlets for frozen or dried eggs is limited.

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Coal Strike End Recalls Workers To Industries

PITTSBURGH, March 8.—(AP)—The nation's railroads recalled thousands of furloughed workers today as the government removed most of the schedule curtailments ordered during the recent soft coal strike.

Steel and other affected industries also headed their stalled production toward normal.

United mine worker members in virtually all the soft coal fields were back in the mines digging needed coal.

The interstate commerce commission said all restrictions on freight service by coal-using railroads will be lifted at 11:59 p.m. (local time) tonight.

Restrictions also were lifted on passenger service effective at 11:59 p.m. (local time) Friday except for coal-burning railroads having less than 10 days supply.

Those roads were given permission to return passenger service to 75 percent effective the night of March 10. Passenger service on all coal-burning railroads was cut 50 percent by an ICC order issued last month when the coal shortage became acute.

Hard coal (anthracite) negotiations are still going on in Washington. The 78,000 hard coal miners in Eastern Pennsylvania continued to work a three-day week throughout the strike of 372,000 soft coal diggers.

A local dispute caused violence yesterday at a hard coal operation in Pottsville, Pa.

Roving pickets set fire to three mine tipples in a mass demonstration against royalty payments demanded by the owner of land where their mines are located. More than 1,500 free lance miners joined the protest.

One man was beaten by pickets when he attempted to put out one of the fires. No one was arrested. The outburst followed orders by H. Wilson Lark, Shamokin businessman, who said miners would have to pay him 60 cents for each ton of coal dug from his land. The previous rate was 37 1/2 cents.

Monster Again Sighted Off British Columbia

PORT ALBERNI, B. C., March 8 (CP)—The weird old monster, Caddy, has reared in British Columbia waters again.

This time the 50-foot creature with fins four feet high, a long slender neck and a cat-like head was sighted off Tofino, on the West coast of Vancouver island by Gwen Colemand and Bryan Tickle of Port Alberni.

They said the creature was within 100 feet of the shore.

Their description fitted that given by other persons, including a supreme court justice, who have said they witnessed a strange monster rearing from the waters around the island.

Harold the Fairhaired unified Norway in the ninth century.

January Traffic Death Toll Up From Year Ago

CHICAGO, March 8.—(AP)—The nation's traffic accidents killed 2,430 persons in the first month of 1950, the National Safety council reports.

The January toll was four percent higher than the 2,340 traffic fatalities in January, 1949.

Despite the national increase, the south central states cut traffic deaths five percent over a year ago, and the Pacific states averaged a 27 percent reduction.

All other regions reported increases.

Alcohol Puts Writer Under Guardianship

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—(AP)—The estate of mystery story writer Craig Rice, 41, has been transferred to the care of her foster mother, Mrs. Nancy R. Rice, 80.

Mrs. Rice as guardian was given control of property worth \$2,000, royalty from 20 books, and interest in a radio program. She told superior court Miss Rice was incompetent "by reason of chronic alcoholism."

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