

	NORTH AMERICA 122,000 Communists, more than half of them in the U. S.
	CENTRAL AMERICA INCLUDING CUBA 176,000 Communists, largest group in Cuba
	SOUTH AMERICA 300,000 Communists, biggest colony in Brazil
	WESTERN EUROPE 4,750,000 Communists, principally in France and Italy
	FAR EAST 3,625,000 Communists of whom an estimated 3,500,000 are in China

STALIN'S FIFTH COLUMNS—Newschart above shows number of card-carrying Communists outside the Iron Curtain, according to well-informed U. S. military sources. The estimate of Chinese Communist strength is recent, but all others are based on October information. These indicate a "fifth column" of nearly 9,000,000 Communist party members, but military intelligence now says this is too conservative and has revised its estimate to 12,000,000.

Movieland's Public Relations At Lowest Point Since 1920s, Many Thinking People Believe

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD. — (AP)—Movieland's public relations, in the opinion of many thinking people here, are at their lowest point since the black years of the early '20s. Back in those days, the movie industry was also threatened with federal regulation. The narcotics death of a star, a murder involving two actresses and a manslaughter charge against a comedian brought down a torrent of public criticism. The scandals, plus a cycle of loose moralized films, were denounced on the floor of the U. S. Senate.

Now it is 1950 and another Senator — Johnson of Colorado — is blasting Hollywood. Back in the '20s, the movie industry solved its problems by hiring Postmaster General Will Hays from President Harding's cabinet. Hays policed the movies, just as Judge Landis whipped organized baseball into shape after the Black Sox scandal, in which Chicago players were bribed to throw a series.

Baseball has not had a major scandal since. But Hollywood has. And movieland's bad publicity has mounted to an alarming degree in the last two years.

Hollywood Worried
Hollywood is worried. The town is concerned not only about the scandals, but about the nation's attitude toward the movie industry as a whole. The reason for the concern is simple enough—theater business is not good. Hollywood believes its pictures are as good as ever. Then what is the reason for the falling-off box-office? Television is part of the answer. A larger part is public relations, many film men believe.

"Hollywood has never made an attempt to sell itself to the public," a distinguished star told me. "It has always been too concerned with selling its Jane Russells." And it doesn't even know how to sell stars and pictures any more. It is still using the same hoary methods it used a quarter of a century ago. All the other big industries — the soap concerns, the department stores, for instance — have the latest surveys on what is selling and how to sell it. But the movies are still using antiquated methods."


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Story Of The Firing Squad, Tommy Atkins In First War

By DEWITT MacKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
It was midnight and the residents of this French town, in the back area of the British world-war zone, had long been snoring in their four-posters. The fighting was way off to the east, and there wasn't much to disturb the country calm.

Only Tommy Smith at headquarters knew that not all was as quiet as it seemed, and that there was at least one burner of midnight oil. The colonel in command was still at work. At least he could see him peering back and forth with hands clasped behind him and chin on chest.

Had the sentry been blessed with second sight he would have known that the "Old Man" was in distress. No, nothing to do with the fighting up in the lines. Just one of those smaller problems which sometimes are more difficult than the big ones.

Private Tommy Atkins was to be shot at dawn. One of the colonel's boys. One of the lads he loved like sons. So the "Old Man" paced the floor, and from time to time glanced anxiously towards the mantle where the clock was racing to meet the sunrise. Dash that clock: why did it go so fast!

Just a few fleeting hours and then — dawn, a firing squad; a pale faced lad with appealing eyes; a quick command; a crash of rifle fire! Why must such things be! **Felt Like Murderer**
The colonel brushed the moisture savagely from his eyes. He felt like a murderer, for he himself had concurred in the sentence of death on Tommy.

The "Old Man" had liked Tommy from the first. The boy had a cheery winning smile. And he was a good lad, on the whole. Perhaps he was a tiny bit lax about morals occasionally, but morals and war have little in common. You can't order a soldier to bayonet and blind. It is the most publicized picture of all them, having been splashed on front pages for almost a year. All Hollywood expected the film to show a lusty profit.

"Stromboli" appears destined to show a deficit. Although the curious flooded the theaters on the first day of its showing, people stayed away in large crowds thereafter.

This turn of the public mind has Hollywood scratching its head. The filmsters have learned that bad publicity can mean bad business at the theaters.

BIG GAME FACES EXTINCTION
WASHINGTON — (AP)—A number of species of big game are near extinction, says the National Geographic society. In North America, the moose, caribou and grizzly bear are rare. The bison and sea otter grow in number, but there are few of them. The trumpeter swan, the whooping crane and the California condor are rare birds. The Alaskan brown bear is being killed off rapidly. Whales, making their last stand in the Antarctic, are declining in numbers.

The orang-outang of Borneo and Sumatra, India's one-horned rhinoceros, the Asiatic lion, the Arabian ostrich and the bush elephant also show declining numbers.

Vivien Kellems Asks Nomination For U. S. Senate

HARTFORD, Conn., April 13.—(AP)—Vivien Kellems, who thinks the men ought to move over and make room for women in politics, wants Connecticut Republicans to nominate her for the U. S. Senate. Miss Kellems, a cable grip manufacturer who has made a part-time career of heckling the Truman administration, flung her spring hat into the ring yesterday. Miss Kellems has flirted with politics before. In 1942, she waged a spirited campaign for the Republican nomination for Congress in Connecticut's fourth (Fairfield county) district. She lost out, however, to Clare Boothe Luce, playwright.

wright-wife of publisher Henry R. Luce, who went on to win the election and serve two terms in the House. Miss Kellems made plain her low opinion of males in the Republican party in a recent speech here. She predicted Democrats would nominate Eleanor Roosevelt for vice president in 1952, and said Republicans better get busy and find an "Eleanor" of their own to follow suit. Women had a great opportunity, she asserted, because Republican men are "bereft of hope, helpless and utterly devoid of inspiration or plan." Miss Kellems will be up against a couple of males in her fight for the Republican senatorial nomination. Prescott S. Bush, Greenwich fi-

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