

Soviet Diplomats Upped To Lure Arab Support

MOSCOW (U. S. P. —) The Soviet Union and Egypt are raising their legations to each other to the status of embassies and promoting their ministers to ambassadors. Announcement of their agreement on this, made in Pravda today, said the aim is to "strengthen and develop relations."

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British Crack Jamaican Reds

KINGSTON, JAMAICA (U. S. P. —) Britain cranked up an anti-Red drive in a third Caribbean colony today after seizing documents in lightening raids on two left-wing centers in this West Indies island capital.

Following crackdowns on alleged pro-Communists in British Guiana and British Honduras on the American continent, authorities Monday swooped down here on the home of Jamaican labor leader Ferdinand Christof Smith, assistant secretary of the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions, and on the offices of the left-wing People's Educational Organization.

Police said documents they seized in Smith's home identified Communist organizers and fellow travelers in Jamaica. The files and papers taken in the raid on the educational organization were said by police to have been of a type banned by law as undesirable.

Bodies Of Countless Japs Lie In Iwo Jima Caverns

By GEORGE MCARTHUR
IWO JIMA (U. S. P. —) Unknown thousands of Japanese soldiers lie buried in honeycombed caves beneath Iwo Jima while American Marines ironically practice on the 9-year-old battlefield to defend Japan.

An Air Force Captain who has studied the fantastic underground defenses said "I've seen at least 5,000 bodies."

A Marine engineer said "There may be 10,000 bodies here. We all know there were 20,000 Japanese here and only a handful got off. It stands to reason the rest are still down in the caves."

The bodies are not buried. They rest where the men died or were carried.

The caves have been placed off limits by the military. However, many bodies have been uncovered accidentally by demolition squads exploding old ammunition and sealing off caves for maneuvers by the 3rd Marine Division—part of the defense of Japan.

Marine Maj. Roland M. Daly of Spokane, Wash., reported sealing off two caves, one with 600 bodies and the second with up to 1,400. Although his estimates were hasty and probably high, demolition men report finding some bodies in almost every big cave.

The caves are littered with old and dangerous ammunition and explosives.

Chaplain Capt. George S. Bieber, Williamsburg, Pa., has made an extensive study of the underground positions since he came to the is-

land in October, 1953. He has mapped 18 fantastic underground honeycombs scattered over the five mile long island. He has made no effort to map the hundreds of smaller caves.

He is confident he is on the track of the General's Cave, last command post of Lt. Gen. Tadachichi Kuribayashi, who defended the island to the death. The general's fate has never been conclusively proved. With him may be documents detailing the full grim picture of the underground defense.

Many bodies rest where men committed suicide. Some line passageways where they were placed in an effort to keep the Marines from determining the extent of Japanese casualties. Some wounded are apparently simply abandoned to die. Some are found in the bunks carved in the side of the caves.

Many Japanese were buried in mass graves after the Marines seized the island. Bodies later were taken from some of the caves and buried. But many caves—including the mysterious General's Cave—were never located, or even suspected.

Some of the caves extend seven levels down, literally honeycombing the volcanic island.

Bieber's studies of the caves have become more or less official. He has had to use oxygen on one of his deep explorations. The caves are oppressively hot and sulphur fumes fill many.

The intense heat and the sulphur fumes may have preserved some bodies.

When the island fell, Marines sealed off hundreds of caves.

Erosion and earthquakes reopen the passages. Blasting to seal one entrance may reopen others. And the depths of many of the caves have never been reached. On a blast recently set off a chain reaction and explosions continued for hours.

Bieber found one laboratory which had apparently been scorched by a flamethrower. The doctor was there with a blackened stethoscope and wristwatch. Burned vials, medicines and microscopes lined the cave wall.

Bieber found one Japanese wearing a uniform with no insignia. By him was a message which told the defenders of Iwo Jima to prepare themselves since much United States activity had been noticed around Okinawa.

Young Logger Injures Back

By MRS. TED PETERSON
William James Sharp, 21, son of Robert Sharp, Tenmile was treated at Winston Emergency Hospital and Clinic and then taken by Winston ambulance to Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville for additional treatment Thursday for injuries received in a logging accident. Young Sharp received four fractured vertebrae when he was hit by a falling log.

Gene Fenter, Round Prairie, underwent treatment at Winston Emergency Hospital and Clinic Thursday for severe cuts of the leg received when he fell on a power saw while trying to run from a falling tree.

Traveling to Eugene on Monday for a day of combined business and pleasure were Mrs. Grace Barnes, Mrs. Belle Clark, Mrs. Willard Laurance and Mrs. Stanford Buell, all of Dillard.

Word comes from Eugene that Mrs. James Hansen (Grace-Ellen Simpson) former resident of Rice County, is recovering satisfactorily following surgery on her arm. During her hospital stay the Hansen's young son, Matt, has been visiting his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Rice, in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Carlin of Coos Bay Saturday visiting at the home of the latter's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Masters, in Winston Section.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bacher and son, Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Masters and Karen Owens shared a day's outing last Sunday on the beach at Winchester Bay.

Other Winston residents who picked up the state park along the beach were Mr. and Mrs. John Markham and children, Johnny, Carol and Joan.

Thailand Will Soon Get Bison From Portland Zoo

PORTLAND (U. S. P. —) Thailand, the country where Portland's elephant Rosy came from, soon will have an American bison from the Portland zoo.

Austin Flegel, Portland attorney and chief of the U. S. technical and economic mission to Thailand, some time ago notified zoo officials that Thailand wanted a bison. It was Flegel who made arrangements for Rosy to come to Portland.

When Dr. J. W. Williamson, Thailand veterinarian, arrived from Bangkok last week, arrangements were made to ship the bison—its name is Bubbles—to the Far East.

Umpqua Scouts Hold Special Honor Court

By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON
Boy Scout Troop 121 of Umpqua held a special court of honor on Wednesday evening at the Community Hall, with their new scoutmaster, Roy Peery in charge.

Joe Phelps, who had earned his merit badge in rabbit raising and as scribe, is moving and would be unable to attend the regular court.

A group of friends and parents witnessed the presentation, with the awards being handed to his mother, Mrs. Lillian Phelps. A short skit was given by the boys after which donuts and punch were served. The regular court of honor will be held March 24.

The Umpqua 4-H Clubs gave their chicken and noodle supper on Saturday night and considered it a success. They served 100 people and report a profit of \$60.50. The boys and girls served the food which had been prepared by parents and friends. A special thanks is given from the club leaders, to Mrs. D. W. Munson, Mr. Rippstein, Mrs. Ella Teller, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Amerson, Mrs. Thelma Leonard and George Munson who helped through the evening.

WALL COLLAPSES
GILLINGHAM, England, (U. S. P. —) Harry, Hanson slammed the door of his house behind him Monday night and the front wall collapsed onto the lawn.

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RAINMAKER SUED

OKLAHOMA CITY (U. S. P. —) An El Reno restaurant operator, J. G. Samples, Tuesday sued Dr. Irving P. Krick, Denver, rainmaker, for \$36,800 damages, claiming he caused a flood last Nov. 18 which damaged Samples' cafe and home.

Okla. City officials last November signed a six-months' contract with Krick for \$37,493 to seed clouds over the north Canadian River watershed above the city's two lakes.

Samples charged that Krick, despite indications of a heavy rain in El Reno, set his generators to work last November and resulted in a 6.12-inch rain in a few hours creating a flash flood.

BALDIES, TAKE NOTICE

JAMESTOWN, N. Y. (U. S. P. —) A barbershop sign here says: "Haircut—\$1; bald heads—50 cents."

Several Hundred Idle Men May Return To Jobs

PORTLAND (U. S. P. —) Several hundred idle men are expected to go back to work in shipyards as a result of low bids on ship repair projects submitted by three Portland firms.

The Northwest Marine Iron Works was awarded a \$260,000 contract for drydocking and overhauling the Navy tanker Mission Purisima.

Albina Engine and Machine Works, Inc., was low bidder for drydocking and overhauling the tanker Mission San Fernando. Albina's bid was \$230,000.

Willamette Iron and Steel, with a bid of \$385,000, was low for decommissioning the Navy transport Gen. M. L. Hersey, which is to be laid up in San Francisco Bay.

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