

HURRICANE BATERS NORTHWEST COAST

Brain-Washed Americans, Expelled By Chinese Reds, Say Communism Best Life

Claim Punishment Deserved
For Spying For United States;
Got 'Wonderful Treatment'

By FRED HAMPSON
HONG KONG (AP) — Two Americans expelled from Red China as spies repeated Monday that they consider communism the best possible way of life and believe the whole world will some day adopt it.

The pair, Malcolm Bersohn, 29, of New York City, and Mrs. Adele Austin Rickett, 35, formerly of Seattle, Wash., arrived by train from Peiping Sunday after 3 1/2 years in jail or under close detention.

They astonished newsmen and U. S. consulate officials by proclaiming they had spied for the United States, deserved their punishment and got "wonderful treatment" from their captors in Peiping.

The woman said her husband, Walter A. Rickett, is still in a Peiping prison. The couple went to China in 1948 as Fulbright scholars. Bersohn, a graduate of Harvard University who also studied at the University of Chicago, had been a medical student at the Peiping Union Medical College.

There was no immediate official comment from Washington on their remarks. But newsmen in Hong Kong, the pair's families back in America and some U. S. officials credited the Red Chinese with having done a thorough job of brainwashing.

Lack 'Honor' of Being Reds

Interviewed Monday at the Hong Kong YWCA after a night's rest, both Bersohn and Mrs. Rickett refused to meet questions with party-line answers.

Both said they "have not the honor" to be Communists. Mrs. Rickett explained:

"Only the best people can join. I am not worthy. I have committed a crime."

"We believe all nations will adopt the Communist society of their own free will," Bersohn declared. Bersohn described the Peiping regime as "democratic because it represents the people and is interested in peace."

Both he and the woman said they were going home to "be upright and honest and because peace is endangered by the warmongers of Wall Street and Washington."

"Once in 1946, I told a lie to the people," Bersohn continued. "I said the Americans wanted peace in China. That was a lie."

"Peace" Campaign Muddled

The man said he and Mrs. Rickett, when they returned to America, "might get out petitions for peace and to do away with the atom bomb."

"We might help form delegations to go to Washington to work for peace and fight the warmongers,"

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Connolly Faces Court Today On Liquor Charge

District court arraignment was set today for Richard Connolly, 23, of 351 1/2 South St., who is accused of furnishing juveniles with intoxicating liquor.

Connolly was arrested in Coquille Saturday morning by state police and returned here, where he was freed from the county jail after his mother posted \$500 bond. The father of a 12-year-old girl signed the complaint against Connolly. The girl admitted to city police last Friday morning that she and a friend, 14, had been in Connolly's living quarters, where she said they were given wine.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Washington this morning the house of representatives approves unanimously the compromise (house-senate conference committee) bill boosting the pay of members of congress to \$23,750 a year—an increase of \$8,750.

The senate is expected to concur without delay, and it is a certainty that the President will sign the bill.

The pay boost is practically in the bag.

We-e-l-l-l-l—

"The laborer is worthy of his hire." (Luke 10:7.)

"For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the laborer is worthy of his reward." (1 Timothy 5:18.)

I cherish the pious hope that the members of our congress will read and ponder those words from the Scripture—and give heed to them.

It is true that the laborer is worthy of his hire. It is true that one

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The Weather

Mostly cloudy with showers of rain or mixed rain and snow to night and Tuesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 45

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 33

Highest temp. any Feb. 79

Lowest temp. any Feb. 7

Precip. last 24 hours .09

Precip. from Feb. 1 1.75

Precip. from Sept. 1 14.65

Deficiency from Sept. 1 7.19

Sunset tonight, 6:01 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6:50 a.m.

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West Germans Vote Defense Rearmament

Ratification In Next Step Held Certain

Lower House's Action
Also Includes Joint
Use Of Saar Resources

BONN, Germany (AP) — National rearmament treaties to join half a million West German soldiers to the 14-nation Atlantic defense force moved today to Parliament's upper house. Final ratification is expected there within three weeks.

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