

Ex-Prisoner Believes Russia Holds 8 Fliers

BERLIN-(AP)—A Detroit man back from slavery in the Soviet Union expressed the belief Tuesday that eight American fliers shot down off Europe in 1950 may be alive in Soviet prison camps.

The Detroit, John H. Noble, 31, spent 9½ years in Soviet captivity. As a prisoner at the Vorkuta slave labor camp he witnessed the 1953 revolt there.

Laborers Termed Restless

He said the slave laborers need "only a spark" to flare into open rebellion. He declared the forced labor brigades are restless, have rebelled in the past and are likely to do so again.

Noble added he had been told at Vorkuta that the American airmen were held in a Soviet prison. He called it common knowledge at Vorkuta that some Americans who came down in the Baltic Sea were in captivity.

A US Navy privateer, a four-engine plane, disappeared over the Baltic in April, 1950, with 10 men. The US government in notes to Moscow contended the crew apparently had managed to ditch safely because two partly inflated liferafts were found.

Soviets Conceded Firing

The Soviets would only concede that they had fired upon an American bomber of the B29 type which, they contended, violated Communist territory.

Noble was released by the Russians here last Saturday along with Pvt. William C. Marchuk of Norristown, Pa. They had met a third American, Pvt. William Verdine of Starks, La., at Vorkuta. The Soviet Union informed the United States Tuesday that Verdine also will be released.

Marchuk Faces AWOL

Marchuk now is in Army detention, facing a possible court martial for being absent without leave.

"He told me he got picked up in the Soviet sector of Berlin while drunk," Noble said.

Noble described to newsmen his four years in the notorious camp at Vorkuta in Arctic Rus-

sia, where the temperatures once hit 72 degrees below zero, and added quietly he lived through his ordeal only because of "confidence in God."

100,000 Involved in Strike

Noble said 100,000 men were involved in a strike which set off the giant rebellion at Vorkuta in July, 1953. He said 110 inmates were shot on the spot, and 50 or 60 executed later. Another 500 inmates were wounded in the first minutes of the blow-up.

Noble gave these added details:

The strike in the coal mines—there are at least 50 in the area—and on construction projects was organized by followers of L. P. Beria, deposed police chief who was executed later by a Red Army firing squad.

Guards Aided Rebellion

Some of the secret police guards at the camp were part of the organization fomenting the rebellion. The aim was to stir up open revolt throughout the Soviet Union and overthrow the Malenkov regime.

In general terms, without giving much details, the Malenkov government charged Beria with seeking to usurp power.

Practical Jokes Cause Slaying

SWARTHMORE, Pa. - (AP)—A 22-year-old Swarthmore college student flashed a light into a dark dormitory room early Tuesday, spot-lighted a fellow student and then fired a fatal bullet through the sleeping youth's head in a fit of rage over a series of practical jokes.

Delaware county detectives arrested Robert Bechtel, a scholarship student from Pottstown, Pa., for the slaying of Francis Holmes Strozier, 19, Akron, O.

Bechtel, son of Helen Bechtel, a divorced waitress, later waived a hearing before Magistrate Morris Smith at the Swarthmore borough hall and was held without bail for action by the Delaware county grand jury on a homicide charge.

Detective Earl Allen said Bechtel told him he was enraged over pranks other students played on him and he was determined to get even.

The detective said Bechtel felt Strozier was a ringleader of the tormenters.

"I felt they were persecuting me," he told police.

Bechtel was the student proctor in charge of the third floor of an ivy-covered dormitory on the Swarthmore campus.

Sociologist Martin Presents Paper on NW Urbanization

Walter T. Martin, associate professor of sociology, recently read his paper, "Recent Trends in Urbanization with Special Emphasis on the Pacific Coast Region," at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held in Berkeley Dec. 27-30.

It was the first complete meeting of the national organization to be held on the Pacific coast. Between 70 and 80 societies met under its auspices, and approximately 1500 papers were read at that time.

Martin also attended the busi-

ness meeting of the Pacific Coast Commission on Social Statistics as the only representative from Oregon. This commission was set up by the Social Science Research council.

In his paper, Martin reported that "the West is becoming a region of city dwellers. This growth is mainly a concentration of new urban and rural nonfarm population around well-established metropolitan centers. However this has little effect on the many sparsely settled areas in each state as the West has already ceased to grow by adding to its rural farm population," he said. The largest growth is concentrated in the three Coast states.

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