

Murder Ring Is Suspected in War Of Black Market

EDGEWATER, N. J., May 23 (UP)—Police today expressed the belief that a murder ring, skilled in the dissection of victims, may be operating in metropolitan areas of New Jersey and New York in connection with a black market war.

As New Jersey police authorities drew aid from the federal bureau of investigation in an attempt to solve the murders of four and possibly five persons, police fished another lump of flesh from the Hudson river.

Dr. Raphael Gilady, Bergen county physician, said 50 pieces of flesh found Monday night floating in a bag in the Hudson indicated that at least three and possibly four persons had been murdered and dissected by a professional hand. Bergen county police linked the discoveries with the death of Joseph (Gunboat) Mastropolo, 33, Fairlawn, N. J., gambler and black marketeer, the lower half of whose body was found floating in the Hudson on May 8.

Police reported that six New Jersey racketeers have been missing recently from their usual haunts and theorized that they may have been killed in a black market war reminiscent of the prohibition era killings.

Hohenzollern Scion Irked at Having to Return to Germany

WITH FIRST FRENCH ARMY IN AUSTRIA, May 23 (UP)—Former Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm, oldest son of the late kaiser, complained that "there are hardly any decent houses left" when told he would be sent back to Germany.

The head of the house of Hohenzollern spent the war in a comfortable chalet, complete with a pretty mistress, on Lake Constance. The French removed him to a small hotel room.

He immediately demanded to see Gen. De Lattre De Tassigny, commanding officer.

"I simply want authorization to return to my little chalet," Frederick told the general.

The general told him he was lucky he had not been shot, and said he is being returned to Germany to await the French government's decision on his fate.



HELPING HAND—When the native "underground telegraph" on Okinawa island passed the word that Yanks were not the cruel ogres Jap propagandists had painted them, Okinawans who had fled to the hills began to come back. Above, a marine gives a helping hand to a mother and her baby, who were among 11 civilians hiding in a cave.

Hitler Listed First As War Criminal

Nazi, Jap Indictments May Reach 100,000

LONDON, May 23 (UP)—The United Nations war crimes commission has indicted 2,600 Nazi and Japanese war criminals led by Adolf Hitler and members of the German government, reliable sources reported today.

The names of the indicted criminals have been turned over to military authorities, who are charged with arresting and holding them for trial.

Aussie Victory At Wewak Near

By United Press

The Australian army announced today that the battle for the Wewak area of New Guinea has virtually been concluded with the capture of Cape Moen, last stronghold of the by-passed Japanese forces in the bitterly contested region.

Melbourne broadcasts recorded by United Press in San Francisco said only a few isolated enemy positions stand between a junction of Australian troops advancing from the east and west, now 2,000 yards apart.

The Australian command said, however, that several thousand Japanese who retreated into the mountains remain to be eliminated.

WRA Laudation of Jap-Americans Ires House Group

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP)—A house appropriations subcommittee had before it today statements by three California congressmen opposing use of funds by the war relocation authority to circulate "propaganda favoring the Japanese people."

Reps. Clair Engle, D., Deroy Johnson, R., and Jack Z. Anderson, R., exhibited brochures and publicity releases which they said were sent by WRA in franked envelopes.

"Tax funds should not be used to propagandize for any racial group," Engle said. "WRA was never set up for the purpose of convincing the American people that the Japanese are a superior or better race, but that seems to be their concept of their mission."

Violence flares anew. Meanwhile the WRA reported the 18th occurrence of violence in California against Japanese since they were permitted to return to the Pacific coast in January. Two shootings occurred in Fresno county.

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes has termed the situation one of "national concern." Engle said these incidents could not be prevented by WRA's tactics of praising heroic Japanese combat units serving in the United States armed forces.

"Other units with equal or better records are scarcely ever heard of and no government bureau is writing up their exploits," Johnson said.

Engle declared that part of the resentment in California against the Japanese-Americans stemmed from pre-war activities of their compatriots, many of them disloyal. Another cause of antagonism against them was their low-scale living conditions which gave them an advantage in agricultural production, he said.

Hospital Notes

St. Joseph's Hospital: Admitted: Alexander MacFarland, Walla Walla, Mrs. Buren Witherspoon, Mrs. Charles Bean, Elgin, Miss L. V. McGraw, Dorian Hall, Sandra Baird, Mrs. Ford Hawley, Fred Jordan, Robert Masterton, Seth Zigler, Fritz Ott, La Grande, medical; Eleanor Kennedy, Joseph, Norman McCrae, Wallowa, Mrs. Lydia Lee, Bobby Rains, Mrs. Harry Cochran, La Grande, surgery; Will Anderson, William Quinn, La Grande, Mrs. Rosalee O'Mohundro, Imbler, x-ray; Vern Anderson, Joseph, Minnie Jackson, Elgin, laboratory.

Discharged: Robert Willey, Paul Sedar, Don Bradshaw, Mrs. Laurence Hawes, Mrs. Oliver Hamman and son, Mrs. Ray Gath and son, La Grande; Lloyd McCrae, Frank Berry, Union, Mrs. Leonard Barnett, Cove, John Glavey, Heppner, Edward Rees, Cove, Mrs. William Burritt, Wallowa, Mrs. Hugh Cole and son, Joseph.

Grande Ronde Hospital: Admitted: Mrs. Silas Hoyt, Mrs. Enid McArthur, Mrs. James Carter, La Grande, Mrs. Joseph Scott, Elgin, Everett Dague, Kennewick, Wash., Mary Ann Holland, Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Alton Howell, Alicel, surgery; William Whitmore, La Grande, Edith Johnson, Lucian Case, Mrs. Irene Adams, Elgin, Rachael Bidwell, Union, medical.

Discharged: James Cash, Pendleton, Don Wagner, Summerville, Mrs. Bertie Irwin, Union, Mrs. William Palmer, Bob Purcell, Mrs. Robert McMillan and son, Gerald Motz, Elmo Hendrickson, Mrs. Frank Wolfe, Angel Rudi, Mrs. Claude Baily, La Grande.

4-H Club Session Set at Corvallis

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 23 (UP)—H. C. Seymour, Oregon state 4-H club leader, today announced the annual 4-H club summer session will be resumed at Oregon State college after a lapse of a year. The new dates are June 19-29.

The school will be limited to a maximum of 1,000, with county quotas being determined on the basis of percentage of completed club projects.

First preference will be to those winning scholarships previous to this year but unable to use them.

Hopkins Named On Mission To Russia

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP)—President Truman today appointed Harry Hopkins, White House advisor, and Joseph E. Davies for special diplomatic missions to London and Moscow.

Hopkins, who accompanied the late President Roosevelt on many of his big three meetings, was assigned to go to Moscow.

The announcement said that Hopkins left today with W. Averell Harriman, U. S. ambassador to Russia.

At Moscow he will meet with Premier Josef Stalin "upon matters now in discussion between the Soviet government and the government of the United States."

Army Seizure of Truck Lines Looms

CHICAGO, May 23 (UP)—Army troops camped on the shores of Lake Michigan today as strikebound trucking companies expected to hear momentarily that President Truman had ordered seizure of the truck lines.

The soldiers presumably had been ordered here to take over the truck companies. They moved into Chicago in a 50-truck convoy.

The strike of 6,500 independent truck drivers union members had crippled some war plants and left food shelves bare in many Chicago stores. The drivers defied a war labor board order to go back to work.

New Road Spans Canada to Open Up Huge "Treasure Chest" of Precious Mineral Deposits



Cut through rock, virgin forests and deep muskeg, the trans-Canada highway provides a traffic artery through 300,000 square miles of undeveloped area. Post-war improvements are expected to provide a new basis for Canadian prosperity.

By ROSELLEN CALLAHAN

OTTAWA, (NEA)—A 153-mile stretch of road, cut through the wilderness of northern Ontario, has forged the final link in the 4244-mile-long Trans-Canada highway, and opened up a 300,000 square mile "Treasure Chest" which is expected to play a vital part in Canada's post-war prosperity.

The "road to nowhere"—as it was dubbed by those opposing the building program of former Minister of Highways Thomas B. McQueen—connects the northern frontier cities of Hearst and Geraldton.

It has made accessible an incalculable wealth of precious and industrial metals, millions of acres of rich lands, miles on end of hard and soft wood forest and fast-flowing waters to provide power.

Rushed to Completion

Completion of the highway was pushed through, despite wartime manpower shortages and diversions of materials, so that these resources would be available for immediate post-war conversion into vitally needed home-front products. Thus, says McQueen, Canadian labor and industry will be able to maintain the important economic gains they have made during the war.

The new territory opens up a post-war paradise to sportsmen, too. The country is laced with thousands of lakes and streams loaded with game fish that have never seen a fisherman's lure. The forests are alive with game.

Trans-Canada was started more than 30 years ago. This last link—cut through outcropping rock, virgin forests, deep muskeg rock, in temperatures which often dropped to 50 below zero—took two years to finish.

In building the highway over miles of muskeg flats, engineers developed a method of laying foundation which later was used successfully on the Alaskan highway. When crossing muskeg, foundation and fill were laid on top of the soft ground. Previously placed dynamite charges were then exploded, which blew the soft mud out from under the foundation and allowed the com-



ple road to settle into place in a firm bottom. Though some sparse traffic is traveling over the new highway Trans-Canada won't be officially dedicated until after the war.



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And remember, there's one thing the Daddy you're lonesome for would especially like to have someone tell him soon in a letter. It's that everyone in your neighborhood really did something handsome this time in buying War Bonds. Yes, we can all make it easier—mentally as well as physically—for our men and women in uniform, if we prove to them now, with extra War Bonds, that we're with them every step of the last hard miles ahead.



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