Mission to Tibet Paved Way For Short Road into China; OSS Arranged Survey

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WASHINGTON (NEA) — Mission to fabled Shangri-la was the strange assignment given to Lt. Col. Illia Andre Tolstoy, explorer, adventurer and brother of the famous Russian novelist, by the office of strategic services.

He was one of many O. S. S. foreign intelligence agents whose assignments carried them to every corner of the earth.

Tolstoy's assignment was to deliver a wrist watch and personal letter from President Roosevelt to the dalai lama, high priest of Tibet. From this mountainous and isolated area, made famous in the legend of Shangrila, Tolstoy was to explore lands never before traveled by a white man. He was to seek a short cut into China.

Guided by Natives

The expedition started in October, 1942. Capt. Brooke Dolan, of Philadelphia, who has since died in China, accompanied Tolstoy. When they entered Tibet four natives served as guides and porters. In addition to the wrist watch, which told the time of day, day of year and phase of the moon, and the letter, the expedition carried an autographed picture of the president in a rich silver frame.

During the trip through the mountains the tiny party heard rumors of a band of Germans who had preceded them and had been stoned to death because they had broken in on a religious ceremony in a village and had smoked cigarets. Their journey was like a return to the 14th century.

Destination of the first part of the mission was Lhasa, Tibet, royal home of the dalai lama. The party had to wait outside the gates of the city a week for a special religious day. Once inside the city, they had to wait another week for another religious day, before they could meet the lama.

The palace of the lama was the most magnificent building any of them had ever seen. With elaborate ceremony, Tolstoy and his party were ushered into the throne room. The lama was a 10-year-old boy, healthy, intelligent-looking, with a sort of ruddy-yellow skin. Not a word was spoken.

Every part of the ritual which followed was an exchange of gifts. Porters in the small American party exchanged gifts with those of comparable rank in the palace. Huge provost monks stood beside the lama. They were all more than six feet, four inches tall and their size was enhanced by heavy, quilted clothing.

Asked to Stay

When Tolstoy said he wanted to continue on his journey he was asked to stay for a while. He didn't understand why, until he discovered that many women were working on expensive silk tapestries and pictures for the president.

Finally, after a great celebration, the little group left the city. Their trek across the bitterly cold stretches of Tibet became an endless succession of hardships. Much of the territory was wild, bandit country. Tolstoy always carried an American flag, held in plain view, and let it be known by the grape-vine that he had tommy-guns and radio equipment. They were never attacked.

Along the route in the small villages, Tolstoy would spend hours tending the sick. He became a hero to the natives.

In July, 1943, they finally reached Lanchow in China. This was the first outpost of civilization. General Stillwell wired congratulations to Tolstoy on the success of the mission, and he later received the legion of merit.

For his successful mission to the Dalai Lama in Tibet, and thence to China over territory never before explored by white men, Lt. Col. Illia Andre Tolstoy received the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. William V. Donovan, head of the Office of Strategic Services.

Annamite Rioters Kill American

SAIGON, Indo-China, Sept. 27 (UP)—Rioting Annamites killed one American officer, seriously wounded another and besieged U. S. headquarters for an hour yesterday in the first incidents involving U. S. forces in Indo-China.

Col. Peter Dewey, Washington, D. C., was killed by machine gun fire while attempting to pass Annamite territory during a short drive from Ohi, the local air field, to his headquarters.

In another incident yesterday morning, Capt. Tom Coolidge, Boston, Mass., was wounded seriously. Coolidge is expected to recover. He was rescued along with a number of other persons by Japanese troops.

Following the killing of Dewey, the Annamites attacked the house which the colonel had been using as headquarters.

Yuma, Ariz., had 3.65 inches of rain in 24 hours in 1921; this was more than the normal amount for an entire year.

Young Roosevelt Bought Back Stock Worth $1,500,000

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 27 (UP)—Daily variety, in a copyrighted article, today quoted Elliott Roosevelt as saying the Texas radio stock he bought back from creditors for two cents on the dollar in 1941 is now worth more than $1,500,000.

Variety quoted Roosevelt as saying part of the stock is now in possession of his former wife, Ruth Goggins of Dallas, Tex., and in trust for the children of their marriage.

Roosevelt, recently placed on the army air forces inactive roster, plans to return to radio in a capacity he cannot yet reveal, Variety said.

Bus Lines Speed Up the Schedules

Since the federal government has cancelled its 35-mile-per-hour ruling Overland Greyhound buses will resume normal speed soon and offer greatly improved service to the public, says H. A. Decker, La Grande agent of Overland Greyhound lines. Speed will be increased to save approximately 25 percent of travel time. More seats and more daily schedules will make possible more comfort and convenience.

"The public should check new arrival and departure times of buses in their locality," adds Decker," as the resumption of normal speeds will cause a complete change in all schedules at all points along our line effective Oct. 1."

Stowaway Bride May Stay in U. S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27—Mrs. Marjorie Weyland, 25, pretty Australian stowaway bride of an American army sergeant, today had won her fight to remain in the United States.

But first Mrs. Weyland and her husband, Lon, 25, of Hot Springs, Ark., must go to Canada so she can re-enter the United States legally. Meantime, she is on parole to her husband, although technically in custody of the district immigration and naturalization office.

Today We Pay Tribute to—

Ensign Arnold Tubbin, U.S. N.R., of 15311 Myrtle Ave., Harvey, Ill., has received the air medal for sinking a 10,000-ton freighter-transport while on a night search-attack mission off Hong Kong, China. Tubbin was graduated from Enterprise, Ore., in 1939. Before entering the navy, he was employed by the Columbia Aircraft Co., Portland, Ore.

Popcorn to Match Your Ties, Shirts

PORTLAND, Sept. 27 (UP)—Even the popcorn industry is coming out with new postwar models.

Pete Catanese, here representing a Caldwell, Ida., popcorn company, has announced perfection of the "strawberry" and "chocolate" varieties, colored accordingly. Then there's yellow, white and cream.

Congress to Face Of Surplus Board

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (UP)—Congress was faced today with a demand by the surplus property board to assure "effective competition" in the aluminum industry by disposing of the government's $739,000,000 aluminum holdings to competitors of the aluminum company of America.

The board said sales of the government's huge bauxite plant at Jones Mills, Ark., and its 52 major aluminum plants to Alcoa's competitors would "fulfill one of the brightest opportunities for market expansion in the history of industrial materials."

Canada Requested For Return of Man

OREGON CITY, Sept. 27 (UP)—A request for a "requisition" on the governor general of Canada for the return of Emil Sorge, wanted in Clacamas county on an information charging him with child stealing, was telegraphed today to the state department by district attorney Stanley J. Mitchell.

Sorge allegedly took two of his daughters, Carlerie, 10, and Jean, 8, to British Columbia, where the older child died.

28 Million Hours Of Jobs Available

COULEE DAM, Wash., Sept. 27 (UP)—Jobs providing approximately 28,000,000 man-hours of employment for returning veterans and others can be supplied in construction of the multi-million dollar Columbia basin irrigation project when manpower, funds and materials are available the bureau of reclamation estimated today.

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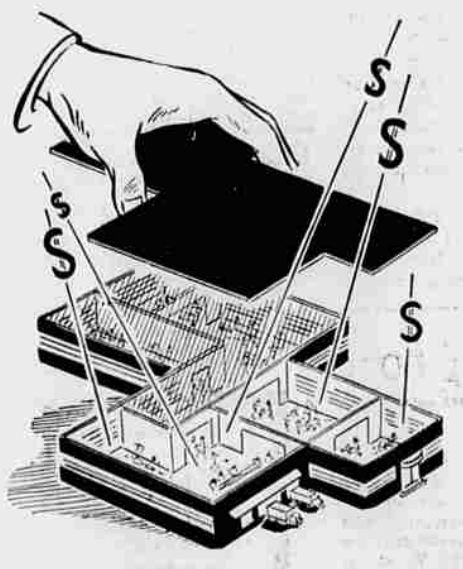

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Oxidation is the chemical change which destroys nearly everything under certain conditions of air, heat and moisture. It causes iron to rust, rubber to become brittle, butter to go rancid. In your motor oil it's the cause of sludge. And sludgy oil is no good. It's not only a poor lubricant, but it gums up vital engine parts so even *good* oil can't get in where it's needed.

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25 Million Feet of State Timber Sold

EUGENE, Sept. 27 (UP) — Willamette national forest officials announced today the sale of 25 million board feet of timber to Giustina lumber company of Eugene and 17 million feet to Fall Creek Lumber company on Fall Creek.

In the Giustina purchase Douglas fir sold for $3.60 a thousand, hemlock at $1.30 a thousand. Fall creek purchase included Douglas fir at $6.60 a thousand, hemlock at $2.25 and Hemlock at