

# Life Is Horrible Behind 'Curtain' Rotarians Are Told

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has been available to his family since that time. How did the Russians re-act when they entered Berlin? the speaker was asked. "They looted, they robbed, they raped and otherwise destroyed worse than the Nazis could ever have done on their invasion of Russia, he answered. Girls from 12 years upward, to women of 80 years old were not safe near Russian soldiers, he emphasized.

A person seen wearing any kind of a watch is arrested, the watch taken, and he is labeled a capitalist and is likely to be shot. There need not be much of an excuse for the Russians to take a life. They kill like savages, without regard for anyone.

"Of my own family," Mr. Hampel said, "only a sister and a brother remain. Both are in the Russian zone, and both are being forced to become members of the Communist party, altho they do not believe in it or would fight for it in case of war. It means their life if they did not join. I could not get a permit to visit his town, some 30 miles in the Russian zone, so with aid of some of his old clothes, several days growth of whiskers, and a lot of subterfuge, I managed to get to his town.

"I talked to my brother, and to a lot of people I once knew, and believe me, gentlemen, I do not feel that I can repeat to you the things they told me, of the treatment given by the Russians in their zone. My own son, who was in Germany all during the war, and who went through the Berlin bombing, I am not sure how, told me things I cannot force myself to believe against any people. Yet I know they are truthful—I know they endured, and are enduring these privations. I wanted to smuggle them out, but there again I ran into difficulties. No country would permit them to enter.

"My brother and I went to that section of Berlin where I once lived. Actually the place was so bombed I couldn't even recognize any landmarks. Being in the Russian zone, I don't believe the street ever will be repaired. All Berlin is bombed in the same pattern. Total destruc-

tion is the common sight.

"Secretary Acheson was there when I was. He was taken on a tour by the Russians, but the day before the signs came down, to be replaced the day after his visit. The Russians know how to crush a people.

"Let me state what I really know about the Russians: In 1916, I was in the German army facing the Russians. I found the people ignorant beyond belief. Communism has even held them in more subjection than did the old Czars. They cannot believe but what they are the happiest and richest people in the world. They live like hogs—in fact the swine actually have better living conditions.

"Hitler and his gang of criminals are the lowest types of beasts imaginable. When I left Berlin in the '20s Hitler was a trouble maker similar to Harry Bridges in this country today. I was shocked and astonished to learn, a few years later that he had come into power. However, I can see clearly why the German people followed Hitler. Up to his coming into power, Germany was bankrupt, and after he came into power the people did have something to eat—did have work.

"Who financed Hitler's rise to power? Why, the U. S. financiers, of course. I know what I am talking about. I have seen it—from a German citizen, a soldier in Kaiser Bill's army, to the time I became a citizen of this country, and served it in the last world war. However cruel Hitler may have been, the Russians are more-so. They are the crudest, cruelest, most vicious regime the world has ever known. They have no conscience—have no scruples, have no inward honesty, and want to destroy civilization. I know, I saw it in action."

Reluctant to leave, club members kept Mr. Hampel more than an hour overtime. He was plied with scores of questions from every angle. He was asked to speak before the local schools by Lynn Hampton, and was asked if he couldn't come to speak to Rotary again.

For every assertion he made, he was able to produce a picture to give Rotarians proof. He feels strongly that something must be done to stop the scourge of Communism, but says that it will be expensive but less expensive to us than war which is coming.

## In The Mail-box:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In order to keep the record straight, and forestall any more false rumors, the following is a true and exact copy of my letter to Richard L. Barton:

Brookings, Jan. 3, 1950.  
Richard L. Barton, General Delivery, Mill City, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Barton: As you may recall, I told you when you were at our house on Saturday, Dec. 17, that you should when planning to see your son, drop us a card in order that you may be more certain of seeing your son, Mervin, for, or course, he is not always at home.

However, whenever you care to see your son and will notify us the date and hours you wish to visit with him we will plan for that, unless a prior engagement precludes the possibility of his presence at that time.

I reiterate, that for your own benefit, in order that you may be that much more certain of seeing your son and not be subjected to needless waste of time or money, that it is imperative

we have word of the date and hours you wish to see him.

Not only that but also this too, I wish to add: After you have made the proper arrangements by card with my household, you are to come alone, with no friends or relatives—for they will henceforth be denied admittance to my home during the time of your visit with your son.

I trust you may see this clearly now and will plan your visit accordingly the next time you come to Brookings. Sincerely, P. D. Stark.

The above letter should be self-explanatory. Irregardless of rumors to the contrary, Mr. Barton has never or ever will be denied admission to my home for the purpose of seeing his child as long as he conducts himself as a gentleman and follows the instructions in the above letter. (Signed) P. D. Stark, Feb. 6, 1950, Brookings. adv.

Dave Franklin, owner of the Coast Freight lines, was a visitor here Tuesday and attended the Rotary luncheon, guest of Homer Kessler.

## Not By Bread Alone

"He entered into a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His words. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him and said: Lord dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou are careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42.

Too busy with the cares and worries of the material needs to spend a little while with the Master in the interest of the spiritual needs. He wants to help you. — Jos. M. Johnson, Gold Beach.

David Gordon is the name of the young man, weighing 8 lbs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kerns last Friday, at Seaside hospital.

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