

British Soviet Remote Island

Rev. Harold Wilde, Ruler, Is Hurrying Home With new Five-Year Plan

By RADER WINGET
LONDON—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The dictator of the only Christian communist state under the British flag was on his way home today to reassume control of his soviet.

In his pocket he had a new "five year plan" for increasing production, a plan approved by the British government and the Church of England.

The dictator is the Rev. Harold Wilde, and his soviet is the island of Tristan de Cunha, a tiny spot half way between South America and Africa and nearly even with the Cape of Good Hope.

Tristan, and small nearby islands, were discovered in 1506, and since 1816 they have been held by the British, the 187 inhabitants making a little "lost world."

Wilde went there as resident chaplain nearly four years ago, and in February of this year he came out on a British warship to raise money for supplies for the islanders.

The short, chunky, bearded "padre" gathered money wherever he went in London with the aid of the society for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts.

Money is unknown there. He doesn't need money. There isn't any on the island. He needs supplies.

His return to Tristan was symbolic of the sharp line between the island civilization and the rest of the world.

Wilde left London by airplane for Durban, Africa. He planned to change there to a train for Cape Town. Then he will spend his money for supplies—nails, salt, glass, tools and other luxuries.

From Cape Town he will sail to Tristan on a Norwegian boat that will drop him at his home.

He hopes to arrive for Christmas, but the celebration won't be held until February. Islanders must wait for the supply boat because the Norwegian won't have room for the stores.

The islanders won't care, said Wilde. They don't count time by days but by years. Everything moves like that. Once, long ago, they were five years without a boat calling.

Settled in 1816
The first permanent settlement dates from 1816 when the British placed a garrison there to prevent French ships watering at Tristan while Napoleon was at St. Helena.

Napoleon died, and the garrison was withdrawn, but a Scottish corporal, William Glass, stayed. He was joined by others, and they obtained wives from England and Africa, the beginning of the colony of today.

Once a week every man smokes one pipe of tobacco, and twice each week each woman has one cup of tea.

"We aren't rich at Tristan," said Wilde. "We must conserve our wealth. We do it by practicing a pure Christian communism."

His five-year plan is along communistic lines, and it is designed to increase the community's well-being. It won't enrich a single individual.

Radio Lacks "Juice"
The most valued possession of the community, aside from food, will be a radio set which Wilde bought in London. A long time ago someone thoughtfully gave Tristan a radio, but thoughtlessly forgot there wasn't any electricity there.

"We listened to it all the time," said Wilde, "but the batteries ran down in a month. Then it was useless."

The new radio will operate from a windmill attached to a generator for the batteries.

Islanders probably will cherish the sails, too, because Queen Mary gave them to Wilde. He represents the crown in Tristan, and even when doing manual labor he wears his ecclesiastical collar and stock as a sort of badge of office.

They don't know, of course, that George VI was crowned. They heard about Edward abdicating when the warship took Wilde off the island, but Edward's marriage to Wallis would be page one news, if they had a newspaper.

"I rule the island," said Wilde. "They come to me with their troubles. A donkey might destroy a man's garden. The whole island sits in judgment on the donkey's owner. I pass sentence, usually that the owner must replace the crops in kind."

"I conduct the school. The children are educated in the fear of God and directed in the paths of righteousness."

"I marry the lovers. I baptize the babies. I bury the dead, all in the Church of England."

"I husband the supplies. We eat mostly potatoes, which we raise, and meat from a wild herd of cattle."

The people of Tristan aren't lonely; they haven't time to be lonely. And they have no desire to get to the outside world. Three of them are in Capetown now for specialized medical attention but they have written to Wilde in London to hurry so they can go back.

Wilde wants to hurry, too. He will have lots to do between the time he sights the rocky island and the mail and supply boat arrives in February. The boat will have a one year cargo of necessities, magazines, newspapers and personal mail.

Wilde will be busy then; he is the postmaster.

Owens' Car Is Stolen
R. E. Owens, of Herrall-Owens Co., reported to police that his car was stolen from in front of his home at 1480 Fairmont street Friday night. The car was recovered at 7:43, shortly after the theft was discovered.

Atom Smasher Gets High Award



Award of the coveted Comstock scientific prize for achievement on physics to Dr. Ernest Orlando Lawrence, professor at the University of California, again focuses attention of the scientific world on the atom smashing machine he invented. The device, called a "cyclotron," whirrs minute particles of matter at high speed against a target. Their path after being smashed is directed through a chamber of water vapor which reveals the course of the disintegrated particles and makes possible the study of their nuclei. Dr. Lawrence is fast becoming one of the world's leading physicists.

Dr. A. N. Logan Is Buried, Portland

PORTLAND, Nov. 27—(AP)—Funeral services were held here today for Dr. A. N. Logan, 90, once a prominent specialist of Boston and New York City and friend of President Grover Cleveland and Calvin Coolidge.
He died Thursday night at Devil's Lake, where he had lived since retiring from his fruit and nut acreage at Newberg, Ore.
"If all would devote a little more attention to golf, fishing and hiking, they wouldn't need a doctor's services as often as they do," he once told friends who expressed wonder at his continued activity.
He supported the claim by playing from 18 to 45 holes of golf daily within the past few years, often scoring in the 80's.
A native of England, he came to the United States as a child, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1873.
Mrs. Logan died in 1933. No immediate relatives survive.

20-30 Advised of Iron Lung Project

The Salem Elks' plan for providing an "iron lung" for local emergency use was outlined at the Salem 20-30 club meeting Friday night by Clifton Mudd of the fraternal organization. He invited the club to send a representative to the general meeting of civic groups' delegates to consider the question early next month.
Miss Maxine Sautter, local blind girl for whom a "Seeing Eye" dog was obtained by the 20-30 club, was scheduled to start home with the trained dog this week from the Seeing Eye institute at Morristown, N. J., it was announced at the meeting.

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Church Sponsors Minstrel Program

The Friendly class of the Knight Memorial Sunday school will sponsor a free negro minstrel show at the church on Friday night, December 3, at 7:45 o'clock.
Tyler Morley will act as interlocutor with end men, Frank Martin, William Drakely, Walter McCune and Melvin Snyder.
The chorus and cast of the one-act play, "Uncle Eben's Surprise Party" includes Mrs. Lloyd Arnold, Mrs. Frank Martin, Mrs. Orville Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. William Drakely, Walter McCune, Tyler Morley, Melvin Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fiske.
One of the featured musical numbers will be a solo, "Lonesome Road" by Ray Drakely.
A candy sale and old fashioned box social will follow the entertainment.

Slot Machines in Courtroom Rifled

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 27.—(AP)—A burglar broke into the police court room and rifled the money boxes in 28 slot machines which had been seized in raids.
Police on duty failed to hear the intruder shattering the glass on the machines with a sledge hammer and did not discover the burglary until hours later.

Offer of Free Turkey Sandwiches Only Prank

PORTLAND, No. 27—(AP)—A dozen men hurried to two downtown restaurants where, a telephone call said, there were free turkey sandwiches, only to learn a prankster was thus celebrating Thanksgiving.

Airport Projects Given Large Sum

70 Million Spent; Oregon Leads in Northwest Figures Revealed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, works progress administrator said today his organization had spent \$70,808,617 of federal funds in improving airports and airways of the nation with relief labor.

The expenditures were made in little over a year. The administrator said that when completed the work would have cost the federal government \$89,894,063.

In the year ending September 30, 277 projects were approved, bringing the total to 1,060.

The work consisted of construction and improvement of airports and airways and was carried on in cooperation with the bureau of air commerce. It was confined chiefly to municipal airports but 8,300 air markers were completed during the year.

Hopkins said a definite program had been followed in making the improvements which he predicted would be of "vital importance to American aviation, civil, commercial and military."

The expenditures to date by states included:

Sites Proj.	Expend.
Idaho	7 7 \$ 150,676
Oregon	16 22 1,969,369
Washington	22 34 1,162,910

Ill at Scio Homes

SCIO—Mrs. J. Oglesbee is reported quite ill at her home near Shelburn.

Mrs. Fred Roadarmel was reported ill Wednesday from pneumonia, following an indisposition of several weeks.

"Miss Hungaria" Flits so Husband Commits Suicide

KNOCOVA, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 27.—(AP)—A young Hungarian beauty queen's love for the liver life of America caused the tragic death of her husband in this sleepy Carpathian village.

The beauty, Aranka Miklos, "Miss Hungaria 1936," was the bride of Johann Scialaj when he returned proudly to his home here last year from Philadelphia. They were happy until Aranka, thinking of her life in America, soured of their simple farm life. She disappeared.

Scialaj's heart was broken. He burned himself to death in his barn.

Rail Rate Parley To Start Monday

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The ailing railroad industry, marshalled some of its best known leaders today for a fight for higher income.

The interstate commerce commission will start a hearing Monday on the roads' request for a 15 per cent freight rate increase and a half-cent boost in passenger coach fares on eastern lines.

These would produce an estimated \$68,000,000 in new revenue annually.

President J. J. Polley of the Association of American Railroads is to be the first witness. Others will include Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio; M. W. Clements, president of the Pennsylvania; F. E. Williamson, president of the New York Central, and Hale Holden, chairman of the Southern Pacific.

Lumber Output in NW Hits low Ebb

SEATTLE, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Lumber production, orders and shipments at 177 down and operating mills in Washington and Oregon reached new lows for a normal week in the five days ending November 20, the West Coast Lumbermen's association reported today.

Compared with the week ending November 13, during which some mills operated only four days because of a holiday, the latest report showed a slight increase.

Compared with other normal weeks, the lumbermen's association said the rate of cutting at mills was 45.9 per cent of its average weekly cut during 1926-29, good days in the lumber industry.

Production for the week ending November 20 totaled 72,702,181 board feet, about 10 million feet less than the week ending November 6, latest comparable five-day period, and about 20 million feet less than the weekly production during October.

Since the week ending October 28, the association said production had decreased at the rate of five million feet a week.

Two Men Injured As Plane Crashes

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Two men were seriously injured Friday when their light plane crashed on a Columbia river sand bar near here.

They were Charles S. Case, about 22, Alameda, Calif., aircraft salesman, and James Lill, 21, University of Oregon student.

Both men suffered head cuts, plunged 800 feet as he attempted when the plane, piloted by Case, to land.

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