

MILK DROUGHT COMPLETE IN SALEM

RUSS OFFICER ARRESTED BY FBI

Faces Spy Charge, Caught in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—(AP)—Assistant FBI agent Julius A. Bernard announced tonight the arrest of Lt. Nicolai Gregorovich Redin, 29, a Russian naval officer, on espionage charges involving procurement of plans and information regarding the U.S.S. Yellowstone, a destroyer tender.

The FBI agent said the warrant was issued in Seattle, March 22, and Lt. Redin was arrested here as he attempted to board the Russian S. S. Alma Ata in Portland's harbor.

The Soviet officer, wearing the uniform of his rank, was arraigned in preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Robert A. Leedy tonight and held in default of \$25,000 bail.

FBI agents led Lt. Redin into the chamber before the commissioner and after hearing the charge he was asked if he understood English. Pounding the desk of the commissioner, the grim faced youthful naval lieutenant said "I will not talk, I will not talk."

He then demanded to see the soviet consul.

The soviet consulate here was not represented at the hearing and Commissioner Leedy set the bail and ordered the accused officer to be held in Multnomah county jail in default of bond until another hearing is scheduled.

Commissioner Leedy announced the case would be disposed of in Seattle, where it originated. There was no announcement of how the young Russian officer, who has been attached to the soviet purchasing commission in Seattle, had obtained the documents and plans or who the officer had "induced" to obtain the information.

Wife Sobs
Lt. Redin has been stationed in Seattle since 1942 and attached to the soviet purchasing commission. His wife, Galina Redin is still in Seattle with the couple's infant daughter.

Post Intelligence reporters who called at her apartment said she told them Lieutenant Redin had gone to Portland this morning and she had not heard from him since. She was sobbing. The reporters quoted her as saying "Do they do this to everyone who comes to this country?" Then she slammed the door.

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Bids for two structures under the building program already have been received by the state board of control. One bid involves construction of a patient's dormitory at the Oregon State hospital farm while the other is for an employees' building at Fairview home (state home for the feeble minded).

Salem building contractors said they were confused as to how to distinguish between essential construction and less-essential construction without a definite explanation from government officials.

State officials here Tuesday were wondering whether the government's stop order, applying to less essential construction, would retard the \$10,000,000 state building program approved by the voters at a special election last June.

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SHS Gym, Field Bids Sought

Large-scale improvements to Salem High school's Olinger Field and construction of an auxiliary gymnasium and heating plant building for the high school were approved tentatively last night by Salem's school board, which decided to call for bids on the two projects next month.

Work would be done during the summer and completed by September 6. Bids are to be opened April 23.

The athletic field project includes grading, drainage, turf and track improvements and is part of the \$70,000 program proposed last year but rejected. The new building at senior high would house additional gym space and a heating plant to service Parrish junior high and the senior high, replacing the boiler facilities now located beneath the stage at senior high.

Also approved last night was a petition from a small Pringle area south of the city for inclusion in school district 24. The plan will be forwarded to the county school boundary board. Only a few students would be affected.

Labor Council Opposes City Manager Plan

Central Labor Council renewed its stand against a city administrator form of municipal government at a meeting here last night, deciding to again oppose the issue at the polls and to call a series of public hearings to feel the public pulse on two alternative plans the council might advocate.

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Pact to Dictate German Economy

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—A forthcoming agreement laying down economic law for Germany will be "tough on war industries, easy on peacetime industries," a government official disclosed today.

The accord, reached by the four-power Allied control council in Berlin, will be announced officially there in a few days, he said.

The official, who requested anonymity, pictured the decision as a victory for the United States because this government had sought strict limitations on metals, machinery and chemical manufactures, with more lenient rules on production of non-war materials.

Eleanor Visits With Namesake



SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt visits with Mrs. Hershey Martin (Mayris Chaney) and the latter's two-month-old daughter, Anna Eleanor, named for the widow of the late president. Mrs. Roosevelt will be godmother at the child's christening. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

CPA to Control Building, May Postpone State Plan

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—A nationwide network of 71 federal offices was created tonight to administer a sweeping new order restricting many building activities so scarce materials can be channeled into lower cost homes for veterans.

A civilian production administration order, effective now, requires advance federal approval for all types of construction—dwellings, industrial and commercial buildings and repairs; all except small jobs.

Swiftly following this move to free the materials for veterans housing, CPA announced that all new construction field offices were expected to be opened not later than Thursday.

The CPA forbids the start of construction unless each new store, factory or dwelling is approved in advance by one of the CPA offices. This means that factories and expensive homes may be banished wherever the materials are needed to provide shelter for homecoming servicemen and their families.

Salem Wives to Join Hubbies In Germany

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—Nine Oregon wives and four children will be included in the group of 1200 dependents who will travel to Europe in mid-April to join army fathers stationed there.

The list includes: Maj. Kenneth J. Schultz, 3315 N. River rd., Salem; Mabel P. Schultz.

Maj. Harold J. Pangle, 995 Mill st., Salem; Vera M. Pangle.

The journey, arranged by the war department, will be the first mass movement of military dependents to the European theatre of operations.

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400,000 Miners Set For Strike Monday

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Reds, Iran Still Not Agreed

By JOHN HIGTOWER
NEW YORK, March 26.—(AP)—Word that Russia and Iran have not yet reached a hard and fast agreement for the settlement of their dispute has been received by United Nations delegates here from diplomatic sources in Teheran. It was learned tonight on excellent authority.

This fact was described by officials as underlying the repeated insistence of Britain and the United States in today's security council meeting that Iran should be given an immediate hearing.

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The huge atomic piles in Washington state, each about the bulk of a small pyramid, produced enough heat to nearly equal the peak electric power expected from the Grand Coulee dam. But this

atomic heat was useless for power because it was spread over such a large area.

Heat that makes power, such as boiler fires, is concentrated in a small area. It was not possible, when the war ended, to use a small amount of uranium 235 or of plutonium to make an atomic fire because such concentrated pieces of either metal would instantly explode.

Denaturing is described as rendering the metals unable to explode. But without stripping their ability to produce heat by the explosion of their atoms. If that is true then efficient atomic fires can be made to create steam. The discovery means that probably a few hundred pounds of the purified

Dairies to Deliver To Hospitals, Sell On Doctor's Order

The retail flow from the Salem milkshed dwindled to almost nothing today as major outlets clamped the lid on their production pending settlement of demands that the OPA increase the price of butterfat from 95 cents to \$1.15 cents a pound.

Neither the Dairy Cooperative nor Curley's dairy, which supply approximately 90 per cent of the demand in this area, were delivering to homes, stores, restaurants or schools, but service was continuing to hospitals.

Milk also was made available at the headquarters of both organizations to those who called personally with certificates of need from physicians in regard to children and invalids.

The emergency plans were announced after conversations between dairy chieftains and Mayor I. M. Doughton.

What milk was available retailed at 13 1/2 cents a quart -- the dairies not yet having effected the half-cent raise which the OPA made permissible late Monday by increasing the butterfat price to \$1.01 -- 14 cents less than producers demanded when they issued their ultimatum several weeks ago.

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Physicians to Prescribe Milk

A quart of milk per day for children under 18 months of age will be "prescribed" by Salem physicians, and so will be made available by milk distributors during the current strike. On this, child specialists interviewed Tuesday by a Statesman representative were agreed.

The question was not treated alike by all physicians—and all medical men were not interviewed—but there was no divergence from the opinion that for infants milk is a "must" on the diet.

Since there can be no disagreement on that point, representatives of the profession declared themselves disturbed at the prospect of having to issue letters or certificates to many mothers in addition to carrying their already over-heavy case loads.

Stores Ration Canned Milk, New Stock Due

Salem grocery stores which Tuesday were "rationing" canned milk to their customers may be well-stocked with the commodity within a matter of days, a representative of one milk-preserving concern told a Statesman representative Tuesday night.

Milk which is dried and powdered may not return to valley consumers, he declared, but milk which is condensed and canned is fairly likely to move back to Salem. Most processors of powdered milk are under contract to ship overseas or to sell to institutions, and a portion of the canned product is to go overseas, but part may well be diverted to the local market, he said, particularly inasmuch as much milk which has been sold in fluid form appears now likely to flow into their factories.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

I fail to see much difference between the milk strike invoked in this area by producers and the strike of workers in essential services like power plants and transportation lines. Both seem reprehensible. In both cases those engaging in such occupations assume obligations beyond those of less essential callings. Farmers have been most critical of city workers when they go on strike. It is regrettable that they have picked up the same weapon.

In this strike it is the patron or consumer who suffers. The milk strike is not against the customer but against OPA, a government agency which fixes prices. The consumers of fresh milk are the ones to suffer; yet they are helpless, caught in the fight between producers and OPA.

This phase is not without repercussions. The dairymen themselves were the ones to demand price-fixing by government—here by the state. They backed the legislation in 1935 and have successfully resisted efforts to repeal it since. With the war, OPA took over pricing of milk along with other commodities. Yet it represents price-fixing by government. For milk producers to rebel against OPA prices and to approve price-fixing by the state board carries the implication that what is wanted is an agency which can be influenced or dominated by the producers.

It is by no means clear whether the strike is called because the new price of \$1.01 per pound butterfat is not compensatory or because

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Salem Bakers Poised to Sell 14-Ounce Loaf

Salem's bakeries are prepared to bake and sell the smaller (14 ounce) loaf of bread whenever they are encouraged to act, executives of the five major plants indicated Tuesday.

One bakery turned out the light loaf one day but found others were still baking pound loaves. The spokesman for one said that instructions had been changed and the loaf size was to remain the same. Another understood that the change was to be entirely voluntary, and expressed the opinion that all must act or the change would be unsatisfactory to the public. Still another said that as long as the larger loaves were moving into the Salem market from Portland bakeries no change could be anticipated here.

No change in baking equipment will be required and no special preparation, it was said.

One bakery has turned out several bakings with the new "cream-colored" flour, calling patrons' attention to the change and has received only re-orders from smiling customers, it was said.

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By WARREN GOODRICH



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Hundreds of Cars, Trucks on Order in Salem; Sale Price of Backlog Approaches \$5,000,000

Nearly \$5,000,000 worth of new cars and trucks already are on order with Salem dealers today, and several of them said they quit taking orders weeks ago "because the demand seemed greater than we could hope to deliver this year." Only a trickle so far has been available.

The estimated amount includes (1) orders totalling more than \$2,500,000 on which down deposits already have been made, and (2) almost another \$2,500,000 allowing for orders with no down deposit but discounting such orders by half or two-thirds because of probable duplication.

Down deposits have been taken on nearly 1700 cars alone and orders with no down deposits have been taken on somewhat more than that number. Figuring an assured sale, therefore, of a minimum of 2400 cars, orders at retail price total well over \$3,000,000, and trucks account for at least \$1,500,000 more.

Most dealers are asking deposits and keeping one-two-three lists in order of applications, by models. Others have accepted no deposits and no specific orders, pending determination of OPA prices. All say they believe orders by no means have approached the saturation point—many folk apparently believing it rather hopeless to get on the end of long lists at this time. A few dealers are optimistic that they will be able to catch up with the demand in a few months.

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