

Freed Yank Tells of Red Slave Camp Revolt, Asserts GI Airmen Held Captive

By TOM REEDY
 BERLIN (AP) — A Michigan man back from slavery in the Soviet Union expressed the belief Tuesday that eight American fliers shot down off Europe in 1950 may be alive in Soviet prison camps. The Detroit, John H. Noble, 31, spent 9 1/2 years in Soviet captivity. As a prisoner at the Vorkuta slave labor camp he witnessed the 1953 revolt there. He said the slave laborers need "only a spark" to flare into open rebellion. He declared the forced labor brigades are restless, have re-

belled in the past and are likely to do so again. Noble added he had been told at Vorkuta that the American airmen were held in a Soviet prison. He called it common knowledge at Vorkuta that some Americans who came down in the Baltic Sea were in captivity. A U.S. Navy Privateer, a four-engine plane, disappeared over the Baltic in April, 1950, with 10 men. The U.S. government in notes to Moscow contended the crew apparently had managed to ditch safely because two party in-

flated life rafts were found. The Soviets would concede only that they had fired upon an American bomber of the B29 type which, they contended, violated Communist territory. Noble was released by the Russians here last Saturday along with Pvt. William C. Marchuk of Norristown, Pa. They had met a third American, Pvt. William Verdine of Starks, La., at Vorkuta. The Soviet Union informed the United States Tuesday that Verdine also will be released. Marchuk now is in Army de-

tion, facing a possible court martial for being absent without leave. "He told me he got picked up in the Soviet sector (of Berlin) while drunk," Noble said. Noble described to newsmen his four years in the notorious camp at Vorkuta in arctic Russia, where the temperatures once hit 72 degrees below zero, and added quietly he lived through his ordeal only because of "confidence in God." Noble said 100,000 men were involved in a strike which set off the giant rebellion at Vorkuta in

July, 1953. He said 110 inmates were shot on the spot, and 50 or 60 executed later. Another 500 inmates were wounded in the first minutes of the blowup. Noble gave these added details: The strike in the coal mines — there are at least 50 in the area — and on construction projects was organized by followers of L.P. Beria, deposed police chief who was executed later by a Red Army firing squad. Some of the secret police guards at the camp were part of the organization fomenting the rebel-

lion. The aim was to stir up open revolt throughout the Soviet Union and overthrow the Malenkov regime. In general terms, without giving such detail, the Malenkov government charged Beria with seeking to usurp power when he was brought before a military tribunal and sentenced to death. The Malenkov machinery went into swift action when the strike broke out. Special teams of MVD (secret police) guards were rushed in and opened fire on the rebellious prisoners. Noble said he managed to keep out of the melee. The strike and revolt was concentrated mostly about ground. He was employed in the coal mines. The slightly built American, now back to his normal weight of 135 pounds, appeared before scores of news, radio and television reporters in the U. S. officers' club in West Berlin. He told how he and his father, Charles Noble, a camera manufacturer, were trapped in Dresden by the war and compelled to work for the Nazi regime under "local government."

In 1945, the advance guard of Russians arriving in Dresden arrested the Nobles. In the first camp they were held, John said, 80 per cent of inmates died of starvation. However bad Vorkuta was later, it was not that bad. Of his experiences, Noble related: "I lived through all this for two reasons. One was my confidence in God, and two my absolute will to return to the United States in order to tell the world what I experienced."

The Weather
 FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem):
 Cloudy with light drizzle or rain today and tonight. High today near 44; low tonight near 34.
 Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 37.
 SALEM PRECIPITATION
 Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
 This Year Last Year Normal
 16.77 21.78 20.46

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Linen Thread Co. Planning Closure Of Salem Factory

The Linen Thread Company at 2150 Fairgrounds Rd., long known as the Miles Mill, is in the process of being closed and its operations moved elsewhere, it was disclosed Tuesday. David L. Malcolm Jr., vice president of the Linen Thread Company with headquarters at Paterson, N. J., said flax spinning would run out early in March, when equipment will be transferred to the Barbour Mill in Paterson, and that net weaving operations probably would continue in diminishing form for the next four months, after which they will be moved to the company's Ederer Mill in Chicago and Knox Mill in Baltimore. The Linen Thread Company in Salem has been employing about 50 people, plus administration staff, and has a payroll estimated at \$200,000 annually. Some of the administrative staff is to be transferred to other company locations, Malcolm said, and the firm's severance-pay policy will be applicable to many of the other personnel. Malcolm also said all brands and products now manufactured at the Miles Mill would be continued without change or interruption, and that distribution agencies and local stocks would be maintained. The company's 33,000-square-foot plant, located on four acres, is to be retained as a west coast warehouse and distribution point for Linen Thread. Purchase of flax in the Willamette Valley also will be continued, Malcolm said. Most such flax has been shipped east the past several years, with imported flax used locally. Malcolm said the closure was necessitated to meet economic conditions. He explained that synthetic and importations had brought changes to the industry which now must maintain research, chemical, mechanical and quality control departments which it would not be feasible to have in the comparatively small Salem operation. (Additional details Page 5, Sec. 1.)

Wreck Brings \$400,000 Suit

PORTLAND (AP) — The family of a Portland lumberman who was fatally injured in an automobile-truck collision last year filed suit for \$400,000 damages in federal court Tuesday. Oldene L. Gould, driver of the car and daughter of the lumberman, Judson M. Bentley, 77, asked \$250,000 for her injuries. Another daughter, Lolita Jackman, asked \$75,000 for her injuries. The widow, Mrs. Lena Bentley, sought \$75,000.

Enemy Force Invades Cities In Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Costa Rican troops clashed Tuesday with an armed force in North Costa Rica, a government spokesman said, near a town on a direct invasion route to this capital city. Col. Rodolfo Quirós, chief of staff of the civil guard, said the government forces suffered two men wounded in the clash with "perhaps 75 to 100" members of an airborne group that took over the town of Villa Quesada Tuesday morning. The Costa Rican government charged "active aggression" on the part of Nicaragua and said it expects "to receive military aid" from the nations of this hemisphere to "repel forces of invasion." Nicaragua countered with a statement saying the accusations were foolish. Costa Rica's available manpower was quickly mobilized and more troops were rushed to the north. Government officials said a break in relations between Costa Rica and neighboring Nicaragua appeared imminent. Costa Rica said several villages in Northern Costa Rica had fallen to anti-government forces.

Salem to Need 2 New Junior High Schools 'Within 2 Years'

By DAVID L. AVERILL
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 Salem will need two new junior high schools by 1957. Superintendent of Schools Walter Snyder told the Salem School board Tuesday night. Snyder said both the city's present junior highs will have above-capacity enrollments next year. Some Leslie Junior High students are already attending classes in the new South Salem High school, he told the board, and 10 classes from Parrish Junior High will have to be transferred to North Salem High school beginning next fall. The superintendent said the total cost for two new schools would be about \$1,500,000. He based his estimate of future needs on the growing number of children in the city's elementary schools. Figures gathered by Assistant Superintendent Charles Schmidt indicate that total junior high school enrollment will increase

Radford Back From Tour of Orient Crisis Spots



WASHINGTON—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles greets Adm. Arthur W. Radford Tuesday on his arrival at National Airport following a month-long tour of the Far East. Radford will report on his talks with leaders in Indochina, the Philippines, Formosa, Korea and Japan. Dulles left immediately for New York, where he was to make a foreign policy speech on world peace prospects at a YMCA luncheon. (AP Wirephoto)

State Considers New Albany-Eugene Route

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregonian said Tuesday it had learned that the Federal Bureau of Public Roads and the State Highway Commission are considering construction of a new highway between Albany and Eugene. The proposed route is being discussed as a new route between Salem and Eugene, but much of Albany would be utilized, the newspaper said. Other details reported by the Oregonian: Although the project at present has not advanced much beyond the talking stage, the State Highway Commission has had a tentative survey made of right-of-way along the Cascade foothills east of Tangent, Shedd, Halsey and Harrisburg. The road would be built under the federal aid program in which federal government pays about 69 1/2 per cent of the cost and the state government pays the rest. It has not been determined where the new highway would leave the present route, 99-E. Tentative plans indicate the new road might begin about three miles north of Albany, route of 99 at Judkins Point, just south of Eugene and north of Springfield. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, could not be reached to comment on the report.

Car Insurance Rates Reduced

PORTLAND (AP) — Robert B. Taylor, state insurance commissioner, announced Tuesday he had approved reductions in fire, theft and collision automobile insurance in Oregon. The new rates, which apply to insurance written by firms associated with the National Automobile Underwriters Assn., are retro-active on all policies issued on or after Dec. 1, Taylor said. They provide a reduction of about 6 per cent on \$100 and \$50 deductible collision insurance in Portland and approximately 5 1/2 per cent for the rest of the state. Rates on fire, theft and comprehensive insurance have been cut approximately 15 per cent. The reduced rates apply to both private passenger and commercial automobiles.

Derry Station Crossing to Get Signals

Flashing-light signals will be installed at Derry railroad crossing near Rickreaf, scene of two fatal accidents last October. Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel announced Tuesday that the new signals will be installed on both sides of the tracks, replacing wig-wag signals now installed on one side. The crossing, labeled one of the most dangerous in the Willamette Valley, is located on the Southern Pacific's westside track where it intersects the Dallas-Salem Highway. Two Polk County motorists were killed there within 24 hours in separate accidents in October, a third was fatally injured at the crossing Nov. 3, 1952. Heltzel said installation of the new signals would start soon.

In the Interest Of Spelling!

More than 3000 7th- and 8th-grade students of Marion, Polk, Linn and Yamhill Counties are competing in the 5th Annual Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest. Following are among words being studied:

difficulty	banquet
executive	alfalfa
consciousness	elevation
grizzly	universal
salary	mirror
pottery	bacon
glorious	advantageous
harvest	discretion
definite	scholar
exhaustion	relieve
syrup	measles
warehouse	persuade
	gallery

THE WEATHER

Locality	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	46	31	trace
Portland	42	25	.03
Baker	38	22	trace
Medford	38	22	.00
North Bend	48	31	.00
Roseburg	47	28	.00
San Francisco	53	37	.00
Los Angeles	61	45	.00
Chicago	44	24	.00
New York	37	26	.00
Willamette River	2.0	feet.	

Woman Visitor at Silverton Hospital Stays as Patient

SILVERTON—Miss Ina Harold, postal money order clerk at Silverton, went to call on a friend at the Silverton Hospital and ended up by becoming a patient. Miss Harold slipped on the sidewalk Monday night on her way to the hospital, lost her balance and fell. However, she lit on a quilt she was carrying, breaking the fall, and although very lame managed to get to the hospital where she visited briefly. When she tried to get up from the chair in which she was seated, she discovered she could not do so without help. A doctor's examination disclosed a fractured kneecap and she was placed in a cast. Miss Harold is now at the Silverton Nursing Home where she will remain for a few days. She will be in the cast for at least three weeks, she said.

Dag's Mission To Red China 'No Failure'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — One of Dag Hammarskjöld's top aides declared Tuesday the U.N. secretary general has made progress toward freeing 11 American airmen imprisoned as spies in Red China. "Give it a little time," he advised. Commenting on reports that Hammarskjöld's carefully planned mission had failed, the U.N. official, a spokesman for Hammarskjöld, said: "The secretary general has not failed. He has made progress toward the goal set for him by the General Assembly. He was asked to 'make, by the means most appropriate in his judgment, continuing and unremitting efforts for the release of the 11 fliers and other United Nations Command personnel still detained. The talks in Peiping were 'useful' toward this end. They established a basis upon which further progress can be made."

\$1,000 Tool Theft Occurs Near Dallas

DALLAS — Nearly \$1,000 worth of logging tools were reported stolen Tuesday from the Simonson Bros. Logging Co. operation in the Goosenek district 15 miles northwest of Dallas. The tools were taken from a padlocked tool shed located just off the Goosenek Road. Polk County Deputy Sheriff Robert LeFors said the theft probably occurred during the past weekend but went unnoticed until Tuesday morning when workmen went to the shed for equipment. The missing tools were valued at \$800 to \$1,000 and included two power saws, several lengths of saw chain. (Additional details on page 5, sec. 2.)

Eisenhower Asks Congress for Federal Employee Pay Increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower asked Congress Tuesday to give 1 1/2 million government workers an average pay increase of about five per cent. The cost was estimated at more than 339 million dollars a year. In two special messages sent to Capitol Hill, he also recommended a hike in postal rates to foot part of the bill and that the government contribute 55 million dollars a year to a new health insurance program for federal employees. The Senate's majority leader, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), announced immediately he favored a raise for government workers but that he questioned the advisability of increasing postal rates. This appeared to be the view of many members of Congress. A major aim of the administration's plan, the President said, is to bring average government pay and benefits more into line with standards prevailing in private industry. Eisenhower vetoed a similar pay raise last August because the bill passed by Congress failed to provide revenue, including higher

Lawmakers Plan 20-Day 'Tax School'

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
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 The nine Oregon legislators who have the biggest responsibility in developing any tax increase decided Tuesday to "go to school" for 20 days more or less, to become well grounded on the Oregon tax picture. The House of Representatives committee on taxation agreed to call in several Oregon tax experts for a seminar series on various phrases of taxation, to be conducted daily at 8:30 a.m. for several weeks. Meanwhile, incoming tax bills—which by law must originate in the House—will be reviewed by one of three subcommittees which the taxation chairman, Rep. Loran Stewart (R) of Cottage Grove will designate this week. Promising Program Notwithstanding their seminar plans, the tax committee members pledged themselves to come up with a "definite tax program without undue delay." They are faced with the unpopular chore of finding ways to enlarge state revenues to the budget-balancing point. Gov. Paul Patterson has submitted a budget that, if entirely approved, would mean a deficit over the next two years of \$45 million in general operations and \$18 million in new buildings he considers vital. To Study Sources The House tax committee in adopting its policy statement Tuesday promised also to study existing revenue sources for possible change, to analyze possible new revenue sources, to scrutinize property now exempt and to make full public report on advantages and disadvantages of each method of taxation studied, its probable effect on the state's financial structure and the class of taxpayer affected. No mention was made in the committee's initial discussion Tuesday of the governor's recommendations that the needed revenue be raised under existing tax laws by a property tax of up to 6 mills, removal of the federal income tax offset from the state income tax and other measures. (Additional details on page 5, sec. 2.)

Governor's Plans Put Into Form of Bills

Some of Gov. Paul L. Patterson's recommendations to the Oregon Legislature took definite shape Tuesday, second day of the 48th biennial session. Several committees met to set up policies for consideration of the coming shower of bills. The first-day rash of bills—more than a score—tapered off Tuesday with only three new bills in the senate and six in the House. House Speaker Edward A. Geary, Klamath Falls, made an appeal to representatives to introduce their bills so committees could begin to work on them. The Senate will meet again today at 9 a.m. and the House at 10 a.m. Power Bills Entered Bills to carry out the Governor's power recommendations were introduced by Rep. Charles A. Tom, Rufus. He put in two memorials asking the government to build John Day at once or to arrange a partnership plan to build it; and to continue the present construction schedule for Chief Joseph, McNary and The Dalles Dams. Another recommendation of the Governor was in a bill introduced in the House to permit a \$19,000,000 bond issue to build state institutions. This would be a constitutional amendment, so would have to be considered by the voters in 1956. While this amount would be proposed for construction in the 1957 biennium, other state buildings would have to be erected, meanwhile, according to the governor's recommendation in his budget for \$18 million worth of buildings this biennium. Mental Hospital One with high priority is the mental hospital at Portland, Rep. F. H. Dammacher (R), Portland, introduced a bill Tuesday for a \$3 million appropriation for this project which was approved by Oregon's voters. Representatives of both parties put in bills Tuesday on tax proposals linked with the governor's message. Reps. Charles A. Tom, Leon S. Davis and George Layman, Republicans, introduced a bill to eliminate the tax exemption now granted to corporations whose income is from rental of real property. Excise Tax Cut A similar measure was put in by Rep. Katherine Mussa, The Dalles, a Democrat, who also sponsored legislation to reduce the rate of corporate excise tax from 8 to 6 per cent. Rep. Loran Stewart, Cottage Grove, dropped in a bill to allow state departments to hire their own attorneys instead of having attorneys assigned from the state attorney general's office. Stewart said this was intended to do away with the dual status of attorneys who on the one hand advise in the administration of a certain department and on the other may advise the attorney general in interpretation of laws which might affect the department for which he works. Attorney Pay Recently the subject of independent attorneys came up when Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton refused to pay the bills for private attorneys hired in connection with an Oregon Liquor Control Commission investigation of two employes in Portland. The Senate resolutions committee urged passage of two memorials calling for immediate statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. (Additional legislative news on page 5, sec. 2.)

ANIMAL CRACKERS
 BY WARREN GOODRICH

"Cheer up, we'll go into the dried milk business!"