

### Hunters Check Progress of Barbary Rams

By STEVE LOWELL. ROY, N.M. — A scientific expedition, armed with high-powered rifles, field glasses and kibitzers set out this weekend to find out if the nation has a new big game animal coming up.

A small army of about 60 hunters, state game department men and interested on-lookers invaded a 30-mile stretch of the cliff-rimmed Canadian River Canyon. They were after 25 Barbary rams, part of a herd of about 300, the only ones on the North American continent.

Just before the party started out, Homer Pichens, director of the state game department, explained: "We're in the dark ages about these sheep. Almost nothing is known about them. That's why we decided to hold this hunt. We want to find out what they eat, if any parasites bother them, and their habits. We think we may have the nucleus of a big game animal for American hunters, and we believe the whole west in particular, is looking on with much interest for the results."

**First Hunt**  
Fifteen men from the general New Mexico public and ten landowners, one a woman, Mrs. George Ray Jr., of Roy, received permits to take part in the first hunt of its kind in North America. In each small group of up to four was a game department man. His duty was to help spot the sheep, the sex of which is hard to tell at a distance because both rams and ewes bear horns, and to bring back the entrails for laboratory study.

**Preliminary examination of organs**, blood and stomach contents are being made at a field laboratory set up in this little northeast New Mexico village. There more complete studies are to be made at the California game and fish dept. laboratory. Much won't be known for many months.

**Without Water**  
Pichens pointed out that one of principal values of the Barbary, a native of the Atlas and Azura, Atlas mountains of North Africa, is its ability to go for days without water. That's why, he said, Arizona was particularly interested, but he added, "we think all the western states are just as interested."

**From Balboa**  
"Our first plantings," Pichens went on, "was in 1848 when we rounded up eight animals from Joe McKnight, a Roswell sheep man. He got his from Balboa. Then about 1880, we got about 90 more from Balboa."

**They are interesting animals** to hunt, Pichens described it this way: "They flush like quail, run a little way, and hide like rabbits. Then you walk by and they flush out behind you, run a little way and hide again. They are hard to see against this sandstone cliff background, even if they are good sized."

**Bugged Ram**  
But despite their bull-colored camouflage, Rancher Pete Shurbel, with his range-wise eyes, had little trouble seeing them. It was the first to report in a kill. He spotted two rams, a ewe and a butteball-like lamb, rounding a cliff corner about 300 yards below his feet on a pinnacle. With one shot, he neatly bugged his ram.

The other three, apparently confused, kept coming closer, and they were only about 100 yards away before they spotted the men and scampered. A few bounds later sandstone boulders and they were lost from sight again.

Shurbel, who does a lot of hunting, was understandably excited about the new trophy. "Well, I guess I can stand up and be counted," he grinned.

### Police Locate Playboy in Swindle Deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Six months and eight countries after he ran out on a \$230,000 swindling check, Playboy Robert M. Schlessinger was located in Canada Sunday. Authorities said he agreed to return voluntarily.

Schlessinger is the son of the fabulously wealthy Countess Mona Blomark, who inherited 100 million dollars from her second husband, Harrison Williams, when he died in 1953.

Schlessinger, 37, the child of her first marriage to a Milwaukee industrialist, is charged with bilking three businessmen of \$200,000 in a phony oil deal.

He allegedly used one of the checks in the deal to finance a jewelry-buying courtship of actress Linda Christian.

Dist. Atty. Frank Hogan, who announced Schlessinger's arrest since his indictment, was in jail through these cities and countries: Chicago, Miami, Bogota, Colombia; Lima, Peru; Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Lisbon, Portugal; Genoa, Italy; and Paris, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and New Brunswick, Canada.

**VISIT PLANNED**  
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**Archbishop Of Russ Eyes U.S. Entry**

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union wants to know whether the United States will admit Archbishop Boris if he limits his activities to the administrative functions of exarch, or deputy patriarch.

The Foreign Ministry disclosed Saturday it had sent a note to the U. S. Embassy Friday asking this. Embassy sources confirmed receipt of the note, but said the reply was up to the State Department.

"In what seemed to be a paraphrase of the note, the news agency Tass said the Foreign Ministry sought to find out if such a proposal would be agreeable before the U. S. visit of the Russian Orthodox clericman and the Soviet visa to granted an American Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Louis F. Dion of Worcester, Mass., were announced by action of both sides.

**Visa Granted**  
The Russians granted Father Dion a visa Nov. 3 to come to Moscow as successor to the Rev. Georges Rissonnet, who was expelled in March after serving two years as spiritual leader of foreign Roman Catholics living in the Soviet capital.

Two days later the United States granted visas to Archbishop Boris and his secretary with the stipulation that the archbishop — whom it had ousted in retaliation for Father Rissonnet's expulsion — would confine himself to carrying out religious functions on a par with those to be carried out in Moscow by Father Dion.

The Russians presented this proposition, declaring religious functions of the exarch cannot be compared with a priest serving the religious needs of employees of the United States Embassy in Moscow.

The Tass report said the U. S. Embassy had been "reminde" that Boris would be handling religious functions of a spiritual leader of the Russian Orthodox Church which had been carried out by predecessors for 150 years.

Then the embassy asked the Soviet Foreign Ministry in a note to return the visas of Boris and the secretary for annulment."

"Soon afterward a representative of the State Department, spoke to the effect that U. S. authorities cannot permit Archbishop Boris to carry on services for congregations of the Russian Church in America who are U. S. citizens."

It was in this connection, Tass said, that the Foreign Ministry dispatched its latest note.

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**Soviet Meeting May Reveal Red Strategy**

By WARREN ROGERS JR.

WASHINGTON (AP)—American officials expect to get a better insight on Russian strategy when the Supreme Soviet meets in special session two days before Christmas.

No reason was given for the calling of this second extraordinary meeting of Russia's national assembly this year. At the first, in August, Premier Buligin reported on his summit conference with President Eisenhower. British Prime Minister Eden and French Premier Faure.

The regular Supreme Soviet meeting last February was the one at which Georgi Malenkov, much to the West's surprise, confessed failure as premier and stepped down to a lesser role in the Soviet hierarchy.

Speculation here and in Western circles in Moscow is that the special session, set for Dec. 22 by Kremlin decree Friday, will:

1. Hear a report from Foreign Minister Molotov on his Geneva talks with Secretary of State Dulles, British Foreign Minister Macmillan and French Foreign Minister Pinay. These talks ended Nov. 15 without a single agreement on cold war issues.

2. Listen also to Buligin and Soviet party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev tell about their month long tour of India, Burma and Afghanistan. They will return to Moscow about Dec. 17.

3. Possibly — although this is frankly classed as crystal ball gazing — disclose a Soviet program geared to round two of the cold war.

There is no guessing at this stage on whether the Soviets will try to recapture the "Geneva spirit" of easier relations achieved at the Summit conference, or tend further toward, as Dulles has put it, "the same hostility and animosity which so defiled the relations between us in the past."

4. Make some personnel changes. No sweeping reorganizations are looked for, however, and any real big bombshells in this department will more likely be saved for the twentieth congress of Russia's Communist party next February.

In general, preliminary U. S. studies of what the Communists are up to indicate this strategy: Hold the line in Europe and apply pressure elsewhere, wherever the opportunity offers.

**PROBLEM DISCUSSED**  
DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—A diplomatic source here said Sunday the United States, Britain, France, Turkey and member governments of the Baghdad pact are consulting on proposals for settlement of the Palestine problem.

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