

Crusade for Free Europe Growing

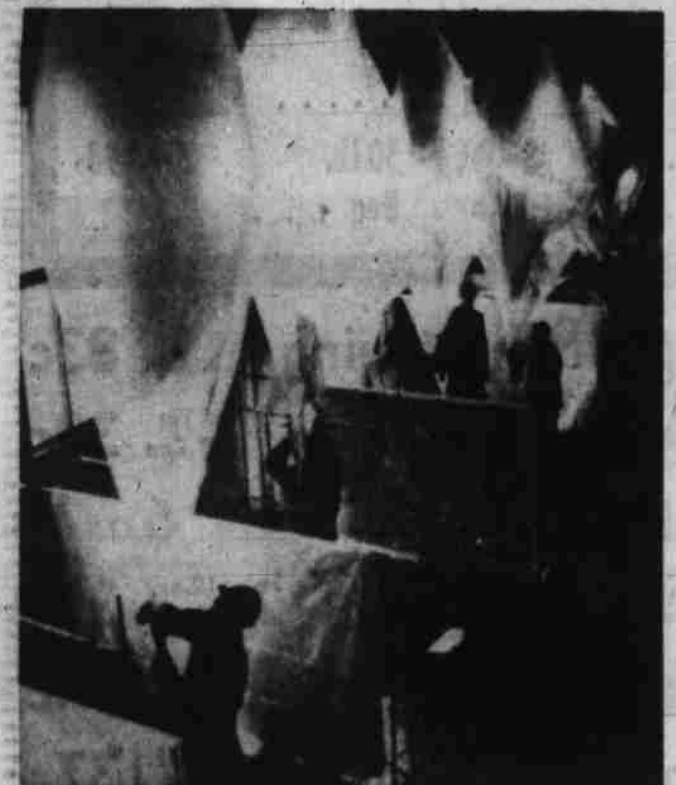
NEW YORK—Sixty-eight national organizations are participating in the 1956 Crusade for Freedom in support of Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press. The Crusade thus enters its sixth year of combating international communism "with wider endorsement than ever before," according to William A. Greene, Crusade president.

"The endorsement of these organizations," Greene declared, "shows that the American people are more aware of the threat of communism. It shows that Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press have won a vote of confidence in their efforts to meet that threat."

Radio Free Europe operates a network of 29 powerful transmitters broadcasting anti-Communist programs around the clock to 70,000,000 captive peoples in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria. Free Europe Press sends miniature newspapers via balloons to supplement broadcasts with the printed word. Both are supported by American contributions to the Crusade, 345 E. 48th St., New York 17, N. Y.



"WINDS OF FREEDOM" carry the news balloons eastward. In Central Europe, the prevailing winds are easterly, thus making a year-round operation possible. Three launching sites (approximated by stars) afford a section of targets. Through a check on atmospheric conditions, technicians are able to estimate approximate "delivery areas" in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Their estimates are often verified by escapes.



EDITION TIME RUSH in the hills near the German border. Balloons are filled with hydrogen at the rate of 100 a minute, and released as soon as they're filled with their carrier cartons. Papers are printed on "oiled skin." They run from eight to 12 pages. Free Europe Press is supervised by American editors, but the content is the work of dedicated exile journalists.



HOT OFF THE PRESS, a new edition heads over the Bavarian hills and above the Iron Curtain. Since Free Europe Press started operations two years ago, more than 250 million newspapers and other printed matter have been sent into the captive countries for some 70 million captive peoples.



Latest photo shows Soviet soldiers patrolling the border behind the barbed wire Iron Curtain between Hungary and Austria. This photo was made since the Geneva conference when the Soviets made a show of lifting the Iron Curtain. Instead, the barbed wire entanglements in this area are being strengthened.

Ten Hurt as Bridge Falls

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—At least 10 new span alongside the old bridge men were injured Wednesday afternoon when a scaffold collapsed on Gandy bridge and workers were thrown to a barge in Tampa Bay. The men were working on the

Man Claims Fatherhood Conspiracy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A salesman denies he is the father of a nurse's child and claims it was a test tube baby.

Vernon B. Simpson, 32, filed a civil suit Tuesday—naming the nurse, Edith Mitchell, 30, and Dr. Manuel de J. Castillo. He charged they conspired to have him named falsely as the child's father and asked \$25,000 damages.

Simpson's suit countered one filed by Nurse Mitchell as guardian of her 18-month-old daughter, Connie Sue. She asked the court to name the salesman as father of the child. He says he lost his job as a result of the paternity claim.

His suit contends the child was born as the result of artificial insemination, and that the doctor and nurse sought to force him to marry Miss Mitchell or leave the state as a plan to prevent him from making public "certain activities" attributed to them. Nature of the "activities" was not disclosed.

The salesman alleged that in November, 1953, Miss Mitchell and Dr. Castillo sent out announcements of a supposed marriage between the nurse and Simpson. Then, in January, 1954, the complaint added, Dr. Castillo told Simpson that an artificial insemination donor with Simpson's blood type had been found and that Simpson would be listed as the father of an expected child.

Superior Judge Elmer D. Doyle set Feb. 14 as the date of a hearing on child support.

Peaceful Use Of Atom 'Cut By Secrecy'

WASHINGTON (AP)—A special study panel contended Tuesday that present government secrecy practices are hampering the development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, particularly in the power field.

The group told the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee also that current information controls could unwittingly lead to the leaking of vital information because of divided responsibility for carrying them out.

These were among major conclusions in a review of information policies by a panel set up last March by the joint committee to study the impact in this country and abroad of the peaceful uses of atomic energy. The panel is headed by Publisher Robert McKinney of Santa Fe, N.M.

The report said the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) has made some progress under the 1954 atomic law toward releasing from the secret list such nonmilitary data as industry needs for atomic power development.

Police Find Bandit Under Their Feet

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—The city's elusive bandit who has harassed police with six robberies in the last month, turned out Tuesday to be the porter who sweeps out the police station.

Lavarn Lightner, 28, known as "lightning," told police and reporters that he had been sweeping dirt from under their feet while officers pressed the hunt for the bandit.

He surveyed the officers around him Tuesday and said morosely, "I wish I was still pushing that broom."

He was arrested Monday night north of here when he left the scene of the second holdup of the night at a filling station.

Retired General Heads National Ike Organization

NEW YORK (AP)—Brig. Gen. John Reed Kilpatrick (Ret.), board chairman of the Madison Square Garden Corp., Tuesday announced acceptance of the chairmanship of the National Citizens for Eisenhower organization.

In a prepared statement issued at a news conference, he said: "I ask all American citizens, and particularly independents and Democrats who believe in the Eisenhower way, to give our National Citizens for Eisenhower the devoted support that will help to insure victory in November."

The organization functioned during the 1952 campaign and was reactivated this month in a letter sent to some 40,000 former supporters by Gen. Lucius D. Clay (Ret.), former cabinet member Oreta Culp Hobby and New York Banker Sidney J. Weinberg.

National offices are at 45 East 67th St. in Manhattan.

Pig in Restaurant Gets Judge's Goat

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Just because a five-day-old pig had been "government inspected" didn't mean a thing to Judge W. E. Bell Tuesday when he fined Mrs. Joyce Creagle \$25 for keeping the animal in the kitchen of a cafe she operates.

She pleaded guilty to keeping livestock in a place where food is prepared. The infant porker is now on a farm outside the city limits, Mrs. Creagle said.

Couple Drive From Arctic to Tip of South America

PANAMA (AP)—A young California couple who set out from the Arctic Circle nearly two years ago to drive across land and water to South America's lower tip, have notified friends they accomplished their mission.

Frank and Helen Schreider of Valley Center, Calif., report they drove their amphibious jeep across the Strait of Magellan Jan. 17 and reached Ushuaia, southernmost settlement on Argentine-held Tierra del Fuego.

Friends here said they received greetings in the form of a western hemisphere map charting what was termed the first amphibious expedition the length of the Americas.

The Schreiders left Circle City, Alaska, in July, 1954, in their specially fitted jeep. They followed the western coastline, driving in roads and oxcart trails.

They navigated the Pacific off Southern Costa Rica and churned through the Atlantic off Panama. At one point the jeep motored nine miles up a river in Costa Rica. The Schreiders plan to drive back to Rio de Janeiro, then take a ship to the United States.

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