

U. S. Marshal Investigates Priest On Kodiak Who Knew Rasputin

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska—(U.P.)—Father Gerasim Schmalz, dishevelled Russia priest of mysterious background, whose superstitious neighbors believe he may be Rasputin, has admitted to a United States marshal he knew the monk who swayed the czarist court, it was disclosed today.

Schmalz, a large, heavy-boned man, with a wild tangled black beard and hair and hypnotic eyes, appeared in Kodiak in 1919, less than two years after Rasputin was reported murdered by Russian Prince Yussupoff.

Guarded Tomb
Shortly after his arrival, Schmalz took over the job of guarding the simple tomb of a saintly Russian priest, Father Herman, who prophesied just before his death 147 years ago, he would return to Moscow in 150 to save Russia from "its troubles."

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Natives and whites, frightened by Schmalz' appearance and manner, evolved the report that the aged monk with the piercing eyes actually was Rasputin.

United States Marshal Paul Herring disclosed today that he had investigated the report, and after repeated questioning Herring said the monk, "admitted he knew Rasputin and went to school with him, but claimed he was several years younger."

Rasputin if alive today would be 73.

Picture Made
Unsatisfied, Herring photographed Schmalz, and took the picture to a famous Alaskan artist Eustace Zeigler, who reproduced it in oil and superimposed Russian church vestments on it, then despite bitter protests from members of the Russian church placed the picture in the window of a Kodiak store along with Herring's collection of icons and other relics.

(Zeigler, now in Seattle, has declined to produce the original photo taken of Schmalz, terming it "solely the property of Herring.")

Angered, Schmalz packed the altar cloths on which he has spent years doing fine needlework by way of a hobby, and moved to a lonely cabin remote far from the little community on Spruce Island, site of Father Herman's tomb.

Mull Theory
Russians here, familiar with czarist politics and who know Schmalz, were left to mull over their theory that Yussupoff did not actually kill Rasputin, but instead made a deal.

With the bolsheviks about to take over control of Russia, Rasputin, once all-powerful favorite of the czarina, would have a better chance to get out of the country if he believed dead.

And Prince Yussupoff, according to speculation here, might gain favor among the bolsheviks if he could claim to have killed the dissolute monk.

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Henry Kaiser, nationally known industrialist and operator of the Fontana, Calif., steel plant, and United Steel Workers President Philip Murray are interviewed by reporters as they arrive at the White House for conference with President Truman. It was hoped that Kaiser, who signed a wage agreement with the U. S. W., might have a new suggestion for solution of the steel situation.

Wendling Report

WENDLING—PFC William Aldous, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Aldous, has been discharged from the army after almost three years of service. Two years were spent in Europe. He arrived home last Friday.

Approximately 40 persons attended the turkey dinner given by the AFL for their members and families, at the community hall Friday evening.

Mrs. Herb Ryan entertained a group of women at her home last Thursday afternoon. Sewing and visiting were the afternoon's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roberts have moved from the east side of town into the house on the north side which was recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Stolberg.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid society will be held at the home of Mrs. Bill Harris, Thursday afternoon. This is a work and business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Knudson and family of Roseburg, attended services at the Methodist church Sunday, and were dinner guests of Mrs. Knudson's brother, Guy Pattee and family.

William Mills, TM, 1-c, has returned to Mare Island, and Pvt. Winona Bockes has gone to San Francisco, following several weeks visit here with their mother, Mrs. Verd Jones.

Byers Move
Seth Byers who has been employed as yard foreman for the past several weeks for the Wendling Booth-Kelly plant, has gone to Springfield, and is a resident inspector at the Booth-Kelly mill there, for the West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau.

Gordon Wright who has loaded cars here for some time, has gone

to the Hills Creek Lumber Company, and will be employed as a car loader there.

The Wendling grade school pupils and Methodist Ladies' Aid society are collecting clothing for the needy people in the foreign countries. The clothes must be usable and clean. A box has been placed in the store; any one wishing to may take clothes there, or to the school house.

Glenn Redding visited at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Ella LaJoi, and with Mr. and Mrs. Art Rogers this week-end. Glenn spent several months in England. He was recently discharged.

Pvt. David Sisler is home on furlough from Camp Roberts, Cal. He has just completed his basic training.

THE WEEK AT CENTRAL

CENTRAL—Robert Potter of Bend, who is attending school at Corvallis was a week-end guest at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John McComas.

Mrs. Orvan Officer was called to Eugene recently by the serious illness of her father, Mr. O. A. Albertson, who is a patient in a hospital there.

Robert Sutherland Jr., and a friend, after a short visit at the Robert Sutherland home here, have returned to San Diego.

Jack Williams and son, Donald, are working in the timber on their farm, getting telephone poles, which are being hauled to Eugene.

W. E. Blek has been having gravel hauled for the road to his mill; the wet weather having made the road impassable for loads.

Mrs. Victor Storey has been confined to her bed with a siege of the measles.

George Easton Heads Waltherville Phone Line

WALTHERVILLE—The annual telephone meeting on the 817 line was held last week, and officers elected were George Easton, president, and Jesse Schwering, secretary-treasurer. A \$5 assessment was levied on the membership.

The Youth canteen which meets Friday evenings is planning a pie social, according to their president, Robert Zehner, Friday evening, Jan. 25. Pies will be auctioned off during the evening. The usual entertainment will fill the rest of the evening hours.

Welcome Rebekah lodge met in regular session last Thursday evening at their hall with good attendance. One visitor, Mrs. Eva Lockman, from Juanita Rebekah lodge, was present for the evening. Mrs. Lockman is now living at Waltherville.

Mrs. Metta Watson, N. G., asked the Rebekah club to meet at her home at 11:30 Thursday, Jan. 24, for a potluck lunch at noon and for work in the afternoon.

The drill captain announced the practice to be held at 7:30 the first meeting night in February. Committees were appointed: finance, Pearl Witcher, Frances Carter, Joyce Bales; good of order, Theda Lansberry, Marjory Goodale; refreshments, Pearl Momb; cleanup, Hjordis Dunston; correspondent, Dorothy Ashley.

On Trip East
Mrs. Frank Alexander left Thursday morning for Malvern, Iowa where she plans to visit her sister and other relatives for about three weeks or a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alexander and daughter Lois are also planning a visit to Iowa and expect to leave this week. Mrs. Frank Alexander will return with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George William and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alexander and daughter Lois were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Robert William in Eugene.

Mrs. Donald Blossom and daughter Dona were overnight and Sunday guests at the Don Alexander home. They are from Eugene. Mr. Blossom is still in the army.

Local Reactivated By Laundry Workers

Laundry workers and dry cleaners local 206 was reactivated here at a recent meeting attended by a number of workers, reports L. H. Steward, business representative for the local. Open discussion was held at the meeting, after which refreshments were served.

Local headquarters are in room 203 Labor temple, with office hours from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. and 1 to 2:30 p. m., daily except Saturday. Other office hours will be by appointment. Any further information regarding the union may be obtained at the office Steward said.

Marine Corps League Plans Duck Dinner

Gerald Duane Harbert detachment, Marine Corps league, made plans for its annual duck dinner, to be a stag affair Feb. 18, at the meeting of the group held Monday evening at the armory.

A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution to be sent to Oregon congressmen, stating that the detachment is not in favor of a plan for unification of the armed forces.

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Charles Pierson, Sacramento, Calif., told city police Tuesday that he had been held up Monday night and relieved of \$26 and a ticket to Sacramento.

Pierson said that two men "stuck something" in his back as he passed the alley on the south side of Broadway between Willamette and Oak streets. They told him to

step into the alley, look back, fold, removed the money, placed the wallet, he said.

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