

Soviet Deserters Slipping Through Red Iron Curtain

By Walter Rumlle
(By United Press)

Soviet-American zonal frontier, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Hundreds of Russian deserters per month are crossing into the American and British occupied areas of western Germany and Berlin, the United Press learned today.

So many of these Russians seeking asylum in the western zones have slipped past the iron curtain in the last six weeks that the problem of handling them has become a major Anglo-American policy headache.

The deserters are enlisted men and officers of the Soviet army, and civilian employees of the Soviet military administration, some of them with their families. Some are officers of such a rank as Col. G. R. Tokajew, who went over to the British 10 days ago. One check point reported that nine field grade officers passed through in one week.

"What a few weeks ago was a trickle of deserters has become a sizeable stream," one reliable source said. "If the western powers should state openly that deserters will be treated as political refugees, it would become a flood."

Must Declare Policy

Men closest to the problem believe the time is near when the western allies must:

1. Openly declare their policy in the matter.
2. Provide adequate funds for screening, quartering and eventual placement of the fugitives.

The problem now is handled on an ad lib basis. This startling increase in Soviet desertions, particularly to American-occupied territory, dates from the refusal of U. S. officials in Vienna to surrender to the Russians two Soviet pilots who deserted in October in a stolen Russian plane.

Until then, most if not all unformed deserters had been turned back to their commands under an agreement made during the "honeymoon period" of Soviet-western relations immediately after the war.

Officially U. S. authorities "know nothing" about Russian deserters.

But authentic information assembled piecemeal shows, for example:

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"Well over 40 a month" go through another check-point.

"A very substantial increase" is reported at still another.

Excellent British sources say "well over 50 a month" enter their zone.

Why do they desert? Bitterness, disillusionment and disgust at their way of living. And they fear another war.

"The people don't want war," they say, "but everywhere in Russia there are preparations for war."

What is the Russian attitude? Publicly, they ignore it. There have been no formal protests. That would provide wonderful propaganda material for use against Russia.

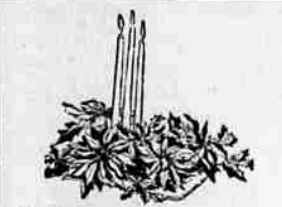
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Red Cross Nurses Visit Committee

Misses Irene Yelk and Patricia Bergin, nursing field representatives from the Pacific area office of the American Red Cross, are in Bend today for a conference with committee members here, according to Mrs. Lillian R. Mills, executive secretary of the Deschutes county chapter of the Red Cross.

This is the first time in a year that representatives from the San Francisco office have been in Bend, Mrs. Mills said, and they plan now for a three-day stay. Committee members with whom they will discuss home nursing, the Deschutes county chapter's forthcoming nurse's enrollment program, and disaster, include Mrs. Walter Emard, Mrs. Lucy Mullins and Mrs. Aggie Larson.

Grants Pass Boys Return Trophies

Grants Pass, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The Grants Pass Lions club had its football trophies back today.

First given to outstanding players on the state champion high school squad, rules of the State High School Activities association forced the boys to return them.

Grants Pass high school authorities said it had always been the intent of the school to abide by the association's constitution, so the trophies went back. They stressed that no offense was intended by the Lions club in making the awards, or by the gridmen in accepting them.

Carl Brown, president of the Lions club, said the boys had brought them back and said "thanks."

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Atomic Scientists Facing Blindness

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The three physicists in charge of installing the atom-smashing cyclotron at the University of Illinois have developed cataracts on their eyes and are losing their vision, the head of the university's physics department said today.

Dr. F. Wheeler Loomis said "five cases are now known in which cataracts have been found in the eyes of physicists who have been concerned with getting cyclotrons into operation."

He said the cyclotrons were at Illinois, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Carnegie Institute of Washington. "The cataracts have become apparent only several years after the presumed exposures," he said. Loomis identified the three scientists who helped install the cyclotron at Illinois as P. Gerald Kruger, still at Illinois; Gerhardt Grotzinger, now at the University of Chicago, and Lloyd Smith, now at the University of California.

Bowling

BAUGHN BROTHERS PLAY

The battle of the Baughns is over, and when the smoke cleared, Henley came out with the winner's laurels. Both were a bit nervous at the start of the match, but Henley a little less than Fred, and he started off with an 11-pin

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lead, but Fred came back to go into an eight-pin lead over Henley. This was the only time that Fred was in the lead. Henley came through with three 197s in a row to take a five-pin lead at the end of the first five games. Fred slipped with a 159 game and Henley rolled a 225 game to take the lead. Fred kept hacking away at the lead, but it was too much and Henley won by 94 pins. As an anti-climax, Fred entered the singles handicap tournament that is running at the Cascade bowl and had games of 216-208-204 for a 628 series plus his handicap of 45 pins. This gave him a 673, good enough for third place. Fred also picked the 4-7, 6-10 split. It was one of the very few times that this has ever been accomplished in Bend. Scores:

Fred Baughn				
163	186	176	190	212—927
159	181	216	208	204—968
Total 1895				

Henley Baughn				
174	167	197	197	932
225	218	224	190	200—1057
Total 1989				

DESCHUTES LANES

In play last night at the Deschutes bowling lanes, Frieda's flowers took three points from Owl taxi and Deschutes lanes won two points from Bend cafe. Scores follow:

Owl Taxi: Ella Grine, 402; Don-

na Combs, 379; Helen Anderson, 336; absentee, 373; total, 1436.

Deschutes Lanes: Edith Myers, 374; Suzie Maker, 358; Fay Peters, 403; Maude Monical, 307; total, 1442.

Frieda's Flowers: Betty Macy, 315; Jean Wallace, 471; Laura Shipley, 382; Jerry Bishop, 345; total, 1513.

Bend Cafe: Lucille Kuykendall, 352; Rhoda Lumstrom, 344; Helen Anderson, 311; Boots Musgrave, 476; total, 1483.

Wood Butchers: S. Dearth, 503; B. Burrell, 439; L. Dutton, 526; E. Huffman, 423; H. Hagen, 436; total, 2588.

Congress Food: W. Howard, 536; B. Koller, 453; J. Mayne, 421; T. Loree, 486; E. Brown, 574; total, 2644.

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The next regular play in this league will be on Monday night, January 3, at 7 p.m. Scores follow:

Rixe Realty: Tilden, 472; Devereaux, 428; Cashman, 457; E. Rixe,

435; H. Douglass, 522; total, 2641.

Medo-Land: E. Smith, 452; B. Clark, 335; H. Pritchard, 435; D. Musgrave, 537; S. Blucher, 518; total, 2490.

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