

# German Fugitives Brave High Seas In Flight Abroad

By Brendan Walsh

Dublin (U.P.)—A tiny sailing boat, converted from a rowboat, crept through the galeswept seas, almost smashed itself on a line of needle-edged rocks and crawled to the quiet of Wexford harbor.

Its pilot, radio-engineer Paul Muller, aged 63, and his daughter Aga, both refugees from the soviet zone of Germany, had reached another step in their desperate flight to South America.

When he saw them near the reef, Capt. Mark Bates of the motor trawler Pride of Helvic called for aid and went to their assistance.

As they approached the tiny Berlin, the trawler skipper signalled the Mullers to follow their sails. Then they maneuvered close to the Berlin, threw a rope, and took it in tow.

**Caked With Salt**

The Mullers' faces were caked with salt as they came ashore. They had not had a hot meal since they left Milford Haven in Wales three days before.

The Mullers were taken to a restaurant for hot drinks and a meal. Beds were prepared for them but despite their weariness they refused to sleep ashore, and returned to their tiny but beloved boat.

It has only a couple of feet of freeboard and no engine. The small cockpit, "like the Black Hole of Calcutta," is cluttered with tanks and gear, and there is barely room to lie on the deck in a huddled position.

"People think I am crazy and that my boat is crazy," he laughed, "but I know what I am doing."

The Mullers took three weeks to make the short journey from Falmouth, England, to Wexford, in the 16-foot boat.

The Mullers escaped from Germany via Berlin, Hamburg, Holland, Belgium, and France, and set sail for England. Despite the hard times they have faced, they are determined to go on.

"We have met a lot of bad weather and storms," Muller said in broken English, "and twice I have been thrown into the water."

**Long Voyage Ahead**

"But I am quite sure my boat will stand up to the seas. I expect it will take me about three months to reach Brazil. From there I shall go on to Argentina, where I hope to settle and bring my wife and son, who are still in Germany."

"Land is cheap there, and I expect to make good as a farmer, with Aga to help me."

Aga told reporters that she was not looking forward to the long Atlantic voyage.

"I do not want to go on," she said. "I should rather stay here where people are so friendly and generous, but Daddy is determined to go, and in spite of my fear, I shall stay with him."

The two have refused an offer of a rent-free cottage in Wexford for the winter, until more favorable weather would make an Atlantic trip less dangerous.

Wexford friends think the refugees may never reach their destination.

**Hanging Resented**

Columbus, Ga. (U.P.)—Newspaper readers were startled somewhat to find that Mayor Walter A. Richards and two former city chiefs objected to being "hung" while alive. It developed that they were merely protesting hanging of their pictures in city hall while they were still around to see them.

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Grange Hall, Feb. 8 (Special)—Vitamin B study was the topic for the regular meeting of the Eastern Star extension unit held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harold Harbour, Miss Miriam Shelton, home demonstration agent, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. E. W. Paul, chairman of the program committee, led a discussion on projects for next year.

During the business meeting Mrs. E. G. Rowley gave the 4-H report, Mrs. Curtis Carlin gave a short talk on safety in the home and Mrs. R. D. Moore, Azalea house chairman, was in charge of the white elephant auction with Mrs. Alex Walters acting as auctioneer. Eighteen women were present at the meeting.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. R. D. Moore on March 2 at 10:30 a.m., with Mrs. Paul Ray and Mrs. Les Kurtz, project leaders, in charge of making lamp shades. All are to bring sack lunches.

The Eastern Star YGA held its regular business meeting at the Grange hall Monday evening.

Women of the Eastern Star Grange who are planning to attend Pomona Grange at Tumalo Saturday are asked to bring pie. It has been announced by the Eastern Star home economics club chairman, Mrs. C. A. Burton.

The Eastern Star Juvenile Grange held its first meeting of the new year at the hall Saturday. Mrs. Joe Hince, new matron, and Miss Ramona Hooker, new m. s. t. e. r., were in charge of the meeting. Carolyn Bradbury, lecturer, led the children in a game and the zippers were given to the children. Judy Call served refreshments for the meeting, with Martin Eakman to serve at the next meeting. Mothers attending included Mrs. R. C. Hooker, Mrs. Carson Call, Mrs. W. E. Bradbury and Mrs. W. Prichard.

R. C. Hooker made a business trip to the valley Friday.

The Eastern Star Grange will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, February 14, at 8 p.m.

The Grange Hall ladies aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Julia Pedersen on Thursday.

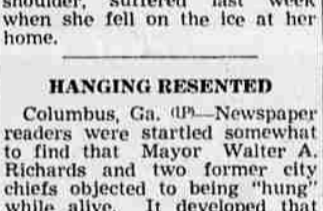
Square dance classes for members of the Eastern Star Grange were held at the hall last Friday evening with about 80 persons in attendance. Mrs. Rodney Rosebrook was appointed as chairman of the refreshment committee and it was announced that each woman attending the meeting this Friday night should bring a cake.

Mrs. Walter Smead was released from the St. Charles hospital Monday. She had been recuperating from a severe injury to her shoulder, suffered last week when she fell on the ice at her home.

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## Republicans Hold Youth Edge Over Democrats in Senate

By Warren Duffee

Washington (U.P.)—The United States senate is getting younger.

The average age of the current senate is 57 years and about two months, a United Press survey shows.

Two years ago the average was just over 58.

Republicans are younger than Democrats in the present senate with an average age of 56.5 to 57.5 for the democrats.

But although the current crop is a shade younger on the average, the age span from the oldest to the youngest is one of the senate's widest in history—51 years.

It goes all the way from the veteran Sen. Theodore Francis Green, D., R.I., the oldest member who is a spry 82, to Sen. Russell B. Long, D., La., who was 31 last November 3.

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## Pacific Northwest Extends Hand of Fellowship to East

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Seattle, Wash. (U.P.)—The Pacific northwest has developed an idea to give the Marshall plan a much-needed personal "good fellowship" touch to the people of foreign nations.

Mayor William F. Devin of Seattle and 20 business, industrial and civic leaders are currently on a 32-day tour exchanging cultural and social ideals with the people of the Far East, the Philippines and Hawaii.

"Cold dollars alone cannot make permanent friends," is the theme of the tour. "A more adequate plan must follow the Marshall aid program."

The idea of achieving closer understanding and good will with foreign countries by visiting them personally as "world neighbors" was conceived by Sol G. Levy, a wholesale food and drug distributor in Seattle.

Levy proposed that foreign tours be made annually with an objective of establishing friendship and understanding rather than hustling selfish business interests.

"We are not going over there with order blanks in our pockets," Levy explained.

He added that valuable business contacts will be made, of course, but that the tour's principal purpose is to bring about "better understanding, confidence and respect between us and our neighbors in the Far East."

The first overseas friendship tour is sponsored by the world trade division of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the Pacific Northwest Trade association.

A second tour next fall will take a similar "fellowship" party to England, Scotland, Scandinavia, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland.

Each member of the current tour is paying his own way. The bill will be about \$2,000 each.

Levy's instructions to the travelers are that each "apply himself in his vocational field so that he can give help in a practical way to the commercial, educational, medical and cultural objectives

## SHIP GOES AGROUND

Galiano Island, B.C., Feb. 8 (U.P.)—Twenty passengers walked safely ashore last night when the 2,155-ton Canadian Pacific passenger steamship Princess Mary ran aground on the rocks.

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