



Russians Convicted—Accused of espionage, these Soviet citizens huddle together in the county court at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, where they were convicted and sentenced to prison at hard labor for terms ranging from three to 20 years. The 10 defendants (six shown above) immediately appealed. It was the first time since the war that Russian citizens have been tried, convicted and sentenced in any of the eastern European countries. (Acme Telephoto)

Messiah to Be Given Sunday At High School Auditorium

Salem Oratorio society will present its annual performance of Handel's "The Messiah," Sunday afternoon in the auditorium of Salem senior high school. The program will be at 3 o'clock. Dean Melvin Geist of the Willamette university college of music directing.

The chorus of more than 300 voices is accompanied by the Willamette symphony orchestra, directed by Dr. Willis C. Gates of the university.

There will be six soloists with the presentation.

Robert C. Johnson is to be a basso soloist. He is of Portland and has sung with various church groups in Portland and with many other choirs and choruses, including the Eugene Gleemen, the Portland Gleemen and the Portland Symphony choir.

Virginia Ward Elliott of McMinnville has the soprano solo parts. She has appeared twice before as soloist with the Salem Oratorio society. For 15 years she was director of the well known Linfield a cappella choir.

Edith Fairham Gunnar, contralto, also is a soloist in the Sunday program. This is her second appearance with the Oratorio group. She is well known to Salem audiences and was graduated in June from Willamette.

Baritone soloist is Robert Gwinn, senior student at Willamette. He has sung with the university a cappella choir and has been guest soloist on many programs here.

Grace Ashford, also of Willamette college of music, is a soprano soloist for the Sunday performance. She has sung before many groups here and has been a member of the First Presbyterian church here.

Ormal Tack, director of music in the Lower Columbia Junior college at Longview, is the tenor soloist. He has been soloist at many churches in the Seattle and Portland areas and has had much experience in organizing and directing men's choruses and glee clubs.

The Sunday presentation of "The Messiah" is without charge and the interested public is invited.

H. L. Percy Elected Head of Nut Growers

Portland, Dec. 10 —Walnut growers are seeking ways to improve their product and increase sales.

The Nut Growers' society of Oregon and Washington was told here yesterday that the improvements are needed, for the market is dwindling.

Among suggestions offered were proposals to plant cover crops in the winter and to add organic humus to the soil.

Harry L. Percy, Salem, was elected president; Burr Fisher, Springfield, and Guy L. Anderson, Longview, vice presidents.

Appeal NLRB Ruling

Portland, Dec. 10 (AP)—A drug store firm involved in labor trouble said today it would appeal to the courts for aid.

The Haleston Drug stores said it would appeal from an NLRB decision in which the NLRB refused to handle the case on the ground that interstate commerce was not involved. The firm had accused the AFL Culinary Workers of unfair labor practices.

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Army Sergeant Killed In Blast

Turrell, Ark., Dec. 10 (AP)—A 26-year-old army sergeant, trapped in a small service station, was killed yesterday when stacks of Christmas fireworks ignited and blasted the room with flaming explosions.

Maurice E. Mims of Clanton, Ala., died as he crouched in a corner in an effort to shield himself from the fury of exploding rockets, firecrackers and roman candles.

His cousin, William E. Clackler, 23, of Clanton, escaped by plunging through a glass door. The operator of the service station, Ed Haskett, followed Clackler to safety.

Clackler said the fireworks were set off when a penny package of lighted firecrackers was tossed on the floor.

"They started exploding all over the floor and one hit a big stack of other fireworks," he said. "They were all stacked in the front of the room and we were trapped in the back."

He said he and Mims were on their way to Seattle, Wash., where Mims was to report for duty.

They stopped at the service station, he said, to repair a flat tire.

Stalin Now Heap Big Indian Chief

London, Dec. 10 (AP)—Now it's heap big chief Stalin, or so Moscow radio says.

A Moscow broadcast heard here said Stalin had received the headdress of an honorary Indian chief. It was a birthday gift. Stalin will be 70 on Dec. 21.

Accompanying the headdress, said the radio, was a greeting hailing "the greatest of warriors, Josef Stalin, elected honorary chief of the Indian tribes."

The broadcast did not say what Indians sent the gift, where they sent it from, or just when Stalin had been elected an honorary chief.

British Governor Dies of Stab Wound

Singapore, Dec. 10 (AP)—A stab wound inflicted by a rebellious

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Two-Star General Runs Outfit In 'Most Unorthodox Manner'

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill., Dec. 10 (AP)—The air training command clicks from the top down.

The guy who makes it click is handsome, affable Maj. Gen. Robert W. Harper. I don't use the word "guy" with any disrespect for two-star rank, because Bob Harper considers himself one of the boys—and he is.

You could tell that when he took the rostrum at headquarters here to open a public information conference attended by officers from the 17 air bases in the command.

The 49-year-old general runs the biggest business in the air force in a most unorthodox manner.

He figures he can get more out of his men with a friendly smile and a warm handshake than with a scowl and a slapping down—not that the general can't get rough when the occasion demands. He certainly can, and does.

Bob is a constant source of amazement and often bewilderment to those under and above him.

Hardly a day goes by that he does not shock some rank in Washington.

He doesn't like the word "channels."

"I'm not even sure I know what the word means," he says.

He's probably the greatest cutter of red tape in the world. He

G.I.s Idyll of Love Uprooted

Frankfurt, Germany, Dec. 10 (AP)—The American army has pulled up stakes on a G.I.'s idyll of love in a tent with his beautiful German sweetheart and their baby.

Army officials announced yesterday the soldier, recruit Melborn C. Moffitt of Hominy, Okla., had been arrested after being absent without leave since last March 31.

Moffitt, the army said, had had a "fine record," but when his unit got ready to head for the United States he apparently decided to pull out in order to be with his girl and baby.

The announcement said the family had been living in a house in the Grafenwoehr area until about two months ago. Then, an official said, the soldier got scared and moved his

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family into a homemade but well-camouflaged tent in the woods in the area.

Moffitt was arrested after a German forester reported a "strange man who looks like an American is living in the woods at Grafenwoehr."

Army police took the girl and her baby to Nuernberg for questioning, but they said the girl was not put under arrest.

It is estimated that U. S. tourists in Canada spent a quarter of a billion dollars last year.



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