

GI Who Fleed To Reds, Back

Berlin (AP)—A U.S. army private who fled to the communists to escape a six-month prison term last September has surrendered to U.S. authorities.

The army announced yesterday that military police picked up the soldier, Pvt. Norman M. Lowell, Jr., of Somerville, Mass., Saturday after a telephone tip that he was in the West Berlin home of a German girl friend.

He escaped through a window on an American military train at a communist checkpoint in the Soviet zone last September 12. At the time he was on his way to a prison at Augsburg to serve a sentence for disobeying an army order.

The official East German news agency AIN claimed in October that he had renounced his U.S. citizenship and requested political asylum.

The army has confined the soldier to a guardhouse and would not let reporters talk with him.

Shelley Winters Leaves Husband

Rome (AP)—Film star Shelley Winters has walked out on her matinee-idol husband, Vittorio Gassman, after a quarrel which began when she thought there was too much ham in Hamlet.

"We had quite an argument," the blonde dramatic actress said in a Rome hotel Monday morning after confirming that she left Gassman—at least temporarily—at Genoa night before last.

His interpretation of Shakespeare's Dane displeased her and they quarreled, Shelley reported.

Fire in Home Kills 4 Persons

Hardin, Mont. (AP)—Five persons, four of them members of the same family, died yesterday when fire leveled their frame home.

Mrs. Lee Joyce Pomeroy, 27, a divorcee; her three children—Mary Ellen, 10, Jeanette, 7, and James, 6; and Peter Goetz, 24, perished in the flames.

Sheriff Roy Riley said an oil stove, the only item left standing in ruins of the four-room house, may have started the blaze.

Ten Killed in India Train Wreck

New Delhi, India (AP)—A passenger train jumped the track near Bhatinda, 150 miles northwest of New Delhi today, and railway officials said 10 persons were killed. Forty were reported injured.

First reports said nearly 100 lost their lives but a recount showed the much lower toll.

The train left the rails near a canal bridge. Reports from the scene said some of the coaches were telescoped.

Fathers of Fourteen Drowned in Alsea

Waldport, Ore. (AP)—Four men, the fathers of 14 children, apparently drowned on windswept Alsea Bay on the Oregon Coast, state police reported yesterday.

They were identified as Lyle Marion King, 44, the father of five children; Henry Lee King, 24, the father of three; Alton Robert King, 42, the father of two; and Loren McWhorter, 25, the father of four.

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RECENT REPORTS on experiments with mice have given wide publicity to a theory that cigarette smoking is in some way linked with lung cancer in human beings.

Although conducted by doctors of professional standing, these experiments are not regarded as conclusive in the field of cancer research. However, we do not believe that any serious medical research, even though its results are inconclusive should be disregarded or lightly dismissed.

At the same time, we feel it is in the public interest to call attention to the fact that eminent doctors and research scientists have publicly questioned the claimed significance of these experiments.

Distinguished authorities point out:

1. That medical research of recent years indicates many possible causes of lung cancer.
2. That there is no agreement among the authorities regarding what the cause is.
3. That there is no proof that cigarette smoking is one of the causes.
4. That statistics purporting to link cigarette smoking with the disease could apply with equal force to any one of many other aspects of modern life. Indeed the validity of the statistics themselves is questioned by numerous scientists.

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For more than 300 years tobacco has given solace, relaxation, and enjoyment to mankind. At one time or another during those years critics have held it responsible for practically every disease of the human body. One by one these charges have been abandoned for lack of evidence.

Regardless of the record of the past, the fact that cigarette smoking today should even be suspected as a cause of a serious disease is a matter of deep concern to us.

Many people have asked us what we are doing to meet the public's concern aroused by the recent reports. Here is the answer:

1. We are pledging aid and assistance to the research effort into all phases of tobacco use and health. This joint financial aid will of course be in addition to what is already being contributed by individual companies.
2. For this purpose we are establishing a joint industry group consisting initially of the undersigned. This group will be known as TOBACCO INDUSTRY RESEARCH COMMITTEE.
3. In charge of the research activities of the Committee will be a scientist of unimpeachable integrity and national repute. In addition there will be an Advisory Board of scientists disinterested in the cigarette industry. A group of distinguished men from medicine, science, and education will be invited to serve on this Board. These scientists will advise the Committee on its research activities.

This statement is being issued because we believe the people are entitled to know where we stand on this matter and what we intend to do about it.

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