

UNDERCOVER MAN REVEALS SECRETS RUSS TERRORISTS

Copy of Arabian Nights Served As Secret Code Is Testimony of Prisoner Before Soviet Tribunal

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MOSCOW, Aug. 21.—The story of how a copy of the Arabian Nights was used as a secret code between Russia's amazing anti-Stalin conspirators gave a fantastic touch today to the trial of 15 confessed plotters.

A bewildered, discomfited prisoner, Edward Solomonov, solemnly recounted how he acted as liaison man between T. Smirnov, head of the Moscow Trotskyites and Syedoff, Leon Trotsky's son in Berlin, with a copy of the book the most important piece of his baggage.

Report Delivered

"Smirnov gave me a copy of the Arabian Nights," the witness related, "which, in some way which I do not remember, served as a secret code."

"Upon meeting Syedoff in Berlin I handed him Smirnov's report on economic and political affairs of the U. S. S. R. and the Arabian Nights code."

Leon Trotsky, the celebrated exile, has been accused by both the government and the defendants as the master of the plot, embracing not one but many attempts upon the life of dictator Joseph Stalin.

Previous evidence had brought out that the counter-revolutionists used secret compartments of trunks, invisible ink and other subtleties in order to exchange information.

Terror Required

Holzman, a reticent witness, told of a meeting with Trotsky in Copenhagen at which he quoted the exile as saying:

"The only way to remove Stalin is through terror."

For a time during the examination of Holzman, 54 years old, bald and perspiring, the courtroom took on the appearance of a big happy family.

The Trotsky undercover man, with contradictory answers to the prosecutor's questions, drew frequent smiles and laughter from the spectators, the prosecutor, the judges, and even Holzman himself.

At one point Holzman said: "Trotsky told me if Stalin was destroyed we would return to power."

Witnesses corroborated charges that there were at least three definite attempts to kill Stalin. The latest, witnesses asserted, was planned as a spectacular assassination in Moscow's red square during the May day demonstrations.

Bomb Plan Told

Bombs labeled "diplomats" were to be delivered to Stalin as he stood atop the tomb of Nikolai Lenin, it was testified.

Denial by Trotsky from his Norway haven that he participated in the asserted plot to overthrow the government brought smiles from Soviet officials who retorted:

"Trotsky always denies everything. How is he to refute the weight of this evidence?"

While the 16 prisoners occupied a box enclosed by a low wooden railing, with stalwart red guards standing by, it was plain that the absent Trotsky actually was the man on trial.

22 BLACK LEGION LEADERS INDICTED AS SYNDICALISTS

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Harvey Davis Black legion "colonel" charged with murder and kidnaping in the "execution May 12, of Charles A. Poole, young WPA worker; William Guthrie, Black legion printer held on a charge of inciting to riot; Clarence C. Frye, former head of the organization's intelligence squad, held on charges of conspiracy to kill Arthur L. Kingsley, Highland Park publisher, and Roy Hepper, Black legion "colonel," also held in the Kingsley conspiracy case.

Names of others were withheld until they could be rounded up.

Two sentenced

As Judge Chenot handed down his findings, Frederick A. Gully and Thomas A. Cox, convicted August 7 of "false imprisonment" of Robert Penland, were sentenced in another court to five years imprisonment. They originally had been charged with abducting and flogging Penland, but the charge was reduced by order of the court.

While the court proceedings were in progress, Prosecutor Duncan C. McCrea disclosed statements which he said indicated that Effinger had boasted that "pressure would be brought to bear" on Michigan Attorney General David H. Crowley to release the Black legionnaires accused of the Poole killing.

The prosecutor said Russell Trlek, described as a Black legion captain, Joseph K. Allen, an "adjutant," and Andrew J. Ray, a "colonel," all of Detroit, told him they visited Effinger in Lima last month.

Allen's statement said Effinger told him Black legion members in Ohio had "approached him" with proposals that the prisoners held here be released by force. Effinger, Allen said, told him there were too many police and army troops in Detroit for the legion to "come here and take the situation over."

STERN MEASURES THREATENED FOR MOLESTING SHIPS

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quarters stated, has been informed that all British ships will be protected from interference, and it was made clear that in the event of unprovoked action by Spanish vessels, Great Britain will take equally firm steps to safeguard her own craft.

Force With Force

Germany, following the reported search of the German steamer Kamrun by a Spanish loyalist warship, let it be known yesterday her own navy will answer "force with force."

Informed quarters stressed the British action, while paralleling that of Germany, was independent of the Reich.

It was pointed out that Great Britain, since the beginning of the civil war, has made it clear to both sides they would be held responsible for injury to British nationals.

British vessels from the start were escorted through danger zones.

Today's warning that British ships would reply in kind to shelling applied also to rebels which have been maneuvering over Gibraltar.

Germany was ready for action with 18 warships in Spanish waters.

Soviet Russia, the German press charged, had taken over command of the Spanish conflict in an effort to set "the entire world aflame" for communism.

France was reported ready to demand apology from Madrid for reported search of the German steamer in its effort to pacify Nazi Chancellor Hitler into accepting a neutrality pledge.

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ROME, Aug. 21.—Premier Mussolini, informed sources said today, has asked his envoys abroad to sound out foreign reaction to abandonment of neutrality negotiations in the Spanish civil war.

G. O. P. CANDIDATE WILL MEET RIVAL IN IOWA, SEPT. 1ST

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August 27. Acting Governor Welford of North Dakota and other state officials will attend.

"This conference may be a joint meeting with Acting Governor Welford and Governor Holt of Montana, who was asked to come to Bismarck."

August 29th the president will meet with Governors Berry of South Dakota and Miller of Wyoming at Pierre, S. D.

He will visit Governor Floyd Olson of Minnesota, Ill. in a hospital at Rochester, Minn., August 31 and then confer with state and federal officials.

Proceeding to La Crosse, Wis., a similar conference will be held with Governor LaFollette the afternoon of August 31.

The Des Moines meeting will be held the next day and on September 3 the president will dedicate a new bridge at Hannibal, Mo.

The same day he will meet with Governor Horner of Illinois at Springfield.

From there he will go to Indianapolis for a conference with Governors McNutt of Indiana, Chandler of Kentucky, Davey of Ohio and Fitzgerald of Michigan.

First Hand Information Alm.

Here is text of invitation to Governor Landon, who is on his way east on his first campaign swing, but who will have returned to the west by the time the Des Moines meeting is held:

"As you probably know, I am coming west next week to get at first hand all the information I can with respect to the situation in the drought area."

"We plan to arrive in Des Moines early morning, Tuesday September first, and I would appreciate much if you could find it convenient to meet us there for a general discussion of the situation. To this conference I am also inviting Governors Herring, Cochran, Park and Mariand."

"I am asking Governor Herring, as our host, to advise you as to the detailed plans for the conference."

"Franklin D. Roosevelt."

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FASCIST FORCES MARCH SATURDAY TOWARD MADRID

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while, arrived at Burgos by rail from Seville and departed for an undisclosed destination, apparently on the northern front.

The insurgent leaders said government troops were evacuating Irun, in the north.

A fascist rebel airplane dropped five bombs on the village of Hendran, south of San Sebastian, today while negotiations were reported underway to restore peace in the Bay of Biscay battle area.

One child was wounded, dispatches declared.

The Basque nationalists who have been aiding the loyalist militia, it was said, were trying to end the fighting by arranging the surrender of the cities of San Sebastian and Irun, besieged by rebels.

In return, under the Basques' plan, the rebels would grant amnesty to the defenders, the reports related.

Fighting continued in the Guadarrama mountains outside Madrid with new victories claimed by loyalists.

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Healy stands charged with passing two bogus checks, signing the name of R. E. Sweeney, each in the sum of \$750.

At a preliminary hearing a week ago, Healy was bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

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