

Estimated 100 West Laborers Under Reds Citizens Said Slave

Berlin —(U.P.)— An estimated 100 American, British and French citizens who for various reasons decided to try life under the Communists are reported to be virtual slave laborers in East Germany.

According to information reaching here, these Western Allied citizens, many of them soldiers, live in an Allied colony in the Soviet Zone City of Bautzen near the Czechoslovak border.

They are forced to work in factories at starvation wages and may not change their jobs or leave the city. Soldiers who escape and return to the West tell of constant police surveillance, frequent arrests, interrogations and beatings.

Some Deserters

The colony consists of some Allied soldiers who deserted, some who strayed across the border and fellow-travelers who entered East Germany to test life under Communism.

Names of only a few Allied residents of Bautzen are known. This makes it impossible for the Allies to demand their return. The Russians pay no attention to such demands unless they are accompanied by the full name and serial number of a soldier believed to be in Soviet hands.

Soldiers who escaped reported "many" Western Allied citizens and deserters live in Bautzen. A West Berlin organization which gathers information about East Germany estimates there are 100 Americans, Britons and French in the city.

Issued Cards

These Western Allied citizens are given East German identity cards and ration cards. They work in Bautzen factories along side East Germans and live in boarding houses, according to the returned soldiers.

Some residents are reported to have married German girls and become fathers.

Latest reports on Bautzen were given by Pvt. Ray B. Schultz of Batavia, N. Y., and a British soldier who escaped from the city last month and returned to West Berlin.

Schultz, who entered East Germany after breaking out of

an American Army jail, was sentenced by a court-martial last week to five years imprisonment and dishonorable discharge.

Followed By Police

Both soldiers told authorities they were free to go and come as they pleased in Bautzen but were always followed by plainclothes police trying to prevent their return to the West.

Schultz said his take-home pay of 180 marks (\$9) a month from a cotton factory did not leave him enough money to buy a beer. But there was no such thing as trying to find a better job.

He said he and several others were kicked, beaten and slugged with gun butts during his six months in the Soviet Zone whenever the Russians tried to get information from them.

A few Allied residents were said to get good treatment because they made propaganda speaking tours for the Reds.

Among those reported in Bautzen are Pvt. Sidney R. Spraks of Tennessee, Ga., and Pvt. Charles J. Scott of Decatur, Ill. Both broke out of jail with Schultz.

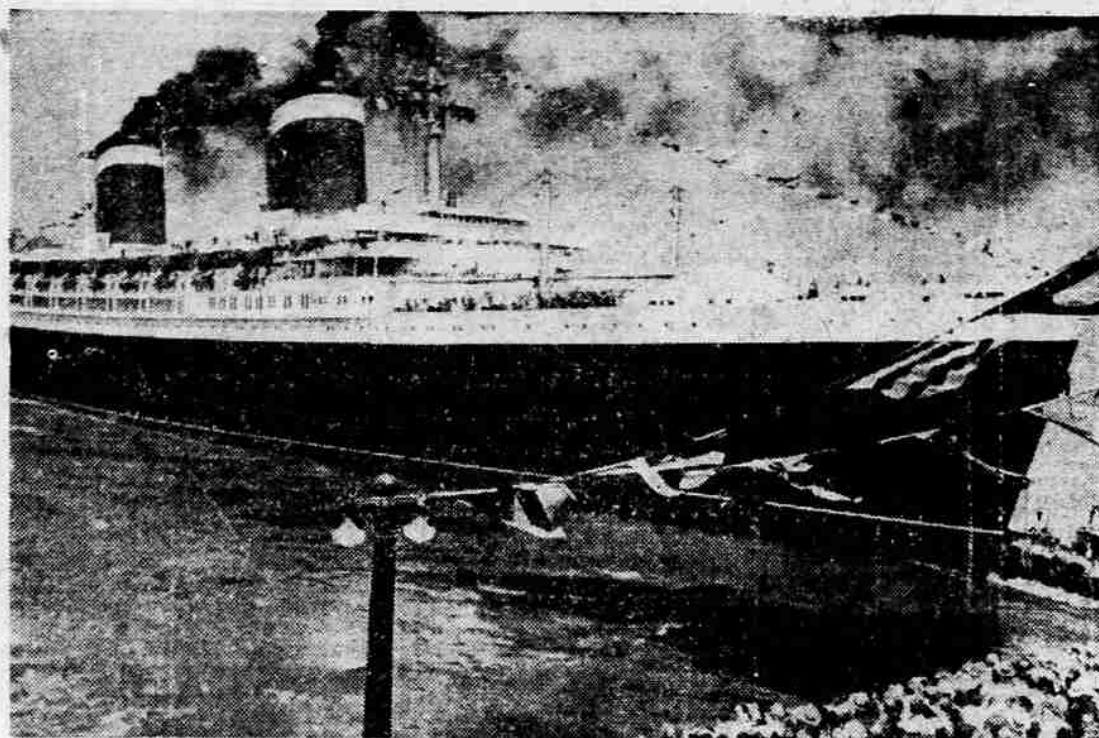
Hole Cut in Roof To Free Big Boat

St. Louis —(U.P.)— William J. Schmidt feels like a man who painted himself into a corner. He built a 14-foot runabout boat in his attic and then found he couldn't get it out of the door or windows.

"I took down the door, the framing and all the molding," Schmidt said. "I tried the windows. There wasn't any big enough. My ears were burning because I was getting plenty of criticism from my wife, who had been skeptical from the beginning."

Schmidt finally decided his only alternative was to cut a hole in the roof.

"I got four relatives to help me and we made a 6-by-2-foot hole in the roof," Schmidt said. "We lifted the darn thing out of the attic and lowered it by ropes to the backyard. We spent the rest of the day replacing the sheeting and asphalt shingles."



MAY BREAK THE RECORD—The S. S. United States backs from pier at New York to start her maiden voyage to Europe in what may be a record-breaking crossing. Margaret Truman, the President's daughter, was among the 1699 passengers on board.

Guatemala Experiment To Aid Production of Coffee

Washington —(U.P.)— "Operation Hedgerow" is making agricultural history on a scenic plateau in Guatemala.

The experimental project at Finca Chocoma is aimed at boosting coffee production — Latin America's bread-and-butter crop and the United States' largest agricultural import. It is headed by 37-year-old Dr. William Cowgill, go-getting Agriculture Department horticulturist.

Cowgill's "Operation Hedgerow" is an innovation in coffee-growing that is astonishing producers. He hopes to raise yields from 100 per cent to 200 per cent in Guatemalan coffee trees.

Some of Central America's foremost scientists are also at work at the lofty research station, which since 1946 has been the scene of the joint U. S.-Guatemalan project. A volcano smokes lazily in the distance but the inter-American team is kicking up plenty of dust of its own.

They have developed a rotation system of planting coffee trees separated by 10 to 15 feet of soil-protecting and improving legume crops. After the coffee trees reach the end of their most productive life span, they will be uprooted and the rows planted

to legumes. The old grass strips then will be replaced by hedgerows of new coffee trees.

Simple as it sounds, the system is revolutionary in Guatemala and other Central American coffee producing areas — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua—where coffee makes up 67 per cent of all annual exports.

Until now, the Indians have planted their trees in orchard fashion, spaced at irregular intervals and grown under large shade trees. Success of the hedgerow method may enable them to dispense with the time-honored practice and grow trees in direct sunlight, as it is done in Brazil.

The researchers have found that while coffee trees exposed to full sunlight are more productive, their life span is apparently shorter than shaded trees. They are now trying to solve that problem by extensive use of fertilizers and sprays.

Guatemalan coffee growers, accustomed to "doing it the way their fathers did," were cautious about adopting the hedgerow method. One by one local producers have tried it out and the idea is gradually spreading, in trial plots, to other plantations.

New England Quads Born Alive; Second Set in 19 Months

Portland, Maine — (U.P.) — Quadruplets — three girls and a boy — were born alive Monday to a carpenter's wife, the second birth of quadruplets in New England in 19 days.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Pinkham, 35, gave birth to the latest set of quads in Osteopathic hospital during a 45-minute period starting at 3:31 a.m.

Dr. Edwin F. Morse, who performed the delivery, said the multiple births were entirely unexpected though the mother had believed she might have twins. He said the mother and her babies were "doing fine" and that the latest set of quads were "good sized, unusually so for quadruplets."

Third Set

The quadruplets born to Mrs. Pinkham were the third set born in New England in a year and a half.

Quadruplets occur only once in about 680,163 births and the set born to Mrs. Pinkham followed by 19 days the quadruplets born to Mrs. John J. Manning, South Weymouth, Mass. The father of the new set.

Silas Pinkham, 45, was at the family's home in Standish, Me., when the multiple birth occurred. There was no telephone in the house so relatives carried the

news to him. Dark-haired Mrs. Pinkham is nearly 6 feet tall and weighed about 160 pounds before the births.

President Truman Slips Into Senate; Makes Talk

Washington —(U.P.)— President Truman slipped unexpectedly into the Senate Saturday, and made a short speech saying that he had spent some of the happiest days of his life there.

The President, who had just dined with Senate Secretary Leslie L. Biffle, told the senators:

"I hope after next January you will let me come in and have a square meal once in a

while, because they will be harder to get than they are now."

For several minutes after Mr. Truman entered the Senate, it went on about its business, which happened to be a eulogy of Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), retiring Saturday after 35 years in Congress.

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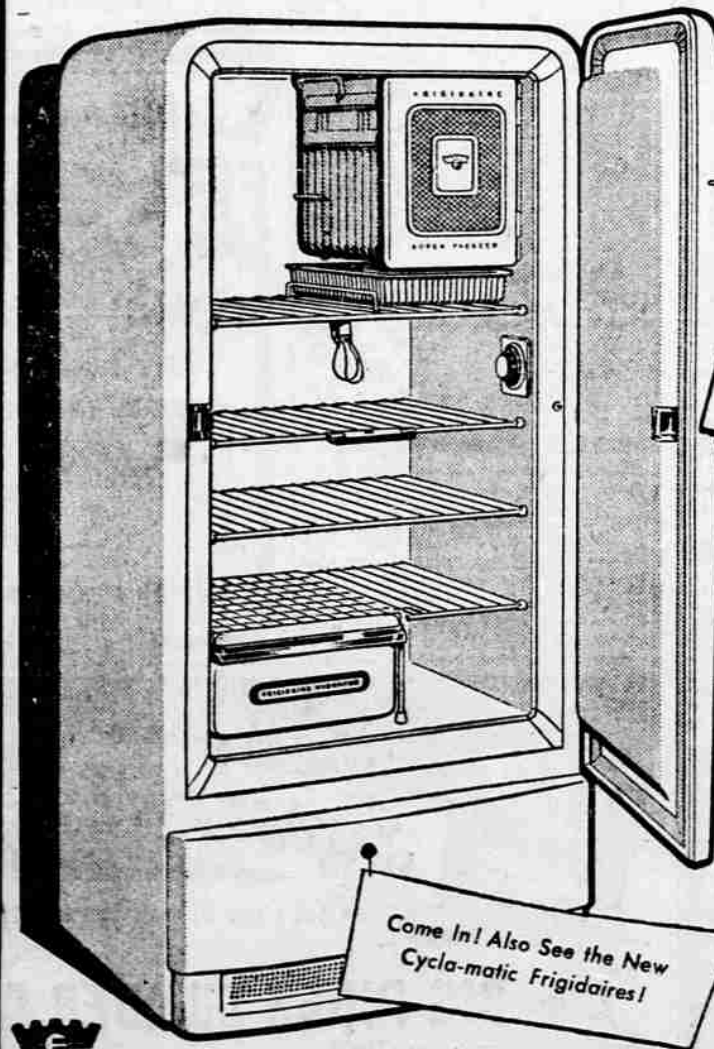
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