Hermann Field Not Physically Mistreated by Poles, Press Conference Told

$50,000 Indemnity Paid for 5 Years In Warsaw Prison

London — (U.P.) —American architect Hermann Field told a press conference today he never was a Communist or a Western spy.

He said Red Poland has paid him $50,000 indemnity for the more than five years he spent in a Warsaw suburban jail.

Field, whose home is in Cleveland, wept as he told for the first time the full story of his Iron Curtain imprisonment. He broke down when he told of seeing the American ambassador in Warsaw for the first time after his release and again when he spoke of his reunion with his wife and his two young sons.

Not Mistreated

Still obviously nervous from his ordeal, but appearing to be in good health, Field said he never was physically mistreated by Polish authorities.

"However, I was subjected to extreme psychological tensions," he said. "There was a general effort at exhaustion. I had very little sleep during the periods of questioning which went on sometimes seven hours at a stretch."

Field said that during his entire imprisonment, from mid-September 1949 until his release Oct. 25, 1954, he never was permitted out of doors.

He said he discovered, during his interrogation, that the principal thing the Poles held against him was the work he had done in Cracow in 1939 on behalf of Czechoslovak refugees from Hitler.

Never Been Agent

"This apparently was misconstrued as part of a British-American plan to subvert the postwar Czech regime," he said. "As Poland has by now discovered, this was not the case and I have never been an agent for anybody."

He said he had nothing to do but pace his cell until several one-man hunger strikes won him a pencil and a copybook and the permission to write, sometime in 1951. After that, he said, he wrote one novel and a book of reflections on prison life, both of which now are being prepared for publication.

GYPSY TROUBLE

Kent, O. —(U.P.)— The gypsy moth is an example of a dream which became a nightmare, according to Davey tree experts. It was imported from France 85 years ago for experiments in silk production. These failed, but the leaf-eating moths escaped and lived on to cause millions of dollars worth of tree damage.

STILL TRYING—French Socialist Leader Christian Pineau talks with newsmen in Paris about his attempt to break the deadlock in his country's politics. Pineau, the third to be asked to form a ministry to replace the defeated Cabinet of Pierre Mendes-France, has won the support of Mendes-France in forming new government. Pineau said he plans to form his Cabinet from members of the parties that agree to back his program.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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There continues to be considerable room for improvement in the uniforms worn by waitresses. Most of the tray queens look as if they had just picked their uniforms off a pile at random with complete disregard for size. Their appearance brings to mind Dean Swift's classic crack "She looks as if her clothes were thrown on her with a pitchfork." The best dressed girls among those whose activity requires the wearing of a uniform are the nurses of dentists.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Who introduced the song titled "If I ever cease to love"? A. The ballad you mention, much sung at the New Orleans Mardi Gras, was introduced in this country by Lydia Thompson, star of that burlesque troupe known as "Lydia Thompson's British Blondes." Q. My friend says when Helen Morgan sang at the Club Morgan she sat on the top of the piano. I say she sat on the top of the end of the bar. Who's right? A. You are both right. Helen, when warbling at the Club Morgan, always assumed a gay, casual attitude. At times she sat on top of the piano. At other times on the top at the end of the bar.

Please Note

Who was Sir Joseph Priestly? Ask the owner of your neighborhood drug store to answer that question. If he cannot do so quick as a flash, he should blush a long, long blush for his inexcusable ignorance. Sir Joseph Priestly discovered chlorophyll. He also invented soda water. So, if your neighborhod drug store has a soda fountain and the owner didn't know who Priestly was, he really should be ashamed of himself.

Horses and Women

What height must a young woman have to be rated as "tall"? Feminine subscriber, who measures five feet eight, says she was much disappointed to find she was not eligible for membership in one of those clubs for tall young people. She was informed the minimum height for feminine members was five feet ten. My belief is that a woman of five feet eight in her nylons is in the tall class. In fact, I once heard of an organization of young women who considered themselves tall called "The Sixty-eight Club." Name of club was inspired by the minimum height required for membership which was 68 inches, or five feet eight.

Bold Bid

One of the boldest and most obvious bids for a tip is when a bartender returns change on a tray. No self-respecting cafe owner should permit this form of barroom banditry. The customers rightly resent it. When a man is charged 75 or 85 cents for a seven-eighths of an ounce jigger of whiskey and is then held up for a tip by the bartender, it is truly adding insult to injury. Bartenders are paid excellent salaries and should not stoop so low as to beg for tips.

Things to Come

In ten years or less, according to Dornberger, celebrated rocket plane expert, it will be possible to travel from New York to Paris in 75 minutes. So, it won't be long now, sir, when your wife will be able to leave Manhattan after luncheon for a shopping trip to Dior's or Fath's in Paris and be home with a few new evening gowns before dinner time the same day.

Among the Married

Few women object to the term "housewife." All campaigns to have it changed to "home manager" have failed. In the 1930 census, the United States government substituted "home manager" for "housewife." It made no particular impression. Nor did it inspire much comment. The term "housewife" is now widely used and that of "home manager" rarely.

Talent High Picks Cast for Comedy

Talent—"I Love Lucy," a three-act comedy adapted from the current Desilu television program, was cast this week at the Talent high school as the spring play to be given in the school gymnasium April 1.

Scenes from several of the original television scripts were compiled by Christopher Sergel to make up the comedy entertainment, according to the faculty director, Glen Lamb.

In the cast were Maudalene Marshall and George Zickefoose will play the leading roles as Lucy and Ricky Ricardo. Ethel and Fred Mertz will be played by Bonnie Leeper and Dale Walter, respectively. Others in the cast are Christine Knudsen, Jack Barrett, Deanna Snelson, Russell Lindner, Priscilla Welch, Stuart Webber, Frank Tycksen and Gerald Bartol. Sharon Kilburn, school drama club president, will be student director. Rehearsals begin next week.

Rayburn Says More Help Needed To Save Ike's Foreign Trade Bill

Washington — (U.P.) —Speaker Sam Rayburn, credited with saving President Eisenhower's foreign trade bill yesterday, warned he could not do it again today without more administration help.

By implication he put the tariff-cutting bill's fate in the House squarely up to the President and his Republican backers. The Texas Democrat told reporters:

"If they (the Republicans) don't produce more than the 65 votes they produced for the bill yesterday it probably will be recommitted."

Rayburn spoke out as the House headed toward a showdown vote on a recommittal motion by which high tariff protectionists hoped to revamp the measure before final passage.

Compromise Sought

The protectionists were confident of victory, as a result of their strong showing yesterday.

President Eisenhower's GOP lieutenants sought with no apparent success to work out a compromise with Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-N.Y.) who had full charge of the final assault to weaken the bill.

Reed's recommittal motion would strip the President of some of his discretionary power to overrule Tariff Commission recommendations for restrictions against imports competing with American industry.

Rayburn's dramatic plea to the House yesterday was credited with the one-vote margin by which the House barred other amendments. But he told a reporter he was not taking any personal credit.

Wants Strong Language

Despite White House opposition, Reed seemed determined to attempt to write into the Reciprocal Trade Law the strongest tariff protectionist language in its 21-year history.

Democratic and Republican leaders were buttonholing doubtful members on both sides of the aisle for the final showdown vote. GOP Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. declined to say whether there was an chance of a compromise he could support.

President Eisenhower was reported to have written a letter to Martin urging the House to support his program. Martin said he was expecting a letter from the President and—if it arrived—he would read it to the House.

Reed hoped to revamp the bill on a motion to recommit it to the Ways and Means Committee —the only weapon left to protectionists.

Reversing itself in a dramatic see-saw battle, the House Thursday beat down efforts to open the bill to a stack of restrictive amendments. The final victory came on the third roll call—by a one-vote margin—after Rayburn made a dramatic plea and 16 Democrats changed their votes.

Christian Teaching Mission Scheduled March 3 Through 10

A Christian teaching mission, part of a national program, will be held in Medford from March 3 through March 10, and will be sponsored by 10 Medford churches.

Conducting the mission will be Dr. Paul L. Sturges of La Grange, Ill., director of educational evangelism for the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Participating Churches

Participating in the mission by conducting self-study programs to ascertain strengths and weaknesses within their individual churches will be the following Medford congregations: The First Christian church, Church of the Nazarene, Congregational, Medford Friends, Eastwood Baptist, Zion Lutheran, St. Peter's Lutheran, Bethel Baptist, First Methodist and First Presbyterian churches.

Each church is conducting, with guest leaders, its own program according to its own beliefs, according to the Medford Ministerial association. Guest leaders will aid in the study program and also furnish guidance in the strengthening of weak points revealed in the study.

Committee Named

Local committee for the mission includes the Rev. Kenneth F. Korby, the Rev. Willis Loar, the Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman, and Dr. D. Kirkland West.

The same group of churches, along with Sacred Heart, will also conduct a city-wide religious census Sunday, March 6.

Timberline Lodge Bill Unpaid; Power Cut Off

Timberline Lodge, Ore.—(U.P.) —This Mt. Hood ski resort was closed down last night for an indefinite period after the Forest Service cut off the lodge's electric power because of unpaid electricity bills.

Electricity was shut off at 1:45 p.m. yesterday, leaving the resort's 75 guests without lights, heat, warm food and telephone service.

The first guests began to leave within a matter of a few hours, and by midnight lodge employees had left.

Lloyd Olson, national forest supervisor, said the matter was the concern of the lodge management. Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative supplied electricity to the resort, which was run by a corporation under a Forest Service lease.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Slaney, who control the corporation, said they had not yet decided what specific action to take.

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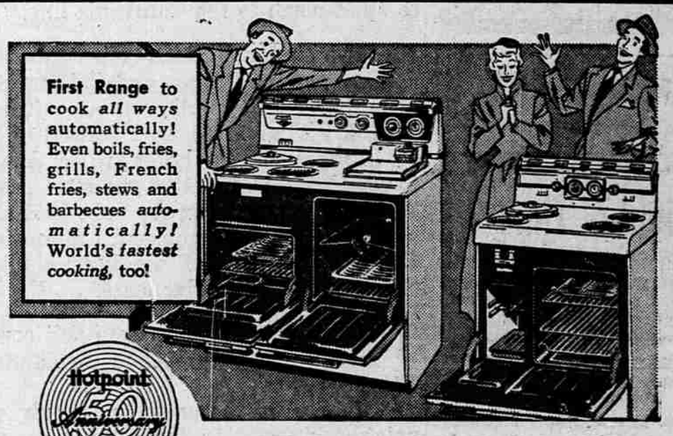

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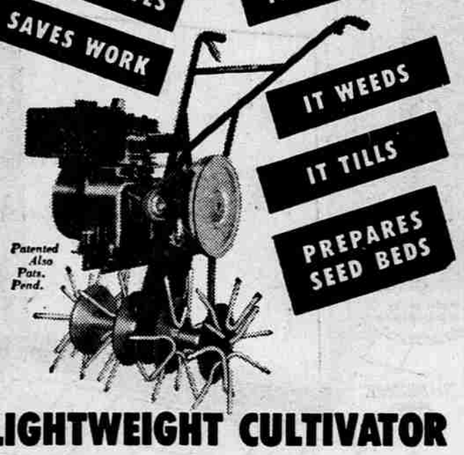

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