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Norway Girls Object To Danish Imports

Vera, Norway — (U.P.) — Four young girls, only unattached women among 20 bachelors in this isolated mountain community, threatened today to leave the district if the bachelors import Dutch girls to keep them company.

The bachelors have been deluged with letters from Dutch girls who read a United Press story of the lonely bachelors and want to come here. The bachelors ignored the threat of the four Vera girls to leave. They formed a club and decided to maintain and extend their contact with the young Dutch girls.

Most young girls left Vera because there are no movies, no dances, no electric lights and no roads. The closest general store is 20 miles away; the doctor, dentist and veterinarian live 40 miles away. In winter you get there you ski. In summer you walk.



EVEN LOOKS SUPERSONIC—Resembling a "supersonic hour glass" with delta wings, the Convair F-102A, is pictured in her first test flight over San Diego, Calif. It's an all-weather jet interceptor being built for the Air Force.

Doolittle Raiders End 13th Reunion

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Gen. James H. Doolittle's Tokyo raiders ended their 13th annual reunion today after President Eisenhower's administrative assistant praised them as "more than worthy of the immortality that will be theirs."

Howard Pyle, former governor of Arizona and now a presidential assistant, delivered the principal address at last night's banquet. Govs. Goodwin J. Knight of California and J. Bracken Lee of Utah also were among guests of honor. Pyle pointed out that all of the men who staged the first American air attack on Tokyo in World War II were volunteers. He said 60 of the original 80 are living, and 32 of them are still flying as members of the Air Force.

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Pilot Who Bailed Out Of Disabled Plane Found

Spokane — (U.P.) — Capt. Elmer P. Smith, who bailed out of his F-86D sabrejet fighter early yesterday when it developed trouble, was found today in rugged country 10 miles north of Lake Roosevelt.

Two airmen in a helicopter spotted the flyer at 6 a.m. about 10 miles north of Miles, a small town at the confluence of the Spokane and Columbia rivers where his plane crashed to earth about 9 a.m. yesterday.

The copter pilots said Smith appeared to be in good condition despite his long stay in the cold. He was standing beside his parachute and had built a fire to keep him warm during the night, they said.

Pilarcitos dam, in San Mateo county, a part of the San Francisco water system, was completed in 1867.

Israel Police Campaign Against Hemp Plant Growth

Nazareth — (U.P.) — Israel's police are campaigning against the growing of hemp plants to be used for supplying drugs to addicts. In some homes they have found the plants growing in kitchens from which part of the floor has been removed.

The police have a standing order of 15 per cent of the value of the hemp being grown to persons informing them of such a practice. Nevertheless, the number of addicts is on the increase, chiefly among immigrants from Moslem countries.

Since drug addiction is a relatively recent phenomenon in Israel, a new word had to be coined to describe it. Scholars of the Hebrew language and the Bible familiar with the word "mitmakker" meaning "devotee," are surprised to learn that in recent months it has taken on the additional meaning of "addict."

The chief centers for the narcotics trade in Israel are Nazareth and Beersheba.

In Nazareth police make occasional raids on a narrow street in the old part of the city. If a raid has been planned well, they may capture a big distributor carrying small lumps of yellowish brown hasheesh in concealed pockets.

Hasheesh, a product of hemp, is known in America as marijuana. Because of its low price in comparison with other narcotics, it is the most widely used drug by addicts.

Few Facilities
Recently, heroin has become popular, according to police records.

Israel consumes 150 kilograms of hasheesh a month. This, compared with the two tons daily consumed in Egypt, seems hardly worth the bother given to it. Nevertheless in comparison with the country's population, it constitutes a serious health problem.

The army, too, is seriously concerned with weeding out addicts in its ranks, and recruits from countries condoning the use of narcotics are put under special observation. Army field security suspects a recently

caught addict who had deserted of supplying information to one of the Arab states in exchange for hasheesh.

Israel has few facilities for dealing with addicts. They are sent to the mental hospital in Acre or to prison. This year a 21-bed ward is planned for addicts in one of the mental institutes.

Hasheesh addiction is mostly confined to the poorer classes. A half gram costs one Israeli pound.

The price of hemp in the Lebanon is 50 per cent lower than in Israel. When the same hemp reaches Egypt via the Gaza strip, its price is 10 times what it costs in Israel.

Operate In Negev
The wide open spaces of Israel's Negev desert are ideal for narcotics smugglers. Beersheba is the center for smugglers eastward to Hebron, Amman and Es-Salt in Jordan and westward to Egypt.

Desert Bedouins are notorious "protectors" of drug smugglers. They are familiar with all the routes followed by smugglers and either rob the caravans or exact a tribute for protection.

Hasheesh reaching Beersheba from Hebron usually has its origin in Iraq.

The greatest haul the police made in the Negev was the arrest of two Bedouins and an Israeli a little over a year ago on a lonely road. They ambushed a limousine in which they found 69 kilograms of opium. The government later sold this drug to hospitals and pharmaceutical firms.

Police now and then unearth hasheesh dens usually camouflaged as cafes. These dens have lookouts who warn of the approach of police. Police arriving and discovering groups of men playing an Oriental sort of backgammon called "Shesh-Besh" have little except the abnormally bright eyes of the players to indicate that a few minutes before they were passing around a hasheesh pipe.

Hasheesh is preferred by many in an eastern water pipe known as a nargeeleh. It is frequently smoked in cigarettes which Americans know as "reefers." Immigrants from Persia and Iraq accustomed to chewing hemp seeds are steady customers of hasheesh vendors.

Another Portland Extortion Plot Told

Portland — (U.P.) — Another attempted extortion plot was made public here today.

Mrs. Mae B. Miller, owner of the Powell supermarket, said she received a telephone call from a man who asked if she had received the note. The man hung up when she asked, "what note?"

The note was found in the store mail drawer. It demanded \$75 be left in an envelope under the store door. It was signed "a friend."

Police Saturday night disclosed that Friday's explosion in the Meier & Frank Department Store was part of an attempt to extort \$50,000.

Couple Detained In Klamath Beating

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Sheriff Murray Britton said today two persons were being held in connection with the beating and robbery of Roscoe Watah, 90, one of the oldest living members of the Klamath Indian tribe.

Watah, who lives alone, was beaten 11 days ago at his ranch house on the Piute road four miles north of Beatty. He was unable to leave the house and summon help for two days.

Britton identified those being held as Perry Chocktoot, 23, and his 19-year-old wife, Julia.

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