

Americans Held in Soviet Labor Camps, Released Prisoners Say

Berlin—(U.P.)—German political prisoners freed today by the Soviets said they had met six Americans in Communist slave labor camps in the Arctic.

Five of the Americans were listed by name. The sixth was not identified, but the returnees said he was 23 years old, short and slender, and was seen at the Soviet transit camp at Potma, near Moscow.

The five named were listed as George Green, Los Angeles; Vladimir Goltvinski, San Francisco; Pvt. Sydney Sparks, Teg-nille, Ga., who fled to East Berlin from an Army stockade in West Berlin in 1951; and Jack Grolski and Bud Goldsman, hometowns unreported.

Sparks, reported held in the slave labor camp at Potma, a

camp from which prisoners are usually taken before their release, escaped from the Berlin guard house Dec. 4, 1951, while awaiting trial on charges he attacked and robbed a German taxi driver.

Since then the Army has accused him of being absent without leave and breaking arrest. The East German Communists reported on Dec. 28, 1951, that Sparks had asked for political asylum in East Germany.

A prisoner who talked with Sparks said the Georgia soldier had received a 25-year sentence on espionage charges. Now, he said, Sparks told him: "I want to return to the United States, no matter what punishment I get."

The German Red Cross said

the latest transport of prisoners totalled 527 persons, including 110 women and 11 children. Of these, 58 women, five children and 132 men were repatriated to West Germany, the remainder to East Germany.

Most of the women were Red Cross workers, nurses or attached to women army auxiliaries. But a few, like Sonya Pristolik,

were arrested in East Germany years after the war ended, on espionage charges.

The women were dressed in rags and tatters but had made a pathetic effort to improve their appearances with lipstick and cosmetics sent them in gift packages. The children, born in slave camps, were brought

and spoke only that language. The children were returned to their mothers when the women were freed.

The Berlin prisoners said George Green's father was Leon Green of Los Angeles. They said Green told them he went to Moscow in 1948 as a newspaperman accompanied by his sister. Green said both brother and

sister were arrested in 1948 and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for espionage, the prisoners reported.

The Germans said the sister had been released and they did not know her whereabouts. They reported Green at pit No. 8 at Vorkuta, the Soviet slave labor complex in Siberia.

The Germans said Green told

them the Soviets refused to recognize his American citizenship and ruled he was stateless.

Sparks has been reported in Soviet hands by other prisoners returning from Russia in the past. The Army announced in Berlin this year that Sparks escaped from the Berlin guard house Dec. 4, 1951, while awaiting trial on charges he attacked and robbed a German taxi driver.

The East German Communist press reported on Dec. 28, 1951, that Sparks had asked for political asylum in East Germany.

The Germans said Sparks told them the Soviets held him at Bautzen in the East zone until 1952 and that he secretly returned to West Berlin then for a two-week visit with his girl friend.

He returned to Bautzen, he said, and the Soviets sentenced him to 15 years for espionage and shipped him to the slave labor camp.

The prisoners had few details of Grolski except that he is an American in Pit No. 40 at Vorkuta. They said he told them he was born in Russia but left with his father who lives in San Francisco and is a colonel in the U.S. Army.

They said Goldsman told them he was an American with an American mother and Estonian father. They said Goldsman told them he had been arrested in Estonia in 1946 when he "dropped in by parachute." The returnees could not explain the statement.

French Assembly Turns Attention To Algerian Job

Paris—(U.P.)—The National Assembly turned today to Premier Edgar Faure's handling of the Algerian problem—the second front of a legislative battle to topple him and his North African policy.

The assembly gave him a reprieve this week end when it voted approval of his handling of Morocco. But it was clearly understood in the parliamentary corridors that if he failed to complete his reforms there in the next three days he was finished.

The issues in Morocco and Algeria are much the same—the Arab natives' demand for independence. Morocco is a colony with the status of a protectorate. Algeria, legally, is a part of metropolitan France but the cries for independence are just as loud there.

Faced With Two Plans

Faure was faced today whether to press forward with his plan for complete integration of Algeria into France or to back up and consider some other form such as a federal association, or a dominion status that would leave Algerians free to work out their own internal affairs.

The assembly takes up formal debate of Algeria this afternoon in the first of six sessions that will end Thursday night.

Deputies already were lining up party motions on Algeria and speakers included Communist Party Secretary Jacques Duclos and Socialist Edouard Depreux.

Three-Man Council

The key to Faure's success in Morocco still appeared to be formation of a three-man regency

council to replace Sultan Sidi Mohammed ben Moulay Arafat. The council would include a representative of the nationalists who seek Moroccan independence.

The fighting in Morocco continued, and more French troops poured into the protectorate to fight the "Little Riff war" on the Spanish Moroccan border.

In France itself, a French general and two colonels were suspended as result of Friday's mutiny of 600 reservists on their way to North Africa. The mutiny precipitated violent riots. The two officers were ousted on the grounds that they were partly to blame for the mutiny because they failed to explain to the reservists the urgency behind their call-up.

Pythians Elect New Officers as State Conclave Nears End

Harry M. Wood, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 1, Portland, was to be installed this afternoon as grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Wood was elected yesterday to succeed J. Paul Myers, St. Helens, who was named a trustee.

The conclave, the lodge's 71st annual state meeting, opened Sunday and is to conclude today. More than 100 delegates are attending.

Other officers chosen yesterday were Earl F. Ward, Eugene, grand vice-chancellor; G. H. Welch, Grants Pass, grand prelate; Walter G. Gleason, Baker, grand secretary; Jack R. Dempsey, Cosmopolitan Lodge, Portland, grand treasurer; LeRoy Cline, Medford, grand master at arms; Clarence P. Roberts, Corvallis, grand inner guard; Al Holton, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 1, Portland, and Robert A. Bennett, Calantha Lodge No. 21, Portland, representatives to the supreme lodge.

Gleason and Dempsey were re-elected.

During business sessions yesterday, Central Lodge, Salem, was announced as winner of the visitation contest for the year, having made a total of 26 visits to other lodges, Avon Lodge, Portland, and Talisman, Medford, tied for second.

Annual Banquet

More than 225 Knights and Pythian Sisters attended the annual banquet at the Ashland Elks lodge last night, at which Harry Bryant, Medford, was master of ceremonies. Retiring Grand Chancellor Myers made introductions for the Knights and Grand Chief Willie Zacker for the sisterhood. Entertainment consisting of local talent groups was provided.

Today's business sessions dealt largely with inter-lodge affairs, and was to culminate with installation of officers at 4 p.m., followed by final adjournment.

Copco Contract Discussed at KF

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—A decision as to whether objections to a proposed contract between California Oregon Power company and the Bureau of Reclamation will be dropped will be made at meetings here tomorrow and Thursday, Nelson Reed, chairman of the Oregon Klamath River Commission, said today.

The Oregon and California commissions will meet here both days. Also on the agenda are the algae study of upper Klamath lake and the Klamath interstate compact, revised last month at Sacramento.

In a letter from John Boyle, vice-president and general manager of Copco at Medford, the power company offered to agree that no Klamath river water would be used by Copco when needed or required for domestic, municipal or irrigation purposes in the upper Klamath basin, provided objections to the contract were withdrawn.

Sen. Wayne Morse Arrives in Medford

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) arrived in Medford yesterday to begin a week-long series of public appearances and talks in southern Oregon.

He was the speaker this noon at the Medford Rotary club luncheon, and yesterday noon lunched with local Democratic leaders, later visiting the new E. H. Fredrick Junior High school.

Other appearances early in the week will be in Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, but he will return here Friday for a non-partisan talk before the Medford chapter of the United Nations association, and on Saturday he will address a Democratic dinner meeting after an afternoon meeting with soil conservationists of the area.

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul Patterson bagged his buck, a four point, on a week-end hunting trip in the Ochoco forest.

Diplomats Warn on Soviet Overtures To Arab States

Major Offensive Against West Seen

London—(U.P.)—Western diplomats warned today that Soviet overtures to the Arab states marked the start of a major diplomatic offensive against the West just two weeks before start of the Big Four foreign ministers conference in Geneva.

At the same time, Soviet propaganda organs were spreading the theme that the Geneva "acid test" conferences may be a failure and that only the West would be to blame. The official Communist party organ Pravda accused the United States of trying to "bury the spirit of Geneva."

The Kremlin diplomatic offensive was tied to a sweeping offer of economic and technical aid to the Arab nations, a determined bid to gain a foothold in the strategic area from which it has so far been excluded.

Agents Also Promised

The offer of economic and technical aid carried with it the promise to send in agents to see that the aid was carried out properly. It followed offers of Arab states and sharp Moscow rejection of Anglo-American protests against beginning an arms race in the troubled area.

American and Soviet diplomats were giving the closest study to the economic and technical aid offer, made by Soviet Ambassador Daniel Solod in Cairo. They said a first appraisal showed it was a calculated Soviet step toward penetration of the Middle East.

The latest development coincided with reports of a Syrian-Lebanese joint defense plan for an all-Arab pact. This could provide for an Arab military force armed from Communist sources.

Specter of Rival Alliance

Poised opposite this was the specter of a rival alliance of Arab nations within the four-power defense pact linking Turkey, Iraq and Pakistan with Britain. Iran may also be added shortly as a fifth member.

A defense pact between Turkey and Iraq has accused strong Egyptian opposition and has threatened to split the Arab world because of continued resentment from Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria—the targets of the new Soviet offer.

The West was believed considering possible counter-moves, but thus far there have been no concrete steps. Western policy was laid down as determination to avert a Middle East arms race. But with Russian insistence on arming Egypt, a solution appeared remote.

Israel has warned that it will not sit by and watch the Arab nations arm.

Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight 42, high Wednesday 60.

	Temp.
Highest yesterday	56
Lowest this morning	34
	Prec.
To 4:30 a.m. today	92

Matthews Sentencing Scheduled for Friday

Sentencing of Ralph Bernard Matthews, Evergreen Bus lines, on a charge of hiring an unlicensed chauffeur, has been set for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

Matthews was charged with hiring Elbert Ray Young, 512 Pennsylvania ave., driver of a bus involved in a Camp White accident Sept. 15 in which one person was killed and 16 injured.

Matthews' attorney moved twice to dismiss during the trial Sept. 29, once at the conclusion of the State's case and again at the conclusion of the trial. Both motions were reversed by District Judge Pro Tem, George W. Rohde.

Investigators Call Interior Officials On Power Policies

Witnesses Scheduled By House Committee

Washington—(U.P.)—House investigators called Interior department officials today for what is expected to be a rough and tumble hearing on the administration's power policies.

Assistant Interior Secretary Fred G. Aandahl, Bonneville Power Administrator William A. Pearl, Southeastern Power Administrator Charles W. Leavy, Southwestern Power Administrator Douglas G. Wright and H. T. Nelson, reclamation bureau regional director for Idaho were scheduled as witnesses.

Chairman Earl Chudoff (D-Pa.) has charged that the administration, in the sale of federal power, is favoring private utilities at the expense of cooperatives, municipalities and other customers which by law are supposed to have preference.

The Democratic controlled subcommittee, in hearings across the country, has been gathering ammunition for attacking the administration on its power policies in the coming election year.

Department officials were called today to answer complaints from cooperatives and other preference customers who told the subcommittee of their troubles at hearings in Springfield, Mo., Atlanta, Denver, Idaho Falls, Ida., and San Francisco.

"The poor people are being deprived of electric power by the shenanigans of the Eisenhower administration" Chudoff said at a San Francisco hearing.

Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.) countered with the charge that Chudoff "has been giving us this left-wing propaganda all across the country."

Chudoff and Hoffman clashed bitterly at the cross-country hearings.

Murder Victim May Be Oregon Woman

Riverside, Calif.—(U.P.)—Sheriff's officers said today they were investigating the possibility that a woman found murdered near here Sept. 18 might be a missing Oregon woman.

Officers said they received information from Portland and Milwaukie, Ore., police that a Mrs. Cecil Mae Gormely, also known as Mrs. Henry J. Seymour and Mrs. Cecil Mae Alford, had been missing from her home in Eugene since Sept. 3.

Officers here said relatives of the woman apparently believed dentures of the unidentified victim resemble those of Mrs. Gormely.



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Ike, Dulles Collaborate on Interim Reply To Bulganin



ADOPTING A WHOLE family of Korean orphans—eight of them—Oregon farmer Harry S. Holt of Creswell, make a "dry run" of their actual departure. Miss Katherine Cowan, a nurse, will help tend the kids on the way home. Typhoon Nora has delayed their actual departure. (International Soundphoto)

UMC Drive Reaches 39 Per Cent Mark; \$42,387 Collected

The United Medford Crusade fund drive hit 39 per cent of its \$109,000 goal at Monday's report luncheon. The total so far is \$42,387, or \$13,943 more than last week.

The weekly total is \$2,500 more than at the same time last year, volunteer Crusade workers were told.

The Lion Hearted division of the drive, with Elliott Becken as chairman, was the body at the luncheon, with 73 per cent of its goal achieved. The Valiant division, with Ray Johnson as chairman, was low with 25 per cent.

Lions Sponsor Luncheon

The luncheon, at the Medford YMCA, was sponsored by the Medford Lions club, and served by Lady Lions with Mrs. Alan Jewett as chairman.

Cliff Hanson, Boy Scout executive, provided the stunt of the day by passing out balloons for those attending to blow up. The first one to break a balloon, and thus qualify as the one with the most hot air, was Lou Cranston, newspaper publicity chairman.

Others who found slips with "UMC" written on them inside the balloons also received cigars. Next week's luncheon will mark the half-way point in the month-long drive, and Drive Chairman M. M. Huggins is hoping for a 55 per cent report.

U.S. Said Still Ahead In Air-Atomic Power

New York—(U.P.)—Gen. Nathan F. Twining said today the United States is "still ahead" of Russia in the kind of long range air-atomic power which the Soviets respect.

Slight Rise Forecast For Willamette; New Storm Said Coming

By UNITED PRESS
The weather bureau forecast further slight rises in the lower Willamette river but the Santiam river at Jefferson was back below flood stage today.

The Santiam went over a foot above the 13-foot flood level yesterday, flooding some low-lying pasture land, but had dropped to 11.3 feet today.

Tree Tax Hearings To End Saturday

Hearings on the taxable valuation of orchard trees in Jackson county probably will be completed by late Saturday, it was reported today. The hearings are being conducted in three shifts, and one night session may be held this week.

In Salem, State Tax Commissioner Sam Stewart said the commission will start considering transcripts of the hearings as soon as possible, and hopes to start making decisions on individual cases early next week.

The tax commission hearing officers are conducting the sessions in the place of the county board of equalization which was superseded by the commission when it found revaluations had been made without opportunity for hearings on the part of orchardists. Some 225 complaints are being heard.

The commission's order this spring, which held that orchard trees, never before taxed in Jackson county, should be placed on the tax roll, resulted in a series of actions which concluded in the present hearings.

The tax commission has indicated it hopes to have the situation cleared up in time to get the orchard trees on the tax rolls before bills are sent out in November.

Salem Deer Hunters Reported Missing

Salem—(U.P.)—Two Salem deer hunters were reported missing today west of Falls City, Ore., and bloodhounds joined the search for them.

The missing men were identified as Bill Zuck and Fred Gap-hardy, who went hunting yesterday and failed to return to their car at nightfall.

Silver Lake, Ore.—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) will speak here Oct. 28 at an observance marking completion of electric power lines into north Lake county from the Midstate Electric Cooperative of La Pine.

25-Minute Meeting Drafts Letter on Disarmament Plan

Doctors Approve Extended Visit

Denver—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower in the longest business session since he suffered a heart attack today collaborated with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in drafting an interim reply to the disarmament proposals of Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Bulganin.

The letter, drafted in a 25-minute conference in Mr. Eisenhower's hospital suite, will be sent to Bulganin tomorrow or Thursday and released for publication once the American government knows the Soviet leader has received it.

Dulles originally was scheduled to spend only 15 minutes with the President, but with the approval of the doctors, he remained in Mr. Eisenhower's room for 25 minutes. After the meeting, doctors checked the President's pulse and blood pressure and found that the extended conference had produced no change in Mr. Eisenhower's condition.

Discuss Eight Subjects

Dulles, who is returning to Washington by air this afternoon, took up an eight-point agenda with the chief executive. Because of the security nature of some of the points, the entire agenda was not released. But Dulles said the topics he covered with the President included the reply to Bulganin, preparations for the Oct. 27 meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers in Geneva, and recent Russian activities in the Middle East, involving Czechoslovakian supply of arms to Egypt.

According to Dulles, this was the first time since his illness that Mr. Eisenhower has dealt with substantive matters, although he has handled a light volume of routine work.

Lauds Miami Speech

Dulles reported the President in their bedside conference expressed satisfaction and approval of the secretary's speech to the American Legion in Miami yesterday in which Dulles said the United States would not reduce its armed forces until it could be sure that other nations were doing the same.

The mid-day bulletin on the President's condition continued to be optimistic.

Mr. Eisenhower awoke after eight hours of sleep "refreshed and in a cheerful mood" and he told his doctors he was looking forward to his meeting with Dulles.

City Planners Study Proposed Annexation

The Medford planning commission will consider annexation of several hundred acres of land southeast of Medford at a special meeting at 5 p.m. today.

City Manager Robert Duff said five petitions requesting annexation of the area have been submitted, and that several more are expected to be presented at this afternoon's meeting.

The area requesting annexation includes the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital site and an area along Barnett rd.

An election in the area will be held if the planning commission and city council approve the request. The land being proposed for annexation to the city is included in an area brought up for annexation earlier this year and turned down by the voters at that time.

Two Inches of Snow Falls at Crater Lake

Two inches of new snow fell at Crater Lake National park in the 24-hour period ended at 8 a.m. today. Rangers said low temperature at the park early today was 26 degrees and Highway 62 through the park was icy and motorists were cautioned to drive with care.

Portland—(U.P.)—Restrictions on use of Salk polio vaccine have been eased in Oregon to permit inoculation of children up to the age of 15 and expectant mothers, the State Board of Health said.