

Post Office Uses Burlap Bags for Mail To Russia

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower probably won't make an issue of it, but—

It appears that Russia has been "collecting" Uncle Sam's fancy mail bags.

This came to light when the General Services Administration revealed that it had transferred 480,000 patched-up burlap bags from the Post Office Department to the Foreign Operations Administration to be used for shipping rice in the Far East.

A curious reporter wanted to know why the Post Office was using burlap bags in the first place. A GSA spokesman explained that when mail was sent to Russia and other Iron Curtain countries in the regular U. S. mail canvas-and-leather-reinforced bags, the bags never were returned.

Since these fancy bags cost \$18 each, this got to be too expensive. So the Post Office switched to using burlap bags for mail going to the Iron Curtain countries.

Many Jobs
The Communists apparently have enough gunny sacks because they return these bags. So as the bags get worn and patched they are retired from the mail service and used for other purposes.

Finding a new use for burlap bags is typical of GSA's role in transferring excess property from one government or agency to another to avoid the necessity of new purchases.

"That's where we really save the tax payers some money," said H. C. Kleinstuber, head of the branch.

The transfers amounted to \$225,500,000 in the three and one half years ended last Dec. 31.

Items included everything from live ducks to locomotives and harbor dredges.

The Veterans Administration, for instance, had a male skeleton in its closet that it didn't want. GSA turned it over to Howard University which at the time was under the Federal Security Administration.

One day the National Park Service called GSA and asked what to do about 350 Pekin ducks the zoo had to get rid of.

Paper Clips
It seems that parents give ducklings to children as Easter gifts. After the ducklings become ducks the parents put them in the duck pond at the zoo. The GSA gave them to the National Training School for Boys for a Sunday dinner.

The GSA has on hand 58,000 boxes of paper clips that it got from the Air Force. When any government agency orders paper clips they'll come from this supply until it is gone.

Other items include things like razor blades from the Defense Department to veterans hospitals and prisons; a harbor dredge from the Army engineers to FOA for Thailand; house trailers from the air force to the fish and wildlife service for married employees in remote Alaskan areas; 500,000 blankets from the Defense Department to

the Federal Civilian Defense Administration for disaster reserves.

Right now GSA is looking around for a slightly used fire tug of a certain size. It seems that the Washington, D. C., fire department's tug is just about tugged out. GSA had its eye on a couple of them, but they proved too big for the Potomac channel.

FBI Fingerprint File Now Nearly 135,000,000

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Washington—(U.P.)—The FBI's famous identification division, started on a shoestring 31 years ago, now has nearly 135,000,000 sets of fingerprints on file.

Allowing for duplication, these constitute scientific identification records of 70,999,000 persons.

Only about 10,000,000 of these are criminals, spies, saboteurs or potential public enemies. The rest are law-abiding citizens whose prints are there purely for identification.

The division was established in 1925 with some 810,000 sets of prints from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans. In 1925 the bureau collected 104,660 additional sets from contributors. Last year it received 4,892,566, or 4,000 for every one received in 1925.

Currently the FBI is receiving prints at the rate of 19,224 sets each working day from 12,678 contributing agencies.

Volunteer Prints
Most of these contributors are, of course, other law enforcement agencies throughout the United States.

The FBI also exchanges fingerprint data with 83 foreign countries, territories and possessions.

In its non-criminal files it has fingerprint cards on members of the armed forces, government employees, civilians working on defense or other security jobs, prisoners of war, aliens and others who have simply volunteered their prints to insure against the loss of identity.

If you've ever been printed for a driver's license, a postal savings box or a routine personnel card, chances are the FBI has a copy of that record.

If the 135,000,000 cards on file today, the FBI says that 47,000,000 came from "miscellaneous" sources.

The fingerprint cards, if stacked on top of each other would stand 20 miles high. But the FBI often can search this collection and identify a criminal, an amnesia victim or a disaster victim within minutes.

Quick Work
It made 12,522 identifications from its criminal files alone last year.

Recently it tracked down the identity and past record of a criminal for Detroit, Mich., police in less than 30 minutes.

Another fast identification occurred in May when police in Tulsa, Okla., asked for help in identifying an alleged amnesia victim. It took the FBI 25 minutes to determine that the man held at Tulsa was a deserter from the U. S. Army.

The FBI declines to speculate on the future growth of its identification section which already requires seven floors and some 400,000 square feet of space in a blocklong Washington building. "It is not possible to predict what percentage of the American population would be represented in our fingerprint files on the basis of the current rate of collection since receipts frequently include the prints of persons already in our files," a bureau spokesman explains.

"But the total fingerprints in possession, on a comparative basis, portrays the phenomenal growth of the division."

Cheering Mob Greet Sultan Ben Youssef

Rabat, Morocco—(U.P.)—Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef came back to Morocco today from two years in French-enforced exile and was greeted by thousands of wildly cheering Moroccans.

The four engines of the Sultan's DC6 airliner were drowned out by the roar of acclaim from the huge crowd massed at the airport when the plane touched down.

Ben Youssef became the symbol of Morocco's fight for independence during his exile.



DAV OFFICERS—This year the officers of both the Department of Oregon Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary are man and wife teams. The officers took part in a meeting held this week at the Central Point Grange hall attended by a large group of state department heads and National Service Officer Gerald Kelsey of the Portland Regional office. Shown above, left to right, are Mrs. Arch L. Brewster, auxiliary commander; Brewster, DAV department commander; Mrs. George Simmons, junior vice-commander for the auxiliary; and Simmons, senior vice-commander of the DAV. The Brewsters were here from Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Simmons live here at 606 Valley View dr. The state and national group spent about three days here conferring with Pat Graham, local service officer, concerning department affairs and claims problems.

Four Children Die In Tacoma Blaze

Tacoma, Wash.—(U.P.)—Four children died early today in a \$7000 fire which destroyed the home of Tacoma fireman Donald R. Evans.

One of Evans' children, six-year-old Donald, survived the fire but the other youngsters, Charles 5, John 4, Pamela 3, and Patricia 2, were suffocated.

Firemen said the fire broke out about 3:30 a.m. and the house was a mass of flames when they arrived.

Mrs. Evans first noticed the fire, but couldn't call the fire department because flames blocked her from the telephone. She ran next door and phoned, but then was unable to get back into the house to rescue the children. She was taken to St. Joseph's hospital suffering from shock and was put under sedation.

Evans was sleeping in the fire department dormitory. Fellow firemen notified him of the

TRAVEL NOTE

Fort Devens, Mass.—(U.P.)—The USO Junior Hostesses at Fort Devens have traveled 121,142 miles, or more than seven times around the world, while entertaining GI's since 1948. Of the 4,581 hostesses, only 92 have wed.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for at noon Saturday.

Three Artificial Food Dyes Banned By Food-Drug Rule

Washington—(U.P.)—The Food and Drug Administration has banned three widely used artificial food dyes because they are "not harmless when fed in large amounts."

The ban takes effect 90 days from today. Food and Drug Commissioner George P. Larrick said recent scientific investigation shows that the three coal-tar dyes are "not harmless when fed in large amounts," even though they are harmless in the amounts ordinarily consumed in foods.

Two of the dyes, called "Orange No. 2" and "Red No. 32," are used in coloring orange skins.

The third dye, "Orange No. 1," has been widely used to color candy, cakes, cookies, carbonated beverages, desserts, hot dogs and other meat products.

Lakeland, Fla.—(U.P.)—A spokesman for the citrus industry said today that the Food and Drug Administration's ban on artificial food dyes now used to color oranges could seriously affect Florida's economy.

The bulk of Florida's early oranges are dyed to give them a true orange color, which helps greatly in marketing them as fresh fruit.

California, the other major orange producing state, does not have to use dye in the quantities used in Florida. The climate in California is much more favorable for producing true orange color in ripe fruit.

BOOKIE KEEPS PROMISE

Boston—(U.P.)—Federal Judge George C. Sweeney allowed convicted bookie Henry G. Ryan, 40, a day's delay before beginning a one-month jail sentence. The delay was at the request of Ryan's lawyer who explained that Ryan had promised to drive him home.

Afternoon Nap Premium of Wise

Cincinnati — (U.P.) — Viva la siesta!

That brief afternoon nap is not the refuge of the lazy, but the premium a wise man pays for a long life, says two University of Cincinnati professors.

Dr. Clarence A. Mills, expert on the effect of climate and weather on man, and Dr. Robert Kirsner, associate professor of romance languages and literature, both laud the siesta.

Ten minutes of sleep will do it. A short nap is better, says Dr. Mills, than a long slumber, which makes one groggy.

America, Dr. Mills, continues, has the highest heart disease rate in the world. This is because Americans rush around all day without getting the proper rest. In many cases sudden and extreme temperature changes often stimulate people to great spurts of productive energy. These people keep right on going without sufficient rest and collapse eventually from exhaustion.

The siesta is the answer: "When knocks and creaks begin to appear in our bodies, it means that we need longer and more frequent periods for repair forces to do their work," warns Dr. Mills. "Proper hours of sleep at night are essential, but a short afternoon nap is equally important."

Actress Terry Moore

Sues Rave Magazine

Santa Monica, Calif.—(U.P.)—Actress Terry Moore sought \$2,500,000 damages today from a magazine, charging it hurt her reputation by implying that she wore no underpants during a visit to Turkey.

The suit against Rave magazine was filed on Miss Moore's behalf by attorney Jerry Geisler who said a recent article in the magazine tended to "reflect on Miss Moore's character."

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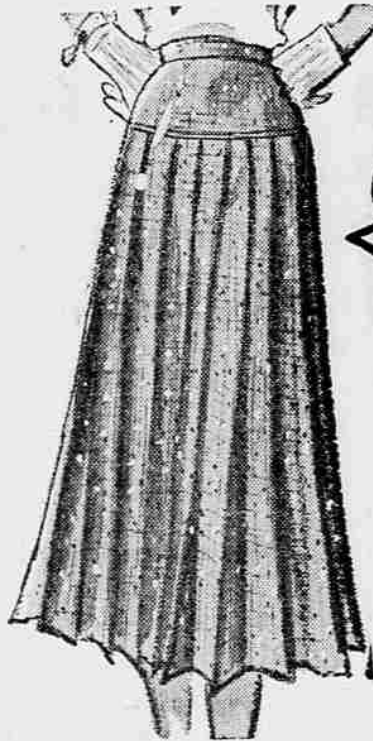
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