

Dr. John Returned Aware of Possible Arrest, Is Claim

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — Former West German Security Chief Dr. Otto John who returned to the West after 17 months in Communist Germany, fled from the Reds knowing that possible arrest on a treason charge awaited him in the West, a Bonn government spokesman said today.

The spokesman refused to say how the master spy was aware of the fact. But his statement tended to confirm earlier reports that John made contact with West German government security agents before he evaded Communist Secret Police and slipped back across the border to the West.

Minister of Interior Gerhard Schroeder made a lengthy secret report on the case to the Cabinet this morning. The government spokesman refused to reveal what Schroeder said.

Questions Unanswered

"The government can make no further statement in the John affair as long as it is in the hands of the federal Supreme Court," the spokesman said.

Every question pertaining to the cloak and dagger case was turned aside by government officials on grounds that the court inquiry into John's defection and return still is proceeding.

However, Federal Press Chief Edward Forchbach confirmed that an arrest warrant for John existed at the time he crossed the West Germany border Monday night. He said John was aware of this.

Forchbach refused to say whether a charge has been made or whether the onetime West German equivalent of the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover actually is under arrest.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's West German government had anticipated his double defection for weeks, but he was under 24-

hour surveillance by Soviet Secret Police and had to wait for one of the rare moments when he was not being shadowed.

While Schroeder gave a top secret briefing to the Adenauer Cabinet on the how and why of John's dramatic return, reports circulated in Bonn he had been drugged and kidnaped when he first went to East Berlin.

John was reported to have told his questioners that a physician friend, Dr. Wolfgang Wohlgenuth, must have slipped a drug into his coffee or cognac before the doctor drove him into the Russian sector on the night of July 20, 1954.

John was reported to have claimed he was half-conscious for the next two days and that he recovered his senses in an East Berlin hospital with armed Russian soldiers standing outside his door.

The report was not officially confirmed.



VICTOR WOLF
7-Year Parole Possible

Wolf Receives Life Sentence

Portland — (U.P.) — Victor Laurence Wolf today faced a life imprisonment sentence with a possibility of parole after seven years for the dynamite-slashing of Portland attorney Kermit Smith last April 21.

A jury of five men and seven women yesterday saved Wolf from the gas chamber by returning a verdict of second degree murder. Wolf smiled and talked quietly with his attorneys after the verdict was read at his unusual murder hearing.

The jury had the case about 4 1/2 hours and deliberated about 2 1/2 hours.

Wolf confessed the dynamite murder April 22, the day after it happened. He implicated Smith's widow, Marjorie, but she was exonerated by a jury in McMinnville.

Wolf's hearing was held under an obscure Oregon law of 1865 which permits a guilty plea to murder. The law requires that the court hear evidence to decide degree of guilt and punishment.

New York — (U.P.) — Handy and Harman, bullion dealers, have raised the price of silver 0.59-cent to 90 3/4 cents a fine ounce.

Weather

FORECAST: Increasing high cloudiness tonight. Chance of a few light showers Thursday. Low tonight 38. High Friday 52-55.

Highest Yesterday	51
Lowest this Morning	38

Benson Will Ask Congress To Back Soil Bank Program

May Include Plan
To Limit Size

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson will ask Congress to approve a multi-million dollar "soil bank" as part of a 1956 program to give farmers a bigger share of the nation's prosperity.

The farm program also may include a plan limiting the size of federal price support payments to individual farmers.

Benson announced the program yesterday after it was approved by his special Farm Advisory Commission. He said GOP congressional leaders with whom he has discussed the program received it very favorably.

He said the commission which advises the administration on farm policy, approved five "basic proposals." It also favored the limiting of price support payments to individual farmers, but Benson said he will make a "further study" of the proposal before including it in his 1956 program.

High administration officials are said to favor some cut-off which would prevent the big farm operators from collecting \$100,000 a year or more from the Treasury in price support payments.

The five proposals which Benson said will be submitted at the next session of Congress are:

1. The "soil bank" plan under which farmers would be paid for diverting land planted in surplus crops to grass and trees. Benson said the program would cost an estimated \$400,000,000 the first year, would combine "immediate aid for farmers with a long range conservation goal to benefit all citizens." Participation would be voluntary.

Reduction of Surplus

2. Liberalized farm credit.

3. New ways of disposing of surplus crops including more donations of surplus foods to low income groups at home and abroad. This plan also provides for expanded foreign marketing and barter programs, heavier spending for surplus perishable products, and stepped up use of surpluses in school lunches and the armed forces.

4. New commodity programs. This would include relaxing controls on corn and wheat which is fed on the farm where it is grown. It envisions reducing cotton surpluses by raising the grade on which price supports are based.

5. Increased spending for research aimed at developing new markets, new crops, and new uses for old crops.

A. E. Orr Named To National Commission

A. Eugene Orr, Medford businessman and prominent American Legionnaire, has been appointed to the executive section of the Legion's national rehabilitation commission to serve through 1958, it was reported today.

Orr is a past commander of Medford Post 15 of the Legion, is now commander of District 13, including southern Oregon, and has served in Legion rehabilitation work on both the state and national levels.

The appointment was made by J. Addington Wagner, national commander of the Legion.

Russia Demands UN Reopen Question of Membership

Two Sentenced In Circuit Court; 19 Make Appearances

Six Others Enter
Pleas of Guilty

Two men were sentenced to terms in the Oregon state penitentiary today by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna. Six other persons pleaded guilty, five pleaded innocent and trials of six were continued.

Allen James Brydon, who pleaded guilty Dec. 5 to charges of grand larceny involving auto theft and to uttering and publishing a false check, was sentenced to the penitentiary. He was given an indeterminate term not to exceed four years for grand larceny, and a term not to exceed three years on the check charge. Terms will run concurrently.

Johnny Andrew Hood, 24, of 217 South Riverside ave., was sentenced to an indeterminate period not to exceed 18 months in the penitentiary. He previously pleaded guilty to burglary charges.

Innocent Plea

Jerry Yates Sparling, 26, of 724 Oak st., and John Butler Childress, 25, of 430 DeBarr ave., pleaded innocent to a charge of entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal. Trial date will be set Monday by Circuit Judge Pro tem Barnett H. Goldstein.

Kenneth A. Sheldon, Central Point, pleaded innocent to a charge of rape and sodomy, involving a minor. Paul L. Jacks, 20, Gold Hill, pleaded innocent to a charge of rape.

Earl R. Schneider, 56, and Roy L. Thurman, 58, of 1728 North Riverside ave., pleaded guilty to charges of burglary not in a dwelling. Sentencing was continued pending receipt of federal bureau of investigation reports.

Pleas Guilty

Florence Emaline Doney, 46, pleaded guilty of concealing stolen property. Sentencing was continued pending FBI records.

Clifford Ray Lowry, 35, of route 3, box 53 1/4, pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery involving a check.

Ralph A. Fennemore, 59, a transient, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny from an office.

Ralph A. Pearson, 31, 30 South Central ave., who previously entered a plea of innocent to a charge of grand larceny, appeared with his attorney, Robert Boyer, to co-defendant, Roy B. Armstrong, 21, Medford, who previously pleaded guilty, was arraigned Dec. 12. Both cases were referred to the court probation officer.

Case Referred

Also referred to the probation officer was K. R. Murphey, Spokane, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of forgery.

Jerry Leander Stewart, 18, of 716 Pine st., entered a plea of innocent to concealing stolen property.

The case of Denzil Louis Dye, 46, of 116 Lincoln st., asked the court for leniency. He had previously pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The case of Frank P. Lee, who pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was continued for an FBI report.

Livestock Case

The case of Hubert and Mae Bruton, Brawley, Calif., who appeared for sentencing was continued. They previously pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of livestock. The case was continued pending extradition from West Virginia of James Hahn, who also is charged with the crime.

Richard D. Akins, Canyonville, who was arraigned Dec. 12, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of grand larceny involving the theft of well drilling equipment.

Lausche of Ohio Candidate for Demo Nomination

Columbus, O. — (U.P.) — Gov. Frank J. Lausche today announced he would be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year.

The five-term governor announced he would seek Ohio's 56 delegates to next year's Democratic National Convention. He would not say if he would permit his name to be entered in contests for delegates in other states.

Admiration for Ike

Lausche, who often has expressed publicly his admiration for President Eisenhower, thus became the second person to announce for the country's highest office. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic standard bearer in 1952, has announced he will seek the nomination again.

Lausche, 60, a Catholic, had been expected to announce he would be Ohio's "favorite son" candidate. His announcement came the day before Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) was expected to announce he would be a candidate and seek delegates from Ohio.

Lausche, who has constantly ignored the Democratic organization, has been a consistent winner in a state which elects Republican senators, state officials, and a GOP controlled Legislature.

Communists Outlawed By British on Cyprus

Nicosia, Cyprus — (U.P.) — Britain today outlawed the Communist Party on this strategic island in the Mediterranean and arrested 130 of its members, including the Red mayors of two major cities.

Also seized was the Communist "strongman," Party Secretary Ezekias Papaioannu.

It was the first time the British indicated openly that the Communists were fomenting unrest on Cyprus, scene of increased disorders by pro-Greek islanders. Cyprus is headquarters for Britain's Middle East Command and a vital link in the NATO defenses.

Gov. Field Marshal Sir John Harding sent British troops and security police in a series of sudden and unexpected raids on Communist and leftwing headquarters across the island throughout the night.

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Salem — (U.P.) — Hugh L. Taylor, assistant plant chief for the State Department of Agriculture, has been named regional representative for the National Seed Control Officials Association.

Request Zone Study In Annexation Area

The Medford planning commission last night requested the city engineering department to prepare a land use map of the proposed annexation area south-east of the present city limits for use in zoning the area if residents vote for annexation Jan. 16.

The commission also authorized City Manager Robert Duff to negotiate with Howard Buford, director of the Lane County Planning commission, to make a study and recommendations for zoning within the area, which comprises some 1,190 acres.

Survey Requested

Earlier this month, the city council requested the commission to survey the area for possible zones and to make recommendations. The area, if annexed, will come into the city as single family residential zone.

The annexation election will be held in two areas. One is about three and a half blocks in Siskiyou Heights extension just north of Verde Hills, and the other is the larger area south-east of the city limits.

Duff pointed out that there are several residences, three stores, one crematory, two mausoleums, one radio station, a golf course, two churches, and a few farms.

Farming Permitted

Members of the commission pointed out that farming is permitted under present ordinances. They stressed that residents owning small acreages may carry on farming operations as usual in the city, and that the city was not trying "to interfere" with farming.

Duff pointed out that ordinances governing residential areas includes a section which states that "farming and truck farming" may be carried on "so long as no retail business is conducted on the farm."

Members of the commission agreed, however, that an agricultural zone is desirable, and Don Root was appointed to contact representatives of the county extension service to discuss

JUDGE ASSIGNED HERE

Salem — (U.P.) — Barnett H. Goldstein of Portland was appointed judge pro tem by the State Supreme Court and assigned to Jackson county for 33 days beginning Jan. 3.

President Takes It Easy;
No Dates Until Saturday

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower followed his doctors' orders today and took it easy.

He planned to stay away from his Gettysburg office and to see no callers—even members of his staff—if at all possible.

Flies To Farm

The president flew to his Gettysburg farm Tuesday after two days of important conferences with congressional leaders in Washington. Mrs. Eisenhower returned by car, preferring not to fly in the President's unpurified, two-engine plane because of a valvular heart condition she has had for many years.

The President has no engagements on his schedule for the rest of this week except his Saturday examination date with Dr. Paul Dudley White, Boston Heart specialist.

On Sunday he will make a live telecast from Gettysburg, clicking a telegraph key which will light the national Christmas tree on the White House grounds in Washington. He will speak briefly.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty, under questioning by reporters, said the very quiet schedule for the President this week was "not necessarily" dictated by the doctors but had been arranged for some time.

Sources Speculate Soviet Might Drop Outer Mongolia

Spain, Japan Also May
Be Left Out of Deal

United Nations, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Russia today demanded an immediate meeting of the U.N. Security Council to reopen the membership question and diplomatic sources speculated that it might propose dropping Outer Mongolia, Spain and Japan from the "package deal" killed yesterday.

Soviet Delegate Arkady A. Sobolev asked for a special meeting of the council this afternoon or this evening.

The surprise Russian move came less than 20 hours after the council, through 15 Soviet vetoes and one from Nationalist China, killed a package deal for the admission of five Communist countries and 123 Western-backed candidates.

Resentment was strong against Nationalist China for using its veto, but cooler heads among U.N. diplomats put the major share of blame on the Soviet Union for wrecking the membership deal with its 15 vetoes.

There was some talk, especially among the Arab-Asian bloc, of retaliatory action against the Formosa government in the form of a resolution ousting them in favor of the Chinese Reds.

Yesterday's action came as no surprise.

The Nationalists vetoed Outer Mongolia as they had threatened for weeks to do. Russia had said it would kill the whole package deal if the Asian Soviet satellite country was not approved.

Russia first vetoed the Republic of Korea and free South Viet Nam, proposed by the Nationalists for UN membership. Then the Nationalists killed off Outer Mongolia's application.

That was the end of the deal. The Soviet Union proceeded to veto all 13 free nations recommended for membership by the General Assembly. The council approved, but later cancelled, applications of four other Soviet satellites.

Both the Soviet Union and the United States expressed hope the membership question could be revived in another effort to solve the 10-year-old deadlock at this session, due to end Friday.

But some Arab nation delegates were openly threatening action to oust Nationalist China from the world body and seat the Chinese Communist regime in its place.

Indian Delegate V. K. Krishna Menon called a meeting of Arab-Asian delegations to consider what could be done.

It was understood that some delegates were demanding a meeting next spring to give them a chance to vote out the Nationalists. It was agreed at the beginning of the present session that the question of Chinese representation would not be considered this year.

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Medford Man Fined For Cutting Trees

Paul LeClair, 35, 314 West Jackson st., was fined \$55 in district court Tuesday on a charge of harvesting timber without a permit. He also received a 30-day jail sentence which was suspended on condition that he pay the fine and make restitution.

LeClair was arrested Sunday by the state forestry department and was charged with cutting 200 Christmas trees on Medford corporation property.

He paid the company \$128 damages, according to the court. Forest Patrol Warden Ted Maul pointed out that those cutting Christmas trees commercially must have (1) permission of landowner, preferably in writing, and (2) a state cutting permit, available from patrol office on Cable Rock rd.

Maul said indiscriminate cutting is damaging to planned reforestation and while companies often desire to have small trees thinned, they must be consulted to plan for good forest management practices.

A state permit is not needed for family cutting of individual trees, but landowners' permission is needed in all cases, Maul said.

DOW-JONES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 480.84 off 3.45; 20 railroads 161.42 off 1.36; 15 utilities 65.04 off 0.31, and 65 stocks 171.08 off 1.22. Sales today were about 2,670,000 shares compared with 2,430,000 yesterday.

Salem — (U.P.) — Chief Justice Harold J. Warner of the Oregon Supreme Court has assigned Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg of Klamath Falls to Deschutes county to hear the case of Rollins vs. Rollins.

Dulles in Paris To Join in Sweeping Review of Western Defense Policies

Paris — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles arrived here today to join in a sweeping review of Western defense policy to meet the Soviet revival of the cold war.

Critical Session

Dulles was one of the first leaders of NATO's top-level ministerial council to arrive for the meeting to study the suddenly revived cold war.

All 14 foreign ministers will have with them their defense and finance ministers or deputies for the critical session that opens tomorrow.

The meeting is the first by the Atlantic alliance nations since Soviet Foreign Minister

Vyacheslav M. Molotov blew away the "Geneva Spirit" with a refusal to consider Western proposals for the reunification of Germany through free elections. It also marks the first time that West Germany took her full part in the defense planning of the West.

To Discuss Middle East

Outside of the conference hall, Dulles plans to meet with British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay to discuss matters of mutual concern, including the explosive situation in the Middle East.

The Atlantic council meeting climaxed a week-long series of conferences among the Western nations, including a meeting of the Council of Europe and a session of the Western European Union.

Thursday the foreign, defense and finance ministers of the 15 member nations of NATO will begin their annual review meeting to set the defense goals for the coming year.

Report To Warn Ministers

Informed sources said a report of the military experts will warn the NATO ministers that Russia is stronger than ever and that the West should push ahead quickly with the atomic streamlining of their defense forces—approved last year.

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