

Oregon Missionary Tells of Riots Against Baptist Mission In Jordan

Former Prisoner Of Red Chinese En Route To U.S.

Editor's note: After 4 1/2 years imprisonment in Communist China, Dr. Levi Alton Lovegren, a Baptist missionary from Cherry Grove, Ore., was released last September. Last week during his trip back to the United States he had another close brush with death. While visiting his son at Ajlun, North Jordan, anti-western rioters attacked a Baptist mission and burned it. Lovegren took refuge in the Israeli sector of Jerusalem where he wrote this dispatch.

By LEVI ALTON LOVEGREN, PH.D.
Written For United Press
Jerusalem—(U.P.)—My wife Ida and I were staying with our son, Dr. Lloyd August Lovegren and his wife. He is superintendent of the Baptist mission hospital at Ajlun. For the last two months we've stopped over there on our journey from China back to America.

Tension mounted in Jordan at the beginning of last week. At 10 a.m. Thursday, a large mob from various villages arrived at Ajlun, where it was joined by local Communists and members of the Moslem Brotherhood for a new march on our mission.

Shouted Slogans
The rioters shouted slogans against the Bagdad pact and American colonialism. The mob, including some women, carried sticks and axes which they used for smashing.

Before reaching the mission, the mob burnt the equipment of the Baptist school on the road from Ajlun. The five policemen on guard at the mission could not guarantee to protect all of its nine buildings, so we sought shelter in the hospital compound.

The mob ransacked two buildings across the road from the hospital compound, as well as the out-patient clinic and the dispensary. They looted and smashed equipment and furniture and then set it afire.

Drugs, Microscopes Destroyed
The stone buildings did not burn, but the rioters destroyed the hospital's stocks of streptomycin and penicillin and damaged two valuable microscopes. The arrival of police reinforcements about noon, followed at 7 p.m. by heavy Arab legion reinforcements, brought the situation under control.

During the worst riots, my son Lloyd and his assistant delivered one hospital patient of a healthy baby boy.

But after 20 years in China, including 4 1/2 years in Communist jails, civil wars and Chinese robber attacks, 1,000-odd Jordan rioters at Ajlun just couldn't scare me. Anyway there was no nervous tension.

In China During War
During the war I served as an Air Force major attached to the OSS in China.

On Jan. 6, 1951, the Communists arrested me at Sichang in Sikang province in far west China. The Reds didn't tell me the reason for arresting but later said I was an "international spy."

I was never beaten, but the Reds threatened to shoot me if I didn't admit to being an American spy. I denied the charges. Finally I was brought to trial in Chungking and my Communist defense counsel pleaded guilty to all charges. I admitted "spying to appease the court" and received a light sentence—five years, leaving six months to serve.

On Sept. 11 last year I was freed.

Herbert Hoover Becomes Great-Grandfather Again

San Jose, Calif.—(U.P.)—Former President Hoover became a great-grandfather for the eighth time Tuesday with the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover III.

The girl, named Leslie, was born in Palo Alto hospital. She weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces, she is the couple's third child.

Leslie is the great granddaughter of Mr. Hoover and granddaughter of Herbert Hoover, H. undersecretary of state. Her father is an electronics engineer for a local firm.

FIRE ENGINE UNSAFE
Billings, Mont.—(U.P.)—Fire Chief Lucian B. Smith asked the City Council Wednesday to replace fire engine No. 5. He said the 1916 model with wooden wheels, chain drive and two-wheel brakes was "unsafe to drive."

ONE-TWO PUNCH
Holland, Mich.—(U.P.)—A Holland-to-Muskegon freight train that passed the Gordon St. crossing north of town daily for years without a single mishap was hit by cars twice during a 38-hour period.

PANEL SHOW
Chicago—(U.P.)—The weather inside the new 41-story, \$40,000,000 Prudential building is controlled at a panel in the third basement. By setting switches and dials, the building engineer can regulate the air conditioning at any place in the building.



BOYS' NIGHT—More than 100 boys, all sons of shriners, were guests of the Jackson County Shrine club Monday night at the organization's first Boys' Night party. The youngsters, wearing red frozes, attended the banquet, entertainment and an address by Hillah Temple's George F. Guldager of Eugene, who attended with his sons, George Jr. and Bill. Shown above are, seated, Guldager and his son, George Jr.; Ray Frisbie introducing Gary Fichtner, and Jackson County Shrine club president, A. K. Morse.

Gary Fichtner has been a patient at the Portland Shriners' hospital for crippled children. Chester Hubbard, past president of the club and oriental guide of Hillah Temple, was chairman of the program, and Al Leighton assisted in arrangements. Included in the program of entertainment was Jack Walker's shrine band. Efforts will be made by the local club to spread the Boys' Night party throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Hawaii following Monday night's success.

Upper Texas Crippled by Heavy Snowfall; Other States Covered

By UNITED PRESS
The Gulf of Mexico hatched a snow storm which crippled 50,000 square miles of Texas and swept all the way to the Great Lakes today.

A near-zero freeze followed the snow in Texas and heavy snow warnings were posted for parts of five Midwestern states. More snow hit Arkansas and Missouri.

The storm also brought soaking rains to five bone-dry Southern states, breaking a critical mid-winter drought at least for the time being.

Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee hadn't had any good rains for almost a month. TVA generators at Douglas, Tenn., were idled for the first time in 12 years and grazing and other winter crops in the area were in dire need of water.

The storm was also a blessing to Texas, although forecasters said a lot more moisture would be needed to crack a disastrous drought there.

Two Dead in Texas
The heavy snows which hit yesterday crippled a 50,000-square mile area in upper Texas. Two persons were killed, at least three communities were isolated, and scores of schools were closed.

At Paris, Tex., there was an eight-inch snow and buses ran five hours late. Six inches of snow were measured at Bonham, home of House Speaker Sam Rayburn, and it was so cold that an official temperature reading couldn't be taken because the weather observer's instruments froze.

Clear, cold weather followed the storm in Texas, but forecasters predicted snows of up to eight inches or more for Southern Illinois and Indiana and parts of Missouri, Oklahoma, and Iowa.

The predictions were borne out as Charles City, Ia., measured nine inches of snow; Malden, Mo., five and Flippin, Ark., and Paducah, Ky., four.

Spring From Gulf Storm
State Police in Southern Illinois said highways were packed with up to four inches of snow early today and it was still coming down.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said the widespread snows and rains were springing from a storm center born in the northern Gulf of Mexico. The deepening low center should be over Ohio or West

Lila Leeds, Former Film Starlet, Arrested
Chicago—(U.P.)—Lila Leeds, a blonde movie starlet whose career was ruined by narcotics, was held today on a charge of soliciting.

Detective Russell Burton said Miss Leeds' arrest late Tuesday night stemmed from complaints about her "call girl" activities.

Miss Leeds, the wife of a musician and mother of two children, testified before a Senate committee last November that narcotics addiction had ruined her screen career. She told the committee that she had stopped using narcotics.

John Arden was the last of the 41 signers of the Mayflower Compact to die—on Sept. 12, 1687.

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Contract or No Contract; Nude Singer Skedaddles

London—(U.P.)—Actresses can appear on the stage nude in Britain if they don't move. If they move they are breaking the law and are liable to get fined.

Nineteen-year-old Peaches Page billed as "the delicious singing nude," broke the law Tuesday night. Her grand immobility dissolved in a burst of speed and she was fined.

Peaches appeared at the Camberwell Palace in shoes, a bracelet and a white muff. And as she moved her lips (legal) a record player in the background gave forth with "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm."

Her alomb was shaken when a little grey mouse walked on in the middle of her song, gathered speed and zipped across her feet. Peaches and the mouse fled in different directions.

Show manager Syd Elgar said the authorities would get after him if they found out Peaches

was flouncing about in public without her clothes.

"By moving, you have broken your contract," he told Peaches. "You're sacked."

But Peaches' show stopper didn't stop the show. The record kept grinding out. "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm."

Then theater manager Gilbert Oscroft intervened and said Peaches could appear in the second show—her last. Men were posted in the wings to watch for mice.

"Miss Page will not be appearing again," Elgar announced later. "She is under contract to remain still while posing. If the authorities hear of this I could lose my license."

"I don't care what Mr. Elgar, the London County Council or anyone else says," Miss Page told newsmen. "Any girl would have done the same."

Court Records

Theodore L. Peckham, no oversize permit, \$15.
Charlie A. Brunton, defective hand brake, \$25.
Virgil L. Brown, no signal device, \$10.

Alfonso V. Orrante, no operator's license, \$7.50.
William M. Longmire, reckless driving, \$30.
Dean W. Allen, defective headlight, \$10.

Lester De Shaver vs. Leta De Shaver, divorce decree.
Betty Walker vs. Robert L. Walker, divorce decree.

Charles Gwendolyn Hewitt vs. Ronald Champlain Hewitt, annulment decree.
Janie B. Brown vs. Orville O. Brown, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
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