

Iron Curtain Countries Pushing Drive To Get Refugees To Return To Homeland

London — (U.P.) — A call is going out from behind the Iron Curtain these days to those who fled Communist oppression. It is: "Come home, all is forgiven."

It is a world-wide campaign, costing the Reds a great deal of money. It is a strange campaign. Somehow it fits into the new "smile" technique of the Communist world, but just how is not yet completely apparent.

There are well over 1,000,000 exiles from Communist-ruled lands living in the West. Russia and her satellites are doing their best to lure back these native-born with promises of clemency,

good jobs—and threats of what will happen to relatives if they don't return.

Numerically, the campaign has not yet had much success, with the exception of South America. But it is making inroads and it got a good propaganda push this last week end when a former premier of the Polish government-in-exile announced he was returning to Warsaw.

He is Stanislaw Mackiewicz who has been living in London for more than 10 years, working for the day when the Communist government of Poland would be overthrown. Mackiewicz last week attacked the United States

and Britain bitterly, said he had "lost hope of freeing Poland" and, while he was still anti-Communist, had decided to go home.

But the campaign is not directed alone at such intellectuals and politicians as Mackiewicz. It is aimed at all refugees. Why do some of them return?

Tragic Success

A Ukrainian nationalist leader in Buenos Aires, who says Russia is having "tragic success" with its campaign in South America, has this explanation:

"It's a mixture of patriotism, ignorance, threats, propaganda and just plain homesickness."

The Soviet embassy in Buenos Aires has chartered several Argentine liners for the "refugee run" to Odessa. Two shiploads of 780 persons each sailed in April and May. It is estimated that by the end of the year, 30,000 will have gone back to Russia and satellite countries.

The propaganda is carried out by mailed publications, letters, movies, personal visits by agents. The United States government recently expelled a Soviet diplomatic aide because he engaged in such activity.

The emphasis is on "home, sweet home," not on Marxist doctrines. There are glowing de-

scriptions of the life and work in the "new Russia" or "new Bulgaria" and a strong appeal is made to the patriotic sentiment.

The campaign is being conducted vigorously in the United States, also in Canada, Australia, Israel and continental Europe. In those places it has not had much success.

Available estimates are that only some 300 to 500 Czech refugees have returned. That is less than half of one per cent of those

who fled. Some 2,000 Romanians (less than 1 per cent of the refugee total) have been lured back.

Urgent Appeal

Russia has made one of its most urgent attempts in Germany, starting with an appeal by Soviet Premier Nikola Bulganin to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer last fall to repatriate 100,000 Russian citizens alleged to be "retained" in West Germany.

This was followed by a Soviet amnesty for political crimes at

home and abroad and an unsuccessful move at the United Nations last October to obtain unlimited propaganda access to refugees.

Why do the Communists want these people back so badly?

The most logical answer seems to be that they want to whittle down and demoralize the centers of anti-Communist activities this side of the Iron Curtain. The Communists believe the nucleus of counter-revolution to over-

throw them would be these countrymen in the West.

Then, too, the Communists gain a propaganda weapon when a refugee shows his disappointment with the free world and his attraction to the "reformed" Communist regimes.

But whatever their motives, the Communist nations are putting a lot of work into this "come home" campaign.

Tomorrow: The case history of one refugee.

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Benson Denies Reversal on Soil Bank Payments

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson yesterday denied he reversed himself in announcing that 1956 soil bank payments will be made to farmers who lost crops to drought, floods, or other natural disasters.

Benson said a June 4 speech at Beaver Dam, Wis., in which he declared such payments should not be made, was "a discussion of long range" aspects of the soil bank. But he conceded, at a news conference today, that he made no distinction in the speech between soil bank regulations for 1956 and for later years.

Benson said he had always intended to be as "liberal" as possible in applying the soil bank program.

Too Early To Tell

He said he thought as many as 50 per cent of the farmers in drought areas may take advantage this year of payments for crops destroyed or reduced by natural causes. But he added it is "too early to tell definitely."

Any estimate of farmer participation or government spending would be only a guess, he said.

The \$1.2 billion soil bank program is part of the new farm law signed by President Eisenhower May 28. Under the acreage reserve section, farmers may earn government payments by producing below their federal allotment of corn, cotton, wheat, peanuts, rice and tobacco.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

New York—Mrs. Barbara Rauch, leader of a group of mothers in the neighborhood where six children died in a landslide Tuesday:

"They can send police to a baseball game at Ebbetts Field, can't they? We want police to protect the lives of our children."

London—Prime Minister Anthony Eden, on why the hydrogen bomb makes necessary a reassessment of western defense concepts:

"No country, however large and powerful, really believes it can be immune from the H-bomb's consequences."

Washington—Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, on differences in taste in regard to TV programs:

"Your soft spot is another man's strong spot."

Cambridge, Mass.—Godfrey Sherman, 26, on why he hung from a cross on top of a church for two hours and threatened to jump:

"Nobody loves me. I'm disillusioned with life."

Washington—Presidential News Secretary James C. Hagerty, on how the President felt after his doctors removed an uncomfortable drainage tube running through his nose to his stomach:

"He enjoyed it very much without the tube."

Williams Bay, Wis.—Entomologist E. L. Chambers, on the new plague of 17-year locusts in the Midwest:

"You can't put a finger down without touching one."

OSC Scientists Take Issue on Cloud Seeding

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Scientists at Oregon State College have taken issue with recent reports from the federal advisory committee on weather control that cloud seeding in the Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow county area of Oregon increased precipitation.

Dr. Lyle D. Calvin, OSC agricultural experiment station statistician, has compared the federal committee report with an OSC evaluation issued in 1954 that "found no definite increase in rainfall due to seeding" in the area.

Efforts Evaluated

Oregon State College evaluated cloud seeding efforts in the area from 1950 to 1954 for the Oregon Wheat Commission. Three physics department meteorologists cooperating in the project reported that not enough "above natural" rainfall had occurred to credit it to "anything but chance."

The 11-man federal advisory committee, however, has sent an interim report to President Eisenhower stating that increases in precipitation were produced by cloud seeding efforts in a number of West Coast areas. Recent reports have singled out the Oregon project for special mention as showing an 18 per cent increase.

Calvin said, in making a comparison between the OSC and the federal studies, that important differences existed between the two studies.

Lower Acceptance Level

One of these, he said, is that the federal study used a considerable lower level of acceptance for concluding that rain fall was due to seeding. The lower level of acceptance enabled the advisory committee to conclude that smaller increases are due to seeding, but at four times the risk of attributing increases to cloud seeding that are caused simply by nature.

Governors Named By Boys' State

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Members of Boys State, meeting on the Oregon State college campus here, yesterday nominated Jim Tyler of Pendleton and John Gould of Eugene for the runoff governor's election.

More than 400 Oregon high school boys are attending the six-day citizenship training program here, sponsored by the American Legion.

Battling for the secretary of state post will be Merv Thomp-

son, Eugene, and Fred Webb, Klamath Falls.

Other top office nominees were: For state treasurer, Spencer Ericson, Hood River; and Gerald Kind, Central; for attorney general, Paul Bilant, Klamath Falls; and Door Dearborn, Ontario; for superintendent of public instruction, Fred Hartstrom, Astoria, and Steve McLagan, Springfield; for labor commissioner, Richard Palermo, Springfield, and Dick Buchanan, Salem.

2 Washington Youths Drown in Columbia

The Dalles — (U.P.) — Two Wishram, Wash., youths, Robert Leachman, 19, and Larry E. Cohea, 20, were believed drowned in the Columbia river yesterday after falling off a raft near Wishram.

Two transients reported to sheriff's officers they had seen Leachman and Cohea launch the cork raft in the river and then heard them scream a few minutes later. The unidentified witnesses said they saw the boys, both employees of the SP&S railroad, trying to swim to shore and then go under.

The raft was intercepted at The Dalles dam. Deputy Sheriff George McCredy said the Columbia river was so turbulent that dragging operations were difficult.

BOAT SPEEDERS BEWARE

Mt. Clemens, Mich. — (U.P.) — Disturbed over reports some motor boat enthusiasts were acting like "wild men" on Lake St. Clair, Macomb County Sheriff Harley Ensign decided to act. Ensign got himself a motor boat and is prepared to give chase to "wild" boat handlers. He is also equipped with a supply of traffic tickets.

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