

Many Communist Spies Said To Cross German Borders Every Month

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 Bonn, Germany—Every month about 500 Communist spies cross the Iron Curtain border between Western Germany and the Soviet-controlled East Zone.

They range from underground couriers for the illegal West German Communist party to a "corps d'elite" of agents who specialize in top-level espionage, kidnaping and—in the past, at least—murder.

This is a country where, as someone once remarked, every fifth man may be a third man.

Most spies cross the 500-mile East-West border under the guise of innocent businessmen, political refugees, students, or East Germans visiting relatives in the West.

Behind them is the shadow of former East zone state security Chief Ernst Wollweber, who himself once sabotaged Franco-

Civil War, and whose organization now controls a vast network of spies.

According to reports reaching the West, Wollweber, a fleshy, balding man, has ostensibly gone into retirement to prepare plans for a Communist "Joint Intelligence Council" for the entire satellite empire.

But while—or if—he is temporarily absent from the scene the work of his agents goes on.

Cloak-and-Dagger War

It is a cloak-and-dagger war that seldom obtrudes above the seemingly-placid surface of West German life.

Last year, however, 6,200 persons were arrested in West Germany for activities endangering the security of the state.

Recent arrests included a Bad Godesberg boardinghouse keeper whose rooms, occupied by minor diplomats, were wired for sound to an attic tape recorder.

bound shipping in the Spanish The tapes were shipped weekly in soup tins to East Berlin.

Another local arrest was a waiter in the Bundestag Parliament Restaurant. According to intelligence sources, some 3,000 spies and counter-spies are believed to be working in the vicinity of the federal capital.

Most sensational case in recent years was Soviet MVD assassin Nikolai Khokhlov. He gave himself up in 1954 to Western authorities after being ordered by Moscow to murder Russian em-

igre leader Georgi Okolovich with a device for firing a bullet concealed inside a cigarette packet.

Ranged against this army of Communist spies are two main West German counter-intelligence organizations—the Federal Bureau for the Defense of the Constitution and the Security Office of the Federal Criminal Bureau.

Budget Small

Headquartered in Cologne, the Federal Bureau for the Defense of the Constitution, which created its own sensation three years ago when its chief Otto John defected to the East, employs 425 persons and has an annual budget slightly in excess of 2,830,000 marks \$673,800, which might seem paltry to the budget of the FBI.

Closely allied with this organization is the Security Office of the Federal Criminal Bureau, which acts partly as its executive arm as well as being res-

ponsible for bodyguard services to the West German president and chancellor.

Not all espionage is connected with political secrets, military intelligence and whispered conferences in small back rooms.

There is also the industrial side. West German authorities report that the East German Communists have built up an effective organization which is stealing industrial processes from the West and turning them to their own use.

At the last East zone Leipzig fair, they say, West German businessmen saw Communist versions of stolen Western products being offered for sale abroad at well below world market price.

Newport Holdup Attempt Thwarted

Newport, Ore.—A young Navy officer missed getting shot by about a foot late Saturday night as he thwarted a holdup man who tried to rob his father-in-law's general store about four miles east of here, state police reported.

Lt. (jg) Larry McArthur and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Pete Rasmussen, went to the door of the store about 11:45 p.m. to answer incessant pounding. The holdup man, wearing blue jeans, stepped into the light and put the barrel of a rifle into the door ahead of him.

McArthur stepped in front of his mother-in-law, pushed her to the floor, took hold of the barrel and shoved, at the same time slamming and latching the door.

McArthur hit the floor himself as the gunman fired a shot which went through the wooden door and wound up in a refrigerator unit. It missed McArthur by about a foot, officers said.

Officers said the holdup man escaped.

About three billion tons of land material are dumped into the world's oceans every year by rivers, winds and other natural agencies.

State of Mind Said To Condition Drinker

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor
 New York (AP)—Here is some science for people who would like to drink socially but remain reasonably sober New Year's Eve.

The number of drinks it takes to make a man drunk is somehow related to his state of mind at the time he took the first one.

The man whose state of mind is one of realized stress, tension, and fearfulness, is more likely to be sledge-hammered by less alcohol than the man whose mind is at peace.

It is true that drinking alcohol in a stuffy room where atmospheric oxygen is lower than it should be increases the intoxicating power of the alcohol.

Suggests Water Mix

Champagne intoxicates quickly because it is carbonated. By this token, whiskey and soda are more quickly intoxicating than whiskey and tap water.

While it is true that food with alcohol makes the alcohol less intoxicating, the "food" does not include fruits. Eating a comparable quantity of fruit, makes the drink more intoxicating.

These helpful hints were taken from a scientific treatise of Dr. Joost A. M. Meerloo of New York for the technical journal, "Postgraduate Medicine." He was pointing out that "tolerance" for alcohol and drugs not only varies widely among individuals but also can vary widely for any one individual, depending upon his inner and outer circumstances at the moment.

Leave Room If Dizzy

He was seeking to explain why these variations are so. "Oxygen lack" was easy to explain, because oxygen helps to "burn" alcohol in the body. Dizzy drinkers in a stuffy room feel less dizzy almost at once when they get into the outdoor air.

Food in the stomach helps slow the intoxicating process be-

Oregon's Vital Statistics Said Little Changed During Past Year

Portland—The State Board of Health today placed a statistical stethoscope on Oregon for its annual checkup and found the patient about the same size as a year ago, slightly less active, and a bit sickly.

Board statisticians revealed that the state's estimated population had undergone a "very slight increase," reaching 1,737,470 on July 1 of this year, compared to 1,734,650 the previous July 1, for an increase of 2,820.

From there on, the Board summarized these changes in Oregon's vital statistics: Births down slightly; deaths up slightly; marriage and divorce both down slightly, and no change in maternal deaths. Communicable disease deaths, however, showed a sharp increase and were attributed principally to pneumonia deaths resulting from the influenza epidemic. The increase in that department was an estimated 15 per cent over 1956.

Accidents About the Same

Heart disease, both the number and the rate, were expected to decline slightly this year from 1956. Cancer deaths will be slightly higher than the 2410 such deaths that occurred in 1956 but the cancer death rate is expected to remain about the same as last year.

Accidental deaths claimed 1057 lives in Oregon in 1956 and the Board of Health said that figure would be virtually the same for 1957 when final tabulations are reached next week. Diseases of early infancy will be down substantially and suicides, between 200 and 205 of them, will be about the same as last year.

Commenting on an estimated 20 per cent increase in pneumonia deaths, the Board said the 1957 total is expected to be about 550, compared with 453 in 1956.

"This increase," the Board said, "is associated to a great extent with the influenza epidemic, although many of the deaths are probably among older people with pre-existing chronic illness complicated by flu."

The Oregon birth rate this year is expected to be the lowest since 1946—21.9 per thousand population. While Oregon's birth rate has been decreasing, the national rate has generally increased since 1950. The Board expects 38,000 resident births during 1957. In 1956 there were

38,423 births for a rate of 22.2. The national rate last year was 25.3.

Marriages Below U.S. Rate

The Oregon death rate this year will reach 8.9 per thousand or 15,400 resident deaths. Last year there were 15,328 such deaths for a rate of 8.8. The national rate last year was 9.4.

Oregon's marriage rate is substantially below the national figure and the divorce rate substantially higher.

About 10,400 persons will have been married by next Tuesday night for a rate of 6 marriages per one thousand population. The rate last year was 6.1

and the national rate was 9.4. Also by next Tuesday night some 5650 persons will have dissolved their marriages for a divorce rate of 3.3. The rate last year was 3.4 and the national rate 2.3 per thousand population.

Other statistics in the health report: 10 maternal deaths (estimated) for 1957 and 11 during 1956; fetal deaths (stillbirths) slightly under the 1345 recorded last year; heart disease, 6046 deaths last year, slightly fewer this year; strokes, 1880 deaths last year, virtually no change this year; disease of early infancy, 475 expected this year, against 522 last year.

Big Year For TV, Movie Stars Mark Year With Marriages, Splits

By VERNON SCOTT
United Press Hollywood Writer
 Hollywood—The year 1957 was big for TV, worrisome for movies, and busy for the stars who trooped the world keeping their names and faces before the public.

Some made headlines by getting married.

Marlon Brando startled Hollywood with his surprise trip to the altar with Anna Kashfi Joanne O'Callaghan. Bing Crosby's May-December nuptials with Kathy Grant raised numerous eyebrows.

Also wed during the year were Susan Hayward and attorney Eaton Chalkley; Natalie Wood and Robert Wagner; Sophia Loren and Carlo Ponti; Shelley Winters and Anthony Franciosa; Henry Fonda and Italian baroness Aldera Franchetti; Rex Harrison and Kay Kendall; and Merle Oberon and Mexican industrialist Bruno Pagliani.

Bad Teamwork Year

Separations, marital and otherwise, also made news. It was a rugged year for teams. Martin and Lewis broke up as well as Abbott and Costello. The Librarian brothers, Smiley and George, went their separate ways.

Marriages hit the rocks. Rock Hudson and Phyllis Gates saw their lawyers, as did Esther Williams and Ben Gage. Among others shattered marriages were the Jeff Chandlers, Ginger Rogers and Jacques Bergerac, Ingrid and Rossellini; Lana Turner and Les Barker.

Also shedding mates were Mickey Rooney, Gene Kelly and Diana Dors.

Kim Novak gave the wolf pack hope by splitting with longtime boyfriend Mac Krim. Maybe she couldn't take the name Kim Krim.

It was a bumper year for babies. Gale Storm, Rosemary Clooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Mrs. Jackie Cooper, Gina Lollobrigida, Pier Angeli, Yvonne De Carlo, Ann Blyth, Vera Miles and Mrs. John Kerr all wel-

comed newcomers.

Marilyn Monroe lost her expected baby.

Death took its toll among TV and film folk, too.

Louis B. Mayer, one of Hollywood's great pioneers, died during the year. Humphrey Bogart, Oliver Hardy, Louis Calhern, Norma Talma d'ge, William Eythe, and character actor Gene Lockhart also met death.

Biggest news from Hollywood in 1957 was the Confidential magazine scandal trial which rocked the town. The trial, however, did not live up to advance notices as only two stars—Maurice O'Hara and Dorothy Dandridge—appeared in court.

Marie McDonald caused an uproar when she allegedly was kidnapped and abandoned on the Mojave Desert.

Jayne Mansfield broke innumerable hearts by announcing her engagement to a musician named Mickey Hargitay. Rita Hayworth admitted she plans to marry producer James Hill. And Zsa Zsa Gabor managed not to become engaged to anyone.

Most significant news of 1957 was Desi Arnaz' purchase of RKO studios to make video films. The handwriting was on the studio walls—it read: "Look out for TV in 1958."

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Chicago—Dr. William L. Thomas, in a warning to the American Anthropological association that the world's natural resources will never hold out at the present rate of use:

"In a few thousand years, our era will be referred to as the age of waste."

London—English newspaper correspondent Patrick O'Donovan, in relating his experiences as a Christmas guest in the village of Stone Ridge, N.Y.:

"No one mentioned Mr. Dulles, or the War of 1812, or thought it anything but entertaining to meet a foreigner, or complained about the taxes or agonized over Socialism. There are people who dislike Americans. . . . They should come here (Stone Ridge) in winter time."

Moscow—A. Glagonravov, one of the Soviet's chief earth satellite scientists, in summing up Russia's scientific achievements in 1957:

"The future of Soviet science is closely tied with the conquest of the cosmos. As Tsiolkovsky (a 19th century Russian scientist) predicted, Soviet man will become a citizen of the universe."

South Bend—T. Coleman Andrews, former Commissioner of Internal Revenue, describing inflation as a more serious threat to the nation than "a whole sky full of Sputniks":

"Inflation is probably the most insidious evil with which organized society ever has had to contend."



MEETING ON GROUNDS OF Imperial Palace, Tokio. Japan's royal family greets photographers for annual New Year's picture. From left: Crown Prince Akihito, Princess Suga, Empress Nagako, Emperor Hirohito and Prince Yoshi, who is petting Akihito's dog, Anastasia. (International)

Veneta Man Jailed For Still Operation

Eugene—Lane county deputies and federal revenue agents arrested a Veneta resident, Gilbert Strasen, 44, Saturday afternoon on charges of operating a moonshine still in his home.

Strasen, a mill worker, was taken into custody as he worked at a Veneta lumber mill. Officers found a still and about 30 gallons of mash in a locked back room of Strasen's home on Bolton rd.

He was booked on a charge of illegal possession of liquor mash, and held in Lane county

Accidental Gunshot Hits Harrisburg Girl

Corvallis—A six-year-old girl was critically wounded Saturday night when a gun accidentally discharged in the hands of her 15-year-old brother at a home seven miles south of here. Benton county sheriff's deputies reported. She was reported in "fair" condition today.

Vera D. Anglin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anglin, Harrisburg, was struck in the right temple by a .22 caliber bullet. The gun was held by Perry Anglin, her brother, deputy sheriff.

Deputy Sheriff Wayne Yates said the accident occurred at the home of another son of the Anglins, Roy, about 8 p.m.

The girl was taken to a Corvallis hospital, but later transferred to Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene where a brain specialist was available.



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Oscar N.—My wife can't set up a home.

Emily N.—I want a home the whole world will admire.

Oscar N.—My wife is really driving me crazy.

We were married two years ago and have been trying to set up a home ever since. So far we are still dining on the bridge table, trying to make do with some old lamps and broken-down chairs our parents gave us when we started our married life on a shoestring.

The trouble isn't money. I am making a good salary and we can buy on time. The trouble is that my wife just can't make up her mind about anything. Once or twice she has gone so far as to order something, and then she'll think it over and call the store and cancel.

I say we should call in a decorator and let him do whatever he wants, but Emily says she's got to have it just right and she doesn't trust anyone else.

Emily N.—I suppose the whole problem is my perfectionism. I do want a home the whole world will admire. I want it to be so beautiful everyone will just gasp when they see it. But it's hard to judge in advance just what will have the most beautiful effect.

All my friends seem to have different ideas of what is nice and my mother and mother-in-law are at opposite poles in their taste. They all try to help me, but they only succeed in mixing me up. The other day my mother-in-law had the nerve to say that I don't want to make a home

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