

American Pair Released After 15 Days In Hands Of Russian Inquisitors

BERLIN, July 16 (AP)—The Russians handed over a missing American warrant officer and his wife to U. S. army authorities early today, and soon afterward the Americans announced they were releasing three Russian espionage suspects to the red army.

The civilian-led Russians, two of whom claimed to be army officers, had been arrested in the U. S. zone two weeks ago, it was announced.

The Americans, Warrant Officer and Mrs. Samuel L. Harrison of San Antonio, Tex., disappeared 15 days ago when they ventured 500 yards into the Russian occupation zone to see a pet shop dog kennel. Harrison said he was held two days in a virtually a dungeon; his wife said she was questioned repeatedly and at one time cried during an interrogation.

Two other Americans still were missing somewhere in the Russian zone. Gen. M. Dratvin, Russian deputy military governor, advised U. S. army authorities the red army still was "collecting data" on the men in the neighborhood of Oranienburg, a Russian army district headquarters.

Last Seen July 4

The missing men were Capt. Harold Cobin of Newark, N. J., and Lt. George Wyatt of Oklahoma City, who were last seen July 4 boarding a train for Oranienburg, 20 miles north of Berlin.

Maj. Gen. James A. Keating, American commander in Berlin, said strenuous efforts were being made to secure their release.

Harrison and his wife, were released to Keating at 1:45 a. m. at Russian headquarters.

American intelligence officers said they had no trace of Cobin and Wyatt since the driver of their jeep left them at a northern Berlin railway station.

Intelligence officers said it was rumored that Cobin was gathering material for a book, and had made previous trips to Oranienburg, where the Russians are reported to have internment camps. The intelligence officers denied that the two were on an official mission.

Brig. Gen. Edwin L. Sibert, chief of the U. S. headquarters intelligence division, said in a statement the three Russians had been held on suspicion of espionage in the U. S. zone of Berlin.

No Agreement Violated

"The arrest of these civilians, foreign clandestine operatives in the U. S. zone of Berlin in no wise violated any written, oral or implied quadripartite agreement in that city," the statement said. "Our policy in the future must be the same or more severe, depending on the circumstances."

The Russians are "being turned back" to the Soviet zone at the request of Russian authorities, who identified the three by name; the statement said.

The Harrison, at a press conference in the U. S. sector of Berlin, told how they had been arrested July 1 when they went 500 yards into the Russian district to visit a dog kennel. They said they had been questioned repeatedly during their captivity.

Mrs. Harrison said she had answered "I don't know" when asked questions such as what ship had brought her to Germany, and how many troops had been aboard.

The Harrison looked bewildered when they were brought into the army-sponsored press conference. Harrison had a two-day growth of beard. His wife, who had been on the verge of a breakdown when she was released, seemed composed.

Harrison said they were arrested by two motorcyclists wearing civilian clothes but carrying pistols.

Dungeon-Like Prison

"The first two days of our detention were separated," Harrison said. "I was kept in a cellar—more like a dungeon. My wife was kept in a bare

On The Beat



In three years of working at the city hall Eva Dickson has been property clerk, secretary to the mayor, and is now deputy auditor. Originally from Iowa, Eva has been in Klamath county for about five years. She went to Iowa schools and attended business school here. Twice a month all city employees beat a path to her desk in the second-floor main office where she does out paychecks. She lives at 2113 Madison. Eva is on Edna Killmeyer's city hall beat.

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State Legion Honors Dead Of 2 Wars

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—A memorial service to the dead of two wars opened the second day of the state American Legion convention today.

Business sessions and committee meetings were scheduled for the afternoon. Officers will be elected tomorrow morning.

Department officers last night conducted a mass initiation ceremony for 140 new members and Commander Bell Morfitt said the department's membership was at a record high and would continue to grow. A parade of drum and bugle corps and delegates preceded the ceremony.

An afternoon session was held by Joseph K. Carson that a "just and understandable" foreign policy and a complete reorganization of the state department were essential to national defense.

Strong Defense Favored

The theme of defense was that which marked the opening session yesterday when Warren Atherton, Stockton, Calif., past national commander, said the country must be ready to defend itself by having a strong program of military training.

Plans of the Veterans' Administration to decentralize administration were outlined by Col. Earl L. Saries, deputy administrator of the Seattle branch. He said that by August 1 there would be an insurance office in most large cities where insurance premiums could be paid. This, he said, is only one of many changes which puts administrative affairs on the local level, leaving to Washington only matters of policy.

Committee chairmen appointed yesterday included: Americanization—Carrie Strome, Junction City; legislative—Joe Felton, Salem; veterans' welfare—Eugene Springer, Roseburg.

U. P. Track Program To Cost \$7,500,000

OMAHA, July 16 (AP)—Cost of the Union Pacific railroad's current track-laying program, involving 350 miles in six of the 11 states served by the road, was estimated at \$7,500,000 today by officials.

Bulk of the replacement work involves substitution of heavier rails in Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas, Colorado, Oregon and Idaho.

Courthouse Records

Marriage Licenses

RAWLINS-RODION. Citra Marie, Finland; Rawlins, 20, parts manager; Native of Washington; Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Tamara Rodionovna, 18, sales girl; Native of Washington; Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.

CEBRIAN-GLANVILLE. Albert Lee Cebrian, 22, mechanic; Native of Oregon; Resident of West Linn, Ore. Helen M. Glanville, 19, office clerk; Native of Oregon; Resident of Oregon City, Ore.

HAYES-COPSEY. Guy Hayes, 31, cook; Native of Missouri; Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Wilhelmina Copsy, 31, Native of Nebraska; Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.

WEHLE-HOMMERKIRCHEN. Earl Harry Wehle, 23, truck driver; Native of Illinois; Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Lillian Marie Hommerskirchen, 21, housewife; Native of Illinois; Native of Pocatello, Id.

Complaints Filed

Norma Turner vs. G. W. Tucker, suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Coupled, married February 17, 1928, at Medford in regular custody of one minor child. E. E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.

Verdicts Granted

Prize Marie Whitehead vs. Layton B. Annabelle A. Newton vs. Angus W. Newton

Robert H. Wilson vs. Nolie R. Wilson

Justice Court

Augustine Morales Lopez, drunk on public highway, 30 days in jail.

Jack Guy Rae, violation of the basic rule, fine, \$10.

Jack Guy Rae, no operator's license, fine, \$5.00.

Norman Starr, four in front seat, fine, \$5.00.

Governor Announces Zoning Appointments

SALEM, July 16 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell today made three additional appointments to his committee which is studying zoning in areas adjacent to cities. The committee will report to the governor so he can make recommendations to the next legislature.

The new members appointed today are State Highway Engineer R. H. Badwin, Frank L. Shull, Multnomah county commissioner, and Tom C. Watson, Multnomah county assessor.

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