

Soviets Claim US Supporting German Spies

MOSCOW, March 31 (AP)—Pravda said Tuesday a German spy ring financed by American military intelligence and German industrialists is working in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany.

The communist party newspaper quoted a special correspondent from Berlin as saying the group was headed in Germany by one Gerhard Pinkert. Pravda identified Pinkert as a former Wehrmacht colonel and former commander of a regiment in the Brandenburg division.

Complete operations are directed from Munich by a Colonel General Heider, the paper said.

Pravda said Pinkert gave full details of the ring's operation, and said it is a fascist organization which receives large sums of money each month.

Pravda said the entire organization is made up of former German officers and has as its task among others, "the establishment of contact with German agents left in a series of countries during the war and with this purpose intends to use such countries as Austria and Sweden, through which there is the possibility to conduct such intelligence work."

Both Pravda and Izvestia, the Soviet government newspaper, carried reports today from Tass, saying hundreds of thousands of Germans have migrated from Western Germany into the Soviet zone.

High School

News and Comment
By MARY LOU CASE



The first performance of the student body play, Sam Janney's "Black Planning," was viewed by the student body today. Periods were shortened accordingly and the first half of the play given before noon, and the second half, after. Ticket-takers for today's matinee were members of the Torch Honor society; and at the only night performance, April 1, they will act as ushers.

At the preview of the play given Tuesday, it showed definitely that the main comedy role for the play is Rex Miller as Popo. His main scenes are with the maid Clotilde, played by Elaine Eicks. Other main parts are handled by Dorothea Coppill and Darlene Knowles as the two sisters; Letty Overen as Triumand; Jim Crismon, Rosemary Davis, Bob Mahoney, Bob Plass, Cy Newman, Graydon Gwyn, Joe Demetrakos, Rex Halentine and Harold Howard complete the cast.

Tonight's Pelicana will be devoted mainly to advertising the student body play. Margie Robinson, Don Paillette, Barbara Snyder and Bruce Irving will handle the show. Rasp has a mysterious slogan, 5, 5-7 Pelicana comes on over KPJI at 8:30.

T&I is scheduled to give the educational broadcast Thursday, 1:30, on KPLW. Don Paillette and Dwight Weathersbee will give a resume to T&I, how it works and the activities. Interview form will be used.

Thursday night last week the members of T&I climbed into their cars and met for a line party. First the cars moved in a line out to the Red Rock for a chicken dinner, following which they took in a movie. Strictly stag, those eligible to attend the party were the boys who had worked three or more times at the concessions or noon movies.

Friday is the date to vote on the Track Queen choice. This first voting will be a write-in ballot for the top four girls in each class. The assembly in which the girls will appear is planned for April 7.

Flour Asked For Chinese

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) has asked that three-quarters of the wheat shipped under the Chinese relief program be sent in the form of flour.

He said he had been informed that current shipments from the Northwest are 65 per cent wheat. This, he said, "has resulted in the flour mills in the Pacific Northwest operating on a very short schedule."

"It has been estimated," he added, "that 60 per cent of the milling capacity of the Pacific Northwest is not operating."

The low ratio also makes mill feed, a by-product of wheat produced in grinding flour, scarce and high in price, Magnuson said.

"This in turn has the effect of increasing the cost of feed and curtailing the production of poultry and dairy products."

Thomas Sees Big Wallace Vote

SEATTLE, March 31 (AP)—Norman Thomas, five times socialist party candidate for president, believes Henry Wallace will draw more than 5,000,000 votes in the fall election.

He based his belief, given in an interview here yesterday, on "failure of both parties to tell the true story, the passionate—if sometimes misplaced—desire of the American people for peace, and the untiringly skillful methods of the communist organizers."

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'Atom Gold' Trial Slated

SPOKANE, March 31 (AP)—Trial of seven persons on charges that they used the mails to bilk north-west investors of more than \$200,000 in an "atomic gold recovery scheme" will begin June 1.

Federal Judge Sam S. Driver set the new hearing date yesterday after denying a motion by Attorney Thor Ulvestad to dismiss charges against five of the seven defendants.

Previously the trial date had been set for May 17. The additional time is to permit preparation of the case by attorneys.

A motion to dismiss the action against Stanley E. Richardson of Richland was taken under advisement by Judge Driver. Ulvestad asserted that Richardson was not specifically charged with a crime in the indictment, inasmuch as his name was not mentioned in the first paragraph of the indictment. U. S. District Attorney Harvey Erickson said Richardson's name was included later in the indictment.

Seeking the dismissal, other than Richardson, were P. E. Nemeo, Banister X. Dawson and Wescott B. Clarke, all of Los Angeles, and H. P. Schwartz of Seattle. Others charged in the indictment are Dr. Harold Rector of Richland and Flora B. Carpenter, Spokane.

Hood, Wasco To Get Plenty Of Water

HOOD RIVER, March 31 (AP)—Hood River and Wasco counties can look forward to adequate water supplies for irrigation areas this year.

W. T. Frost, soil conservation service agent, directing the annual water supply studies of the state, reported after conferring with district representatives that the water supply was far better than last year.

Prospects were just under those of the banner year of 1946, Frost reported.

Equally good moisture prospects are in sight for non-irrigated crop lands of Wasco and Sherman counties, he said.

Russian Soldiers Slay Austrians

VIENNA, March 31 (AP)—The interior ministry said Russian soldiers killed three Austrians with machine pistols Monday night in a dance hall fight. Nineteen were wounded.

The shooting occurred at Josefberg, 45 miles south of Vienna, in the Russian occupation zone.

A ministry spokesman said a fight started between Austrian civilians and a Russian soldier. The soldier went for help. He returned in a truck with two companions and all fired into the crowd, the spokesman said.

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