

# Russ Uranium Expert May Be Giving Secrets To U.S.

LONDON (AP)—The London Daily Express said Friday the boss of Russian uranium mining in East Germany's key man in Soviet atomic works—may have been taken to Washington after he fled to the West six weeks ago.

He was identified as Lt. Col. Fedya Astrochov, whose scientific achievements once were honored with Russia's coveted Stalin prize.

The Express said American intelligence agents were reported questioning a senior officer of the Russian army shortly after Astrochov reportedly fled the Reds.

It also linked him with a recent trip to Germany by four leading American atomic scientists—Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N.J.; Dr. Walter F. Whitman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission; Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, president of California Institute of Technology, and Dr. Charles G. Lauritsen, a rocket expert from CIT.

"It is now believed that the scientists were called in to size up the facts given to intelligence by Astrochov," the Express said, adding:

"An Allied official guessed tonight that Astrochov has reached Washington."

In Washington, the Justice Department declined comment.

# Traffic Fatality Picture In Future Not Encouraging

By DAVE UNDERHILL

Now that the nation's millionth traffic victim has been laid beneath the sod, a good start has been established on recording number two million.

Nationwide, over 500 persons were killed during the long Christmas holiday and starting today a similar number can be expected to gain admission to the two million club during the New Year's vacation.

For some reason or other, despite the heavy winter weather and holiday traffic, Klamath county did not make the fatality table last week. This, despite the fact over 114 cars were pulled out of ditches, and snowbanks, and that by icy and snow-covered highways.

But the same luck can't be expected this weekend, especially when the tendency to overindulge is stronger.

Already this year Klamath County has 22 traffic deaths to its fame, 20 of these happening outside the limits of Klamath Falls.

That doesn't seem like a very great number, considering the number of cars traveling along the county and state highways in a year's time.

But look at this comparison of figures. The city of Portland in the 1950 census had 371,011 persons tabulated.

Klamath county in the same census was chalked down as having 42,014 residents. Roughly, that's a ratio of 9 to 1.

Now look at this set of figures. As of a few days ago, Portland, with all its heavy traffic, had totaled up 47 traffic deaths for 1951.

But Klamath county with only one-ninth of Portland's population had slightly less than half the number of Portland's traffic deaths—22 to be exact.

This figure of 22, incidentally, is a postwar record for this county.

The state of Oregon hasn't been doing very well in its efforts to cut down traffic accidents this year either.

Oregon traffic accidents have claimed an average of more than one life a day in 1951 to date.

According to a news release of the Oregon State Traffic Safety Division on December 21, Oregon road deaths were at 420, just 7 short of the 427 killed in 1950.

With Oregon's holiday traffic deaths, those of last week and those expected this weekend, last year's mark will certainly be exceeded by a sizeable amount.

The greater amount of traffic deaths in the state occur in rural areas. Last year 390 were recorded in rural areas.

Furthermore, 195 fatal accidents occurred on paved highways painted with a center stripe.

Other figures released by the traffic safety division indicate that drivers involved in 170 fatal accidents had at least six or more years of driving experience.

We could go on and on quoting figures from the safety division, to try and determine the cause for all these accidents in rural areas: bad roads, mechanical or driver defect or obstructed view, or some such excuse.

But it all boils down to the column which lists driver violations, which accounted for over two-thirds of the 390 rural deaths.

# Private Dams Said Threat

BOISE (AP)—Private power dams such as the C. J. Strike Project on Snake River are a "serious threat" to Idaho's irrigation development, the president of the Oregon-Idaho Hells Canyon Association said Thursday night.

Albert Ullman of Baker, Ore., charges that the authorization for Idaho Power Company's Strike Dam contained no guarantee of upstream water rights for irrigation development, adding that "any future irrigation district will have to go on bended knee and beg Idaho Power Company for water rights."

He said Hells Canyon authorization legislation pending in Congress contains "an iron clad provision for protection of upstream consumptive use. Ullman then asked: 'What kind of power development is going to hurt irrigation development in Idaho?'

Ullman, here for the formation of a Boise Chapter of the organization which is backing the Hells Canyon Project, said Idaho and Eastern Oregon can become the "industrial area of the atomic age" with cheap power from Hells Canyon.

# Governor Pays Back Taxes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Gov. Sid McMath has announced payment of \$9170 in back federal income taxes and interest.

The governor said Friday he had made full payment of a claim resulting from an investigation of his financial affairs for the past 15 years by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

McMath said two major items were in dispute in the investigation—"traveling expenses which I deducted because these expenses were incurred in conjunction with my duties as governor, and a loss I took on sale of my former home in Hot Springs."

The governor, a close personal and political friend of President Truman, said he had paid \$8,333.22 in back taxes, and \$836.78 in interest.

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# Husbands Win In Legal War

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The battle of neighbors John Riley and Marvin Sassell, charged with making advances to each other's wives, has been declared a draw.

It took a Superior Court jury only 45 minutes Friday to decide in favor of both defendants in the double lawsuit.

Mrs. Riley sought \$23,570, charging Sassell embraced her in the dark while she was getting him a can of beer.

While this was going on, Mrs. Sassell charged, Riley was hugging her in the Sassell home across the alley, suggesting they could do more than neighbors. She sued for \$40,023.

# Child Rescued From Deep Shaft

HARLINGEN, Tex. (AP)—A fearful and scared five-year-old girl was rescued from an 11-foot-deep opening in the earth Friday night by volunteers who dug their way to her.

Naomi Uresti was pulled out of the eight-inch-wide shaft after four fateful hours. She jumped into the hole on a dare from a playmate. Relatives and neighbors dug a way to her.

The opening had been dug near her grandfather's farm for drainage purposes.

# Driver Booked Following Wreck

Vernon Dubois, 3927 Johns, was booked at the county jail last night on a drunk charge following an auto accident as S. 6th and Home-dale.

State police said he was making left turn off S. 6th onto Home-dale and struck a car driven by Allen Lester Rice, Box 2.

Neither was injured but both cars were extensively damaged. Rice was given a ticket for having no operator's license.

# Radio Log

KFLW-1450 Kc.-PST	Sunday, Dec. 30	KFJJ-1150 Kc.-PST	Monday, Dec. 31
6:00 Sports Highlights	6:00 Wings of Healing	6:00 Musical Revue	6:00 Musical Revue
6:15 Home Town News	6:30 2-Min. News	6:30 Farm Reporter	6:30 Farm Reporter
6:30 World News Summary	6:35 Music	6:45 News	6:45 News
6:30 Science Editor ABC	6:45 Children's Chapel	6:55 News	6:55 News
6:45 Mr. District Atty. ABC	6:50 Radio Bible Class MBS	7:00 News	7:00 News
7:00 Mr. District Atty. ABC	6:55 Klam. Rev. Center	7:15 News	7:15 News
7:25 Music	7:00 Music for Sunday	7:30 News	7:30 News
7:30 News	10:00 Glenn Hardy—News MBS	7:45 News	7:45 News
8:00 The Lone Ranger ABC	10:15 Soldier's Serenade MBS	8:00 News	8:00 News
8:30 U.S.S.R. ABC	10:30 Lutheran Hour MBS	8:15 News	8:15 News
8:30 Sugar Bowl Basketball, ABC	11:00 Frank and Ernest MBS	8:30 News	8:30 News
10:00 10 p.m. Headlines	11:15 Show Times	8:45 News	8:45 News
10:15 Sugar Bowl Basketball, ABC	11:30 Island Melodies	9:00 News	9:00 News
11:00 News Summary	11:45 Master Radio Can MBS	9:15 News	9:15 News
11:05 Sign Off	12:15 Bill Cunningham MBS	9:30 News	9:30 News
	12:30 Steamboat Ambrose MBS	9:45 News	9:45 News
	1:00 Hash Knife Hartley MBS	10:00 News	10:00 News
	1:30 Radio Arise! MBS	10:15 News	10:15 News
	1:55 Bobby Benson MBS	10:30 News	10:30 News
	2:00 The Shadow MBS	10:45 News	10:45 News
	2:30 Children's Hour MBS	11:00 News	11:00 News
	3:00 Challenge of Yukon MBS	11:15 News	11:15 News
	3:30 Nick Carter MBS	11:30 News	11:30 News
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	4:30 Armed Forces Review MBS	12:30 News	12:30 News
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	5:30 Christian Hour MBS	1:00 News	1:00 News
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	6:15 Quiz Show	1:30 News	1:30 News
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