

# West German Police Raid Nazi-Type Party

## Records Seized In Crackdown On Subversives

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BONN, Germany (AP) — Hundreds of West German police raided offices of the Communist party and Nazi-type Socialist Reich party and seized their secret records Thursday.

The police struck at dawn, acting on orders of the Federal Constitutional Court, which is seeking evidence of subversive activities.

The government has filed suit in the court to outlaw both parties as hostile to the state.

There were no arrests and the raids took place without incident, authorities said. Police grabbed stacks of propaganda, bank records and confidential files.

Concern over the growth of the Nazi-like Socialist Reich Party has been expressed by both the government and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the U.S. occupation authorities.

Just 10 days ago U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy said a public opinion poll taken by his staff disclosed that only 20 percent of the Germans would do anything to prevent rise of another Nazi party.

The survey showed that 13 percent would support such a party, a situation McCloy said was "incomprehensible." He saw no immediate threat of a rebirth of Nazism, but admonished the Germans against political apathy.

The Communists have made no secret of the fact that they are out to wreck the West German government.

Their latest move is a threat to call a strike in the rich industrial Ruhr and thus cripple any role West Germany might take in supplying materials for Western Europe's defense against possible Soviet aggression.

Police swarmed into the big Communist national headquarters at Dueseldorf in the Ruhr and in each of their 11 state offices, the Interior Ministry said.

Gustav Gundelach, a Communist member of the Federal Parliament, denounced the raids as an "unconstitutional arbitrary act."



## Pigg Death Reason For Suicide Try

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — An Oregon woman's desperate attempt to save her last June, fainted on an El Paso street Wednesday after taking eight sleeping pills.

Revived in an El Paso hospital, June Alsbrook, 22, told police that she killed Willis Pigg of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Pigg drowned June 21 in an attempt to pull her from the Link River, into which she had jumped during an argument with Pigg. Others saved her.

Detective Capt. R. H. Lessor said the woman told that her family paid a Klamath Falls policeman \$500 if she agreed to leave town. Part of the agreement, she said, was that no charges would be filed.

However, Klamath Falls police informed Lessor that Miss Alsbrook is not wanted, and she said she would not be held. Her story of the \$500 was discounted. She was expected to be released from the hospital late Thursday.

## Lowell Stockman To Quit; Giles French Seeks Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Lowell Stockman is getting out of public office. He will not run again this year.

The Republican congressman from Oregon made that announcement here Wednesday, almost simultaneously with the announcement in Oregon that State Rep. Giles L. French would be a candidate for Stockman's job.

Stockman, who is completing his fifth term as representative of Oregon's second district, said he considered 10 years "to be a reasonable time for one individual to contribute to public service."

"I feel the time has now come when I would like to return home and give attention to my private affairs," the Pendleton wheat rancher said in a prepared statement.

Meanwhile in Oregon, French, who has been a member of the State Legislature 17 years, announced he would seek Republican nomination to the congressional seat. French is publisher of the Sherman County Journal at Moro, Ore.

Stockman was elected to the Congress when he was 27 in January, 1933. He has been re-elected four times. Now 51, he is the only Oregon congressman ever named to the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

Stockman said he would not support any particular candidate to succeed him.

Besides French, State Sen. Sam Cook, Baker, has been mentioned as a possible Republican candidate for the Eastern Oregon congressional seat.



## Iran Closes US Offices

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A U.S. embassy spokesman said Thursday Iran has ordered immediate shutdown of all American State Department information and education centers here except the one in Tehran.

The order also applied to British and Russian cultural centers outside the capital, it was reported.

The closing of the closure order was reported unofficially yesterday.

The Iranian action was based on a 1949 decree permitting foreign cultural activities only in Tehran. The decree had not been enforced, however.

A month ago, Moslem Leader Ayatullah Khashani, whose word often has great weight with the government, "suggested" enforcement of the decree in a note to Premier Mohammed Mossadegh.

## Draft Calls To Be Upped

WASHINGTON (AP) — Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey Thursday predicted a sharp increase in the number of men to be drafted between now and June 30.

Hershey made the statement in testifying in support of Universal Military Training legislation.

He told the House Armed Services Committee present estimates are that the Armed Forces will call upon Selective Service for 430,000 men during the seven-month period ending June 30, 1952.

This is an average of slightly more than 60,000 monthly and considerably more than the February and March figures.

Members did not question Hershey about the planned increase in inductions, but the figures themselves indicated that if the 430,000 are to be inducted, the draft rate will rise sharply starting in April.

## City Papers Boost Price

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The prices on three of San Francisco's four daily newspapers will go up in some categories Friday.

The single exception is the afternoon Call-Bulletin, which said that no price changes are contemplated there.

The other afternoon paper, the Daily News, announced that its effective Friday monthly rates by carrier would increase from \$1.25 a month to \$1.50 a month, both inside and outside San Francisco. There will be no change in street sale prices.

The two morning papers, the Chronicle and the Examiner, have announced increases to 10 cents from 7 cents for papers sold more than 30 miles outside the city.

## Frank Drew Elected 1952 President of KF Merchants

The Klamath Merchants Association did a full round of business at its annual meeting in the Pelican Cafe last night — it elected Frank Drew as its new president, replacing Roy Murphy; it learned its 1952 budget was riding \$28.84 in the black, and it referred its four top promotion programs to a committee for development.

Last year's budget chairman, Carl Sparks, reported that KMA had a total income of \$5171.24 from its many projects; its outlay, at the same time, was \$5142.40.

Sparks called for increased support of conventions which come to Klamath Falls, pointing out that last year's five fairs brought an estimated \$250,000 to the community.

The association decided to observe all holidays except Armistice Day, but last year's Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Whether or not KMA merchants will keep their stores open Armistice Day will be decided later. Members pointed out many cities no longer observed Nov. 11 as a holiday.

Klamath Falls Public School Director of Music Education Andrew Loney explained to the group the forthcoming KUHS Music Festival, slated Apr. 4 and 5, with trumpeter Rafael Mendez and Movie Producer Jesse Laskey due for appearances. The festival is to raise funds for 30 more KUHS band uniforms.

William W. Patterson was named new budget chairman; Earl Hamilton is the new treasurer. A president will be elected later, as Sparks, in line for the position, turned it down on the grounds he felt he could not handle the job.

The four promotional events carried on last year will be carried on again this year if KMA plans work out. They are Spring Opening, July 4th Rodeo celebration, Back to School and Christmas. Dates for the celebrations will be set later.

In each case, it was decided new and better ideas should be added or replace the ideas for promotions in the past.

Coming events as reported at the meeting:

Apr. 4-5, KUHS Music Festival, Delta Kappa Gamma state convention; Apr. 24-27, State Lutheran Youth conference; May 24, State Junior Chamber of Commerce convention; May 9-11, Business and Professions Women's convention; June 26-28, Oregon Association of Public Accountants and July 25-28, American Legion state convention.

## Ohio Flood Recedes Today

CINCINNATI (AP) — The swollen Ohio River pushed its waning strength slowly southward Thursday, with the barefoot stage heading toward an estimated \$23,000,000 in property damage because of its outbreak.

Col. Paschal N. Strong, chief of the Ohio River Division, U.S. Engineers, made the tentative estimate of damage before going to Washington to join President Truman in an aerial trip over the flooded areas. They flew along the river's course Thursday afternoon.

The river's strength centered between Portsmouth and Cincinnati, approximately 100 miles away.

At Portsmouth, Maysville, Ky., New Richmond, O., and Cincinnati, the river was above flood stage and rising. It still was above flood stage between Marietta, O., and Greenup, Ky., but was falling.

Cities below Portsmouth and as far as Cincinnati reported conditions were more of a high water type than a flood.

The bottoms land in that area was covered, and many families left their homes temporarily.

## Egypt War Setup Cools

CAIRO (AP) — Reliable informants said Thursday orders have been issued to "Egyptian commandos" in the Suez Canal area to stop their guerrilla activities.

It looked like an attempt by the government of Premier Aly Maher Pasha to restore order had.

At the same time, two leading Egyptian newspapers credited the new premier with a receptive attitude toward Western overtures for a settlement of the bloody British Egyptian dispute.

Maher Pasha held a long meeting Wednesday night with Gen. Aziz Al Misri, appointed by the former Wafdist government last December to organize and run "liberation battalion" activities.

There seems to be a trend toward cooling off Egyptian passions, heated to fever pitch under the Wafdist government. Western diplomats seem agreed that such cooling off is essential if any new talks are to begin.

## Game Commission Looks Out For Young Anglers With Special Areas For Sport

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon State Game Commission, its eye out for the boy with his home-out pole, is getting braced for a flood of proposals for juvenile angling areas.

To keep that flood under control, it has set up standards which it calls rigid enough to hold down on the number of special areas but flexible enough to have a constant, increasing number of good fishing spots for the kids.

The thing that started it was the law passed by the last Legislature, a growingly reluctant congress into power in the state, which authorized the Commission to set up areas restricted to children under 14.

Salem's Mill Creek has been Oregon's only children's stream limited to them by law.

There have been some other fishing waters from which adults have been barred by community Creek near Milwaukie and Baker Creek near McMinnville have been among these.

But now the Commission is going to set aside lakes or streams with the intent of building them up and holding them permanently for the pleasure of children.

Since that sort of thing is an attractive project for civic groups, the Commission thinks there will be many inquiries.

But inquiries and interest alone won't get an OK from the Commission. This is what the Commission reports it has in mind:

It will give approval to an area only after a responsible sponsoring body arranges for supervision of the angling, there must be enough children in the area to make the project worth while, and there should be a lack of already established fishing areas which children can use freely.

The Commission will give its emphasis to establishing warm-water game fish because they generally hold more real enjoyment for children than do trout. It will give preference to ponds over streams.

Game Director P. W. Schneider points out that once perch, bass, bluegill and other warm water fish become established, constant restocking will not be necessary.

Sponsoring groups are told to pick a stream or pond in a natural setting, with length of stream or area of lake small enough that it does not encroach unduly on adult angling, yet will not crowd the children. Private ownership should not border the stream—if this can be arranged—since the private owners would have the right to fish, nullifying the purpose of the program, the Commission says.

## German Bride Home Again

STRAUBING, Germany (AP) — A German wife suffering from an incurable illness was home Thursday from the United States to spend her remaining days with her family.

Sgt. Albert L. LeGault, of Elma, Washington, who accompanied his sick German-born wife here, said her "morale jumped 100 per cent as she neared home."

The couple began the 7,000 mile journey flight from McChord Air Force Base, Washington, three days ago after Air Force authorities snipped red tape and granted the sergeant 60 days leave to accompany his stricken wife. They arrived at Erding Air Base Wednesday.

LeGault met his wife while he was stationed in Germany in 1946. They married two years later and went to the United States. In 1949, physicians discovered she was suffering from an incurable condition.

## Allies Push War; Ships Blast Coast

By STAN CARTER  
SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Allied warplanes ripped up Red rail lines in 12 places Thursday in heavy new attacks on wobbly North Korean transport routes.

American jets saw 140 Communist jet fighters during the day. There were two brief fights but the U.S. Fifth Air Force did not report any Reds damaged.

Allied pilots said they blasted a tank, nine artillery pieces and 20 supply buildings in addition to their raids on rail and truck routes in 62 sorties flown during the day. Communist supply lines and troop installations along both coasts were brought under the heavy guns of U.S. warships.

The U.S. Battleship Wisconsin threw more than 135 tons of 16-inch shells at rail targets near besieged Wusan on the East Coast.

A Communist troop transport was attacked by the guns of the British Frigate Cockade off Haaju on the West Coast.

Red shore guns on the West Coast opened up on the Canadian destroyer Sioux and the American tug Apache doing salvage work near Chodo Island, southwest of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

The Sioux returned the fire while the tug got out of the way. Neither ship was hit.

On the ground, U.N. infantrymen clashed in a few minor patrol skirmishes.

A U.S. Eighth Army Communist reported two small Red attacks behind mortar barrages were beaten back before dawn along the North Korean river in the central sector.

## Search On For Plane

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — Air and surface craft joined Thursday in an intensive search on both sides of the U.S. & Canadian border for a small plane and the two men aboard.

Both U.S. Coast Guard and Canadian craft were engaged in the search. There has been no report from the plane since it left the International Airport here late Wednesday on a non-stop flight over Vancouver Island, Port Angeles, Seattle, Everett and Bellingham.

The two men aboard were Harry W. O'Reilly, 38, flight instructor for the Aero Club of B. C., and Flight Lt. Jack Welch of West Vancouver. The club owned the plane, which was listed for a practice flight.

Canoe flying boats took off at dawn from here and from Patricia Bay on Vancouver Island.

The Coast Guard reported at Seattle it had sent a PB plane to scan the Strait of Juan de Fuca and adjacent territory and three 83-foot patrol boats to search the northwest San Juan Islands.

The plane took off at 4:56 p.m. with enough fuel to last until 10 p.m. Weather was reported favorable at the time.

All ships in the area were asked to keep a lookout for any sign of the silver-colored plane.

## US Men Face Extradition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has cleared the way for the use of an government to try to extradite two former American soldiers charged with murdering their commanding officer during a secret wartime mission behind enemy lines.

A certificate testifying to Italy's demand was given the Italian embassy last Friday, the department said Thursday, thus allowing Italian representatives to seek warrants for the arrest of the two men.

U.S. military authorities say they have no jurisdiction since the two men are no longer in the Army.

Attorneys for both say they will fight the extradition move.

The accused, former Lt. Aldo Icardi, formerly of Pittsburgh, and former Sgt. Carl G. Lodoiceo of Rochester, N. Y., have denied the charge.

The Defense Department accused them of the slaying of a sergeant's killing of Maj. William V. Holohan on Dec. 6, 1944.

All three men were part of a secret mission team parachuted behind enemy lines in Italy.

## Spud Boost Move Delayed

PORTLAND (AP) — An Office of Price Stabilization official here says there is no decision yet on whether to allow a ceiling price increase for Oregon potatoes.

A spokesman said OPS officials here checked with Washington, D.C., after Roy Snable, Powell Butte, Ore., and Scott Warren, Klamath Falls, representing Oregon potato interests, had presented their proposal there, calling for a 76-cent increase above the present ceiling of \$3.65 per 100 pounds.

The Washington officials said only that the proposal still was under consideration, the spokesman said.

## Party Bosses Facing Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate investigations subcommittee told the Senate Thursday Republican National Chairman Guy G. Gabrielson and William M. Boyle, Jr., his one time Democratic counterpart, engaged in activities bound to lead to charges of impropriety.

Sen. Hoey, D-N.C., said the findings were approved unanimously by the four Democrats and three Republicans of the subcommittee he heads.

Neither Boyle nor Gabrielson was accused of any illegality.

The report denounced the American Lithofold Corp., St. Louis printing firm, for paying fees to Boyle, several government officials and others in high places, and giving them costly gifts and "lavish entertainment."

It recommended that "any firm or individual who seeks to bring improper influence to bear on government departments or who has a background of influence seeking should be barred from further business with the government."

## Czech Says Oatis Trial Legitimate

PARIS (AP) — A Czechoslovak delegate told the United Nations Thursday that his country's condemnation of William N. Oatis, Associated Press chief of bureau in Prague, exposed and put an end to an important spy mission.

The delegate, Frantisek Vavricka spoke in reply to a slashing attack delivered in the General Assembly by U.S. Delegate Channing Tobias Wednesday night.

Vavricka told the committee it was witnessing an American attempt to abuse the U.N. by slandering Czechoslovakia and bringing up a matter which was strictly within the domestic jurisdiction of the Prague government.

"Oatis is a trained spy," he said. "His post in the Associated Press was only a cover for his spying."

Tobias had told the committee Oatis's trial was "staged" to intimidate all reporters and shut off news from behind the Iron Curtain. He insisted Oatis was guilty of nothing, but trying to do a good job as a reporter.

The Oatis case, Tobias said, was "not merely a case of one man in prison as a result of a forced confession and a very clumsily-staged trial. It was a calculated attack on freedom of information."

Vavricka asserted Oatis had been tried by a legitimate court in accordance with normal trial procedure.

Vavricka said Oatis had confessed he was trained as a spy by U.S. Military Intelligence schools. He said Oatis also admitted he was taught new methods of spying by a Col. Atwood, military attaché at the U.S. embassy in Prague and that Oatis often sent notes to Atwood.

Tobias had offered to give any delegate a word-for-word record of the trial, saying "this record is an indictment of the government of Czechoslovakia, not of Oatis."

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Few showers Thursday and Friday. High today 45. Low tonight 27. High temp yesterday 40. Low last night 25. Precip. Jan. 30 2.5. Since Oct. 1 10.32. Normal for period 6.64. Same period last yr. 10.21. (Additional Weather on Page 4)