

FBI's Secret Agent Tells Of Women's Life in Russia

EDITOR'S NOTE: In this exclusive by-line story, Matt Cvetlic, who for nine years acted as an undercover agent for the FBI, tells the women what they can do to fight communism on the home front. He also paints a vivid word picture of the kind of life women lead in Communist Russia. During his years as an agent, Mr. Cvetlic's life was in constant danger. Not even his immediate family knew his dangerous secret until the day he testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

By MATT CVETLIC
Written for NEA Service
NEW YORK — (NEA)—Try to imagine being married to a man chosen for you by the government. Think what it would be like to dig ditches and build roads. See if you can visualize having to work until the last six weeks of pregnancy, with strict orders to return to work six weeks after your baby is born, under penalty of starvation.

It is just a few of the circumstances under which women in the Soviet Union are forced to live. There are many more. These women for instance, must give up all claims to their children. The babies are taken away from them soon after birth, and put into a nursery home. In some cases, subject to the wishes of the Politburo, mothers may never see their babies again. Clothes are allotted and so are living accommodations, usually dependent upon the number of people in the family. A Russian's home, by the way, belongs to the state, and can be entered at any time without warrant.

Food is strictly rationed, and the portions are many times less than Britain's at her worst hour. In addition, there is little choice as to variety or quality. The people take what they can get. I had the opportunity to look into the lives of the Russian people during the nine years I served as a Communist for the FBI. And I was able to gain all this inside

knowledge only because I held a high position in the part. You can be sure the Communist leaders in America do not feed the truth to the regular party members. The propaganda they give away paints a rosy picture of unity, common interests and fair play.

When I think of the position of American women versus that of the Russian wife and mother, it makes me realize that we Americans have most powerful weapons against communism in our hands every day of our lives.

Your complete freedom, education and unhampered versatility places you, as an American woman, in the position to serve in your community and home as an avid advocate of democracy.

Don't be afraid to discuss Russia, and communism in front of your children. If they get the wrong facts from outside sources, they made find themselves sadly misled. Only your efforts, in conjunction with schools, radio, books and newspapers, can teach a true democracy that will mean something to the young people of today.

Although I am no longer counter-spying on the Communist Party for the FBI, I still feel I have an active duty to perform. As part of this action, I have been spending much of my time for the last year lecturing to college students, telling them firsthand what I know to be true. I answer their questions; attempt to dispel any doubts they may have.

As a further aid in presenting communism to the American public, so they may better understand what is going on behind the Iron Curtain, I am acting as a consultant on a new radio series, based on my experiences in the FBI.

Certainly everything must be done to further the cause of democracy and freedom. Join the fight. The need is great.

Any woman who, don't underestimate the influence you as a woman, can have in safeguarding our country and our beliefs. The strongest foundation for democracy is built in the home. As a wife and mother, your part is clear-cut.



KAL STILL SWINGING — The youngster at top, giving with all his 60 pounds as he swings a 30-ounce bat, was just under six years old when the picture was taken. Below is the same boy, now grown up, taking his cut at the New York Yankee spring training camp — Kal Segrist.

Flood Threat Not Serious

PORTLAND (AP) — The Weather Bureau took a look at the Pacific Northwest precipitation figures and said Saturday there was some possibility of local flooding but probably no general flooding this spring.

It is still too early, though, to issue any specific forecasts, the report said.

It added that in general, there could be some local flooding on the Okanogan, Lower Kootenai, Payette, Boise and Big Wood Rivers, depending on temperature and precipitation in the next three months.

February precipitation was below normal over most of the Columbia drainage above Pasco while the Snake Basin above Clarkston had generally normal precipitation.

Coastal basins of the Washington Cascades got less than normal rainfall for the third straight month, the report said. The Willamette's precipitation was about normal and that in the Rogue, Umpqua and Klamath Basins was above normal for February.

Shirt Lost In Big Tax Office

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Some guy actually lost his shirt at the tax collector's office.

A white, freshly-laundered shirt with frayed cuffs was found in a paper bag in the Philadelphia office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Bureau when it closed for the week end.

Said Collector Francis R. Smith: "Year after year I've been accused of taking the taxpayer's shirt. This is the first year I really got one."

CHAPEL DEDICATED
NORWALK, Calif. (AP) — St. John of God Chapel, built in the shape of a fish, was dedicated Sunday by Catholic Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles.

The chapel was shaped like a fish because a fish was an early religious symbol.

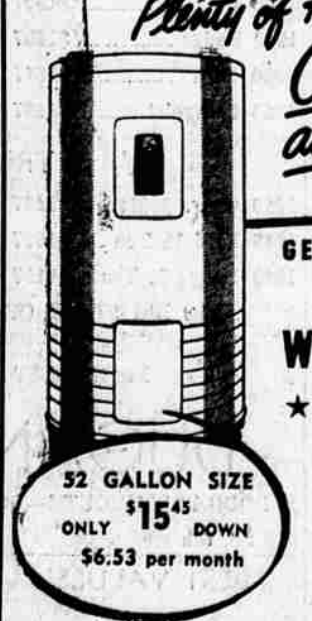
The family of the Aga Khan, Moslem leader, claims descent from Fatima, daughter of the prophet Mohammed.

ACTRESS BETTER
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Una Merkel, former screen actress, has returned home from Santa Monica Hospital, after recuperating from an overdose of sleeping tablets. She was found in a coma last Monday at her home.

The "sky survey" at Palomar Observatory in California is being made by a 48-inch Schmidt telescope camera and a giant 200-inch Hale telescope.

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Hells Canyon Dam In Snake River Looms As Major Test Of Public vs. Private Power in US; Idaho Solons On Negative

By JOHN KAMPS
WASHINGTON (AP) — The government seems to be the underdog in a battle shaping up here over a phase of public vs. private power.

The first round will be fought March 28-31 at hearings a House committee has scheduled on a bill to authorize construction of Hells Canyon Dam in the Snake River, on the Idaho-Oregon border.

The government will have in its unusual underdog role because both Idaho's representatives oppose the dam and neither of its senators is yet supporting the proposal.

The dam would be in the congressional District represented by Dr. John T. Wood (R-Idaho), who is against it and will fight it. Usually a local bill's passage requires approval of congressmen in the district involved.

Idaho's other representative, Hamer Budge, (R), also is against the bill, and he's a member of the interior subcommittee holding the hearings.

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Reverend Makes Fatal Mistake

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The heavy hand of the law tapped the Rev. Tom Sidney Wilson as he mounted his pulpit to preach Sunday.

A member of the congregation at the Mt. Negro Baptist Church, Ed Glenn, thought he recognized the shoes, shirt and stick-pin the reverend was wearing.

The articles were stolen from Glenn's home a few days ago.

Police Lt. G. E. McCarver said the preacher, who is being held in jail, will be charged with larceny.

Two Die In House Fire

SEATTLE (AP) — Two elderly sisters lost their lives early Monday in a two-alarm fire in their Capitol Hill district home.

Firemen said Mrs. F. S. Lang, 75, was fatally injured in a fall from a second-story window.

Her sister, Mrs. Vera Stratton, 78, was found burned to death in a second-story bedroom of the residence.

Joe Patch, 47, another resident of the house was rescued by firemen who brought him down a ladder.

Patch said the screams of Mrs. Lang, his aunt, awakened him about 1:15 a.m. He said he and Mrs. Lang ran to a second-story window. Mrs. Lang tried to get out before firemen arrived, Patch said, and fell to her death.

Wage Panel Looks At ALCOA Talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Wage Stabilization Board panel opened hearings Monday on a dispute between the AFL's International Council of Aluminum Workers and the Aluminum Corporation of America.

The case is similar to one heard last week by a WSB panel involving demands on ALCOA by the CIO's Steelworkers Union for an estimated 16-cent hourly pay boost and other improvements.

Next week a panel is to hear a dispute between the CIO steelworkers and the Kaiser Aluminum Co.

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