

# New Book Tells Of German Capture Of Allied Spy Set-Up During World War Two

NEW YORK (AP) — How German agents literally took over the British-Dutch spy and sabotage ring in Holland for 18 months during the war is told in a book published here today.

The feat shapes up as one of the most amazing ever recorded in the everlasting hush-hush warfare of international secret agents.

Titled "London Calling North Pole" and written by H. J. Giskes, the German anti-espionage chief in wartime Holland, the book relates that:

1. Fifty-four British and Dutch agents fell into German hands during the North Pole operation, as it was called. Forty-seven died.

2. Nearly 200 drops from airplanes of Allied men and material were made into the waiting arms of German "reception committees."

3. Twelve four-engine Allied bombers used in the drops were shot down immediately afterwards by German night fighters.

4. Allied sabotage, spy and partisan warfare plans in Holland were so confounded that the Allies would have courted disaster had they tried to land in Holland in 1942 or 1943.

These revelations caused such a stir when the book was first published in London earlier this year that the dust hasn't settled yet.

A member of Parliament Arthur Lewis, who demanded a public hearing on the affair, says:

"We ran up against a stone wall. I am still trying but it seems this is a secret the government wants kept to itself. Yet it is conceded by highly informed sources that the story is substantially correct."

In Amsterdam, Dutch officials who served with the Dutch exile government in London says Giskes' account is basically true.

As for the British Secret Service, usually regarded as the old master of the foreign agent business, it just isn't talking.

Now 57 years old and a businessman in Hamburg, Giskes wrote the book, he says, because Germany broke her pledge not to execute the Allied agents that fell into his hands.

The project began when Giskes' men pounced on a Dutch agent who had been sending radio messages to London.

Using psychology, the Germans got him to continue to operate his station as if nothing had happened, but to send out carefully faked messages instead of genuine spy reports.

The Dutch agent explains in an epilogue that he had been instructed to act that way if caught, that he transmitted numerous coded warnings to London of the true situation, but that somehow London never caught on.

Meantime the British Secret Service, prompted by the German officer posing as their agent, poured men and supplies into Holland, landing them by parachute at agreed on points. There the German reception committees, acting like underground workers, got all the information possible, including code words and plans, before clapping the new arrivals in jail. Some of these new men also were worked into the project.

Gradually the fake spy ring built up until at one time it had 14 radio links with London. The British even sent over such things as sports equipment on call. To keep up the front, the Germans shipped downed English airmen back home by "spy" courier routes, and committed some obvious but inconsequential acts of sabotage in Holland for the benefit of the British.

The artificial structure came tumbling down at last when a couple of the captured agents escaped and carried word of the set-up back home. But by then the Allies had lost two years' time in their underground warfare on the Dutch front.

## Diver Engaged To Look For Dropped Uppers

WINDHAM, N. H. (AP) — A diver has been engaged to probe Shadow Lake for Lawrence W. Allen's upper plate.

Allen was sitting on a raft yesterday when he fell into the water and came up minus \$150 worth of false teeth.

The diver—William Hackett of Portsmouth—couldn't find the morsel last night but he's going to try again today.

## Alcoa Purchase Asked Cancelled

WASHINGTON (AP) — At Gen. Brownell Monday asked a court order cancelling a contract by Aluminum Co. of America (Alcoa) to buy 1,200,000,000 pounds of aluminum from Aluminum Ltd., of Canada over a six-year period.

The Justice Department said a petition filed in U. S. District Court in New York contends the contract "confers competitive advantages upon Alcoa, preserves its positions and powers in an industry in which competitive conditions consistent with law do not exist, and threatens to impede and prevent the creation of such conditions."

The petition also said that unless Alcoa is enjoined from entering into similar contracts or arrangements the purpose of a 1950 anti-trust judgment "will continue to be defeated."

## Portland Bread Goes Up 1 Cent

PORTLAND (AP) — Bread distributed in the Portland area now costs a cent more.

The advance, attributed by bakery industry spokesmen to higher production costs, priced most brands of one-pound loaves in a 17 to 19-cent range and specialty breads between 21 and 22 cents. One and one-half pound loaves sell at 24-26 cents.

INTERESTING  
NEW YORK (AP)—Central Park—40 green acres in the midst of Manhattan's concrete skyscrapers—marks its 100th birthday today.



PVT. JACK P. BROWN, stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Brown, formerly of Klamath Falls, now of Madras. His wife, the former Mary Harris, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bliss, 1236 Kane. Pvt. Brown and his wife are both KUHS graduates.

## Ellsworth's Daughter Now Has Twins

ROSEBURG (AP) — It's twin grandchildren for Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.). The twins, a boy and girl, were born in Santa Fe, N. M., to the congressman's daughter, Mrs. Thomas F. McKenna.

The girl weighed six pounds, one ounce; the boy, six pounds, three ounces. Mrs. Ellsworth now is in Santa Fe with her daughter.

## Late Harvest, Late Schools

SILVERTON (AP) — Because of the prospect of a late harvest this year, the Silverton and Stayton school boards have decided to delay the opening of school one week. Other schools are considering the action.

# State Gets 466 Brand New Laws

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.  
SALEM (AP) — Oregon will have 466 new laws Tuesday, including important civil rights, education, highway, labor and forestry legislation.

These laws, the bulk of the work of the 1953 Legislature, go into effect 90 days after the end of the session. There are 265 others that already are law because they contained emergency clauses.

The most important of the bills becoming law will do these things:

1. Expand Oregon's teacher training program by adding training of high school teachers and liberal arts courses at the colleges of education, and provide four-year liberal arts courses and teacher training at Portland State College.
2. Simplify the state tax system by putting income tax receipts into the state general fund.
3. Make it illegal for public eating, lodging and amusement places to discriminate against minority groups.

## Removed 4-Story Fire Escape Found Next Door

DETROIT (AP) — It didn't take very long for police to discover who took Abraham Skaff's four-story fire escape.

Skaff, an Oriental rug dealer, complained that the fire escape was missing from his half of a building he owns jointly with Peter Nicholson, a hotel and tavern operator.

Nicholson also has a lease on the upper three stories of Skaff's part of the building.

Investigators called on Nicholson after they noticed a nice, new fire escape on his side.

Nicholson explained that he had put up the old one on Skaff's side when he took out the lease some time ago. And, he added, since Skaff was terminating the lease he thought he would take down the old fire escape and trade it in on a new one for his half of the building.

4. Permit sale of 33 million dollars worth of highway bonds to finish the highway commission's five-year emergency road building program.

5. Ban organizational picketing by labor unions.

6. Tighten the forestry laws, requiring logging operators to take stronger precautions against fire.

The Session Laws, containing the 724 laws passed by the Legislature, go on sale Tuesday at \$2.50 per copy.

The bill providing straight \$800 personal income tax exemptions for every person goes into effect benefiting parents of two or more children.

Another important new law will permit tolls on the Vancouver-Portland bridge. The toll money will be used to finance a second bridge.

Other major bills becoming law Tuesday will:

Let the governor appoint the tax commission.

Provide a two-year study of the use of water resources.

Require public hearings after power companies impose electric surcharges.

Permit the governor to postpone hunting seasons during periods of extreme forest fire hazard.

Ban sale of horse meat in places where other kinds of meat are sold, unless the horse meat is in sealed packages.

Require that ice cream substitutes be labeled melonite.

Increase farm and home loans for veterans from \$8,000 to \$9,000 for homes, and to \$15,000 for farms.

Give the state its first oil and gas drilling code.

Tighten the laws against abortion and sex offenses.

Provide out-patient service at the state hospitals and at Fairview Home.

Let the Department of Agriculture license rainmakers.

Allow the Department of Agriculture to order landowners to get rid of their ragweed, a prime cause of hay fever.

Relieve radio stations of liability for statements made by political candidates.

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