

Communism, U.S. Hatred Permeates Air In Iraq

Editor's note — William L. Ryan has revisited Iraq, a country he last saw just before the 1958 revolution which killed the king. In this dispatch, written free of censorship, he describes the current atmosphere.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — For the past few weeks nobody in Baghdad, as far as can be learned has spat on an American.

Firefighters Hold Session

About 125 firefighters of the Rogue River National Forest convened Tuesday night eight miles east of Butte Falls for their annual fire training session.

The area, called Camp 2, is a former Civilian Conservation Corps outpost. It is located with a full view of Mt. McLoughlin and of the notorious Cat Hill burn of 1910.

"The view serves as a reminder of what happens when fire runs uncontrolled in the forest," District Ranger Darroll Frewing of Klamath Falls said. The fire burned over 20,000 acres of prime timber land.

The training session will last four days, and crews and bosses will receive plenty of fire control training. They will also witness latest techniques of smoke jumping, aerial bombardment and aerial supply.

Frewing and three other Klamath Falls foresters will serve as instructors. They are Douglas Shaw, assistant ranger, Paul Brady, district assistant, and Forester Ken Dykeman, timber management. About 35 guards and crewmen from Klamath Falls will attend.

Local Soldier Given Diploma

Elmer L. Birk, Route 2, received a diploma and a master of electrical engineering science degree from Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta Saturday. He was among 1,200 graduates.

Captain Birk, 31, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Birk of Route 2, Box 525. He attended Brown Military Academy in Pacific Beach, and was graduated from West Point in 1950 with a bachelor of electrical science degree as was subsequently sent to the institute by the Army.

Captain Birk is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He and his wife, Margarita, and their three children visited Klamath Falls recently.

about the streets of Iraqi cities, intoxicated by nose-thumbing slogans, went on a monumental binge after the revolution last July.

Now the ardor is fading a bit. Even the uniformed youngsters of the "popular resistance forces" seem bored. They still stop cars and search some, but the old zeal is gone.

Iraqi soldiers still live in tents on the U.S. Embassy grounds. A soldier with fixed bayonet looks at the credentials of those who go in. Iraqi intelligence men haunt the place. But it's not so annoying as it once was.

Evidently the situation for employers is easing a bit, though the syndicates — unions hastily formed and dominated by Communists — still make it possible for a worker to defy his boss on the flimsiest of pretexts.

Red banners with violent slogans hang on buildings or flutter over the streets, more in evidence than the traditional green of Islam.

Women with black veils covering their heads and faces, black abbas billowing about them, squat unceremoniously in the dust-covered streets to gossip and attend to the needs of squalling children.

Kurdish porters with incredible loads on their backs stagger doggedly through the streets, oblivious to propaganda. Stolid farmers belabor slow-moving, heavily burdened donkeys weaving their way along the crowded sidewalks.

Their landlords, once entitled to the deferential respect due feudal lords, mutter glumly to one another in the coffee houses about the confiscation of lands under the revolutionary regime.

Workers at key city squares in Baghdad, sweating in the cruel sunshine, labor against time to erect expensive triumphal arches for the revolution anniversary July 14. The job keeps a corps of workers busy.

Bookstores display the latest pamphlets published in Communist countries. The shopkeepers have little choice about this. The newspapers with dreary unanimity follow the lead of the Communist press in spreading the clichés of Communist propaganda. All refer to Iraq's future as one of popular democracy. All pay tribute to the Soviet Union.

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Girls Meeting To Name Chiefs

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Officials for mythical cities and counties will be elected here today by 250 representatives at the annual Oregon Girls State.

The convention opened its week-long stand Monday, and make-believe cities, counties and political parties were formed.

Officials named today, along with party delegates, will run a mock convention Wednesday.

The annual meeting is designed to give the girls an insight into the functions of government.

Later this week, the girls will elect state officials for the organization.

Iran has artificial underground canals to carry water for irrigation. The reason for underground water to aid agriculture is that, in hot temperature countries, the system preserves water from wastage and evaporation.

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Two Ex-Prisoners Of War Wanted By Hoover's Men

By JACK ADAMS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Out of the grand total of 2,003 men who escaped from prisoner-of-war camps in this country during World War II, only two one-time German soldiers are still missing.

Until very recently, there were three in this exclusive club. But on May 10, Kurt Rossmel, now 32, once an officer in the Panzer Division of Adolf Hitler's North Afrika Corps, walked voluntarily

PARATROOPER DIES

FT. CAMPBELL, Ky. (UPI) — A Laconia, N.H., paratrooper died here Monday of injuries received while making his fifth and final qualifying parachute jump. Pfc. Robert L. Andrews, 19, suffered head injuries in the jump last week. His chute functioned properly, officials said, but he made no effort to free himself of his harness when he landed.

into the FBI field office at Cincinnati, Ohio. Suffering from arthritis, he said he wanted to give himself up.

An accomplished linguist, Rossmel escaped from a North Carolina camp in 1945, adopted the name Frank Ellis, got a social security card and made a fairly comfortable life for himself for 14 years in the Chicago area, working as a punch-press operator, elevator man, bartender and waiter.

Once, about five years ago, a national magazine ran his picture. A fellow worker thought it looked an awful lot like Frank Ellis. But Frank's boss laughed off the idea, and nothing came of the incident — except that Frank shortly afterward changed jobs and associates.

For him, the tap on the shoulder never came. But he apparently got tired of waiting for it.

At an immigration service hear-

ing at Cincinnati June 4, Rossmel was ruled deportable. However, he requested, and got, permission to leave the country voluntarily so that he might re-enter as a regular immigrant and apply for American citizenship.

With Rossmel's surrender, the unaccounted for dropped off to:

1. Georg Gaertner, who if living would now be 38.
2. A man who always insisted on calling himself Charly King, but who according to the FBI is really named Curt Richard Westphal. He would be 37.

Pictures of both these men still appear on FBI wanted fliers on the walls of some federal buildings, but no active search is being made for them. So far as is known, they have broken no laws in this country.

If caught, the Immigration Service probably would institute proceedings, but in the case of Gaertner at least the stateless person problem would arise. Gaertner was born in Silesia, which was absorbed into Poland and subsequently came under Soviet domination. Before he escaped the prisoner-of-war camp at Deming

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