

Poison Try By Commies Revealed

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Radio Free Europe said today agents of a "foreign Communist power" have attempted a mass poisoning of its employees.

Most of the employees of this privately financed, American station are refugees from Iron Curtain countries.

Erik Hazelhoff, of Mount Kisco, N.Y., Radio Free Europe's European director, said a poison was found Nov. 21 in a number of saltshakers at the station's cafeteria. The cafeteria is frequented by 1,200 employees, who often bring their families.

The director said the substance was analyzed by U. S. Army medical authorities and was found to be a poisonous drug derived from the deadly nightshade plant.

Hazelhoff said the poisoning attempt was disclosed by a Radio Free Europe employee "who although ostensibly used by a foreign Communist power for sabotage purposes" has been cooperating with American authorities from the time he was first contacted by the Reds.

"He also revealed the identity of the person who planned these acts and ordered them executed, including this latest one, as being a Communist diplomat stationed in Western Europe acting on the instructions of his government," Hazelhoff continued.

Radio Free Europe's employees are mostly East European refugees.

The cafeteria was closed.

"The delay in the issuance of this announcement has been due to the necessities of the investigation which are proceeding in close cooperation between RFE management and the proper authorities," he said.

Sea Business Hike Noted

PORTLAND (AP)—There was 6 per cent more ocean commerce in the first 11 months of 1959 than there was in the same period of 1958, a statistical report of the Portland Merchants Exchange showed Tuesday.

Ocean vessels moved into and out of Portland a total of 7,755,089 short tons through November of 1959, compared to 7,328,104 short tons in the corresponding period last year.

The report showed gains in exports of wheat, barley, oats and rye.

Increased imports were noted in petroleum products, cement, asphaltum, salt and other such bulk commodities.

There was a decline in shipments to Hawaii, but shipments from Hawaii increased.



MICHAEL KRAMER, 8, left, shows the criss-crossed scars which resulted from the brutal beatings his father, right, gave him for telling a lie. Kramer, 39, a 170-pound Miranda logger whipped the boy for two days with a plastic clothesline. He has been placed in solitary confinement in the Eureka jail on charges of inhuman punishment of a child.

4 Children Die In Fire

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — A kerosene bottle fell on a stove Tuesday night and its fiery contents sprayed four children sleeping on a nearby bed.

They were burned to death but four others escaped the inferno that engulfed a four-room frame house in Tempe.

An inquest was ordered by Acting Coroner Ben Fox.

The dead were Gregoria 1; Lidia, 4; Lupe, 5, children of Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Perez; and Jose Jr., 4, the couple's grandson.

Neighbors and parents helped four other youngsters of the two Perez families to escape.

Police Chief E. Worth Farley said the mother of three of the children, Juana Perez, had just refilled the bottle when it fell on the stove and broke.

NO MOTION IN COURT
LONDON (UPI) — Judge Leslie Block didn't like the atmosphere in his Old Bailey courtroom Tuesday. He said he would refuse to sit in the court again until the ventilation is improved.

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New Facts Being Found By Antarctic Scientists

By ALTON BLAKESLEE

Associated Press Science Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The ice curtain of mystery surrounding Antarctica is starting to melt.

For the fifth straight year, scores of scientists are poking, prowling, exploring — and shivering — in the vast icebox at the bottom of the world.

They've already turned up some surprises, with more to come.

Antarctica's fields of ice are so vast, they find that the earth must contain about 50 per cent more ice than ever suspected before. At one known point, it's nearly three miles deep.

And Antarctica is seemingly warming up, at least at Little

Old Ordinance Gets Cleared Up

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — City officials scratched their heads when they uncovered a 50-year-old ordinance directing the mayor to authorize repairs "upon the willapapus-wallapus at a cost not to exceed \$15.

City Traffic Engineer Joe Heidenreich began making queries.

Someone told him a willapapus-wallapus is a cake with caramel icing. No, said another, it's a furbearing animal. There were dozens of other guesses.

Then City Engineer George Gard came up with the right answer: A willapapus-wallapus is an outmoded name for a steamroller.

America. Average temperature there is about five degrees warmer than 45 years ago.

If all this ice melted, oceans would rise 200 feet or more, drowning great seaports, towns and hamlets around the world.

It's a huge cold weather factory, influencing weather not only in the Southern Hemisphere, but probably the Northern Hemisphere as well. Soviet scientists recorded the world's record low temperature at one of their bases — 125.3 degrees below zero.

Scientific sleuthing is unmasking a disguise. For Antarctica is apparently not all one huge continent. Its western half seemingly is a great collection of islands and mountains glued together by a thick sheet of covering ice.

Petrified wood and coal have been found far inland, adding to evidence that Antarctica once basked in tropical or semi-tropical climate, ice-free. Strange dry valleys are being found far inland. Perhaps one may yield fossils of animals which possibly roamed there thousands of years ago.

There are findings of mineral treasures — coal, iron, manganese — which one day might economically be recovered.

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PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Richard Neuberger Tuesday established a \$500 scholarship at Lewis and Clark College here.

Neuberger said before a college convocation it was for a student who has "exhibited promise in advancing knowledge in the fields of biological sciences, medicine or physical education."

He said the money was half the proceeds he received from an article in the current issue of Coroner magazine.

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longer is a great void of ignorance on this planet, says Rens Peavey.

Tracing antarctic history, scientists dug cores or holes 1,000 feet deep and more, down to ice that had fallen as snow 1,000 years ago. They found layers of volcanic ashes, pollens and other clues to read, like tree rings, as indi-

cators of past climatic changes and winds.

Explorers found penguin tracks 150 miles from the coast—a puzzle spelling a forlornly lost bird, or perhaps the near presence of inland waters. Mummified seals were found deep within ice-free dry valleys, 3,000 feet above sea level. One mummy was at least

1,500 years old. So far, says Peavey, "we've only scratched the surface."

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