

'Religious' Meets Jammed; Communist Chiefs Aghast

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Communist leaders in Kubysh province are aghast. Huge crowds of villagers have been jamming the meetings of a man who calls himself the preacher of "a new holy teaching of communism." Free love is a cardinal tenet of his "religion."

The culprit — a regional Soviet broadcast called him a "charlatan" — is one Alexander Mik-

halovich Strelnikov. Strelnikov reportedly said: "I am in God's business. I am God's spirit incarnate. God's spirit assisted me in creating a new holy teaching of communism. It is the true popular teaching, leading mankind toward a virtuous and blessed life."

This is all the more shocking to the Communist leaders because the preacher has been flourishing in the villages at the height of a

concentrated campaign among young people of the Soviet Union to stamp out vestiges of the past. The Young Communist League (Komsomol) is being exhorted against "pernicious traditions of the old mode of life, which at times masquerade under the guise of national custom." Communists are being urged to adopt the teaching of atheism.

The Kubysh broadcast admitted, however, that Strelnikov's new wrinkle, combining communism and religion, drew "huge crowds," including many young people.

Strelnikov has been exhorting his "spiritual brothers and sisters" to join his new religion to achieve "the sacred freedom of love."

"Strelnikov," said the broadcast

"is a dangerous man. He not only spiritually corrupted his followers, but seduced them physically. He persuaded a number of so-called 'spiritual sisters' to live with him, after explaining that such conduct was not sinful."

The broadcaster produced what he described as a letter from Strelnikov's former wife, who called him a "parasite who lived from illegal preaching of hate against the Soviet regime."

The broadcast concluded: "Comrades who live in Krazyzh, Novo-Sergeievsk and other places in our oblast (province) visited by the charlatan Strelnikov: Do not listen to his sermons. Do not trust him and his followers. Do not waste your time in prayer houses. Direct your abilities and energies toward useful work. Personal happiness and joy of life can be attained only by honest work for the benefit of our people and our motherland, but not by prayers."

New Violence Outbreak; Blast Negro Pupil's Home

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A home-made bomb shook the home of a Negro student Tuesday night in a new outbreak of violence over integration of Little Rock's high schools.

Carlotta Walls, 16, and three other members of her family were asleep in the house but escaped injury.

She is one of five Negroes attending Central High School where integration of nine Negroes was enforced by federal troops in 1957 after mob violence broke out.

The blast was the first violence at the home of one of the Negro students and the first over integration since Labor Day bombings.

Police began a search for two

cars reported cruising in the area shortly before the explosion near the front steps of Carlotta Walls' home in a predominantly Negro neighborhood.

The explosion followed a severe thunderstorm. Some residents thought it was another clap of thunder.

Only a few white families live in the area, about three miles southwest of the heart of Little Rock's downtown area.

Police said the explosive appeared to be two sticks of dynamite. Dynamite also was used in the Labor Day bombings which damaged school board offices, the office of Mayor Werner Knopp and Fire Chief Gann Nalley's station wagon.

Five men were arrested in those bombings. Three were convicted and given three-year prison sentences. A fourth, who pleaded guilty, was given a five-year term. The fifth still is to be tried.

Police moved in quickly Tuesday night. Police Chief Gene Smith, ailing with influenza, took personal charge of the investigation.

Police sealed off the area around the Walls' home. Two detectives and two uniformed patrolmen kept an all-night watch.

"We've got several leads and we're checking them out," said Asst. Chief R. E. Glascock. J. J. Casper, special FBI agent, joined Smith at the scene.

Smith called out all available policemen. An officer with a riot gun was posted at each of the two integrated high schools and at the homes of seven other Negroes attending them.

Flu Spreads

PORTLAND (AP) — Influenza is spreading a bit in Oregon, the state Board of Health reported Tuesday.

The board said there were 2,602 cases reported last week. In the preceding week there were 2,634.

MONGREL GETS MONEY

KYOTO, Japan (UPI) — Police Saturday rewarded Kuri, a Kyoto resident, with 2,500 yen (\$7.16) as his 10 per cent share of the 25,000 yen contained in a wallet he found on the street and turned over to authorities. Kuri is a five-year-old mongrel dog.

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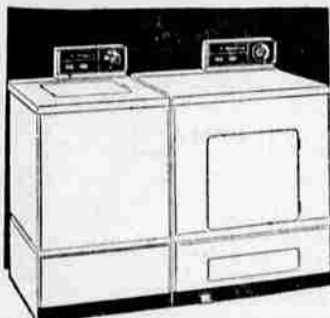
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