

Storm Trooper Club Of Boys Is Smashed Crackpot Adult Is Blamed For Action

NEW ORLEANS, UP — Authorities believed today some "crackpot adult" must have stirred a group of "average American kids" to form the "Nazi Storm Trooper Club" amazed officers broke up here over the past weekend.

Police arrested nine of the teenagers and seized Nazi swastikas, 4,000 rounds of .22-caliber ammunition, quantity of shotgun shells and 36 knives when they moved in on the secret headquarters in a burned grocery store.

"We don't know yet where they got all this stuff," said deputy sheriff Cy Ernst of Jefferson Parish, "but some crackpot adult must have started them out."

He said the defiant youths belonging to the "dangerous mob" believe Adolph Hitler is still alive in Argentina and some day will return to power.

"I am going to fight for him," said one 15-year-old boy, who proudly told authorities he was the leader of the mob.

Ernest said this youth, as well as the others, is a "native American," but is of the surly, boasting, "Storm Trooper type."

"The whole bunch—or at least the ones we have seen—seem to be average American kids, but they sure have sopped up a lot of wild nonsense about Hitler," Ernst said.

At School Thursday



Justice Jackson Is Called To Testify To Be Questioned On Katyn Massacre

WASHINGTON UP — A house committee called Justice Robert H. Jackson for questioning today on whether the government "withheld from the American people" evidence that Russia murdered 15,000 Poles near Smolensk, Russia, in 1940.

The supreme court justice was the first of 27 witnesses called by a special house committee investigating the so-called Katyn Forest massacre.

Jackson was chief United States prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials. Russia at that time tried and failed to indict the Germans for the Katyn Forest massacre.

The special committee was set up a year ago to determine whether Russians or Germans were to blame for the slaughter, which took place in an area that changed hands several times during the war.

Each side blamed the other. The committee already has found Russia guilty, and has charged that the U. S. government—a wartime ally of Russia—didn't disclose all the facts.

Today's hearings, which will run through Friday, were called to "determine why details" of the American people and whether there was any collusion by American authorities to cleanse the Soviets of guilt for the hideous crime.

Police, tipped off by an eight-year-old boy who was denied membership, believed the gang was responsible for stoning of a Southern Railway passenger train in which two persons were injured.

The leader told police qualifying for membership involved breaking a certain number of street lights, hitting a Negro with a brick, and jumping from a fast-moving train.

A prospective member also had to sign a membership card printed in the German language, carrying a picture of Hitler on one side and on the other the words, "I am a member of the Nazi party."

Gov. Stevenson To Vacation At Ranch

SPRINGFIELD UP — Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson will leave Wednesday for a five or six day vacation at an Arizona ranch.

The governor, almost continuously on the go except for one brief Wisconsin rest since he got the Democratic presidential nomination last July, will rest at the ranch of Richard Jenkins, an old friend, at Sasabe, Ariz., 60 miles south of Tucson.

Churchill Charges Reds Block Truce

Renewed Communist Demand Is Rejected

LONDON UP — Prime minister Winston Churchill charged Monday night Russia is blocking a Korean armistice because she wants to keep Allied armies dispersed in the Far East.

He rejected Soviet foreign minister Andrei Vishinsky's renewed Communist demand for the return of Red prisoners in Korea, who have renounced Communism as the price of an armistice.

Churchill also endorsed President-elect Eisenhower's plan to visit Korea and said he would work with the United States "for those great causes which we have guarded and cherished in ever-growing unity."

The prime minister spoke before 800 guests at a banquet in

London's Guildhall city hall in honor of the new lord mayor, Sir Rupert De La Bere.

Churchill charged that the Kremlin had ordered the original North Korean aggression in Korea and the dragging out of the subsequent truce talks "because the war keeps so large a proportion of the United States and United Nations resources tied up in the Far East."

"It's a convenient way of dispersing the strength of the free world and preventing or at least delaying the building up of a secure defense against the subjugation of Western Europe."

Churchill said he is anxious for the Korean war to be brought to an end as speedily as possible and he kept, "within the strictest limits while it lasts."

"But there is one thing it is never worthwhile doing," he added. "That is to purchase peace at the price of dishonor. It would be dishonorable to send thousands of helpless prisoners of war back by force to be massacred by the Chinese Communist government, which boasts it actually has rid itself of 2,000,000 of its people."

"All history shows such gains, though they may afford momentary relief, have to be paid for on a far larger scale later."

South Bend Woman Is Second Crash Victim

SOUTH BEND UP — Mrs. Dorothy Cruse, 31, South Bend, died Monday of injuries suffered in a two-car crash last week end which killed her husband, Clyde, 31.

The couple's two small children were injured critically.

Johnson Slated As Democratic Leader

Slate Senator From Texas Floor Leader

WASHINGTON UP — Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas apparently will be the Democratic floor leader in the Senate next year.

Informed sources reported today that about 30 of the 47 Democratic senators who will serve in the 83rd congress already have been lined up to vote for Johnson.

Although he is only 44, Johnson has spent 15 years in congress—11 in the house and four in the senate. He was senate Democratic whip in the 82nd Congress.

He told reporters that he felt honored and grateful at the endorsements coming from other senators, but he would not say whether he would accept the floor leader job. His fellow Democrats had no doubt he would.

Senate Democrats must elect a new floor leader to succeed Sen. Ernest W. McFarland of Arizona, who failed to win re-election last week.

Republicans probably must elect a new floor leader, too, because the incumbent, Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, wants to step out. Although the GOP situation is not yet shaken out, Sens. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts and William F. Knowland of California are now regarded as the strongest candidates.

The Johnson bandwagon started to roll Monday when Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia, leader of the southern Democratic bloc, endorsed the Texas senator.

Russell could have the floor leadership post himself, he wanted it. He told a reporter, however, that he thought he could be more useful in other ways and that Johnson deserved to be promoted to the leadership.

The Georgian's endorsement was followed by others from Sen. Earle C. Clements of Kentucky and J. Allen Frear Jr., of Delaware. Still others were understood to be in the offing.

Clements expressed doubt that there would be any candidate opposing Johnson.

Johnson has followed the administration line more closely than many southerners. But he has broken with the administration on several major issues such as civil rights, tidelands and labor legislation.

Injuries Are Fatal To 10-Year-Old Boy

SULLIVAN, Ind. UP — Lloyd Smith, 10, Dugger, died in a hospital here Monday of injuries suffered Saturday when a car in which he rode, crashed on Ind. 154 west of here.

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Build Up Treason Case On Sergeant

Provo On Trial On Informer Charges

NEW YORK, UP — The government attempted to build up its treason case against former Army Sgt. John David Provo today with testimony from two witnesses who said they heard Provo demand that a captured U. S. officer give the American military code to the Japanese.

Provo is on trial in U. S. district court on charges he served the Japanese as an informer and propagandist after he was captured with other Americans on Corregidor in the Philippines in 1942. The trial was scheduled to resume today.

Testimony of two witnesses Monday corroborated a story told earlier that Provo threatened a U. S. colonel with a beating if he refused to betray the code to the Japanese.

Cpl. Robert M. Brown and Col. John Raikes Vance said they witnessed Provo's attempt to extort the code from Col. Theodore Teague, a signal officer under Gen. Jonathan Wainwright when Corregidor fell. Teague testified earlier that he refused to disclose the code despite the threat.

The witnesses told how Provo wore Japanese civilian clothes and carried a riding crop as he filled the role of "Master of Malinta Tunnel" in the underground prison.

Brown described a beating administered to Sgt. James Malone when the latter refused to tell his captors where the Americans had hidden a fortune in Philippine currency before the Japanese arrived. He said he stood "petrified" as Provo and a group of Japanese kicked and jabbed Malone until the victim was unconscious.

Vance, a 35-year veteran in the army, is now stationed at Trieste and was flown to New York to testify.

One Of Decatur's Runaway Quartet Is Still At Large

Halloween night Oct. 31, two boys and two girls, two of them 16 years old, one 14 and the other 13, mysteriously disappeared from their homes in Decatur.

Last week, the sheriff's department received word that the local police department of Hoffman, Tex., had the couple in custody, whereupon the parents of one of the boys drove down and picked them up. Unfortunately, the story doesn't end there.

The car was passing through St. Louis, Mo., when gas was running low and a stop was made at a gas station. One of the couples sitting in the back seat evidently decided they would make a break for freedom when the car stopped. That's exactly what they did, and the St. Louis police managed to retrieve only the girl. Police here have reason to suspect that the lone youth may be headed south, perhaps as far as South America. The three young runaways were brought back intact and are now at the county jail awaiting their turn in juvenile court.

One of the more heartbreaking aspects of the strange affair is that the parents of the boy still at large made a trip of 2,200 miles and don't have their son to show for the back-breaking trip.

Gambling Still Big Business In State

INDIANAPOLIS UP — Gambling is still "big business" in Indiana.

The bureau of internal revenue collected nearly \$90,000 in Indiana last month through the 10 per cent gaming tax, bringing the take of gamblers to about \$900,000.

Some 700 \$500 gambling stamps were sold in Indiana since July 1, the bureau reported, bringing total sales this year to around 1,000.

Hoosier collections since the gambling tax law went into effect a year ago amounted to more than \$700,000. Gambling tax revenues brought in an additional \$71,398.

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