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## SPY RING WORKING AGAINST U. S. IS BARED BY LEADER

Young American Held in Paris Admits Complicity in Plot; France and Great Britain Also Targets.

WIFE, VASSAR GIRL, ALSO IS HELD  
Espionage Agents Operated in Behalf of Germany and Russia, According to Confession of Switz.

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PARIS, March 20.—Robert G. Switz, young New Yorker, was revealed by his own confession today as the Paris chief of an international spy gang which they operated on behalf of Soviet Russia and Germany to learn the military secrets of France, Great Britain and the United States.

With Switz is held his wife, the former Marjorie Tilley, Vassar girl. After a merciless cross-examination lasting far into the night, Switz broke down and made admissions which led to five more arrests, in addition to some twenty already made.

American and British secret agents were said to have co-operated in uncovering the ring.

The youthful Switz succeeded to leadership of the conspiracy a year ago, police said, after the original chiefs had been nearly trapped and fled from France.

His confession disclosed that he met agents of the international spy syndicate in the United States, where he and his wife were hired for the comparatively minor fee of \$200 a month and were sent to France.

There Switz directed activities, received documents and paid agents furnished by the paymaster of the organization, Benjamin Bercovits, a Rumanian.

Police still sought the secret model of an automatic rifle stolen last year from Chateaufort, which Ingrid Bostrom, arrested with a Finnish spy group, insisted she saw at the home of Lydia Stahl, arrested last December with the Switzes. She is a Russian who has been in the United States.

Dig Up Old Law  
Lawyers for the Switzes dug up an old law today and may ask immunity for them under a provision granting freedom in exchange for the voluntary denunciation of persons guilty of espionage against the state.

Switz, an aviator, and his wife, a Vassar graduate, held in separate prisons for the time being, were taken last night before Magistrate Ernest Benon, who is in charge of the espionage investigation.

They were questioned for nine hours, without food. Police said they involved themselves in contradiction after contradiction.

As a result, armed with names of persons never before suspected in the long inquiry Surete Generale agents raced through Paris in the early hours of today and gathered in five new persons to add to a score already under arrest or suspected.

Five Under Arrest  
Those arrested today were:

Colonel — Du Moulin, also called Charras, a grand officer of the Legion of Honor by virtue of a distinguished army career and connected with the important military revenue "Armee et Democratie."

Vatroslas Reich, a native Rumanian naturalized as a Frenchman in order to obtain a position as assistant at the Biological institute, where he knew the most intimate secrets concerning poison gases being tested for army use.

Aubry, an engineer attached to the army powder service.

Mrs. Aubry.

Davidovic, a Rumanian dentist, charged with centralizing the gang's mail service.

Documents Are Seized

Raid was conducted at homes of the five persons arrested. The secret service disclosed that members of the espionage ring gathered secret documents and photographs at the home of Mrs. Davidovic. The documents, it was said, were taken to Switzerland, duplicated and sent on to Moscow and Berlin.

Books seized, it was asserted, purported to disclose that Colonel Du Moulin received 5,000 francs (\$330) a month from a foreign power in exchange for secret documents from the war college.

Aubry, they said, received a like amount for documents passing through his hands as an expert at national powder plants.

Reich, they charged, received 3,000 francs (\$200) a month for providing documents relating to gas production and research regarding gas masks and other anti-gas material.

Bessarabian Woman Sought

It was announced that acting on information obtained from Mrs. Switz, the secret service sought a Mrs. Anglard, a native of Bessarabia, who apparently escaped from France when eighteen persons charged with membership in the gang were arrested Dec. 21.

Information obtained from the young couple led police to announce that the espionage gang with great thoroughness concentrated on secret military information touching navies, airplanes, poison gas, artillery, powders and automatic weapons.

## Violence Flares in City Truck War; Driver, Victim of Mistaken Identity, May Lose Eye; Labor Board in Action

URGES LENIENCY



Amelia Earhart

## AVIATRIX URGES 'SIMPLE' RULES

Amelia Earhart Appeals to Senate Not to Draft 'Drastic' Bill.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Amelia Earhart Putnam, first woman to fly the Atlantic alone, appealed to a senate committee today not to "consider plans for the future."

Look up the old family album or grandmother's trunk and see what you can find. Send these photos to The Times editorial department, with your name and address. If they are adjudged satisfactory they will be printed in the series.

## SCAFFOLD BREAKS; TWO FALL 40 FEET

One of Men May Lose Life; Other Severely Hurt.

One man was injured perhaps fatally and another severely hurt this morning when a scaffold on a CWA paint job at Tomlinson hall broke and the two men were plunged forty feet to the sidewalk on the west side of the hall.

The men are Markley Hooker, 48, of 520 North Jefferson street, fractured skull, and Levi Austin, 55, of 1208 Beecher street, broken leg.

They were taken to the United States Veterans hospital on Cold Spring road.

Several passersby on North Delaware street narrowly escaped serious injury as the guard rail of the scaffold broke and the two men were hurled to the sidewalk below.

The scaffold was swung from the top of the hall above the Delaware street sidewalk. Both men were painting at the time of the accident.

## SHOOTS WIFE, CHILD, ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

New Jersey Man, 26, Kills Mate, 17, and Girl, 3.

By United Press  
SALEM, N. J., March 20.—George Beaton, 26, killed his wife, Mabel, 17, and his daughter, Ellen, 3, today and then committed suicide, police were informed.

Beaton killed his wife and child by shooting the police report said. Mrs. Beaton's mother lives in the other side of the two-family house in which the shooting occurred.

## Approves Grain Exchange Code

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Roosevelt has approved the grain exchange code and it will become effective March 31, Agriculture Secretary Henry A. Wallace announced today.

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Two Affidavits Are Sworn After Drivers Report Sabotage, Beatings;

POLICE KEPT ON RUN

Truckers Not Involved, Say Union Officials: Blame Sympathizers.

Violence and troubles between striking truck drivers and the Kibler Trucking Company, 1444 East Nineteenth street, were brought before the regional labor board today as a fresh outbreak of sabotage seethed in the city.

Harry Peats, business agent of Teamsters, Chauffeurs union No. 138, declared that sympathizers of the union truckers and not the truckers themselves were to blame for today's episodes of violence.

Two affidavits were sworn to against alleged vandals who halted the trucks. Arrests have not been made. The affidavits charge malicious trespass.

One man may lose an eye because of the guerrilla warfare. Several men were beaten. Police were kept on the run throughout the early morning hours as calls of "fight" came into police headquarters as the delivery trucks attempted to stock city groceries.

Mistaken identity may cost Murl Weaver, 23, of 2303 Locust street, Terre Haute, his right eye. Early this morning Weaver and Chester McIndoo of Terre Haute were en route to Terre Haute when a carload of men attempted to stop them at State road 40 and Lynhurst drive.

"They wanted us to show our bills of lading," Weaver and McIndoo told police.

Struck by Flying Glass  
Weaver pointed to a light in a filling station and told the men he was going to stop. He says some one in the car threw a brick breaking the glass of the truck. The flying glass cut Weaver's eye. Weaver was treated at city hospital, where physicians say he may lose sight of the eye.

Police believe that Weaver's truck was mistaken for a Kibler machine. It was loaded with tomato juice and is owned by Leo Baldwin, 328 North Twenty-first street, Terre Haute.

Roy Lintie, 1338 Hiatt street, Kibler company driver, was beaten by four men who drove up to his truck as it was delivering groceries. They pulled Lintie from the truck and administered the whipping.

Lintie told police that he recognized the men as former employees of the Kibler company.

Pulled From Truck  
Lintie said he would sign affidavits against his assailants.

At Sixteenth street and College avenue, a police squad car on a call found Frank Sullivan, 1822 Marlow avenue; Fred Mosbaugh, 2260 South Delaware street; and Carl Jeffries, 348 East McCarty street.

Sullivan said they had been pulled from their Kibler truck as they attempted to unload groceries at an Atlantic & Pacific store at Sixteenth street and College avenue.

He said as five or six men, who were in a car, attempted to beat them, that he and his companions ran. The alleged strikers gave up the chase. Sullivan and his helpers returned to the truck. It had not been molested.

With report of the trouble, other drivers of the trucking company and friends swarmed to the aid of Sullivan.

Police received a second call to the corner on the report that a fight had broken out between the strikers and the truck company employees was in the offing.

Another Attack Feared  
When police arrived, approximately fifteen men were standing in Sullivan's truck armed with banana stabs in defense of the truck.

They reported to police that squads of cruising cars of strikers had been circling the block in western Indian fashion. Sullivan continued making deliveries. Police feared another attack on his truck.

Yesterday afternoon, police arrested Orlando Catt, 3209 West Tenth street, on a vagrancy charge in connection with the strike trouble. Three half bricks were found in his car, police charge.

They say Kibler drivers, William Demaree and Wilbur Roberts, recognized Catt as the driver of a car that approached their truck at Twentieth street and Martindale avenue and fired slingshot missiles into the cab of the truck, breaking glass.

Peats declared that Catt was home in bed at the time of the purported vandalism.

The business agent charged the trucking company worked men longer than the NRA code provides and had refused to comply with labor board attempts to arbitrate differences.

'FAIR-HAIRED BOY'



Louis Ludlow

## LUDLOW RATED 'NO. 2 DRY PET'

Senator Arthur Robinson Still Holds the No. 1 Post With League.

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer

Senator Arthur R. Robinson still is the white headed boy of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, with Congressman Louis Ludlow as "runner up."

Thus did Superintendent L. E. York sum up today the battling average of the home boys at Washington in an interview with The Times. The league still sticks to its stand that if you are dry you can be a Republican or Democrat and its o. k. with the brethren.

So Mr. York also has a good word to say about Congressman Arthur H. Greenwood of the Seventh district. He and Congressman Ludlow stuck to the dry side in defeat, as did Senator Robinson. That gave the Indiana league two Democrats in the house and a Republican in the senate.

Following Former Tactics  
Mr. York emphasizes this bipartisanship in his speeches each Sunday. For the league is back in the field again with a record of 224 speeches in the churches, counting those scheduled for next Sunday.

The speakers are outlining a legislative program and the league will follow their former tactics of questioning all candidates, Mr. York said.

The program calls for a local option law, a law making the liquor traffic pay indemnity in accidents where use of liquor was involved and another forbidding sale of intoxicants near schools and churches.

In support of the local option idea, Mr. York cites the fact that thirty-seven of the ninety-two Indiana counties voted dry and six more went wet by less than 100 votes. Most of them were rural.

Under the accident indemnity plan, the league wants the state to set up a compensation board to determine awards, the entire setup to be financed by tax on the beer and liquor traffic.

All the Same to Him  
Mr. York preaches the doctrine that beer, wine and liquor are all intoxicants and one leads to another. He admitted, however, that there has arisen in Indiana no situation comparable to the old saloon days with the return of liquor to the state.

"I think, however, that is because many persons were weaned away from using liquor by prohibition," he explained and added:

"Certainly it is not because of the way the matter is being handled under the present political control."

Refusal of the state to authorize by-the-drink sales has nothing to do with the case in Mr. York's opinion.

"It doesn't make any difference whether you drink liquor out of a glass, bottle or washbub, it's no good anyway," he concluded.

Recalls "Good Old Days"  
"Tilting back in his somewhat rickety chair, Mr. York recalled what he considers "the good old days." Those were the days of the late Wayne B. Wheeler and Dr. Edward F. Shumaker, when it was much easier to become a great man by the Anti-Saloon League route.

Those were the days when the Indiana headquarters occupied a sumptuous suite of offices in the Roosevelt building. Mr. York is now holding the fort in rather bare offices in the building of The People's State bank.

His co-workers are, like himself, veterans of the halcyon days of yore. They are Attorney A. F. Miles, J. Frank Jenner, educational secretary, and Leroy Huddleston, financial secretary.

OFFICER FACES CHARGES  
Policeman Accused of Accepting Money and Pool Tickets.

Charges that policeman William Gillespie accepted money, baseball pool tickets and cigars from pool operators while on duty were brought before the safety board today.

Charges also were made that Gillespie ordered food and beer for which he refused to pay.

## ROOSEVELT MAY ACT TO AVERT STRIKE OF AUTO MEN, SET TOMORROW

## MAKLEY SEEKS NEW TRIAL AS CLARK'S OPENS

Jury Selection Under Way in Hearing for Third Terror Mobster.

BY BASIL GALLAGHER,  
Times Staff Writer

LIMA, O., March 20.—Decision to file a motion for a new trial for Charles Makley was announced today by Miss Jessie Levy, Indianapolis defense attorney, as selection of a jury to try Russell Clark, terror mob member, neared.

Clark's trial was recessed at noon for one hour, with the defense, but not the state, having concluded its questioning. Peremptory challenges were to be made this afternoon and it was expected the jury would be seated late in the afternoon.

Miss Levy said she had abandoned the plan of calling Brigadier General Harold M. Busn as a defense witness to show prejudice, explaining she had found it was too late to do this after filing a motion for a change of venue.

This motion and a plea in abatement were overruled today by Judge Emmet E. Everett.

Dillinger Hideout Hunted  
Undercover men working under General headquarters today made a concerted effort to discover the hiding place of John Dillinger in and around Lima, the general clinging to his theory the desperado is hiding somewhere near the jail.

As the hunt for Dillinger intensifies was carried on along the 130-mile front from Lima to the Canadian border, defense attorneys for Clark, third member of the Dillinger gang to stand trial for the murder of Sheriff Jess Barber, laid their plans. Clark's trial began yesterday with the unique announcement by his attorneys that the prisoner "does not believe in capital punishment and therefore contends that the jury selected by the prosecution, believing in capital punishment, is not technically a jury of his peers."

Harry Pierpont, "trigger man" of the gang, and Charles Makley, Dillinger gangster, have been convicted of the murder of the sheriff.

Mother Greets Clark  
Clark was greeted in the courtroom by his mother, two sisters and two brothers-in-law.

One of the brothers-in-law, Jess Norton, Detroit, carried Clark's 14-month-old niece, Barbara Lee Norton, who presented quite a contrast to the otherwise grim atmosphere of the murder trial, with its armed guardsmen.

The child tugged at Clark's collar and played with a small mirror Clark gave her.

Photographers for newspapers took pictures of the child, and when a flash bulb cracked and made a noise Barbara said: "Bad boy."

During the questioning of talesmen, Clark's mother shuddered every time the word "murder" was mentioned.

Pierpont's Mother Attends  
In the rear of the courtroom was the mother of Harry Pierpont, who is to be called as a state witness.

It was learned today that Pierpont and Makley, both facing death in the electric chair, received two pamphlets by mail yesterday, one entitled: "Life After Death," and the other, "Reincarnation."

They displayed little interest in reading the pamphlets.

After receiving reports of threats to attack the headquarters of the National Hotel, General Bush, at midnight last night, ordered elevators in the hotel halted at the third floor, and stationed armed guards on the stairway leading from the first floor.

City Airman With Byrd Is Missing in Antarctica

By United Press  
LITTLE AMERICA, BAY OF WHALES, Antarctica, March 20.—(via Mackay Radio).—Pilot William C. Bowlin of Indianapolis and operator Clay Bailey were missing today in the monoplane on which they took off for a food depot 100 miles out on the Ross ice barrier Saturday.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd, commanding the Antarctic expedition, in whose behalf they are flying, believed they were not in danger. They carried full emergency equipment and a month's food supply each.

Bowlin and Bailey left camp here Saturday morning, dropped food at the 100-mile depot and took off again. In an hour, the plane was missing.

Admiral Byrd was ready to fly to the plane's assistance as soon as weather conditions permitted, and a dog sled team was ready to take off. Byrd believed the plane to be within eight to fifteen miles of camp.

Aunt Is Confident  
Worried over the plight of her nephew, Pilot William C. Bowlin, Mrs. Mae Shannon, 1612 Central avenue, said today she placed her confidence for his safety in the care which Admiral Byrd takes of his men.

"Of course, I was dreadfully worried last night when I first learned that William is missing," Mrs. Shannon said. "But when I think of how careful Admiral Byrd is of his men, I feel some reassurance that he will be all right."

Pilot Bowlin, who was reared at the home of Mrs. Shannon's mother in Roachdale after his parents died, visited Mrs. Shannon here last summer shortly before the Byrd expedition left for the Antarctic.

Two other aunts of the missing flier are Mrs. Raymond Green, Franklin and Mrs. Ernest Orr, Richmond.

Entire Recovery Program Is Threatened by Walkout Ordered by A. F. of L. for Motor Company Employees.

HOPES OF COMPROMISE ON WANE  
Car Magnates Challenged by Labor Head; 350,000 May Be Affected; Plants Speed Up Production.

A final decision by America's automobile leaders to make peace or fight tomorrow's scheduled strike in the industry was anxiously awaited today as labor unrest spread in many widely-separated sections of the country.

The crisis was described as a vital test of the administration's recovery program and watched closely by President Roosevelt, who may intervene.

In Detroit, center of agitation for recognition of the American Federation of Labor, plans went ahead for a walkout at 9 a. m. tomorrow involving more than 100,000 men in a huge industry and threatening to involve more than 250,000 in allied industries.

Manufacturers meanwhile speeded up delivery of automobiles and awaited outcome of the conference of industry leaders and General Hugh S. Johnson in New York. The industry said it never would recognize the A. F. of L.

Many other strikes were in progress or threatened. In San Francisco, a strike of dock workers was called for Friday over the "closed shop" issue.

In Pittsburgh, heart of the steel industry, observers foresaw one of the most determined battles in history between capital and labor over collective bargaining rights under the NRA.

At Detroit, about 750 workers of the Bower Rolling Bearing Company struck, virtually tying up production.

In the Cleveland area, employees of the largest clothing manufacturer voted to be represented by a labor union as opposed to a company union and thousands of workers in plants allied with the auto industry were ready to strike unless their unions are recognized.

In New York state, a series of CWA strikes was in progress and in New England, negotiations were unsuccessful for settlement of a shoe strike involving 6,000.

Roosevelt May Act  
WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Roosevelt stood by today ready to act if necessary to avert an automobile strike that might prove the major industrial disorder of his administration.

He also eyed with apprehension a dispute of equally serious implications which was developing between railroad labor and management.

The automobile crisis had reached the zero hour and his chief assistant was devoted to it. A strike has been ordered in the industry by the American Federation of Labor for tomorrow if settlement is not reached by then.

President Is Ready  
Despite the shortness of time, hope still ran strong that an actual outbreak could be prevented, at least temporarily.

Through recovery administrator Hugh S. Johnson, who was in New York trying to conciliate auto representatives through the National Automobile Association of Commerce and labor as represented by the A. F. of L., the President had available a play-by-play report of the situation.

Should all other means fail, the President was believed ready to exert the strongest personal influence to avert a major labor crisis and its accompanying derangement of the fast-reviving auto industry and the potential danger to the entire recovery program.

The President conferred with Attorney General Homer S. Cummings and Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper. Both conferences were thought to concern the automobile situation.

Thousands Are Affected  
DETROIT, March 20.—The automobile strike, called by the American Federation of Labor, will start at 9 a. m. tomorrow in the Hudson plant at Detroit, unless the national administration or auto manufacturers make acceptable offers by tonight, it was announced at federation offices today.

The Hudson plant, employing nearly 14,000 workers, is the focal point of the federation's efforts. From that plant the strike is expected to spread immediately, under federation direction, into Flint, Lansing and Pontiac.

"We have the support of 2,000 workers in the Hudson plant," William Collins, Michigan organizer of the federation, told the United Press.

Union officials from five plants where strikes have been voted are scheduled to meet at 5 p. m. today in Pontiac to act on an offer from Washington or from New York, where directors of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce are conferring today on the federation's demands for higher wages, shorter hours and greater freedom in organization.

## President May Be Forced to Act in Railroads' Wage Dispute, He Warns

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Roosevelt this afternoon warned railway managements and labor that unless they reach speedy agreement in their wage controversy, it may be necessary for him to act to protect the public interest.

Mr. Roosevelt's position was set forth in letters to W. F. Thiehoff, chairman of the conference committee of managers, and A. F. Whit-

ney, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives' Association.

Railroad labor has rejected the President's proposal for temporary continuance of the present 10 per cent wage cut. The railroads had agreed to this plan and withdrawn their plan for a further cut.

But labor today countered with a demand for a 20 per cent increase and shortly thereafter the President dispatched the letters.

The President expressed regret to learn that no progress toward an agreement had been made at the conference and expressed the fear that the good of the country was being overlooked. He also warned that in stepping into the picture he might have to appoint a commission to examine thoroughly into the labor controversy "in order that the country may be advised of the merits."