

Russians Holding American Soldier, Wife As 'Hostages'

RED OFFICERS JAILED BY U.S., RUSS ASSERT

Release of Man and Wife Is Expected by Today.

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BERLIN, July 15.—The U. S. army announced today that the Russians were holding Warrant Officer Samuel L. Harrison and his wife as "hostages" for two Red army officers alleged by the Soviets to be held in prison by the Americans.

Maj. Gen. Frank A. Keating, U. S. military governor in Berlin, disclosed for the first time the explanation given by the Russians for the detention of Mr. Harrison and his wife, Helen, of Harrah, Okla., and San Antonio, Tex. She came here as a dependent.

Gen. Keating said U. S. authorities had denied persistently the Russian charge that two Soviet officers were held by the Americans. The Soviet military governor, Maj. Gen. Dravlin, said in a letter to U. S. authorities dated July 11 that Mr. Harrison and his wife would be released today.

"Sensational Developments"
Gen. Keating predicted "sensational developments," the nature of which he declined to specify, when the missing Americans return. He said the Russians had not officially acknowledged that they were holding two other American officers. They were Capt. Harold Cobin, Newark, N. J., and Lt. George Wyatt, Oklahoma City. They boarded a train for near Oranienburg July 4 and disappeared.

The Harrisons have been missing since July 1. They left in a jeep for a spot in north Berlin to see about the purchase of a dog. They were assumed to have wandered accidentally across the line into the forbidden Soviet zone.

Gen. Keating would not divulge details which led Soviet officials to charge that Russian prisoners were being held by the Americans. He said merely that the Soviets claimed two of their officers were prisoners.

The report gave the first explanation of why the Russians were holding the Harrisons.

The status of the other officers was not made clear immediately. Oranienburg is in the Russian occupation zone, and after they disappeared they were assumed to be detained by the Russians.

Army officials here had discussed their case on the assumption that they were in Russian hands, and appeared to have presented that conclusion to the Soviets in negotiations for the release of the Americans.

Significance Noted
It was considered significant that the Harrisons were detained until the foreign ministers conference in Paris was over.

Gen. Keating said that the anticipated release of the Harrisons Saturday was delayed because the Russians "were stalling" over the week-end.

The Harrisons were believed to be in custody at Russian secret police headquarters at Brandenburg, a few miles west of Berlin. They were expected to be released at Russian headquarters in Berlin.

Gen. Keating said Soviet officials

'Last Dip' Fatal



Valera Sue Alexander

GIRL, 15, DROWNS IN INDIAN LAKE

Body of Valera Sue Alexander Recovered by Police.

The body of 15-year-old Valera Sue Alexander, 2225 Martha st., who was drowned yesterday afternoon while taking "a last dip" into Indian lake, has been recovered.

Frank Forthoff, 21, of 845 S. Sheffield ave., fiance of the girl, told police that he and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Parker, 2864 Brookside ave., went rowing on the lake with Miss Alexander, after a picnic lunch.

The two men decided to "dive in" for a last dip before rowing to shore. Miss Alexander, who had stated earlier in the day that she could swim, dived in also.

As she came up, Mr. Forthoff saw that she was in trouble, and attempted a rescue. After being dragged under the water three times by the struggling girl, he lost his hold. She disappeared in 12 feet of water.

Search With Plane
State police used a plane from Sky Harbor airport in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the body from the air.

After dragging for six hours, her body was recovered by Thomas E. Williams, 27, of 1134 E. Washington st.

A graduate of school 56, Miss Alexander had planned to enter Washington high school in the fall. Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alexander, with whom she lived, a brother, Edmund Alexander, and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Brooks Morton and Mrs. Loma Howard, all of Indianapolis.

charged that Mr. Harrison, his wife and two German women who accompanied them were without credentials.

Americans Face Punishment
They said they had to hold them, Gen. Keating reported, until they were certain they actually were Americans and not spies posing as Americans.

Gen. Keating said no word had been received of Capt. Cobin and Lt. Wyatt.

He said the missing Americans would be punished when they returned for entering the Russian zone without orders or authorization. He did not indicate what the punishment would be.

4 MEN SLUGGED BY ASSAILANTS

Sneak-Thief Takes \$1100, Watch From Victim.

Four men were slugged during the week-end by assailants who robbed them of several hundred dollars.

Another lost \$1100 to a sneak-thief, police reported. Clayton Rayburn, 2163 S. Delaware st., reported the loss of \$1100. The thief also took a watch valued at \$40, Mr. Rayburn said.

Herman Mayo, 60, of 3025 4th ave., east, Mars Hill, manager of the H. E. & M. furniture store, told officers two men came into his store at 5:30 p. m. Saturday, and forced him at gun point into a back room. Mr. Mayo said the men hit him over the head with a black-jack, tied him and took \$125 from his wallet and \$75 from the cash register.

Francis Written of 106 W. North st. said he was slugged by two men who pulled him into an alley off Michigan st. between Delaware and Alabama sts. His attackers took his wallet, containing \$40, his discharge papers and river license.

Driver Is Beaten
A post office employee who shouted a safety warning to a passing auto was beaten for his trouble.

Charles White, 18, of Bridgeport, U. S. mail truck driver, with another employee, Monroe Smith of 416 E. 17th st., yelled, "Turn on your lights," to a vehicle overtaking them.

The men told officers the car forced them to the curb, two men alighted, hit Mr. White in the mouth and drove away.

William F. Bevens of 300 1/2 E. Walnut st., reported to police he was robbed of \$83 and a watch worth \$64 by two thugs who knocked him out in an alley near Massachusetts and College aves. at 10:30 p. m. yesterday.

BLOOMINGTON GETS MILK, BUTTER HIKE

Bloomington, Ind., July 15.—Effective today, the price of milk advanced two cents per quart and coffee cream went up two cents on the half pint. Butter will retail from the dairy trucks for 82 cents per pound, the wholesale price having been boosted to 75 cents.

'Triple' Worry



Lee Jackson Turner



Mrs. Felicia Mae Turner



Lee Turner Jr.

Times Special
ANGOLA, Ind., July 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Turner still haven't solved the housing problem created Thursday when their family was suddenly doubled.

The parents of triplet boys are wondering what to do in the way of enlarging the tiny trailer in which they live while Mr. Turner, an ex-marine corporal, attends Tri-State college.

U. S. GETS NEW CARRIER
PHILADELPHIA, July 15 (U. P.).—The experimental 20,000-ton aircraft carrier U. S. S. Saipan, first of a new class of carriers, was commissioned yesterday at the Philadelphia naval base.

IRVINGTON DRIES LOOK TO STATE

Will Ask Commission to Overrule County Board.

Spokesman for a delegation of Irvington residents announced today they would carry their fight to prevent the sale of liquor in their community to the state Alcoholic Beverages commission.

This announcement followed renewal by the Marion County Liquor board of beer and wine licenses for two Irvington business establishments, the A & P Grocery store and the Wolman drugstore.

Lou Robertson, spokesman for the Irvington "dry" delegation, said he would ask the ABC to overrule the county board on the licenses.

Stand Rejected
The delegation based its requests for rejection of the licenses on the ground that the real estate deed covenants prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Robert S. Smith, liquor board president, explained to the group that the board had no authority to reject any liquor license on the basis of restrictive clauses in real estate deeds. Renewal of the licenses was voted unanimously.

In the past the ABC has not considered cases in which local boards voted a unanimous opinion. The state commission usually acts only in the event of a tie vote among the local board members.

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Indianapolis Couple Among Four State Traffic Victims

Four Hoosiers, including an Indianapolis couple, were fatally injured in traffic accidents in Indiana during the week-end.

Ferdinand Moorman, 68, of 1520 N. Beville ave. and his wife, Mrs. Katherine Moorman, 65, died less than half an hour after the automobile in which they were riding collided with a truck on Highway 31 six miles southeast of Columbus, Ind., yesterday morning.

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9 POLES KILLED BY FIRING SQUAD

Executions Private for Kielce Defendants.

WARSAW, July 15 (U. P.).—Viktor Gross, government spokesman, today announced that nine persons convicted of participation in the Kielce pogrom were executed by a firing squad yesterday within the walls of the Kielce prison instead of at a public ceremony as had been planned.

There was no immediate explanation as to why the public execution was not carried out.

Gross announced that the commander and deputy commander of the Kielce security police and the commander and deputy commander of the Kielce citizens' militia have been arrested on charges that they failed to "act sufficiently and energetically to break up crowds and prevent violence" in the anti-Jewish outbreak.

Another government report revealed that armed bands attacked a train near Majdan July 11 and killed three Red army soldiers.

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3-STORY FALL DOWN
AIRSHAFT KILLS BOY

NEW YORK, July 15 (U. P.).—Kenneth Ryan, 5, was killed early today when he plunged three stories down an airshaft.

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