

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. Dratin, 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-by 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 "last dip" into Indian lake, has been recovered.

Frank Forthoffer, 21, of 845 S. Sheffield ave., fiance of the girl, told police that he and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Park-

er, 2665 Brookside ave., went rowing on the lake with Miss Alex-

ander, 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. Forthoffer

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 unsuc-

cessful attempt to locate the body of the air.

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body was recovered by Thomas E. Williams, 27, of 1134 E. Wash-

ington st., a graduate of school #6. 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 cre-

dentials.

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.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clarence William Tuttle, 1844 Brookside; Georgia Roberts, 1944 Primrose.

Arthur Pershing Anderson, Morganstown.

Mildred May Snyder, 2858 Winthrop.

William Henry Rosoff, 818 King; Cor-

dalia Christina Shevener, 2626 W. 61st.

William Lloyd Bridges, Wenvoe field.

Utah; Margaret Louise Frazer, 3533 College.

Carvin Eason, 221 E. 12th; Cora Adams,

740 W. Belmont; Ralph W. Lee,

Josephine Burns, 327 Elizabethtown; Rose Lee Twyman, 720 W. 11th.

Charles Sherman Casten, 4804 South

Wrights; Aileen Elizabeth Heath, 1224 Ringgold.

Morris Cohen, 1142 S. Capitol; Freda Brill, 1407 Charles.

Pauline M. Coyle, 215 W. Wayne; Hazel D. Morgan, 855 N. Gray.

Bobbie Lee Craig, Camp Atterbury; Alia Virginia, 1200 W. 11th.

Robert W. Deeverster, 2849 Bonnie Brae; Virginia Jean Wilson, Dolon 682d

dr. Woodruff Place.

Constance Elizabeth Tomlinson; Blanche V. Farley, Westport.

Donald Dumes Henders, 6717 26th, Ber-

keley, Ill.; Carolyn Ann Ogle, 4821 Cen-

tral.

Paul Eugene Hatt, 1318 Carrollton; Iris

Jeanne Elizabeth Head, 2235 E. Wash-

ington; Ada Marie Banks, 515 E. 13th.

John Andrew Hill, 1210 W. New York.

Anna Elizabeth Hindin, 1201 Union; Helen

Maurer, 1209 N. Meridian; 11.

Ralph Vito Holloman, 1201 N. 16th.

Leona Hause, Margaret E. Gossell,

1608 S. 18th, Terre Haute.

Edward H. Hinsdale, 2231 1/2 W. 13th.

Levin Richard Hunt, Hotel Warren;

Robert Benjamin Johnson, 220 S. Hard-

ing; LeRoy V. Kuykert, 221 W. Ohio;

Peri Catherine Ruth, 1846 N. Penn-

sylvania.

Carolyn Kiner, Camp Atterbury; Shirley

Irene Crenshaw, Camp Atterbury;

Carolyn Carroll, Indianapolis; Kokomo; Hol-

Oto Alfred Krempi, 72 W. Wethers;

Leonor Laraman, 1201 N. 16th.

Leona Marie, 1201 N. 16th; Evelyn Joan

Simpson, 3061 Mass Hill rd.

Robertine Louise, 1201 N. 16th; Ger-

aldine Cross, 1740 Lafayette rd.

Raymond Lee Miller, 1720 Broadwater;

Joseph Letoy Mills, 1902 Sulay; Glenn

Jacqueline Dorsey, 421 Bickling.

James W. McElroy, 1902 Sulay;

Barbara Jeanne Witherspoon, 1917 Cottage.

Joseph Henry Nickels, Jr., 741 N. Fisler.

Donald Franklin Orlitz, 512 N. Broad-

Glen Robert Ostermyer, Greenfield; Rose

Mary Elizabeth, 1201 N. 16th.

Robertine G. Peacock, 1201 N. 16th; Dore-

thy J. Reed, 285 N. Keystone.

Walter Miller, 285 N. Olive; Mildred

John Sommerville, Manchester, N. H.; Gioria

Douglas, 1201 N. 16th.

Alma Jeanne, 1201 N. 16th; Evelyn Joan

Maggs, 1201 N. 16th; Ethel Whitedale, Colum-

bia; Margaret Taylor, 1201 N. 16th.

Charles Carl Williams, 1333 Spann; Mar-

garette Mae Pettiford, 1789 Terrace.

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Lee Jackson Turner

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 Rayborn, 2183 S. Delaware st., reported the loss of \$1100. The thief also took a watch valued at \$40, Mr. Rayborn said.

Hermon 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 blackjack, tied him and took \$125 from his wallet and \$75 from the cash register.

Francis Wratten 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 st. His attackers took \$18 from his pocket, a radio and a change purse and his driver's license.

Charles White, 18, of Bridgeport, U. S. mail truck driver, with another employee, Monroe Smith, of 118 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 P. Bevan of 309 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.

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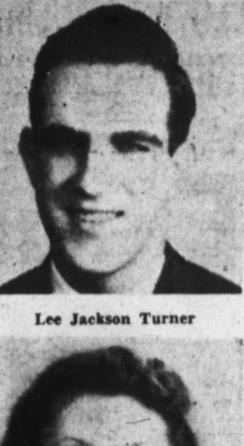
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ington st., a graduate of school #6. Miss Alexander had planned to enter Washington high school in the fall.

The parents of triplets 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.

'Triple' Worry



Mrs. Felicia Mae Turner

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 re-

newal 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 Robinson, spokesman for

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

Stated 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.