

Russ Hide Fate of Missing Officers

REPORTED TO BE IN HANDS OF SOVIET POLICE

McNarney Will Confer With Reds Today Over Disappearance.

BERLIN, July 20 (U. P.)—The top American and Russian officers in Germany were understood to be conferring here today on the disappearance of two U. S. army men.

They were reported to be in the hands of the Soviet secret police.

Responsible sources said Gen. Joseph T. McNarney and Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky were meeting to discuss the case of Capt. Harold Cobin, Newark, N. J., and Lt. George Wyatt, Oklahoma City.

Reports of the conference at the highest level in this country followed predictions by American officers that only intercession in that category would liberate the army officers.

Earlier today a military spokesman said Capt. Cobin and Lt. Wyatt were seized by the Russian secret police, who still held them despite the persistent efforts to negotiate their release.

Prisoners of NKVD

A spokesman for the army's criminal investigation division said it had specific details which convinced authorities that Capt. Cobin and Lt. Wyatt were prisoners of the NKVD or Soviet secret police.

The details were withheld for the time being in order not to impair any value they may have in any further bargaining with the Russians for the release of the men.

The spokesman said the C. I. D. learned that Capt. Cobin and Lt. Wyatt never reached nearby Oranienburg, their destination when they boarded a train in Berlin July 4.

Instead, he said, NKVD agents removed them from the train at Birkenthaler, a northern suburb of Berlin.

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Higher Intervention

Officials here—their hope waning for the release of the Americans—said they feared that only the intervention on the highest levels would avail anything.

A high official of the C. I. D. who has taken a leading part in the case said he personally believed that nothing less than intercession by Gen. McNarney or Secretary of State James F. Byrnes would prevail on the Russians to free them.

Film Maker Is Hit By Photographer

HOLLYWOOD, July 20 (U. P.)—Magazine Photographer Bruce Bailey claimed a one-punch victory over Producer David O. Selznick today after a nightclub battle that was over before most patrons knew it had started.

Mr. Bailey said he had been photographing film notables when Mr. Selznick swung at him and then absorbed a short punch to the jaw.

Mr. Selznick declined comment, admitting only that there had been a "slight incident" at the Mocambo.

According to Mr. Bailey, the producer apparently thought his long-standing objection to being photographed was being ignored when the photographer tried to line up a shot of Shirley Temple, seated two tables away.

"He got up and passed in front of me," Mr. Bailey said, "then dashed at my camera and growled 'you'll get that camera smashed.'

"I moved my camera to the other hand and he slapped at me again. I swung my camera to his chin. Before I could swing again, people stepped between us."

AMERICAN TRAITOR DIES IN RUSS CAMP

BERLIN, July 20 (U. P.)—Friedrich K. Kaltenbach, the American "Lord Heehaw" radio propagandist for the Nazis, died in a prison camp in the Russian occupation zone last October, it was learned officially today.

Kaltenbach in some of the propaganda broadcasts designed for American consumption, called himself "Lord Heehaw."

Intelligence officials at the United States Berlin headquarters said they were advised of Kaltenbach's death in an official communication from the Soviet authorities.

ONE TROOPSHIP DUE

NEW YORK, July 20 (U. P.)—One trooper, the St. Albans Victory, was due here today from Bremen, with 1203 troops aboard.

A Neighborhood Swap Could Have Proved Tragic



James Saylor (left) and Tommy Dillon . . . "Hey, what'll we do with this thing?"

BUYING STRIKES IN U.S. CONTINUE

Little Effect Noted Except In Scattered Instances.

By UNITED PRESS

Consumers' boycotts protesting rising food prices continued throughout the nation today. But except in scattered instances little effect was noted.

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Meat Prices High

At Baltimore, Md., pork was selling from 49 to 55 cents a pound, compared to the OPA ceiling of 36 to 40 cents. Beef and steak, formerly 33 to 38 cents, sold at 80 to 85 cents a pound. Veal and lamb were as high as 70 cents over OPA ceilings.

Baltimore butchers said they had a plentiful supply of beef and pork, however. They expected prices to drop, slightly in the near future. They said they had handled very little veal and lamb during the past week.

At Boston, Mass., meat prices ranging from 50 to 60 per cent higher than the OPA ceiling prices were reported. Meat was still scarce and customers reportedly were buying what they could get without bothering to ask the prices.

Resist Mounting Prices

A survey at Salt Lake City, Utah, showed that retail prices for meat had dropped several cents a pound from last week's high.

A spokesman for the wholesale meat division of the Merchant and Manufacturers Association at Washington said that the nation's capital was now getting 80 per cent of the normal meat supply.

Retailers were resisting high prices and prices were beginning to drop slightly, he said.

FT. WAYNE Buyers Hear Strike Pleas

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 20 (U. P.)—Some 1000 consumers, some of them carrying posters urging "Don't buy now," crowded on the courthouse square in a C. I. O.-sponsored demonstration yesterday to protest rising prices.

Several hundred C. I. O. workers marched to the court house where they and other consumers heard union leaders shout that a "buyers' strike" is the only way to prevent another strike on the industrial front.

The mass rally, which attracted fewer persons than expected, broke up in about an hour in a downtown of rain.

Paul Silvers, national representative of the United Auto Workers, called for "action to end the inflation which already has started."

"Prices have been shooting up all over the country," he shouted. "The manufacturers want to get rid of the OPA so they can take away from you all the money you've saved in the war years."

"We've got to get out picket lines for buyers' strikes, get in touch with your congressmen and don't let landlords toss tenants out of their homes," he said.

NEWSPAPERMAN DIES

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., July 20 (U. P.)—Services will be held tomorrow for George Oliver Dewey, Martinsville, newspaperman and former state commander of the Sons of Union veterans. He died yesterday. He had been with the Martinsville Daily Reporter since 1918 until illness forced his retirement last January. Burial will be at Brownsburg.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS--EVENTS--VITALS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Earl Liggin, 40, S. Belle Vieu place; Theresa

John E. Sullivan, 15, Park; Adelaide

Clare Gaslin, 215 N. Taxco;

Emory Everett Calhoun, 240, Roosevelt;

Betty Irene Shearer, 2338 Roosevelt;

John Scott Williams, U. S. Army; Ber-

nard L. Hall, 2437 Kenwood;

Richard J. Hall, 2437 Kenwood; Phyllis

Odrom, 129 W. 22d.

Carl Albert Priest, 1518 N. Rural; Sylvia

Jeanne Sholty, Indiana Central College;

Robert Jeanne Buttner, 1102 E. 51st;

Beth Austin Volkening, Pennsylvania ho-

tel; Carol Louise Pepper, 725 N. Penn-

sylvania;

Edgar S. Green, 4525 Park; Eleanor J.

Claghorn, 1610 E. 10th;

Arnold Lee Flanner, 1015 Orange; Eva

Mary Mahoney, 853 N. Lynn; Hazel Da-

vis, 262½ W. Michigan;

Robert Lee Trimble, Lafayette;

Marshall E. Clegg, 1500 N. Michigan;

Robert E. Folke, 1500 N. Michigan;

Charles W. Shoemaker, 1147 N. Illinois;

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