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Around the World—

8 Russians Sealed Off In House by MP's In U.S. German Zone

Soviet Repatriation Group Refuses To Leave Frankfurt on Clay's Order

By United Press
American military police today set up a water-tight blockade around the house occupied by eight Russian members of a Soviet repatriation commission who said they couldn't leave the American zone as ordered until they heard from Moscow.

The Russians apparently settled down for a long siege in the luxurious red sandstone mansion that has served as their residence and office. Strains of accordion music were heard floating from the blockaded house.

German workmen shut off all water, gas electricity and telephone service to the house by disconnecting wires and digging up mains.

Eight American military police, each armed with a .45-caliber automatic pistol and a police club, patrolled the house under orders to let no one in or out.

Ordered Out By Clay

The sieges sealed the eight Russians in even more effectively than the western powers have been sealed in Berlin, for the Russians have no airlift.

The Russians, four enlisted men and four officers, are members of an eight-man Soviet repatriation mission which was ordered out of the American zone of Germany by Gen. Lucius D. Clay.

The mission's accreditation to the American zone expired at midnight Monday. The Russians refused to leave. Col. S. A. Wood, Frankfurt provost marshal, extended the deadline another 32 hours, until 8 a. m. today (1 a. m. Indianapolis Time).

The Russians still were there when the deadline passed, refusing to leave on grounds they could be charged with treason if they abandoned their post without orders from Moscow.

Bulgaria

A WITNESS at the espionage-traitor trial of 15 Protestant clergymen testified today that an American official asked him to collect Russian military information because "America is getting ready for war against the Soviet Union."

The witness was Christo Stratev, closest friend of the late Nikolai Petkov, executed Bulgarian anti-Communist leader. Mr. Stratev was brought from jail to testify against the clergymen.

Mr. Stratev quoted Cyril Black, secretary of the American peace treaty mission to Sofia, as saying that information on Russian activities was needed.

France

INTERIOR MINISTER Jules Moch announced today that a total of eight persons have been arrested and handed over to the army for trial in the government's crackdown on alleged Communist spy activity.

Twenty other persons now are under investigation. Mr. Moch announced in a formal statement after a cabinet meeting.

In one phase of the crackdown, a military judge issued a warrant for the arrest of Paul Moret, an official in the ministry of commerce and industry.

Munich

A SULTRY German slobby pleaded innocent today to charges that she used "her very evident charms" to gather information about U. S. occupying troops for an unidentified foreign power.

Gertie Doerre, 26, dabbled constantly at her eyes as she and six German co-defendants denied espionage charges in the U. S. military court.

Holy Land

TWO SENIOR Israeli army officers were killed and another wounded when they struck a mine in the Faluja area, a report received by United Nations headquarters at Tel Aviv said today.

Big Four

RUSSIA supported Yugoslavia's latest demands on Austria today at the Big Four meeting in London, where deputies of foreign ministers were trying to work out an Austrian settlement.

The Soviet backing dimmed but did not kill Western hopes that Russia might sell out Yugoslavia because of Marshal Tito's split with the Communist International Information Bureau.

Assure 'Full Scale Hospital Probe

(Continued From Page One) certain cup serves the needs of all inmates on the ward.

There is obviously no system of segregation. Patients suffering from cancer, syphilis and other communicable diseases are permitted to make daily use of the "community" drinking cup.

But aside from the obvious neglect of the patients' welfare, there was an undercurrent of resentment at the recent "importation" of a physician from Florida who is carried on the payroll as assistant to the superintendent.

Dr. Bahr, the lawmakers learned, is paid \$707 per month. Out of this he must pay \$150 for "room and board."

The newcomer, Dr. Jesse V. Cohn, receives a monthly salary of \$666.66. He is not charged for quarters and rations for either himself or his family, the legislators were told.

In the opinion of the investigators, there are enough competent doctors in Indiana, thoroughly trained in the care and treatment of mental patients, without "importation" of physicians from other states.

Prase Dr. Bahr

"The conditions we have found thus far," Mr. Churilla said, "are dismal and deplorable. But both Mr. Bahr and I agree that there seems to be no culpable negligence on the part of Dr. Bahr or his staff. They are doing a good job with meager funds."

Dr. Bahr has been at the institution 51 years. He has been superintendent for the last 26 years.

BB 278 (Stevens)—Township Board Sal-

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Senate Turns Judicial Bill Into Car Tax

Vehicle Valuation Measure Comes Up For Decision Today

An interesting bit of legislative maneuvering by Indiana Senators has turned an ordinary House bill dealing with judicial circuits into a measure which would strike home to every motorist.

The measure as introduced in the House Jan. 18, would have created the fifth, seventh and 55th judicial circuits in the state. In that form it passed the House unanimously 92 to 0.

But when Senators got hold of it they changed its whole complexion. The measure as it comes up for a deciding vote today is a bill for a tax on motor vehicles to replace the present personal property assessment tax.

A receipt for the tax will be required before new license plates can be obtained.

The valuation for each year, make and model of car and truck will be decided by the State Tax Board and a copy of the new assessment will be sent each county treasurer.

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4 Men Locked Up On Morals Charges

Four men suspected of contributing to the delinquency of a 33-year-old Indianapolis girl were arrested by police late yesterday in a downtown hotel.

The West Side girl, reported missing from home Feb. 10, was picked up by police Monday at New Jersey and Washington Sts. At first she insisted she was from Harlan Ky., police said. Her parents later identified her as their missing daughter.

The men, including the manager and the night clerk of the hotel, were charged with vagrancy. The girl was turned over to the Juvenile Aid Division.

Police Hold Two Men As Slugging Suspects

Police today were holding two men as suspects in the slugging and attempted robbery of a 33-year-old South Side man early today.

Jesse David, Regan, 41 E. South St., reported to police he was slugged in the mouth and knocked down by two men who demanded his money as he was walking in the 300 block Virginia Ave. at 1 a. m. The men disappeared when he attempted to get up, he said.

Three hours later two men answered the descriptions of Mr. Regan's assailants were arrested on vagrancy charges in the 500 block W. Washington St. They denied the attack and said they were hitch-hiking from Springfield, O.

Legislative Calendar . . .

March 1
BILLS PASSED
House

HB 46 (McBride)—Social Security: Raises minimum wage and raises minimum and maximum provisions of old age assistance act.

HB 47 (Hix)—Personal Appropriation: Appropriates \$15,000 to sons of Roy Maxey, compensation for his accidental death, \$10,000 to his widow, \$10,000 to National Guard. (67 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 48 (Combs)—Special Appropriation: Appropriates \$10,000 to Charles D. Handrick, as compensation for his accidental death while on duty in the Indiana National Guard. (67 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 49 (Baran)—School Practices: Enables or makes school corporations to enter into one school physician to serve a school under the agreement; also authorizes agreement between physician to serve as school physician and civil health office.

HB 50 (Makowski)—Sewer Assessments: Gives Board of Water of Indianapolis power to assess property holders for sewer assessments. (67 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 52 (Eiborn)—Criminal Laws: Amends Supreme Court's appointment of judges to compete for reclassification of criminal law started by HB 46.

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HB 54 (Makowski)—Court Procedure: Provides that unpaid court costs in a change of venue case shall be certified to the court in which judgment debtor resides. (71 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 55 (Evans-Baileigh)—Sanitation Tax: Limits Sanitation Tax to twenty percent of property tax.

HB 56 (Barker)—Sanitary Commissions of second class cities for general expense.

HB 57 (Kelly)—Fire Protection: Permits cities and towns to contract with towns outside the city or town limits for protection.

HB 58 (Makowski)—Court Procedure: Provides that unpaid court costs in a change of venue case shall be certified to the court in which judgment debtor resides. (71 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 59 (Makowski)—Sanitation Tax: Limits Sanitation Tax to twenty percent of property tax.

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