

World Report— Travel Permits, Berlin Blockade Eased by Russ

West-Bound Travel Is Normal; Report 'Western Spies' Seized

The Russians eased up today on their partial blockade of Berlin.

West-bound truck traffic at Helmstedt on the zonal border was reported normal this afternoon. About 10 east-bound trucks an hour were being passed through the Soviet checkpoint.

For a week the Russians had allowed an average of two to four Berlin-bound trucks to cross the border on the main Berlin highway. The normal rate is 20 or more an hour.

The East German government also withdrew, without explanation, an announcement it made last night that permits would be needed to travel "within greater Berlin."

Allow Travel Permits

At the same time the Russians gave the Communist-dominated East German government power to issue travel permits for trips "into the territory of greater Berlin and back."

The Russian military administration had been issuing such travel permits to German trucks.

The East German government said in a statement that the permit system was necessary because groups in west Berlin were trying to ship valuable goods to the territory of greater Berlin and back.

The Russians turned back several west-bound trucks trying to leave Berlin last week. They reportedly carried metals which the Soviets said cannot be taken away from here without their permission. The western powers contend the Russians have no such right.

Amidst the traffic crisis, the Russians reported that they had broken up a ring of "Anglo-American agents" in Eastern Germany.

Other world developments:

Czechoslovakia

The foreign office accused two ousted Canadian legation employees today of attacking police and said one of them was an espionage agent.

The two, Sgt. Reginald Danko and Corp. J. G. Vanier, left Prague Jan. 19.

The official news agency said the two committed "hostile provocations against our authorities."

Mr. Danko, the agency said, had been declared persona non grata in a Czech note Jan. 6, because "for a long time he organized espionage against the Czechoslovak state and paid considerable sums of money for information."

Protest Filed

John A. Irwin, the Canadian charge d'affaires, was understood to have protested vigorously to the foreign office.

The agency said Mr. Danko, with the help of two unidentified men, "attacked" the security agents on duty outside his apartment, demanding "production of identity cards."

Mr. Vanier and some friends again refused to show their identity cards, the agency said, and police "were answered in an unbecoming way."

It said Vanier asked one policeman to give him his gun, but the policeman refused to do so.

Rome

Premier Alcide de Gasperi's sixth post-war coalition government was sworn in today by President Luigi Einaudi.

It will ask Parliament Monday for a vote of confidence. Approval was certain because Mr. De Gasperi's own Christian Democratic party has a majority in the House and near-majority in the Senate.

Heated debate was expected before the vote, however. Leftists have denounced the new government as more right-wing than its predecessors.

Formosa

Nationalist warplanes on Formosa island bombed three towns held by Communist guerrillas in the island's western area, an Air Force communique said today.

Three flights of five bombers each attacked Nantui, 125 miles south of Hoihow, and then went on to attack Shihai, northeast of Nantui, the communique said.

Other planes bombed and strafed the town of Tingan, 75 miles south of Hoihow, which was reported to be partly held by the Communists.

Other flights ranged up and down the island's peninsula on the mainland across the strait from Formosa, bombing Communist preparations for an invasion of the island.

Moscow

The Tass agency announced today that Russia and Poland have signed a new trade agreement providing for a 34 per cent increase in trade between them for 1950.

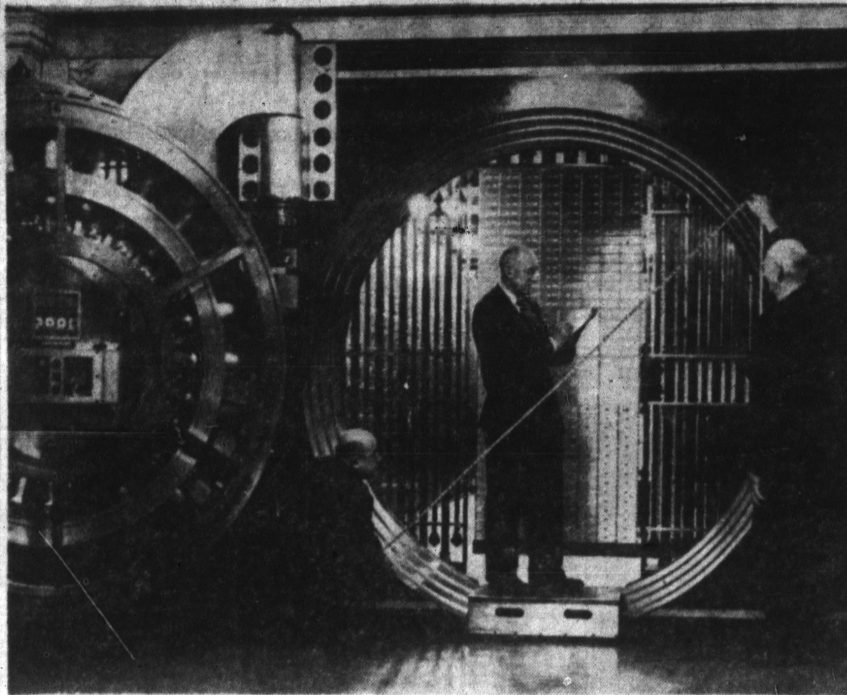
Poland will receive cotton, iron, manganese and chrome ores, automobiles, tractors, oil products, chemicals and food products. Russia will receive Polish coal, railway rolling stock, metals, textiles and sugar.

England

WINSTON CHURCHILL, formally rebuffed in his attempt to woo the Liberals into the Conservative camp, today swung into the election campaign in earnest with a promised attack on the labor government's policies.

Mr. Churchill will speak to

Assessors Advance Into Downtown Area



Field workers measure a huge safety deposit vault in the Indiana National Bank as part of a \$700,000 reassessment program in Center Township. Assessor Roy T. Combs' field workers have finished assessing homes and are concentrating on the downtown business district. (Left to right) the field men are F. L. White, Chief Deputy Elmer P. Warren and R. C. Stewart.

Grill 2 Drivers In Brink's Robbery

Loot Expected to Total \$1.7 Million

BOSTON, Jan. 28 (UP)—Two truck drivers, one reputedly trapped in a lie, were questioned today in the Brink's, Inc., hold-up Jan. 17 in which the loot may total \$1.7 million.

Disclosure that a second man was under suspicion followed a 11-man police line up where a man confessed the 1910 Union Club holdup that occurred a week after the armored transportation company's offices were looted.

Charged with armed robbery, Emil St. Pierre, 40, who was seized aboard a New York-bound bus at Newport, R. I., yesterday denied any connection with the Brink's robbery.

He said he and a confederate identified only as "Billy" staged the daylight Union Club robbery only 25 minutes after a payroll had been delivered by a Brink's, Inc., truck.

He said he carried a toy pistol, his companion a lead pipe and they fled through a rear entrance with which he was familiar because he had worked as a porter at the club.

Detectives questioned the drivers of a truck that is parked in the commercial garage used by several trucking concerns and where Brink's offices are located.

One investigator said the drivers use the same truck on a day and night shift. He theorized that the day driver relinquished the truck to the night man and both left the garage.

Day Driver Returns
Then, according to police, the day man returned and engaged a garage attendant in conversation in an inner office.

Meanwhile, the night driver may have returned unobserved and backed his truck up to an entrance where the Brink's loot could be loaded into it and the truck driven out without suspicion.

The day driver's stories of his activities on the night of the hold-up failed to jibe.

Public Service Co.
To Pay Dividend Mar. 1

Public Service Co. of Indiana stockholders will receive quarterly dividends Mar. 1, distributed by the organization announced today.

Stockholders of record at the end of business Feb. 15 will receive dividends amounting to 40 cents per share of common stock and 87 1/2 cents per share of 3 1/2 cumulative preferred stock. The 464 per cent cumulative preferred stock will pay \$1.16 per share, officials said.

Win Plant Election
TERRE HAUTE, Jan. 28 (UP)—Workers at the Root Dry Goods Co. have authorized the AFL Retail Clerks International Association as their collective bargaining agent.

The National Labor Relations Board in Washington yesterday said that Local 983 was favored in a bargaining election.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY
Last day, Antlers
Marion county Police Foundation—6:30
Ella Lodge Infants Parade Ball—9:30
Past Presidents, Maj. McGraw Auxiliary—7:30
YWCA

EVENTS TOMORROW
Vista Medical Association Secretarys Conference—Clayton
American Legion Post 8 Membership Drive Breakfast—8 a.m. 621 E. North St.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
James E. Wynn, 35, 1823 N. Illinois; Jennie E. Wynn, 35, 1823 N. Illinois; James E. Wynn, 35, 1823 N. Illinois; Jennie E. Wynn, 35, 1823 N. Illinois.

BIRTHS
At St. Francis—Val, Martha Presti; Richard, Evelyn Miller; Richard, Evelyn Miller; Richard, Evelyn Miller.

Burglars Stock Up
At Rummage Sale

Burglars rummaged through the stock of a rummage sale last night and departed with 80 shirts, 12 overcoats and a stock of children's clothing, police were told today.

The clothing was owned by Mildred Roehl, 1027 Brunswick St., who was conducting a rummage sale in 801 S. Capitol Ave.

Ingrid to Charge Husband Made Her Work Too Hard

Lindstrom Silent On Divorce Fight

By ROBERT ZIMMERMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
JUAZUE, Mexico, Jan. 28 — Ingrid Bergman, suing for a Mexican divorce so she can marry her Italian sweetheart, will charge that her husband made her work too hard, Attorney William A. Cooke said today.

Mr. Cooke, an El Paso, Tex., lawyer who filed the actress' suit here, said Miss Bergman would charge her husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, with cruelty.

The petition charges, in part, that Dr. Lindstrom "forced her to make pictures when she didn't want to."

"Got No Rest"
"As a result," Mr. Cooke said, "she was working all the time and got no rest."

If Dr. Lindstrom does not contest the suit, Miss Bergman could shed him in time to marry Italian film director Roberto Rossellini on Valentine's Day.

Dr. Lindstrom was in Hollywood and wouldn't say whether he planned to come here to fight the divorce. He once flew to Rome in an attempt to break up Miss Bergman's romance with Mr. Rossellini and lure her back to himself.

Mr. Cooke said Miss Bergman's suit alleges that she never saw \$175,000 which her husband, acting as her business manager, reportedly received for her work in the picture "Stormbolt."

It was while making the picture on the romantic Isle of the same name, that Miss Bergman fell in love with Mr. Rossellini.

Divorce Notice Published
Notice of the film queen's divorce action was published officially today in the Chihuahua state bulletin.

Under Chihuahua state law, neither of the principals in a divorce needs to come to Mexico. Either can remain immediately after the decree is granted.

Mr. Cooke said he expected the decree between Feb. 15 and Feb. 20. The grounds were those routinely listed in Hollywood courts—incompatibility, non-support and cruelty.

Miss Bergman signed the divorce application in Rome before attorneys could work out a settlement for custody of the Lindstroms' 11-year-old daughter, Pia, or division of the couple's property and wealth.

1 Dead, 5 Hurt
In Chicago Blaze

Near North Side
Apartment Burns

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (UP)—A 36-year-old woman died and at least five other persons were injured today in an apartment house fire on Chicago's near north side.

The building was only a few doors from the garage where Al Capone's gangsters made a line-gunned seven other mobsters against a wall in the famous "St. Valentine's Day massacre" in 1929.

The dead woman, Mrs. Helen Ford, was found unconscious in her second-floor bedroom alongside a fireman removed them to a nearby hotel lobby where they revived the daughter, Mrs. Ford died.

Officials at Children's Memorial Hospital said Sandra Lee was blinded by the smoke. They said her blindness might only be temporary.

Police seized John Hjertberg, 44, and his wife, Katherine, 39, for questioning concerning the origin of the fire but both were intoxicated and incoherent, police said, and were locked up for the night.

Burglars Slugged,
Robbed by Passenger

Carl Clouse, 24, of 2830 Burton Ave., was released from Methodist Hospital after treatment for injuries inflicted by a passenger in his cab early today.

Mr. Clouse said his passenger slugged him with a tire tool without warning and robbed him of \$2 and a leather jacket. After a brief struggle with Mr. Clouse, the assailant fled, police were told.

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GOP Charges Truman Effort To Hide Facts

Refusal to Discuss Hiss Conviction With Press Draws Fire

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—President Truman was assailed today as a stubborn man determined to suppress the facts of Communist spying by United States government officials.

His Republican critics centered new fire on the President's refusal to discuss Alger Hiss or red herings.

The GOP believes Mr. Truman's refusal to discuss Hiss or red herings can be built into a big campaign issue.

Here is the way it went at Mr. Truman's news conference late yesterday:

Q.—Mr. President, regardless of the outcome in the upper courts, will you turn your back on Alger Hiss?

A.—No comment.

No Point in Questions
A reporter barged in with a question about excise taxes. After a bit of back and forth the conference got back to Hiss.

Q.—Mr. President, no point in asking other Alger Hiss questions?

A.—Mr. Truman replied that there was no point in asking any more Alger Hiss questions. He said they were not asked with good intent and that he did not intend to answer them.

Q.—Mr. President, how about a red herring question?

A.—Mr. Truman said there would be no questions on that here.

No Comment on Acheson
Q.—Mr. President, do you approve of the statement of Secretary Acheson?

A.—There was no comment.

Mr. Acheson said he would not turn his back on Alger Hiss although his friend had been convicted of lying and by implication of spying for the Soviet Union while he was a high state department official.

Rep. Harold H. Velde (R. Ill.) said the President's refusal to discuss the 1948 "red herring" statements about Hiss was "the attitude of a stubborn man who is still attempting to withhold information on an espionage plot in his branch of government from the people and the courts of the land."

Wants Hiss Records
He said he will ask the House Un-American Activities Committee, of which he is a member, to demand that Mr. Truman release the loyalty records of Hiss.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R. S. D.) said: "I believe the President would have been better off today if he had followed that (no comment) formula of silence at the time Hiss was first brought into the picture."

Sen. Joseph E. McCarthy (R. Mo.) said: "I am not surprised that the President would rather not discuss his previous all-out efforts to hamstring the House Un-American Activities Committee which was trying to expose Communists in the State Department. If only he has learned a lesson and would now clean house in the State Department, it would be easier to forget his past mistakes in that regard."

Mr. Roosevelt
Doubts Hiss Guilt

AMES, Ia., Jan. 28 (UP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt indicated last night that she is not convinced of Alger Hiss' guilt and said his perjury trial "troubled me a very great deal."

She intimated at a news conference that she had misgivings about the case, particularly the weight to be given to testimony by the former State Department official's accuser, Whittaker Chambers.

The Hiss case was discussed twice during the news conference preceding a speech she made in connection with the Women's Day program at Iowa State College.

"You see of course that I was not a member of the jury and I cannot judge the legal phases of the case," she said.

"But it seems rather horrible to condemn someone on the testimony of another person who by his own admission is a perjurer and a former Communist," she said.

"If a person had been disloyal and feared exposure, the only way for him to get scot free would be to confess the crime and then accuse someone else of the same things."

Evansville Firm Buys
5 Finance Companies

NEW CASTLE, Jan. 28 (UP)—The Interstate Finance Corp. of Evansville announced today the purchase of five eastern Indiana finance firms.

The corporation, which operates 54 offices in four states, bought the American Security Co., New Castle; the National Finance Co., New Castle; the American Security Co., Greenfield; the City Finance Co., Richmond; and the Neighborhood Finance Co., Gas City.

The American Security Co. of New Castle is a 31-year-old firm with resources of \$2,250,000.

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Roadside Surgery With Pen-Knife Fails, Child Dies

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 28 (UP)—Dr. William A. Tanner attempted to save a 3-year-old girl's life by performing a roadside operation with his pen knife but failed.

Dr. Tanner rushed to the bedside of Ave Marie Door last night when the child's cold suddenly became serious.

He placed the little girl in his car and started for the hospital.

MIDWAY there he noticed she stopped breathing.

He pulled into a filling station and whisked the child inside. He placed her on a desk then took out his pen knife and made an incision in her throat to remove an obstruction in the larynx.

A police ambulance crew arrived and attempted to revive the child but also failed.

Board to Hear
Stephenson Plea

Klan Leader's Parole
Bid Set for Feb. 9-10

The parole appeal of former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon D. C. Stephenson will be considered by the State Clemency Commission next month.

It was confirmed today that the commission will consider Stephenson's petition for parole at the two-day meeting Feb. 9 and 10.

It will mark the first time since his conviction 25 years ago for the murder of Miss Madge Oberholzer that the former power in Indiana politics has won a hearing before the commission.

His last petition was refused consideration on the grounds that Stephenson had other actions pending in court at that time. Under Clemency Commission rules, no case can be considered while the applicant is seeking recourse in the courts.

Court Denies Writ
When legal barrier was removed this Judge Luther Swygert denied a writ of habeas corpus which Stephenson had filed in the Northern Indiana district federal court.

In his latest petition for parole which he filed with the Clemency Commission Oct. 31, Stephenson charged a "24-year conspiracy to keep me illegally imprisoned."

He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1925 on a second degree murder charge growing out of the death of Miss Oberholzer, a Statehouse employee. Her dying statement charged she had been kidnapped, drugged and assaulted, that she had attempted suicide because of humiliation and medical attention had been denied.

2 Loitering Youths,
Girl Arrested

Police Take Pistol
From Teen-Age Boy

A 20-year-old youth and a teenage boy and girl were arrested early today as they loitered near a restaurant in the 100 block N. Alabama St. The teen-aged boy was armed with a pistol, police said.

The older member of the trio was charged with pre-burglary after his capture by a cruising squad car. His companions were placed in custody of Juvenile Aid authorities.

Patrolman Earl Aulspach said the youths fled as the squad car approached the restaurant. Officers captured them after a short chase. The girl was found lying on the floor of a car nearby. The engine was running. All three had home-made masks.

When asked why he failed to use the gun he carried, the teenager said he was afraid he might miss.

"The gun hasn't been working so good lately," police quoted him.

Eden Seminary Choir
To Give Concert

The World Church Forum of the Indianapolis Evangelical and Reformed Churches will present the Eden Seminary Motet Choir under the direction of Waldemar Hillie in a concert tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. in the Zion Church.

Preceding the concert, members of the E. and R. churches of the city will meet for supper. The Rev. Gurubachan Singh, native pastor from India, will speak. Dr. F. R. Daries is Zion Church pastor.

Mr. Hillie is known for his interest in American folk songs and his original compositions setting to music the words of Langston Hughes, Walt Whitman, Carl Sandburg and other poets of the United States.

Radio Reception Fair
By Science Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—Fair listening conditions for short wave radio have returned, after the brief two-day storm earlier this week, forecasters at the National Bureau of Standards said here today morning. The official prospect for reception by short wave is fair today and tomorrow, improving to good for Monday and Tuesday.

Some 120,000 workers were held by the nationwide strike that started Wednesday morning when 89,000 employees left their jobs.

The union official said it was "very unlikely" that the UAW would end the crippling walkout until grievance procedure and union security were improved.

The strike originally was called over a difference of opinion concerning the method Chrysler chose to pay proposed \$100 monthly pensions to aged workers.

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Steps Taken To Curb Smoke Nuisance Here

Local Apartments, Auto Wrecking Yards Warned

Two recommendations were in operation today to curb flagrant emission of smoke from local apartments and automobile wrecking yards.

Auto parts salvage dealers were preparing to burn dismantled cars in a wire enclosure to curb excessive smoke, the city Air Pollution Prevention Bureau said today.

The fires were to be supervised by Bureau inspectors, Bureau Chief J. G. Mingle said.

Mr. Mingle also reported smokeless anthracite is now available in limited quantities for firing apartment water heaters.

Coke Available
Despite the coal shortage, anthracite briquet and coke are also obtainable for apartment heating units, he said.

The Bureau reported users of hand-fired water heaters among apartment dwellers are among the worst smoke offenders.

A crackdown on apartment users of high volatile coal was threatened as soon as these special smokeless fuels are uniformly available, the Bureau warned.

The auto parts burning recommendation resulted from a conference yesterday with Chief Ralph Fender of the Fire Prevention Bureau and representatives of five junk dealers who dismantle autos.

Warn Junk Dealers
Mr. Mingle warned the dealers they were violating the Fire Code when cars were burned for salvage in a wrecking yard. Chief Fender also told the representatives he would not issue permits for open bonfires in any junk or wrecking yard here unless violators complied with the Bureau's smoke prevention recommendations.

Representatives of Washington Auto Parts Co., J. Kasle & Sons Co., Dorman Bros., Hart Junk Yard and Sacks Auto Parts Co. attended the parley.

Police Arrest 26
In Gaming Raids

Police vice squads early today arrested 18 men on charges of visiting a gaming house in a raid on a room in the rear of 440 Indiana Ave.

In two other sorties last night and early today, Wilson Apple, 33, of 3707 E. 10th St., was charged with keeping a gaming house at a cigar store at 1113 E. 10th St. Seven persons were arrested there and charged with visiting a gaming house. Police confiscated \$11 and several chairs.

At 538 N. Holmes Ave., the Lugal Athletic Club, Andrew Risko, 32, of 3008 W. 10th St., was arrested and charged with keeping a gaming house.

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