

'Buried' in Africa—

Angus Ward, Expert On Communism, Gets Remote Envoy Post

Sent to Nairobi Where There's as Big a Red Problem as There Is in a Boston Bank

By ANDREW TULLY, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Communist expert Angus Ward, whose imprisonment last year by the Chinese Communist Government became a cause célèbre, has been assigned by the State Department as Consul General in Nairobi, Africa—which has about as much of a Communist problem as the First National Bank of Boston.

Although Mr. Ward's appointment was made more than a month ago, no announcements were made until a reporter queried the department today.

Mr. Ward himself—although he will sail for his new post Nov. 3—has received no official notification of what his job will be.

"For all I know," he said today, "I might be going as first chauffeur or telephone operator. I haven't received a single paper concerning the assignment."

'They're Understood'

Officials of the Near East, South Asia and African Bureau, said, however, that "those things are understood." They pointed out that as a Class One service officer, Mr. Ward naturally would get the highest post in any office to which he was assigned.

The officials added that the job was "the top post" in the British colony of Kenya, on the East Coast of Africa. It then developed, however, there is only one other consulate in Kenya colony—in Mombasa.

Nairobi is a city of 120,000 on a high plateau in the south central part of Kenya. State Department spokesmen were vague about its strategic importance, but finally described it as an area where bases might be established in the event that Europe was overrun by Communist forces, and as a source of such raw materials as sisal, a fiber for rope manufacture. It also is regarded as Great Britain's second line of defense—after the Mediterranean—in that area of the world, and as a storage center for raw materials.

Biggest problem in Kenya, officials said, is a racial one, since the population includes whites, Negroes and Indians. The African Negroes, it was said, detest the Indians, and the whites detest both the Negroes and Indians.

In Nairobi, Mr. Ward's staff will comprise a vice consul and two clerks. It will be his first trip to that area of the world, although he has "stepped off" in Africa on various occasions while passing through.

Communism Expert

Mr. Ward, however, has done much more than "pass through" the world's Communist trouble spots. He has been either in or near the borders of the Soviet Union since 1925, when he started his foreign service as vice consul in Mukden—the same city where he was imprisoned by the Chinese Reds 24 years later. Then he spent eight years in Tientsin, China, before moving on in 1934 to his first important assignment as a secretary at our embassy in Moscow. He also was consul general in Vladivostok and counselor of the embassy at Tehran, Iran, before being transferred to Mukden in 1946.

Interviewed in the presence of two officials of the Near East, South Asia and African Bureau, Mr. Ward declined to answer when asked if he would have liked to go back to Moscow. But he pointed out he had "studied communism for the past 25 years," and added "I would certainly be glad to go back to any Communist country."

Moscow, he said rather wistfully, was "the most interesting assignment I ever had."

Mr. Ward, who returned to the United States last Jan. 3, spent some time in the hospital, then took 100 days leave before reporting back to the State Department for consultations and assignments last July.

Plans Chicago Trip

Lawrence V. Sheridan, Bremwood, plans to attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 11-13. Mr. Sheridan is chairman of the Executive Committee of the City Planning Division of that group and will preside at a session of that division.

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Garbage Strikers Talk With Hutson

Rule Employees' Benefits Retained

State Labor Commissioner Thomas R. Hutson met today with officials of the striking City Sanitation Department union.

The state entered the strike as mediator yesterday during a meeting with Mayor Feeney.

Mr. Hutson said both sides of the dispute must be heard and studied before recommendations can be made.

Meanwhile, Ross Teckmeyer, executive secretary of Public Employees Retirement Fund of Indiana, ruled that interrupted municipal service does not cancel employees' benefits.

Union members, fearing loss of benefits if they returned to their jobs, have made the retirement benefits point a major in refusing to file applications for reinstatement.

Other demands made by the

union are a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase and discharge of two Sanitation Department officials.

The union has appointed Vance Wood, Willie Kelley and Carl Henry to represent the employees in a negotiation session with the Sanitation Board. All are officers of Local 889, State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFL.

Order Chiropractor To Cease Practice

An Indianapolis chiropractor was ordered today to cease his practice in Indiana.

J. Warren Schalk, 601 Odd Fellows building, was placed under temporary injunction in Superior Court 5, by Judge Ralph Hamill.

Deputy attorney general Thomas L. Webber, said the Indianapolis action was one of three injunctions issued in Indiana. Similar action was taken against E. G. Caley, Peru, and E. C. Larsen, Kokomo, Mr. Webber said.

Judge Hamill said the evidence indicated Schalk had been practicing without a license. The action was requested by the Board of Indiana Medical Registration and Examination.

Highway Wreck Kills 2 Hoosiers

Indianapolis Man One of Victims

Times State Service

BLOOMINGTON, Oct. 5 (UPI)—Residents said today this town's Indians men, one from Indianapolis, were fatally injured this morning when their car rolled over an embankment on Ind. 37, seven miles south of here.

The dead: Robert Koster, 32, of 5014 Central Ave.

Neil Hill, 44, Bedford.

Mr. Koster was killed in the crash and Mr. Hill, a passenger in Mr. Koster's car, died before noon in a Bloomington hospital.

Mr. Koster formerly was associated, in the firm of Oval & Koster, lithographers.

Roselyn Lee Lawson, 516 N. Denny St., a passenger in the car, is in good condition in Bloomington Hospital.

Mr. Koster was graduated from Shortridge High School and attended Wabash College. He served

in the Cyclone Division five years in World War II. Four of the years were spent in the South Pacific.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. A. H. Koster, and two brothers, Richard and John.

Towns Sidewalks Paved With Gold

LILLOOET, B. C., Oct. 5 (UPI)

Residents said today this town's sidewalks were paved with gold.

Gravel for the pavements was being hauled from nearby Cayoosh Creek which yielded \$2 million worth of gold 50 years ago.

Town officials said it still is possible for men to pan \$2 worth daily.

OES Chapter to Meet

The Irvington OES Chapter 364

and Englewood OES Chapter 483

will hold a joint meeting at 8 p. m.

Monday in the Masonic Temple, 5515 E. Washington St. The two

groups will be inspected by Mrs. Bernice Hudson, worthy grand matron.

The Irvington OES Chapter 364

will hold a stated meeting at 8 p. m. Oct. 16 in the Irvington Masonic Temple.

Rev. Daniel Linehan, S. J., di-

Quake Recorded Near Panama

Shock Believed in Costa Rica

BERKELEY, Cal., Oct. 5 (UPI)

The University of California seismograph recorded an earth

quake of "definitely major proportions" 3100 miles southeast of here today, probably north of Panama in Costa Rica.

PASADENA, Cal., Oct. 5 (UPI)

A "major" earthquake, 2700 miles southeast of here and probably centered in Central America off the coast, was recorded today on seismographs of the California Institute of Technology.

WESTON, Mass., Oct. 5 (UPI)

An "extra strong" earthquake, apparently centered in the vicinity of Costa Rica, was recorded at 10:16 a. m., Indianapolis time, today by the Boston College Observatory.

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rector of the observatory, said

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the earthquake was of scale, eight—the maximum being eight and a half.

It is perhaps the strongest earthquake we have had down there in the last 10 years or so," he said.

Faces 50-Year Term in Fatal Knifing

CHICKASHA, Okla., Oct. 5 (UPI)

A young beer salesman who once was cleared of killing a Catholic priest in a California hotel room today faced a 50-year sentence for fatally knifing a jobless Chickashaw man.

Winfred Garvin, 24, was found guilty yesterday of first degree manslaughter in the death of Thomas L. Corsbie last April 25. Garvin was accused of stabbing Corsbie to death after they had stepped into an alley "to settle their differences" in a quarrel.

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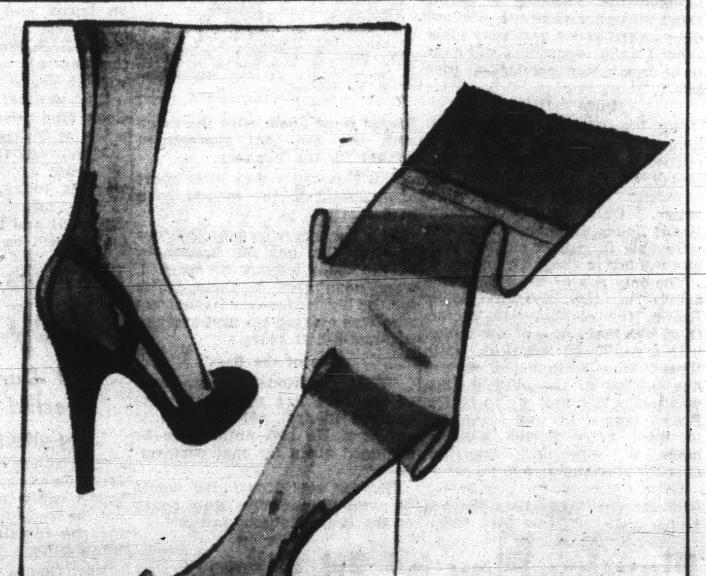
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