

Doukhobors In Turmoil as Chief Gets Jail Term for Topsy Antics

Few Dull Moments for Canada's Sect Whose Members Shuck Off Clothes at Slightest Provocation

By NEA Service
VICTORIA, B. C., June 29 — The Doukhobors are in hot water again. The turbulent sect of some 20,000 Russian-religious zealots which has amused, horrified and diverted western Canada for many years faces its most serious threat since its leader, Peter Veregin, escaped deportation by a hair's breadth in 1934.

This time Veregin faces a three-month sentence for "drunkenly abusing passengers on the Kimer, highway" and the sentence has been confirmed by County Court Judge W. A. Nisbett.



Clothes and Propriety
Western Canada's annoyance with the picturesque sect whose practice it is to shuck off all clothing whenever they wish to make a protest was well expressed by Judge Nisbett, who said in passing sentence:

"It is pretty hard for me to understand how a man with your record and admitted mode of life can continue to retain the respect and belief of the members of the sect which goes under the name of the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood."

There is never a dull moment among the Doukhobors, and hasn't been since their founding 200 years ago in Czarist Russia as the "Spirit Wrestlers." They were so turbulent that even the Russians drove them out. Led by Peter Veregin, they came to Canada, and were provided with lands and exempted from military service on promise to obey the ordinary laws of the country.

A New "Ruler"

However, even in Canada they were continually in squabbles with the government when their schools were continually burned, and joining railroad property damaged. The disorders culminated when someone blew old Peter Veregin to his reward with a bomb as he was riding on one of the hated railway trains.

The present "ruler" of the Doukhobors is his nephew, also Peter Veregin. He came over from Russia when the Doukhobors were of the untimely end of Veregin the first.

But under Peter the second, disorder and trouble continued. Doukhobor women continued to shuck off their voluminous clothes every time the sect came in conflict with the secular arm, and the bushes that spread over the cheeks of provincial constables in coping with these conflicts would have painted all the Doukhobors' faces.

Doukhobor women crowd about the courthouse at Nelson, B. C., in protest against the arrest of their leader, Veregin. They threatened to repeat the usual tactics of shedding their clothing right in the public streets, but this time refrained, under police persuasion.

After several brushes with the Doukhobors, even the provincial police became convinced that they were splendid farmers, for the way in which their broad acres were cultivated left little room for criticism. But their ways with the routine of British law were deplorable. They understood no law but their own, or, as the British looked at it, too frequently, the horror and righteous revulsion.

There are communal difficulties, foreclosing proceedings imminent, the possibility of the split-up of communal properties into individual ownership. All these things could be the eventual split-up of the strange communal colony that has taken root on the North American continent.

The sentence of Peter Veregin for "drunkenly abusing passengers on the King's highway" may be the beginning of the end for Canada's picturesque Doukhobors.

Make it in linen or crepe—anything cool and not too crushable. Perhaps you can make it yourself. It would be particularly smart if different colors, red and blue, and brown and yellow, red and blue, or a striped coat with a plain skirt.

Over this goes a travelling coat (good for tennis, too) finger-tip with a gay, swinging line. You could make this in camel-hair, or buy it ready-made if your dressmaking skill doesn't extend to coats.

You'll need a sports frock of some kind. A white one on which you can wear bright colored scarves, or a dark one with a sports shirt for tennis, a swim suit and a pretty cotton evening gown in case you go dancing.

PERIOD PIECES OFTEN SEEN IN DINING ROOMS
Dining rooms, furnished in definite period styles, such as Chippendale, Sheraton, Heppelwhite and English Regency, are being featured in the decorative treatments of some of today's finest dining rooms. At one time, the informal dining room trended to replace the more elegant, and even in more modest homes the dining room is given a place of importance.

Early English oak furniture is also suitable for the dining room. When the table is oak, there is almost invariably an oak Welsh dresser accompanying it. The Welsh dresser strikes an interesting note, because its shelves can be used to display fine old plates, pewter bowls and mugs, exquisitely wrought glass and even old-fashioned horn cups. The display gives life to the room, and provides rich contrast to the mellow tone of the oak.

While the dining room is used for only short periods each day, its wall treatment is nevertheless most important. A pleasing setting must be provided for the diners. There are many modern wallpaper designs that are most attractive in the dining room, but one authority suggests that it is best to choose a design with a recessed quality, which will contrast artistically with the costumes of the diners.

THE WEEK-END'S WARD-ROBE WORRIES
If only that sun can be persuaded to keep on shining, we'll all be wanting to rush off for week-end visits to our friends who live in the country.

"Don't bother about clothes," your hostess always tells you, and then you arrive and find the largest and smartest of tennis tournaments in progress, or a very grand dance at the local country club.

Take no chances, wise girl. Pop into the suitcase the right clothes so you'll be prepared for anything. To travel in, you'll need a suit.

27 KILLED IN MINE BLAST IN ENGLAND

Hope Abandoned For 18 Miners Still Trapped In Flaming Brymo Chesterton Pit.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, England, July 4—An official death list of 27 was announced tonight in the coal-mining disaster near here as hope was totally abandoned for 18 men still trapped in the Brymo Chesterton pit.

Four bodies were brought to the surface and five rescued men died in hospital from injuries received when explosions roared through the mine where about 200 men were working.

The interior of the mine was burning brightly. Arrangements were made to flood it as the flames gained ground.

An official statement said a rescue team inspected the area and found the fire coming with serious danger from fire damp. It expressed the opinion there was no hope that any of those still underground were alive.

Almost the whole population of the small mining village of Chesterton gathered at the pithead while rescue work proceeded. The first explosion occurred at a point three quarters of a mile from the pit shaft.

William Jones, a miner, said two men, Arthur Stanton and William Hastings, were trapped by flames when the fire warning sounded. He and others strove to release them.

"Then came the explosion," he said. "We had to race for safety. A second explosion followed almost immediately and we all were nearly choked with dust. We hardly knew what was happening but we managed to get out and choked though we were to get through to the bottom of the shaft and to safety."

Prominent among the death list were John Cocks, joint manager-director of the Shelton Iron and Steel Company, Stoke-On-Trent; H. Finney, senior inspector of mines; H. Bloor, sub-inspector of mines and H. L. Adkins, under-manager of the colliery. In addition to those who escaped, 13 men were carried from the mine, a statement said. Five of these later died.

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Canadian Led Madrid Fight But Vanished

(By Edwin Johnson)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, July 4—Whatever the ultimate fate of Madrid the "miracle" resistance of its defenders in the critical days of 1936-37 was ascribed largely to the skillful tactics and organization of a Canadian soldier of fortune.

The man is General Emilio Kiebler, an Austrian by birth, but educated in Toronto where he became a British subject and joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the Great War.

General Kiebler, as commander of the international column in Madrid in the most fearful days of the Spanish civil war, was hailed as the saviour of Madrid, and his name spread in the headlines of the European press as a mysterious military genius.

But strangely, without explanation, his star appears to have faded. Reports have been circulated from time to time that he had been killed in action. These have been as readily denied. Others say he had gone into retirement following disagreement with the Spanish government leaders. Again, that he is quietly directing the operations is generalissimo-in-chief, but like another Briton of mystery—Lawrence of Arabia—eschewing the limelight.

An interesting insight into the military activities of the Canadian adventurer is given by Geoffrey Cox, London newspaperman, in his recent book, "Defence of Madrid."

Cox was serving as correspondent for The News Chronicle during the height of the Madrid campaign and came to know Kiebler intimately.

"Kiebler," he says, "is more than just a general. He is not only a skilful tactician and military man, but that very different thing, a trained leader of rough, revolutionary armies. He has been a revolutionary since 1914. The Spanish civil war is the third in which he has fought, and the third in which he had the experience of building up an army out of undisciplined masses, without officers and often without training."

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Coast Conference Attracts Eminent Women of Pacific

VANCOUVER, July 4—(CP)—Never before in Canada has there been gathered together such a galaxy of women experts as will attend the fourth triennial conference of the Pan Pacific Women's Association, which opens in Vancouver July 12 and continues for 10 days.

In this group of more than 100 women educationists, physicians, lawyers, justices of the peace, authors and journalists, will be brown and white women from the member countries bordering the Pacific ocean. Some delegates will have travelled distances equal to more than halfway round the world.

Mrs. Elaine Gamblett, a clever Japanese woman and wife of a British professor at Tokyo, is international president and will preside over the general meetings. Dr. Georgia Sweet of Melbourne, Australia, immediate past international president, is now in Vancouver, having arrived six weeks ahead of the conference to assist with the program.

The Canadian section is bringing to Vancouver from London, Eng., Miss Kathleen D. Courtney, one of the founders of the women's international league, and Mrs. M. J. Bennett, secretary of the British Women's Peace Crusade and member of the national executive of the British League of National Union. She is an eloquent speaker and her addresses will be features of several meetings, including the official opening dinner July 12.

It is expected Miss Bertha Lutz of Rio de Janeiro, a federal deputy and first woman member of the Brazilian congress, will be present. Mrs. Lutz was a member of the constitution and had women's suffrage written into it. Among 17 delegates from Australia will be Mrs. Preston Stanley Vaughan of Sydney, a member of parliament, three just. Australia's most important women's clubs. The New Zealand group of six will include Mrs. Victoria Amohia Bennett of Auckland, whose grandmother was a full-blooded Maori.

Dr. K. F. Li of Honolulu, who has a record of delivering more than 5,000 babies since settling there in 1898; Miss Ruth Yap, professor of mathematics at Hawaiian University and Mrs. Won Soon Leo, a specialist in work with adult blind.

In a series of 12-day round table conferences, delegates will study the Pacific peoples. "Practical ways and means of promoting peace among the women of the Pacific countries" is the theme of the conference with emphasis on the ways and means from the standpoint of evolutionary. Instead of revolutionary methods. It is not a convention of theoretical pacifists but a gathering to initiate and promote co-operation among the women of the Pacific region for study and betterment of social conditions and to strengthen the bond of peace by promoting better understanding and friendship. These are

1-2 teaspoonful salt. This may be omitted if butter was used. Add 1 cupful milk. 2 cupfuls cake flour sifted twice with 1 level teaspoonful baking powder. Beat till smooth and creamy and pour into two cake pans which have been well greased. Bake till done, using a fairly hot oven (40). This will take about 25 to 30 minutes. Turn onto a cake plate and spread jam over the first layer. Put on the second layer and sprinkle the top thickly with confectioner's sugar.

The Purpose of Grit

Although grit has no food value in the poultry ration, careful tests have shown that it cuts the volume of feed required for making economical gains when fed with field peas and with some mash. The reason is simple. The gizzard serves as a "grinding" mill, so that the chicken can utilize carbohydrates, proteins, and especially fats. The insoluble grit in the gizzard merely helps the grinding process.

The value of grit was more apparent in the experiments when field peas were fed. This pointed to the need of grit when coarse and granular feeds make up a large part of the ration. Field peas alone did not constitute a complete diet for birds in confinement, although digestibility was sufficient to justify the use of legume in poultry feeds. Although having a generally low protein digestibility than corn, field peas contain approximately 80 per cent more digestible protein per pound.

HASTY PUDDING

When unexpected guests come for tea, this is a delicious dessert to fix in a hurry. Cream together 1-2 cupful fat (cooking oil or butter), 1 cupful sugar, sifted, 1 egg (yellow and white beaten together), 1 teaspoonful vanilla flavoring.

Rev. Dr. Baird Resigns Charge

VACATES PULPIT OF PICTOU TOW CHURCH
PICTOU, July 1—The resignation of Rev. Frank Baird, D.D., as pastor of First Presbyterian Church was announced on Sunday.

Dr. Baird has been in the pulpit of the Pictou Presbyterian Church since 1914. He has been a revolutionary since 1914. The Spanish civil war is the third in which he has fought, and the third in which he had the experience of building up an army out of undisciplined masses, without officers and often without training."

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BRINGING UP FATHER

IT'S JUST AWFUL THE WAY MOTHER CARRIES ON ABOUT 'PIE' BEING THE BEST OF FIND HER—MOTHER WILL NEVER GET OVER IT—

SHE HASN'T EATEN A BITE IN TWO DAYS—SHE'S GITTIN' WEARY FROM IT—

I WONDER IF I WOULD BE MISSED LIKE THIS—I'D BE AWAY FOR TWO DAYS—

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