



TRAINS IN GERMANY

Mr. Jim Keefe of Charlottetown, P. E. I., loads a Sten gun magazine prior to firing on the range during a week of intensive training at Putlos, Germany, a former training area for the German Panzer Corps near the Baltic Sea. Mr. Keefe is a member of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, presently serving in Germany with the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade. (National Defence Photo).

Battle Against Drug Traffic Advanced Step By Canadians

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (Reuters)—The battle against illicit drug traffic has been carried a step further by Canadian improvements in scientific methods for determining the origin of opium supplies, a United Nations report showed Monday.

Using an improved process by which it is possible to state the origin of opium for the composition of the ash, Canadian government scientists have a "score-sheet" which showed correct answers in 95 per cent of cases.

Dr. Charles Farmilo, chief of the organic chemistry section of the food and drug division in Ottawa, said it can be confidently expected that in the light of increasing knowledge the percentage of error will decline toward the vanishing point.

Mrs. P. M. Oestreicher, who worked with Dr. Farmilo on the project, said she believed that the percentage of accuracy would be even higher than 95 per cent in the future.

STUDIED BY EXPERTS

The report has been prepared for the UN commission on narcotic drugs which in 1954 asked experts to study the question of determining the origin of opium.

Dr. Farmilo said the food and drug laboratory in Ottawa is so convinced of the validity and certainty of its opium origin determinations that it is prepared to undertake the training of scientists to carry out the process in countries where the opium problem was most acute.

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Dr. Lyndon F. Small, of the United States public health service laboratory, Bethesda, Md., said: "The application of spectral analysis together with several criteria developed by the secretariat (of the commission on narcotic drugs) makes an erroneous identification almost impossible except in the case of gross adulteration, which can be readily recognized," he wrote.

"The combination of these methods into a workable procedure seems to have been chiefly in the department of national health and welfare at Ottawa," he wrote.

Dr. Small said that reliable and practical scientific methods had been developed and that the complete solution to the origin of opium is "no longer primarily a scientific problem, but rather, political and diplomatic in nature."

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TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

Some 65,000 mink were offered at Hudson's Bay Co.'s general auction of raw furs held in Montreal last week. Standard ranch farming, but they did not do too well. Vicissitudes of present fur trade trends have made this color more or less the foster child in the variegated mink family. Action was only aimed among fine merchandise, both male and female, while owners' lots in some cases created less interest or none at all. Mutations, on the other hand, did well, with sapphires, silverblues and pastels selling at firm prices compared to the previous sale. Attendance was good, with the majority of purchasers going to the N.Y. York market. The company reported on the day's selling as follows:

"Standards drew good interest in fine merchandise and all females; pastels, 62 per cent sold, unchanged; sapphires, 64 per cent sold, firm, and silverblues, 80 per cent sold, firm." Top in pastel (10,281 skins) was \$37 for regular males, while stewarts ranged between \$22-\$35-50. Highest in females was \$20 for Stewart. Among the 3,318 sapphires offered, regular males likewise led with a top quotation of \$45. Breath-of-spring were \$41-44 and Stewart, \$39-50-\$39-50. Breath-of-spring females were \$26, regular, \$15-25-\$24; and stewarts, \$19-25-\$23-50.

Top in silverblues (6,731 skins) was \$35 for Stewart males; while among females, breath-of-spring, and Stewart types shared the ceiling price of \$18-75. Ranges here were: Breath-of-spring males, \$16-75-\$32-50; Stewart, \$21-\$35; and regular, \$15-25-\$30. Regular females were between \$12-75-\$16-75. Top in standard ranch was \$30-50 for extra dk. and dk males and \$16-25 for females.

His success with foxes inspired others to attempt experiments of their own. In 1892 Sir Charles Dalton began experimenting with silver foxes, and being fortunate enough to capture a pair of wild ones, the beginning of the silver fox industry was made. His efforts carried on for many years through the high promotion stages until the industry reached around the world. In 1914 Sir Charles sold out his holdings and retired a millionaire. He devoted his time to promoting charitable enterprises, and established the Dalton Sanatorium at a cost of half-a-million dollars as a memorial to his two daughters who died of tuberculosis. Sir Charles was born in Tignish, P.E.I. on June 9th 1850. He was elected a member of the legislative assembly in 1912 and became minister without portfolio in the Prince Edward Island government. He later became Prince Edward Island's Lieutenant Governor and died on Saturday, December 9th, 1933.

The prevention of bladder stones at whelping in mink has become quite a problem in the United States where many ranchers are asking whether they should see ammonium chloride again this year for the prevention of bladder stones at whelping time or if phosphoric acid is preferable. Researchers at the University of Wisconsin are of the opinion that phosphoric acid is better than ammonium chloride. The studies at Madison have shown that phosphoric acid is more effective in preventing stones because it produces a more uniform effect in lowering the PH 7.5-\$32-50; Stewart, \$21-\$35; and regular, \$15-25-\$30. Regular females were between \$12-75-\$16-75. Top in standard ranch was \$30-50 for extra dk. and dk males and \$16-25 for females.

The Wisconsin workers state that phosphoric acid is more palatable than ammonium chloride, has a preservative effect not obtained with the sale and is a natural ingredient in the mink's diet. Phosphates are normal constituents of bone, meat and fish tissue. Ranchers have their choice of the two products and undoubtedly both will be used this season. From a cost standpoint phosphoric acid is cheaper to use than ammonium chloride. Roughly, it costs 3 cents daily per 100 mink for phosphoric acid and 6 cents daily per 100 mink for ammonium chloride. The recommended level of phosphoric acid is 0.8 percent (using the feed grade 75 percent acid). This is 8-10 of a pound (12.0 ounces) for every 100 pounds of meat, fish, by-products and cereal. It is recommended from March 1st to June 15th. In addition to these dates the acid may also be fed during the summer (starting July 15th) and fall months to prevent losses in male kits caused by stones.

Some ranchers may wish to feed the acid during the warm summer months not only with the intention of preventing stones but also to help preserve the feed on the board. While phosphoric acid is a safer ingredient than ammonium chloride for the mink it is a little harder for the rancher to handle. That is, phosphoric acid is very corrosive and must not be splashed on skin or clothing. It is recommended that the correct amount of acid be weighed out in a glass container, mixed with water in a pail and immediately added to the mixer which already contains all of the other ingredients including added water. The mixer is then started and allowed to mix for at least five minutes. The pail

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Birds Can Live To Ripe Age, Travel Far, Check Shows

WASHINGTON (AP)—Birds live as long as 26 years and travel as much as 25,000 miles a year, the fish and wildlife service reported today.

It got its information from a banding program designed to check on migration habits and lifespan.

The service said seven million birds representing more than 600 species have been banded in North America since the program was started more than 50 years ago.

A record of each of the seven million bandings is on file at the service's research laboratory Laurel, Md., including banding co-sponsored by the Canadian wildlife service.

The banding program has become a valuable tool for ornithologists, conservationists and those engaged in the management of waterfowl and other kinds of game birds in the United States and Canada, the service said.

Arctic to the Antarctic. It travels 25,000 miles a year as it follows the sun from north to south and back again. One banded in Maine in 1913 was found dead in Nigeria, Africa, in 1917; another banded in Labrador in July, 1918, was found dead less than four months later in Natal, South Africa; one banded in July, 1948, in New Brunswick was found dead in September of that year in Scotland.

Longevity records include: A purple martin was found dead beneath the bird house in which it was banded 14 years earlier. In Newfoundland a hunter shot a black duck which had been banded 17 years earlier on Cape Cod, Mass.

An Arctic tern was banded on Cape Cod on June 25, 1929; was recaptured in 1936 and again in 1946, and was found dead July 13, 1951, 22 years after the initial marking.

Rainier Turns Down Gifts

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP)—Prince Rainier III is turning down scores of gifts from manufacturers looking for a quick way to tie up their product with his wedding.

A spokesman for the prince said certain manufacturers and businessmen are offering "all sorts of gifts regardless of cost" in an effort to advertise their product in connection with the wedding which takes place April 18. The spokesman added that Rainier is refusing the gifts.

From friends, subjects and numerous well-wishers, however, the prince and his bride will receive hundreds of gifts, many extremely costly.

But officials said the prince has yet to decide what sort of gift Miss Kelly should get from Monaco's national council, municipal council and the native population.

They thought of giving a Rolls Royce automobile but His Serene Highness indicated something more modest would be in order.

A diamond and ruby, or pearl necklace was suggested.

U. S. Communists Can Bail Out Frozen Assets

NEW YORK (AP)—The treasury department Monday agreed to let the Communist party bail out its frozen assets in four cities for \$2,100 in cash.

The party's newspaper, The Daily Worker, was not included in the agreement. It was being discussed separately.

The assets covered are those at the U.S. headquarters in New York and branch Communist centres in

School Unit Break Up Will Likely Be Commission Job

In reply to a question from the Opposition during the past session of the Legislature, regarding the division of School Unit Number one, Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education intimated that a Commission would be set up to decide on boundaries.

In addition to the boundaries, the Commission will have to make a distribution of the \$50,000 which the Government has provided in the Budget for a repayment to the Unit for alleged over-spending during the construction of the schools.

Philadelphia, Detroit and San Francisco.

The treasury department last Tuesday seized party property in four cities in default of \$389,265 allegedly owed in back income taxes.

Also seized was Red property in Los Angeles and Newark, N.J. The Daily Worker was taken over and padlocked under a separate lien for \$46,049 in back taxes.

In nearly all cases, the government found itself with a bandful of battered equipment worth relatively little in resale value. The object of the surprise seizure was to enable the government to sell the assets for back taxes.

The paucity of the party's holdings was emphasized by the trivial settlement reached Monday.

BRING RADAR SUPPLIES

SEPTILES, Que. (CP) — Four Super Constellation aircraft, on charter to the Seaborn-Western Company of New York, have landed here following flights from Britain with supplies for a radar line being constructed in the sub-Arctic. Each plane carried approximately 28,000 pounds of equipment.

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