

Millions Involved In American-Led Shakedown Ring In Philippines

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The U. S. army disclosed Thursday it has uncovered an American-led shakedown ring in the Philippines involving millions of dollars in claims for damage from Second World War operations in the islands.

The investigation has shown, the army said, that at least one and possibly many of the claims were fraudulent.

The army's provost marshal office reported two former American soldiers are being sought by the FBI as leaders of the ring, which preyed on Filipinos.

The two, whose names are being withheld until they are located, are believed to be in the United States, an army spokesman said. The army said the case involves forged army documents, the possible swindling of many Filipinos.

The army got its first clue to the confidence ring last March in a letter purported to have been signed by two American officials in the Philippines. The letter appeared to be on army stationery and was addressed to a Filipino informant who had been paid for more than a million dollars for having supplied food and materials to guerrillas fighting the Japanese.

Subsequently the two fugitive Americans contacted the Filipino and sought money from him on grounds that they could speed payment of the claim. Instead of paying, the Filipino became suspicious and sent the letter to Washington.

Working with Manila police, army investigators were able to identify one of the imposters as an American, honorably discharged in Manila after the war. Later a second man was identified. Like his companion, the second man had taken his discharge in the Philippines.

Red Outpost Already On This Continent

By J. M. Roberts, Jr. Associated Press News Analyst. President Eisenhower says it would be a "terrible thing" if the Communist dictatorship were to establish an outpost on this continent.

Well, it already has. Arms aren't shipped from behind the Iron Curtain unless the Communists know and have confidence in those who receive them.

It is no longer a matter of classifying the Guatemalan situation. It is what the president is going to do about it.

Guatemala turns a deaf ear to all complaints. Denied arms by the United States, she says it is her sovereign right to buy them where she wishes. That is true. It is no wish to sell them to her that is disturbing.

Nicaragua now has definitely put the finger on the Guatemalan government as a Communist "outpost" by breaking diplomatic relations, charging its neighboring officials with being responsible for distribution of Communist literature in Nicaragua.

In British Honduras, Communist leaders are trying desperately to subvert the independence movement which recently won a great election victory.

Communists have been able to stage a country-wide walkout of workers on U.S.-owned plantations in Honduras, and the whole country has been virtually crippled.

There is trouble over kindred issues in Costa Rica. Faced with a similar and even less dangerous situation in British Guiana, Britain moved promptly and with force to put down a Communist movement.

Britain also should be vitally interested in the Central American situation because of British Honduras.

This community of interest of Britain and the United States in Latin-America suggests that some sort of joint action might be possible to scotch the Reds.

The United States, however, apparently intends to try to do something first through the anti-Communist pact adopted recently at the Caracas inter-American conference.

Prevention Of Air Crime To Be Studied

QUEBEC (CP)—Quebec, scene of one of aviation history's most sensational crimes, is to be the seat of an international meeting to organize air crime prevention.

The relations committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police has placed the question of air crime high on the agenda of sessions to be held May 31-June 1 at Quebec Citadel.

The committee will report its findings to the annual meeting of IACP at New Orleans, La., this autumn.

Announcement of the committee meeting was made by Lt. Col. Leon Lambert, chairman of the committee for the past eight years. He will preside at the closed sessions here.

In 1949 Quebec was the scene of the time-bombing of a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane. Twenty-three persons were killed, including the wife of the man who had master-minded the plot so he could marry a pretty waitress.

The man, J. Albert Guay, along with a crippled watchmaker who made the bomb device and the woman who delivered it to the plane were all convicted of murder and hanged.

The 15-man committee will study what means should be employed:

"1. To prevent and correct the commission of crime in relation to air operations or in the air and the use of air transportation to facilitate or to profit by criminal operation;

"2. To define the responsibilities and jurisdiction of police and other law enforcement agencies;

"3. To promote and organize efficient co-operation of all police corps and obtain full support and collaboration of all air organizations and all other international police associations."

Suggestion for study of air crime on an international scale came from Hon. Wilfrid Bovey, member of the Quebec legislative council and honorary counsel of the international relations committee of IACP.

In a letter to Col. Lambert Mr. Bovey said there has been an enormous growth in air transportation in recent years.

"That the existence of this great flow of air traffic could be used by narcotic traffickers and other criminals is obvious," Mr. Bovey said.

"It is also obvious that concerted action by available police forces will be more efficient in crime prevention than sporadic efforts by individual forces," he said.

Mr. Bovey said he had particularly in mind the traffic of narcotics.

"The continued pressure for trade with Red China will in the end result in availability of more transportation to and from that country. China is the world's main source of opium, morphine and heroin."

Scheduled to attend the Quebec meetings are police officials from the Dominican Republic; Miami, Fla.; Formosa; Frankfurt, Germany; Vancouver; Buffalo, N. Y.; Nashua, N. H.; Preston, England; New Orleans, La.; Boston, Mass.; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Lima, Peru, and El Paso, Texas.

Ethiopian Princess Arrives In Ottawa

OTTAWA, (CP)—An Ethiopian princess who has just finished a course in modern languages at Oxford University and now is taking a secretarial course in London arrived here Thursday for a four-day visit to Canada.

She is Her Royal Highness Princess Sebia Desta, the slim, dark-eyed granddaughter of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. The 22-year-old princess is accompanying the Emperor on his visit to the United States and Canada.

The princess, who likes reading, music, the theatre and sports, decided to take the secretarial course because "I think it might be useful in the long run."

So far the princess is finding North America "very interesting."

Preparing For Big Air Force Day



Canada's eighth annual Air Force Day is to be held on Saturday, June 12, and more than two dozen RCAF stations across Canada will open their gates to enable the public to see something at first-hand of their Air Force. Air Force Day this year finds the RCAF nearing the final stages of its current expansion programme. Personnel strength stands at more than 45,000. The air defence system is nearing completion, and overseas a 12-squadron fighting force bearing the RCAF roundel plays a vital part in the NATO defence plans.

Canadian Polio Cases At All-time High Last Year

OTTAWA, (CP)—Cases of poliomyelitis reported last year rose to an all-time high of 8,734. This was 83.7 per cent higher than the 1952 total.

These figures were announced in the bureau of statistics' annual report on notifiable diseases. The report is compiled from notifications received from the provincial health departments.

The 1948-52 average for all polio cases was 2,458 yearly. The 1953 totals for each province, with 1948-52 averages in brackets, were: Newfoundland 233, (—); Prince Edward Island 11, (23); Nova Scotia 31, (57); New Brunswick 88, (40); Quebec 488, (125); Ontario 2,239, (705); Manitoba 2,320 (119); Saskatchewan 1,102 (111); Alberta 1,425, (138); British Columbia 797, (125).

Manitoba led all the other provinces with a case rate of 286.8 per 100,000 population as against the Canadian rate of 59.2. Nova Scotia had the smallest rate, 4.7 cases per 100,000.

By J. R. Williams

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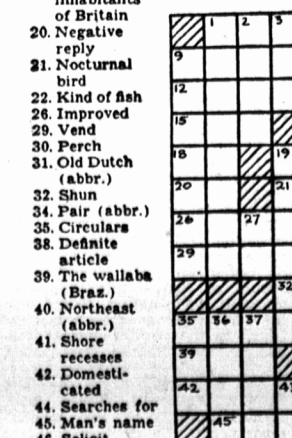
NEW YORK (AP)—Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie turned a tourist Monday and like many other sightseer took in the town's vista from atop the Empire State building. Here on a four-day visit, the emperor's itinerary today included Yankee Stadium for a ball game between the Yankees and Washington Senators, and dinner with John D. Rockefeller III at Tarrytown, N.Y.

ANOTHER SOVIET CLAIM

LONDON (Reuters)—The Russian claimed Monday to have discovered documents showing their explorers were among the first white men to go into darkest Africa. The Soviet news agency Tass said Ivan Babkov in a lecture at the Russian Geographical Society in Leningrad told of documents, unknown until now, revealing Russians visited African tribes as early as 1637.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Hinged part of a table
 - Taxis
 - Exclamation to call attention
 - City (Neb.)
 - Apparent end of Saturn's rings
 - Type measure
 - Daniash weight
 - Letter of the alphabet
 - Rested on the knees
 - Like
 - Early inhabitants of Britain
 - Negative reply
 - Nocturnal bird
 - Kind of fish
 - Improved
 - Vend
 - Perch
 - Old Dutch (abbr.)
 - Shun
 - Pair (abbr.)
 - Circulars
 - Definite article
 - The wallaba (Braz.)
 - Northeast (abbr.)
 - Shor.
 - recesses
 - Domesticated
 - Searches for
 - Man's name
 - Solicit earnestly
- DOWN**
- Lonely
 - Otherwise
 - Wing
 - The Buddha
 - Celestial body
 - Part of "to be"
 - Sphere
 - Foot covering
 - Capital of Cuba (poss.)
 - Sum up
 - Pen.
 - Flightless bird (N. Z.)
 - Property
 - Hornless
 - Guido's lowest note
 - Beginner
 - lecture
 - Ele-vated train
 - Frees
 - Furnishes
 - temporarily
 - Obese
 - Brightly colored fish
 - Tibetan priest
 - Strong taste
 - Prickly envelop of a fruit
 - Half an em
 - Measures (Chin.)



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it!

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

Cryptogram Quotation
ZLYBO, OBPO EPGCV P OLOQC
UBCTC OBCTC LV RN TLYBO-EPRLCQ

Saturday's Cryptogram: TO TALK OF ARCHITECTURE 'S A JOKE. TILL YOU CAN BUILD A CHIMNEY THAT WON'T SMOKE—FLANCHE.

Haile Selassie Expresses Belief United Nations Can Avert War

OTTAWA (CP)—Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, whose empire fell before an invader 18 years ago, Friday expressed a renewal of his belief that the United Nations can avert war.

The slight, bearded emperor of 19,000,000 East Africans, on a good-will tour of Canada that lasts 3 1/2 days, told of his faith in the UN at a press conference here before flying to Montreal on the next leg of his trip.

Selassie, who was restored to his ancient throne in 1941 after Italian conquest of 1935-36, made his feelings clear about the old League of Nations' letdown of Ethiopia in the 1930s and his hope in the UN.

If the UN continues to stand against aggression as it has done in Korea, he said, it is his conviction that world peace will be continued.

TO U. S. MONDAY

The 61-year-old Selassie, a small man whose finely-chiselled features and gentle bearing belie his thundering title of "King of Kings and Conquering Lion of the tribe of Judah," was an overnight visitor in Ottawa in a North American tour which he will resume in the United States Monday.

In the meantime, he visits Montreal—where he arrived late Friday—Quebec City and Windsor, Ont.

In Ottawa, the emperor's main engagement was a trip to the centre block of Parliament, where he saw the opening of Friday's Commons session, toured some of the main spots of the building, gave his press conference and engaged in a television interview.

In between, he squeezed in a roundabout motorcade of Ottawa and Hull, Que., across the Ottawa river from here and planted a commemorative sugar maple sapling in the grounds of Government

House. He was the guest at government house of Governor-General Vincent Massey through his 21-hour stay here.

With him were his son Prince Sahle Selassie, 23, his granddaughter, Princess Sebia Desta, 23, three members of a royal suite.

All came to Parliament Friday and saw Haile Selassie as he entered the diplomatic gallery of the Commons, get a standing, desk-thumping reception from the MPs.

DESCENDANT OF SOLOMON

The emperor, whose ancestral line springs from a meeting some 3,000 years ago between King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, preserved his benign but deadpan countenance until a reporter had brought up the Solomon ancestry in his later press conference.

He was asked if he could, as the direct descendant of the biblical king known as the wisest of all, nominate the wisest man of today.

Selassie's thin lips twitched into a smile and he talked off the cuff to his interpreter, who translated his Amharic this way:

"There are very many wise people in the world today, and it would be rather difficult to choose one because other wise people might object."

The emperor, who visited Parliament dressed in a gray double-breasted suit, sat relaxed in the parliamentary press gallery lounge as he told correspondents of enjoying his visit to Canada. He said he is sure relations between this country and Ethiopia will grow stronger.

POLITE REMINDER

BEDFORD, England (CP)—To stop petty thieving, the vicar of St. Mary's church posted this notice over collecting boxes:

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