

Wall Police In West Berlin Seek To Soften East Guards

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BERLIN (AP)—West Berlin police patrolling the wall dividing this city give Communist border guards cigarettes and chocolate in attempts to soften them up. Still, the Reds shoot.

Since the wall went up Aug. 13, 1961, the 14,000 Communist guards have made use of their weapons 899 times, have killed at least 55 refugees and have tossed 1,898 gas grenades into the western sector of the city.

The 1,750 West Berlin policemen whose beat is along the barricades have shot back 13 times, killed at least two wall guards in exchanges of fire, and have thrown 1,625 gas grenades.

The figures were released Monday by Deputy Mayor Heinrich Albritz of West Berlin, who said that, despite exchanges of fire, he believes "operation kindness" sparked by his police has been at least partially successful.

Albritz, who also is in charge of West Berlin security and police, said far fewer refugees are currently escaping because of stepped-up Red security. Yet more and more of those making it are fleeing without being wounded or shot at.

In exchange for cigarettes and chocolate, some wall guards give West Berlin police information about their units' activities and, at times, their home addresses with hopes they can become pen-pals.

REDS CENSOR MAIL

Albritz fears, however, that the letter exchanges will soon cease. Word has seeped through the wall that East Berlin guards must submit to having their letters opened and read in their presence by superior officers before getting them.

West Berlin police who exchange small presents with wall guards are reimbursed by the city administration for their expenses.

They must take extreme care that their countrymen from the east are not seen by "com-

rades" speaking with them. If caught the eastern guards get stiff jail sentences.

The majority of the eastern wall guards are chosen for the job only if they are married or have relatives in the Red satellite who could be made to suffer, should they defect to the West.

Those most "ideologically" suited for the work come from the province of Saxony, known between the two world wars as "Red Saxony," Albritz said.

"So, despite small displays of kindness now and then, you really never know when a wall guard will start to shoot at you."

Meat Packers Told To Watch Bacon Packaging

OTTAWA (CP)—Bacon manufacturers have been given a year to eliminate any deception from their packaging methods by the federal food and drug directorate.

Dr. C. A. Morrell, head of the directorate, has written a letter to the manufacturers telling them that certain packaging methods are a violation of Section 5 (1) of the Food and Drug Act.

The section says "No person shall label, package, treat, process, sell or advertise any food in a manner that is false, misleading, or deceptive or is likely to create an erroneous impression regarding its character, value, quantity, composition, merit or safety."

Dr. Morrell told the meat packers in his letter earlier this month that in general the current method of packaging bacon, and in particular the shingle type pack, shows only a small portion is lean.

"It is difficult, if not impossible, for a purchaser to determine by observation the proportion of lean to fat in the bacon."

He said the directorate would take "appropriate action" if deceptive packages of bacon continued to be sold after Jan. 1, 1966.

Stripper Hunt Is Continued

LONDON (Reuters)—Police are continuing their search for London's "Jack the Stripper" killer who has been responsible for the death of seven

prostitutes in the last 15 months. Early Monday a 30-minute lineup was held at a west London police station, attended by witnesses who saw the killer's latest victim, Bridie O'Hara, leaving a London tavern with a man Jan. 11, the date she disappeared.

A yard spokesman said no one was picked out at the lineup. Detectives, meanwhile, launched a search for clothing and other belongings of the latest victim whose body was found last Tuesday in a west London alley. As were the other murdered prostitutes, she was found naked and strangled.

Police also went to an undisclosed address in the area an left with a life-sized wax figure of a woman partly clothed in pyjamas and a blouse.

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MONTREAL AUTHOR ARRESTED

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1963, left his office Tuesday carrying a valise in the company of a plain-clothes provincial policeman sent to arrest him when he did not appear in a Quebec City court

Tuesday for his hearing on a contempt charge. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$3,000 when he was found guilty. His lawyers said they will appeal.

More Than Half Of Adults Do Not Smoke Cigarettes

OTTAWA (CP)—More than half of Canadian adults do not regularly smoke cigarettes.

A health department report released here said this was the most significant finding in a national survey into Canadians' smoking habits conducted for the department by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Regular cigarette smoking is defined as "usually" smoking cigarettes every day.

The survey was suggested by a research committee set up following the November, 1963, conference on smoking called

by Health Minister Judy LaMarsh.

It was based on a sampling of about 75,000 persons in about 30,000 households and found that 44 per cent of persons 20 years of age and over smoke cigarettes every day. About three to four per cent of all persons smoke cigarettes once in a while.

FEWER FEMALES SMOKE

More than half—56 per cent—of the adult males in the country use cigarettes daily while only 33 per cent of adult males have acquired the habit.

About half the population in the 20-to-44 age bracket are regular cigarette smokers—60 per cent of the males and 40 per cent of females.

Among regular users, one-quarter smoke between one and 10 cigarettes each day, about two-thirds smoke between 11 and 25 while eight per cent smoke more than 25 a day.

Cigarette smoking is more prevalent in Quebec than in the other four regions—British Columbia, Ontario, the Prairie provinces and the Atlantic provinces.

Sixty-two per cent of Quebec's males over 15 years old are regular smokers, while only half the males in the Prairies, B.C. and Ontario are regular smokers.

In the Atlantic region about 83 per cent smoke regularly.

Among females, smoking is most common in B.C. where 35 per cent smoke each day and least common in the Atlantic region where only 27 per cent are regular smokers.

Big city dwellers are greater smokers than their rural counterparts, with the difference most marked among females. Thirty-four per cent of females in larger urban areas smoke every day compared to 26 per cent in small urban and rural areas.

New Pulp Mill Is Slated For Start In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—J. F. M. Taylor of New York, president of the Newfoundland Pulp and Chemical Company, Limited, said Monday his firm hopes to begin construction on the proposed \$50,000,000 pulp mill at Come-by-Chance, Nfld., this summer.

Mr. Taylor said in an interview here the firm now plans to have the mill in production in about two years. He said the site of the proposed mill on the isthmus of the Avalon Peninsula is a "natural." He said it is in a good position for bringing in raw material and shipping the finished product.

The proposed mill was first announced in the speech from the throne at the opening of the Newfoundland legislature last month. Mr. Taylor said engineers will begin surveying the mill site this spring as soon as weather conditions permit.

The province's other two pulp mills are at Grand Falls and Corner Brook.

Federal, B.C. Gov'ts Move Towards Clash

VICTORIA (CP)—The federal and B.C. governments have moved toward a direct confrontation on the question of provincial investment in Canada's banking system.

Finance Minister Gordon said Tuesday Ottawa will ban such investments. Premier Bennett replied by moving second reading of a bill that would permit his government to purchase up to 10 per cent of the share capital of any chartered bank.

Mr. Bennett said later in an interview he is going ahead with the bill "because the federal government won't last long."

He said he expects a federal election within three or four months and predicted the Liberal government will be defeated.

Meanwhile, Attorney-General Robert Bonner spelled out in more detail Wednesday his interpretation of the constitutional aspects of the latest federal move. He said Mr. Gordon's Bank Act amendment would be ultra-vires of Parliament if it restricts provincial investment rights provided under the British North America Act.

He also predicted such "colorable legislation of doubtful validity" will have a tough time obtaining parliamentary approval.

He said the planned action is only one of a series of steps by Ottawa aimed at impinging on the rights of some provinces. He cited a battle concerning jurisdiction over B.C.'s offshore mineral rights as an example.

SPANISH BRAND New World conqueror Cortez introduced the branding of cattle to North America with three Christian crosses.

Telescope May Orbit The Earth

SEATTLE (AP)—The possibility of developing a manned telescope to orbit the earth 200 miles out is being studied by scientists in an aerospace laboratory here.

The effort may give man an opportunity to examine the universe without having its vision hampered by the thick blanket of gas, water droplets and other material which make up earth's atmosphere.

"When telescopes begin operations outside the atmosphere, it will mark the real beginning of astronomy," says Dr. Zdenek Kopal, who is doing research work at the Boeing scientific research laboratories.

Pollution Dominates Conference

OTTAWA (CP)—Concern over the menace to forests and waters by pollution dominated the conference of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters here.

Although the subject wasn't listed as official theme of the 37th annual conference, speaker after speaker rose to pound home the message that something must be done quickly to stop the spread of pollution.

Delegates to the three-day meeting sent a strongly-worded resolution to their new executive for consideration and likely recommendation to the Ontario Cabinet "to enable our province to have a more positive control of existing pollution of our air, soil and waters."

It asked "initiative in Canada to establish a federal pollution testing and control commission."

The specific request was for a strong, independent, non-political pollution commission, incorporating with our existing water resources commission one member from each of the province's forestry districts.

This commission should be empowered to establish and rigidly enforce stringent regulations governing all types of pollution and also be empowered to assess stiff penalties for all infractions."

COUNT STUNT BECOMES HABIT

BELGRADE (Reuters)—Rajko Dosic has become a compulsive counter after spending 74 days counting the hairs on a friend's head.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug has reported that Rajko had doubted a newspaper report about the number of hairs growing on the human head.

He got a friend to sit down for the next 74 days while he counted his hairs and found they totalled exactly 334,560.

Unable to break the habit, Dosic next bet another friend he could count all the grains of wheat and corn in two 250-pound sacks.

After three days of counting he proudly announced there were 121,350 grains in the sack of corn.

The bag of wheat, he discovered, was another matter. After 12 days of counting he found he still had 30 kilograms to go but he managed to win the bet by spending two solid days and nights—without food or sleep—picking out the rest of the wheat and announcing a grand total of 1,910,345 golden grains.



ULBRICHT ON WAY TO SEE NASSER

Walter Ulbricht, East German Communist Party chief, boards East German passenger ship at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, en route to Cairo where he is

due today on his controversial state visit with United Arab Republic President Nasser. Ulbricht, whose visit is opposed by the West German

government, said Tuesday atomic weapons in West German hands would constitute a direct threat to the Arabs. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Dubrovnik)

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