

Allies Halt Russian Move to Bring German Delegations Before Big Four Conference

Resistance Forces Active Behind The Iron Curtain

Dark Lightning

By Helen Topping Miller

Synopsis

Gary Tallman, young petroleum engineer from Alabama, misses his bus to San Antonio. Mona Mason, wife of a cattle rancher, gives him a lift. Gary is injured when her car crashes into a ditch, and the Masons nurse him back to health. He falls in love with Mrs. Mason's twenty-one-year-old daughter, Adelaide, but, embarrassed by lack of funds, feels that he must be on his way to Mexico. Because Gary recognizes the possibility of oil on the Mason land, tests are made and he is proved right.

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Gary sat in the living room that night and played double solitaire with Mona Lee. Neither one was very attentive to the cards, nor cared if he got red jacks on red queens. Harvey was out, he was always out now, roaring around somewhere in his noisy old roadster.

In the middle of the game, Mona Lee laid her cards down and folded her long, quiet hands. "Gary," she said, "you like Adelaide pretty well, don't you?" Gary felt the hot blood flare over his face and neck. He smiled wanly. "There's not much use trying to hide anything from you, is there Mrs. Mason? But what can I do? I haven't a thing to offer a girl like Adelaide — not a thing but love."

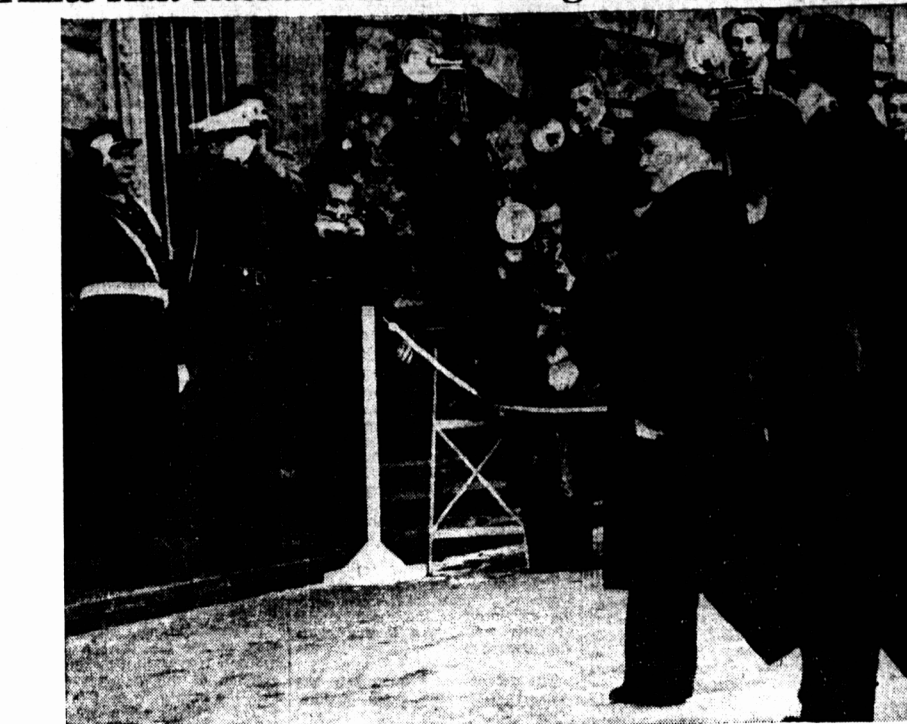
"You think love is unimportant? It isn't — not to a girl. Harvey had nothing to offer me but love, either — and a few hundred acres of washed-out prairie land. We made the rest together."

"I haven't even a piece of washed-out land. There —" he threw a few crumpled bills on the table — "lies my fortune!"

"You need another shirt, Gary. You buy one tomorrow. And don't you give up. Addie's a little crazy right now — it's the thought of all this money. She'll calm down pretty soon. Gary, do you really think we're likely to strike oil?"

"The indications are very good. When the big fellows come sniffing around it's a pretty good sign. But wildcat drilling is always a gamble. I wish Mr. Mason would sell out — keep a royalty for himself, of course — then, if it fails, somebody else takes the loss."

"I can't do anything with him. He's gone crazy, too. I dread it all, somehow. Everybody's so queer, Harvey like a wild man, and the



As the Big Four foreign ministers' conference, now under way in Berlin, prepared to open high-level talks on Germany for the first time in five years, the three western allies shoved a "stone wall" in front of a Russian move to bring German delegations before the conference. Soviet Minister V. M. Molotov sought to bring the East Germans into the conference room with a proposal that the West Germans face the ministers also. But the West was opposed to the idea, saying West Germany did not ask to be heard and the East German government is not recognized by the West as representative of the 18,000,000 Soviet-zone Germans.



At the same time, U.S. secretary of state John Foster Dulles, British foreign secretary Anthony Eden, seen at right, French foreign minister George Bidault, agreed to put up a solid front in support of a five-point "Eden plan" for German unification after free all-German elections are conducted. Western ministers insisted German representatives could speak in council only after a re-union through honest and free all-German elections. The Soviet has refused to go along with the election proposal. Molotov, seen at left, arriving at meeting, argued there can be no settlement on "peaceful and democratic" lines unless Germans participate.

(The fires of rebellion flicker behind the Iron Curtain. Here's the story of this resistance movement based on interviews with underground partisans and Allied intelligence officers in West Berlin, Vienna and Belgrade.)

BERLIN—(AP)—The spindly little fellow blew a big smoke ring on a cheap cigar. "There are thousands like me," he said quietly. "Not only Germans, but Poles and Czechs and the others. They're all waiting for the day the Russians slip back just one little bit. "Yes, the Soviets call me and others like me underground agents. We're a little more than that. We are an army without guns. But we're an army just the same."

How many are there like this from Berlin to Moscow? There is no firm estimate anywhere except perhaps in the files of the late Lavrenty Beria's secret police. To those who are genuine resistance movement? Reliable reports from this crossroads city, from Vienna, gateway to the Balkans, from Prague, from Warsaw and Belgrade indicate the fires of rebellion flare up constantly behind the Iron Curtain, never connected, never organized, but there just the same.

Hatred Universal

From diplomats, refugees, intelligence agencies personal contacts and from Soviet admissions themselves, Associated Press correspondents in Berlin, Vienna and Belgrade conclude:

- 1. There is simmering hatred everywhere the Russians impose their rule by might.
2. Sabotage is rare but sometimes highly dramatic.
3. Passive resistance, the only safe weapon against power, is evident.

The amount of active revolt decreases as one moves east toward the core of the Kremlin's power. East Germany appears more loaded with a potential explosion than any other area, as shown in the uprising last June, which probably would have blown the Communists out of their government swivel chairs if Russian tanks hadn't roared into the breach.

Courts Work Overtime

Red police still are on constant alert as Communist courts have piled up this winter a record of 77 trials, six death sentences, 20 life sentences and various terms against 1,557 additional men and women. The charges were always the same: Sabotage, resistance, espionage. Plots to blow up bridges and to dynamite rail lines used by Soviet reparations trains were admitted. A 21,000-ton Soviet ship was scuttled off the Baltic coast.

In East Berlin, little rockets exploded almost daily over rooftops, scattering anti-Communist leaflets. Through the East zone, resistance bands tie pamphlets to weather vanes when they expect windy weather.

Across the Oder river in Poland, there are persistent reports of sabotage gangs making lightning swoops out of the forests to attack the Russian rail lifeline. The famed Blue Express has been dynamited three times in the last four years. Passive resistance to high work quotas and unenthusiastic participation in state functions is the underground order of the day.

Poles Back Guerrillas

Ninety per cent Catholic, the Poles are sympathetic to any hardy guerrilla who swings a punch at the anti-church system.

Three Soviet Army divisions are deployed in strategic areas to bolster Marshal Rokossovsky's Polish forces.

To the south, the Czechs and Slovaks are in an equally tight view but the Red Army has not found it necessary to provide troops. Nevertheless, tension is high. Czech workers mutilated in the uprising last June. The toll exacted by gun-wielding Communist police never has leaked out.

In Romania, scattered bands roam through the Transylvania Alps, making life miserable for any Communist who gets in their way. The hills of Bulgaria are said to harbor thousands of partisans.

Nickel For Not Drinking Coffee

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Restaurant patrons at the Sylvania and John Bartram hotels get a nickel from the management when they don't drink coffee.

Guests were advised of the "bonus" by this poem attached to the menu:

"With the price of coffee over a dollar
It looks like everyone should holler
So for staying away from this high priced brew
We're passing the savings along to you."

Has Seen Bride Only In Photographs

MONTREAL, (CP)—Gerardo Farese, a locksmith, is awaiting the arrival from Italy of the girl he married by proxy and whom he has seen only in photographs.

Friends today told the story of how the Italian-born Montrealer wooed and won Cecilia Maria Binetti of Molfetta. They began an exchange of photographs and letters last May — after being "introduced" by Farese's uncle — and were married by proxy Jan. 21.

The marriage followed months of negotiation with government, consulate and church officials. It was understood a church ceremony will be held when the bride arrives here.

Farese expects her in March.

HOCKEY ENTHUSIAST

LONDON, (CP)—Joyce Grenfell, British actress, disclosed in a radio program that the only times she cheers and yells, "and generally let myself go," is at hockey games.

British Contractors Plan Major Push On Canada

By Arch MacKenzie
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON, (CP)—Accustomed to ranging the world, British contractors are concentrating on a major push in Canada.

The St. Lawrence seaway project and construction opportunity in general have aroused unprecedented interest.

"The amount of construction work on tap at the moment in Canada is fantastic," said an industry spokesman. "It is astronomical."

The superlatives truly indicate the general attitude toward a market which seems to offer high and long-term profits. In an effort to share as much of the cake as possible, the British industry is moving individually and in groups.

Several of the main firms have established Canadian subsidiaries during the last year. More have quietly assessed the situation and probably will follow suit.

Eight of the biggest have banded together in one of the largest contracting combines ever formed in this country. The organization, the Seaway Group, is mainly attracted by the seaway project, a "fantastic" operation by British standards in view of Canada's small population.

Watching Brief
The group is maintaining a "permanent watching brief" from a Toronto office on progress toward a starting date for the "big ditch." Then, say British contractors, watch out for the hottest competitive dogfight in years by Canadian, United States, British, German and French firms.

Britain wants all it can get, from excavations to bridge-building and machinery supplying. The reasons are obvious.

"There's no shortage of work in the world," said a trade authority. "In fact, the world has never been so busy."

"But we can't live on figs and dates."

"The trouble has been with British contractors that we have been caught between the Iron Curtain and the dollar curtain. Canada is a chance to earn some dollars."

Aside from the competitive nature of the seaway and Canadian work in general, the British industry professes to have few other worries. Finances can be supplied from Canada, or through the current British treasury willingness to supply dollars for a good Canadian investment.

U. S. Competition
As far as the seaway project is concerned, said a Seaway Group spokesman, the only substantial sums of money required would be in guarantees covering contracts received.

At one time, Canada's heat and cold battled the British. J. J. Holmway, registrar of the Export Group for Constructional Industries—parent body of the Seaway Group—says this applies less now, due to British experience in the Canadian climatic extremes.

The United States is expected to provide the biggest competition by far. An industry authority, who

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The present site, about six miles from Allahabad, is one of these points, and the ceremony takes place there every 12 years.

Kremlin Presents Economic Balance Sheet For 1953

By DORN DALLAS
LONDON, (Reuters)—The Kremlin Sunday presented an economic balance sheet for 1953, the year in which Premier Georgi Malenkov attempted to re-gear Russia's economy.

An official Moscow statement reported a big increase in the volume of domestic trade, with some 6,000 new retail stores set up throughout the U. S. S. R. during the year. It also disclosed that foreign trade for the year was 11 per cent above the level for 1952 and almost four times as great as before the war.

The document reported production increases in clothing and consumer goods in line with the new economic plan launched soon after Stalin died last March.

But it also complained that substandard articles were still being produced by the ministries concerned with food, clothing and consumer goods. It said the variety of goods failed to meet the population's demand.

There was still poor quality footwear, furniture, crockery, fabrics clothing and knitwear.

Seek Raise Standards
Malenkov has pledged to raise Soviet living standards to a new high within the next two or three years.

The statement issued by the central statistical administration of the Soviet government, said that in general the over-all target set for gross production in industry was over-fulfilled by one per cent. It said this was an increase of 12 per cent over 1952 production and an increase of 45 per cent from 1950.

"This means," the statement added, "that the target set by the five-year plan as regards the growth of industrial production is being successfully carried out."

Volume of foreign trade was stated to have been 23,000,000,000 rubles (\$5,750,000,000 at the Soviet-fixed official exchange rate)—an increase of 2,200,000,000 rubles (\$500,000,000) over the 1952 figure of 20,800,000,000 (\$5,200,000,000).

The report said that last year the Soviet Union traded with 51 foreign countries, 25 of them having trade agreements with Russia concluded annually or on a long-term basis. Commodity agreements with India, France, Argentina, Greece and Iceland were concluded for the first time after the war.

Trade with a number of West European and Near and Middle Eastern countries increased parallel with the further expansion of trade with the countries of the democratic camp," the report said.

GETS FEDERAL POST
OTTAWA, (CP)—Margaret Myer of Chippawa, Ont., home economist and former nutrition supervisor with the Ontario Agriculture Department, has been appointed assistant chief of the home economics section, inspection and consumer service, of the Federal Fisheries Department. It was announced Thursday. Miss Myer succeeds Miss Helen M. McKeer, who has been appointed chief of the department's home economics service.

Kimball's mad at us and wanting to quarrel."

Harvey came in late and tossed a telegram into Mona Lee's lap. She looked frightened and picked it up gingerly with her fingers.

"Oh, mercy!" she gasped when she read it. "It's from Junior. He says 'Hear we've struck oil. Stop. Stop. Stop. Just went out, and bought myself a new roadster.' Harvey Mason, you get a wire off to him right straight and tell him you haven't struck oil yet, and to send that car right back."

"He had a new car last year," growled Harvey. "That's the way with kids. They think you're made of money."

"I never said a word in my letter. Adelaide must have written him something. I know you didn't write — you never do."

"Well, I did write a line or two," Harvey admitted. "I had to send him a check and I told him I was figuring on starting drilling."

"You bragged, I'll bet. Now you can just settle this car business yourself. You're the one that spoils that boy anyway. I don't."

"You spoil everybody, Mother. You got me spoiled, and then you want to fuss about it." Harvey grinned and chuckled her under the chin. But he did not write or wire to Harvey Junior. He forgot about it. He had to get ready to go to Austin to get his drilling permit so he rushed around, shouting orders all over the house.

"Look here, Gary — you know about this drilling business — you ought to know a good rig when you see it. You take Addie's car and she can go along and drive, and you go over east and hunt me up a good crew to get a well down."

"You'll need two crews — riggers to get your derrick out and drillers to get your well down," Gary reminded him. "And what are you going to do about water for the boilers and to run the drill? A drill uses as much water as a fire engine — and the boilers need a lot, too."

"We've got water here — got a good electric pump, haven't we?"

"Any idea about the capacity of your well? You wouldn't want to pump it dry the first day or even if your pump would lift enough to run the drill — which I doubt. You'll have to arrange to pipe some in from somewhere. Any creeks or rivers near here with much water in them?"

Harvey looked thoughtful. "There's a cistern at the barn. And that tank out there holds a hundred barrels."

"Not enough. It will take a week, probably, to get your well down. And you can't run out of water while the drill's turning."

"You get the outfits we need, and I'll see about the water."

"You'll have to arrange for fuel to fire the boilers, too. Have oil tanked in on trucks. On a field you'd have the gas from the stripper, but out here you'll have to provide your own fuel. I'll have to find an outfit that's equipped with an oil burner."

"Well, it's a good thing you've got Gary, Harvey, to think of everything," Mona Lee said.

"Nobody knows everything about putting an oil well down. Things happen that nobody can foresee. But one thing I do know is that you need water."

"There's that little creek over on the Harper place, Harvey. But you'd have to pay old man Harper — and tell him what you wanted the water for — and then he'd probably stick you."

350 Hindu Pilgrims Killed In Stampede

ALLAHABAD, (Reuters)—At least 350 Hindus were killed when a religious procession turned into a stampede Wednesday as 3,500,000 pilgrims rushed to cleanse themselves in the icy waters of the Ganges and Jumna rivers.

Prime Minister Nehru announced 350 Hindus were killed and 1,000 injured in the crush of panic-stricken pilgrims. Nehru, here for the religious ceremonies, visited the scene of the disaster Wednesday.

The clanging of holy bells and blowing of trumpets—signalling the arrival of "brahma mabutan," the

moment of creation—touched off the stampede and sent the huge mass of pilgrims sweeping through lines of police set up to hold the crowds in check.

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