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W. GERMANY'S INTELLIGENCE CHIEF DISAPPEARS BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

BERLIN (Reuters)—West Germany's intelligence chief, Otto John, disappeared behind the Iron Curtain Tuesday, the government announced Thursday.

A security official in Bonn said the six-foot Communist-hunter had been drugged and abducted into Communist East Berlin. But West German police insisted he bolted of his own free will in a state of "depression."

A government spokesman in Bonn said Thursday night it still was not clear whether John was kidnapped or had voluntarily crossed into the Communist sector of Berlin.

He was last seen at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the company of "an old friend," Dr. Wolfgang Wohlgemut, a surgeon described as an ardent Communist—the statement said.

John's secretary said that Tuesday night John gave a phone call from a doctor he knew well, who called on him to meet a "desperate" need for help, intelligence sources in Bonn said.

John helped draft a government statement on Communist kidnaping plots in the Western sector shortly before he disappeared. West German government officials at Bonn said Thursday night.

His Spanish-born wife insists he went to East Berlin because of a "mental depression," West German police said. This was flatly contradicted by the West German interior ministry in a statement which said "all the signs so far indicate he has been the victim of abduction into the Soviet zone of Germany."

IN ROBUST HEALTH John, 45, and in robust health, carried in his head some of the republic's top secrets about spy networks. He headed the West German office for the protection of the constitution, which has uprooted several Communist espionage rings and brought a number of spies to trial in West Germany.

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City Man Elected President Of Mar. Fire Chiefs



H. H. Jewell

SYDNEY (CP)—Fire Chief H. H. Jewell of Charlottetown was elected president at the closing session of the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association's 40th annual conference here Thursday.

He succeeds Halifax Fire Chief Fred Macgillivray.

Other officers for 1954-55 are Fire Chiefs D. H. MacNeil, New Waterford, first vice-president; M. H. McKie, Moncton, second vice-president; and Lewis Jessome, Sydney Mines, third vice-president.

Deputy Chief G. H. Brundice of Halifax was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Auditors for the next year are Chiefs H. S. Knight, Saint John, N.B.; Lester Lowther, Amherst; and Harold Doherty, Fredericton.

The 1955 conference will be held in Charlottetown.

Judge Dismisses Murder Charge

MONTREAL (CP)—Judge Eugene Lafontaine Thursday dismissed a charge of attempted murder against an 18-year-old girl who stabbed her father Monday.

The dismissal came in the wake of evidence that Anne Graham stabbed and injured her 52-year-old father, William Graham, while he was strangling her mother after coming home drunk.

Judge Lafontaine said "the girl feared for her mother's life and struck her father. It was a very human thing to do."

Mrs. Graham, testifying at preliminary inquiry Thursday said her husband came home "crazy drunk," gave her young son \$1 to buy some hot dogs, and told him not to hurry home.

He then locked the doors, tore the phone off the wall, grabbed her by the throat and said "I'm going to finish you off." Mrs. Graham said he didn't know his daughter was in the house and when she called for help the girl rushed in, grabbed a seven-inch knife and stabbed her father between the shoulder blades.

The girl's father now is recovering in a Verdun hospital.

Martial Law In Phenix City

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Qualified martial law was declared in Phenix City Thursday by Governor Gordon Persons.

Special troops were sent to Phenix City Thursday. City police and deputy sheriffs were ordered to surrender their weapons and Hanna announced all pistol permits had been revoked.

The move came as Persons announced a proclamation to "suppress the state of lawlessness, intimidation, tumult and fear which reigns" in Russell county, of which Phenix City is the county seat.

Phenix City has long been Alabama's gambling capital and John Patterson, son of the slain man and now the nominee for attorney-general, estimated the take from organized crime there at \$20,000,000 annually.

The governor instructed Hanna to take over all activities of the sheriff, deputies, chief of police and all police officers, and constables in Phenix City and Russell county.

Hanna named Lt. Col. Jack A. Warren, a Birmingham police lieutenant, to administer all the duties formerly carried out by Sheriff Ralph Mathews. Col. James N. Brown was appointed to take over the duties of Police Chief Paul Daniel.

Armed guardsmen were stationed at both the city hall and the courthouse of Phenix City.

Montreal Man Gets Two Years

MONTREAL (CP)—Judge Eugene Lafontaine Thursday sentenced Robert Lavoie, 26, of Montreal for two years in penitentiary and three strokes of the lash for striking his seven-year-old daughter with a metal-studded belt.

"You are a brute," the judge told Lavoie who pleaded guilty to the charge.

Austria Calls For Discussions

VIENNA (Reuters)—Austria has called on the four occupying powers, Britain, the United States, France and Russia, to start discussions to ease the occupation of Austria.

In notes to the four powers Thursday, Austria proposed the four high commissioners and Austrian representatives should meet in Vienna to discuss measures to be taken.

Eden Tells Commons Alternative To Indo-China Peace Would Be Spread Of War

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told a cheering House of Commons Thursday the only alternative to the Indo-China cease-fire reached at Geneva was "continued fighting" and a risk of the conflict spreading.

Happy Travellers Back Home Again On P.E.I.



Six happy travellers arrived in Charlottetown last night on a special Canadian National Railways car which was part of a seven car train comprising the Bluenose Special which is making its sixth trip to the Maritimes.

Standing on the steps of the Pullman car is C. N. R. Porter, Ronald Howe who made the trip on the Bluenose right from Edmonton.—(Barter's Film Lab.)

FORMER ISLANDERS ARRIVE ON BLUENOSE SPECIAL FROM ALTA.

Twenty two former Islanders returned to their old homes last night on a special Canadian National Railways car making its sixth trip to the Maritimes.

Mr. P. J. Mooney is a native of Iowa who left his native province in 1912. Since that time he has been a member of the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Alberta Provincial Police.

Clergyman Says South Africa Near Police State

LONDON (Reuters)—Canon John Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral said Thursday South Africa is "virtually a police state" which could threaten world peace.

He said the tyranny of whites determined to hold their supremacy is a far greater menace to South Africa than communism.

Grounded Until He Grows Up

WINNIPEG (CP)—Paratrooper Robert Campbell, 15 years old when he made his first jump, has been grounded until he grows up.

The story came to light when the Winnipeg boy, now 16, arrived at the army cadet training camp in Brandon, Sask., wearing parachute boots.

TRADE BOARD BRIEF EMPHASIZES URGENCY IN AIRPORT EXTENSION

Immediate consideration to the question of improved landing facilities at the Charlottetown Airport is emphasized in a brief prepared by the Charlottetown Board of Trade and forwarded to the Hon. George Marler, Minister of Transport.

Allies Plan To Create Anti-Communist Alliance In Asia

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Britain and the United States have agreed to join in calling an international conference of about 10 nations by Sept. 1 to create an anti-Communist Southeast Asian alliance.

The aim of the conference will be to conclude a defensive treaty that would post "no trespassing" warnings for the Communists along the borders of South Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia in Indo-China, and of Thailand and Burma.

The British agreement to hold a meeting by Sept. 1 apparently represents a concession on timing by Foreign Secretary Eden. Earlier information had been that Eden believed many months would be required to work out the proposed pact.

The exact date and place of the conference remain to be determined in talks with the other governments which may attend. Consultations with the French regime of Premier Mendes-France, heretofore preoccupied with the Indo-China peace negotiations, are expected to begin at once.

The hard core of the conference will be seven countries—Britain, New Zealand, France, the United States, Australia, Thailand and the Philippines. South Korea may come in to make the total about 10.

No Headway In Contract Dispute

TORONTO (CP)—A conciliation board meeting to study a wage dispute between the Ford company of Canada plant at Oakville, 15 miles west of Toronto, and the United Automobile Workers (UAW) adjourned Thursday when a union representative said it was "impossible at this stage" to solve the disagreement.

Tom McLean, assistant Canadian director of the UAW made the statement when asked if there was any point to the parties meeting again.

About 2,300 employees are involved in the contract dispute. Earlier, Carroll Coburn, an economist for the UAW, said the recent slump in car sales was due to the failure of the companies themselves to increase buying power by granting needed wage increases.

Three Killed In Explosion

CRANBURY, N. J. (AP)—An explosion blew a building to bits at the Unexcelled Chemical Co. plant Thursday, killing at least three workers and injuring nine others.

The firm, one of New Jersey's largest fireworks manufacturers, had been working on government munitions contracts exclusively in recent months, a spokesman said.

Fire Destroys Barn At Elmwood

A barn belonging to Elmer Colwill, of Elmwood was destroyed by fire yesterday evening. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in the freshly harvested hay crop. All the cattle were saved.

Jurors Shaken By Grisly Photos

Capt. Raoul Siros of the Quebec provincial police described the finding of parts of Richard's body in the wilderness, near those of his friend, Albert Clair, 20. The place was known as Camp 23. He said the remains of Richard's father, Eugene, 47, were found near Camp 24, about three miles away.

Coming Events

- Corran Ban Picnic July 28th.
Dance, Tonight, Corran Ban Hall.
Dance in Millview Hall, every Friday.
Picnic Green Road, Wednesday, July 28.
Rollo Bay Picnic, Wednesday, July 28th.
Dance at Gordon Lodge every Friday night.
For Custom Baling apply to Harold Gould, Desable.
Regular Dance, Howe's Hall, tonight, Music by Dolron Bros.
Marshfield, Dunstaffnage United Church Tea, Thursday, July 29.
Dance, Cardigan Hall, Monday, July 26. Turner's Orchestra, Aupslex C.Y.C.
Dance in Mt. Ryan Hall at Johnstone's River every Friday night. Burke's Orchestra.
Dance, St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, every Friday night. Chalmers' Orchestra.
St. John's Church Picnic, Crapud, Wednesday, August 4th, Supper, Sports, Swing.
Iona Parish Picnic Tuesday, July 27th. Supper served 4 to 8. Games amusements. Dance after.
New Glasgow Christian Church Banquet in Vernon Noye's store on Saturday Evening, July 24th.
In order to let late strawberries ripen there will be no more picking at Howatt's until Saturday, July 24.
See Georgetown players present "Betty the Girl O' My Heart", Wood Islands Hall, July 28th. Curtain 8.30.
In stock Haysalt, Baler twine Binder twine, all kinds Fly sprays and potato sprays, Dillon and Spillet.
The show coming to Morell Fri. and Sat., is, "Stage Door Canteen". Stars galore in this show. Be sure you see it, you are sure to like it.
See Georgetown players present "Betty the Girl O' My Heart", Millview Hall, July 26th. Curtain 8.30. Sponsored by Vernon Women's Institute.
Coming soon, carload of bulk barley and wheat mix, 269 cwt. Spraying materials, brick cement and asphalt shingles on hand. R. L. Dickerson, New Glasgow.



HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office here says although nearly all the showers have ended in the Maritimes, clouds have broken up in only a few localities in Nova Scotia and southern New Brunswick. There will still be considerable clouds over the Maritimes Friday.

Regional forecasts: Saint John river valley: Variable cloudiness and w a r m e r. Light winds; low-high at 75 and 80. Saint John 55 and 75, Edmundston 58 and 70.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, Bay of Chaleur, cloudy with a few clear intervals; a little warmer; light winds; low-high at Charlottetown and Moncton 58 and 70, Campbellton 58 and 65.

Bay of Fundy: Light winds increasing in the morning to north-west 15; variable cloudiness with visibility 10 miles. Temperatures near 60.

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson 46 59
Vancouver 54 71
Victoria 53 64
Edmonton 45 72
Calgary 45 72
Saskatoon 54 67
Regina 54 70
Winnipeg 64 74
Toronto 57 78
Ottawa 58 79
Montreal 57 78
Quebec City 57 78
Saint John 60 71
Moncton 59 68
Halifax 57 68
Fredericton 62 68
Charlottetown 61 69
Sydney 60 65
Yarmouth 60 69
St. John's Nfld. 50 69

High tide today at Charlottetown at 3.30 a.m. and 4.25 p.m. Summer tide 18 minutes late than Charlottetown.
High tide today at the North Shore at 11.00 a.m. and 11.57 p.m.
Sun rises today at 4.48 a.m. and sets at 7.50 p.m.
(The time is Atlantic Standard)