

Noel Field, Missing American, Star Witness in Czech Purge

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PARIS (NEA)—A new purge trial with Noel Field, former U. S. State Department employee, as star witness, is now being prepared in Prague under the direct guidance of the Soviet MVD, Russian secret police.



NOEL FIELD: An exhibition that may eclipse past MVD shows

Field, who also served as European head of the Unitarian Service Committee, an American relief unit, disappeared behind the Iron Curtain several months ago under mysterious circumstances. Also missing are his wife, Hertha, and his brother, Hermann. None has been heard from since.

Field was dubbed a "Soviet agent" at the trial of Alger Hiss in New York, but called an "American spy" at the Communists' trial of the purged Hungarian Red, Laszlo Rajk.

Czech sources close to the Cominform report the forthcoming Prague exhibition may well eclipse all previous shows staged by the MVD. Besides Field, other leading defendants will include Vladimir Clementis, deposed Czech Communist foreign minister, and his close collaborator and onetime superior, Otto Katz.

Since Field was first described as a U. S. spy by Rajk, it has been established that he was in fact an agent for OMS, secret section of the Communist International, with headquarters in Switzerland before and during World War II.

In a recent issue of the Swiss weekly, "Travail," Jules Humbert-Droz, a founder of the Comintern and a former leader of the Swiss Communist Party, described Field as a "member of the Communist Party of Switzerland and an agent of American churches who sought to help refugees in the South of France."

Humbert-Droz said Field worked to save many German and Italian Communists who were in danger of being delivered to the German Gestapo by the French government of Marshal Petain. At all times, he said, Field operated closely with Reds from those countries.

The case of Otto Katz is viewed here as further proof that the Kremlin distrusts all satellite officials who may once have lived in western nations or maintained friendly relations with Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia.

An orthodox Stalinist, Katz, who also has been known as Breda and Andre Simon, was Moscow's chief agent in Mexico during the war. He had wide connections with the movie colony

Royal Winter Fair Successful

TORONTO, April 4—A 1948 deficit was wiped out and an \$11,789 surplus established by the 1949 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, John W. McKee, President, told the annual meeting of the Royal in Toronto this week.

"Operating receipts, apart from government grants, showed an increase of \$8,929. While prize money paid was the greatest in the fair's history, total expenses were down \$17,145," he said.

Clarence S. McKee, who was appointed general manager a few months before the fair, was congratulated by the executive committee on "the efficient manner in which the 1949 show was operated."

Entries were nearly 17,000 and the 3,195 exhibitors topped the 1948 total by 9 per cent.

The fair could have been still bigger if more room had been available. As it was, nearly 1,400 horses and more than 2,200 cattle were exhibited, as well as nearly 900 swine, over 800 sheep and over 7,100 poultry.

Every Province but Newfoundland was represented and took prizes. The United States, Mexico, Cuba and Ireland sent entries. American exhibitors won 528 prizes, including 3 grand championships, 4 reserve grand championships, 7 championships and 13 reserve championships.

It was announced that a bronze plaque in memory of the late Will A. Dryden, former general manager of the Royal, and its first president, will be erected this year in the coliseum.

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procure the capital to buy herds. Long-term Government loans might help.

Mr. MacDonald, a Merigonish, N.S., store-keeper, said that for every prosperous, well-tended farm in Nova Scotia, there were "several" that were rundown or vacant.

"Agricultural representatives who could conduct courses and demonstrations in rural communities might be one solution," he said. With such assistance, a backward farmer could learn new techniques of farm management, crop and animal agricultural representatives might be the answer.

Two other members — Michael McDonald (CCF — Cape Breton Centre) and Ernest Ettinger (PC — Hants West) — sniped at Government highway policy as Canada's oldest Legislature dragged through the second week of the Throne Speech debate.

Goldenburg-Campbell Wedding in Ottawa

Wilma Christina Campbell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, formerly of Montague, P.E.I., became the bride of Harry Goldenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goldenburg, R. R. 3, London, in a ceremony performed in Church of Christ, Rev. B. C. Eckardt officiated.

The bride's white satin gown was styled with full skirt, trimmed with lace insertion, and her fingertip veil was held by beaded headpiece. Her coronet bouquet was of American Beauty rose-buds.

Bridesmaid Doris Loupert, Montreal, chose yellow satin brocade and carried a bouquet of mauve snapdragons and yellow iris.

Louis Goldenburg was his brother's best man.

The reception was held at the home of the groom's parents and the couple left for a honeymoon in Northern Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Goldenburg will make their home in London.

N.S. Legislature Told Of Province's Farm Problems

HALIFAX, April 5 — (CP) — Two new members of the Nova Scotia Legislature — from opposite sides of the political fence — told the House about the Province's farm problems and agreed the Government can do more to help.

G. H. Wilson (PC — Hants West) suggested more concentration on livestock and possible Government loans to help farmers build up herds.

J. W. MacDonald (L—Pictou East) said more courses on subjects like farm management by provincial agricultural representatives might be the answer.

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Canada-Wide Civic Record Claimed

MONCTON, N.B. April 5—(CP) — A Canada-wide record for long service in municipal affairs is believed to have been set by Judson A. Cleveland, 83, of nearby Alma.

This year Mr. Cleveland is entering into his 58th consecutive year as a member of the Albatross Municipal Council and he has served as warden and presiding officer for more than 20 years. He was first elected to the Council after a sea-faring career in 1892 when he was known as the "bay councillor."

Allies Will Not Quit Berlin

LONDON, April 5 — (Reuters)—The United States high commissioner for Germany, John J. McCloy, last night accused the Kremlin of seeking to widen the east-west gap in Germany with Nazi tactics.

But he gave this pledge: "The Communists will not succeed in taking over the city of Berlin. We shall stay in Berlin." "The British, the French and the Americans are fully determined and fully united."

"The free men and women of the city will not permit it and we will not permit it."

Guest of honor at the Pilgrim's Society dinner, McCloy said that to achieve security not only must Germany be militarily restricted and democratized but she must also become part of a united Europe.

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York Rifle Club

The first of a series of rifle shoots was held in York Hall on March 30. The members of each class were chosen according to their marksmanship in the previous eight shoots. Prizes are being offered in the different classes for their totals for the remainder of the season, including the prize shoot. The scores are as follows:

Class 1:	
Edison Harry	93
W. D. Cooke	88
H. T. Vesey	97
W. L. Crockett	97
Class 2:	
A. J. Cluney	93
Elmer Brown	97
Peter Proud	96
Dean Watts	95
Lloyd Vesey	93
Raymond Vesey	94
Louis Vesey	91
Vernon Duck	91
Dewar Swan	90
Rupert Vesey	90
Class 3:	
Leigh Vesey	97
Edison Watts	95
Alan Swan	94
J. L. Andrews	95
Stuart Vesey	92
Harold Watts	91
David Taylor	89
Harry Lewis	88
Arthur Brown	85
Class 4:	
Richard Vesey	91
Leith Brown	87
Donald Crockett	81
Frank Vesey	80
Joseph Clow	66

Ancient Hulk May Be Spanish Treasure Ships

By NEIL KENNEDY

TOBERMORY, Isle of Mull, Scotland, April 5 — (Reuters) — Divers of the King's Navy descended again today into the sullen waters of Tobermory Bay here to probe ancient timbers found last week which may be the fabulous \$30,000,000 (400,000,000) Spanish treasure galleon, Duque de Florencia.

Inhabitants expect to see a legend which has drawn eager searchers to Tobermory over many generations either confirmed or exploded by the wonders of modern naval science.

Legend says that the Florencia, with her treasure aboard, came here after Sir Francis Drake's defeat of the Spanish Armada, and that she was blown up after trouble between the Spaniards and the local chieftain, the McLean of Duart.

Two riddles which the Navy

may solve is whether the hulk (on which divers are working) is the Florencia, and if so, whether any vestige of her untold wealth remains.

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