

Fields Disappear In Red Budapest

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The State Department said today it has lost touch with Noel and Herta Field in Budapest and got only a Red Hungarian "runaround" in trying to reach them again.

The 50-year-old Field and his Swiss-born wife were freed last Nov. 17 by Hungary after five years' imprisonment on spy charges.

The Budapest press and radio last Christmas Eve reported they had been granted asylum at their request. Official U.S. efforts to check on these reports have been unavailing.

Sheppard's Sick Mother Takes Life

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7 (AP)—The ailing, gray-haired mother of convicted wife-slayer Samuel Sheppard shot herself today in a locked bedroom, police said.

The death of Mrs. Ethel Sheppard, 62, was just before noon. Almost at the same time her son's attorneys dropped a motion for a new trial in Common Pleas Court and took the case to an appellate court.

Another son, Dr. Stephen Sheppard, found the body in an upstairs bedroom of his home, where his mother had been staying the past two days.

Using his own key to open the spring lock on the door, he saw the fully clothed body of his mother sprawled across a maple, four-poster bed. A snub-nosed .38 caliber revolver lay by her side and one shot had been fired behind her right ear.

Further across the room, which is papered in a gay blue and white floral design, a note lay on a card table, saying:

"Dear Steve: I just can't manage alone without father . . . Mother."

Her husband, the thin Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, is in Bay View Hospital, suffering with pleurisy. His family told him today of his wife's death and reported later that he is in serious condition, in danger of pneumonia.

Dr. Samuel heard the news in county jail, where he is awaiting the outcome of his court appeal on his conviction of second degree murder and a sentence of life imprisonment. He was convicted Dec. 21 of bludgeoning his pregnant wife, Marilyn, to death in their Bay Village home last July 4.

Dr. Stephen and another brother, Dr. Richard A., told him today what had happened to his mother. Leaving the jail, Dr. Richard told a reporter, "Sam was all broken up by the news. He broke down and cried."

AFL Ohio Unions Accused of Force

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—A House anti-racketeering subcommittee today accused two AFL Ohio unions of using bombs, beatings and intimidation to enforce demands against employers and members.

Urging local district attorneys to institute grand jury investigations for possible prosecutions, the group identified the unions as:

The Ohio Teamsters Union, with headquarters in Cleveland and headed by William Presser—referred to as the "undisputed boss."

Local 207 of the International Assn. of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers of America, in Youngstown. The subcommittee said William E. Thomas, business agent of this union, "has not only intimidated the members through strong arm operations but has brought the contractors to terms through slow-downs and strikes."

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Stockholders' Vote Decides—Town Saved

FOLLANSBEE, W. Va., Jan. 7 (AP)—Follansbee folks murmured a blessing on the heads of 47 minority stockholders in the local steel plant today and threw a "rip snorter" of a victory party.

The victory they celebrated all day is an important one—virtually a triumph of survival. It means Follansbee Steel Corp. plant, economic heart of this community of 4500 remains in Follansbee.

For months, local residents had battled prospects of sale and removal of the plant. It paid by far the biggest share of tax money required to keep the community alive. And it employed 740 persons.

Residents argued the old mill whistle blows the breath of economic life into this West Virginia community some 30 miles west of Pittsburgh. They said without it, they'd have a ghost town.

Their argument was heard by 47 minority stockholders who successfully blocked the proposed sale.

Frederick W. Richmond, New York financier who owned the plant, originally planned to dispose of it to Republic Steel Corp. Republic wanted to move most of the mill equipment to its Gadsden, Ala., operation.

Stevens Denies Plans to Resign

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens today denied persistent reports that he is leaving office soon. "I have never felt better in my life and I am not resigning," he said.

That terse statement was issued through the Army's information chief, Maj. Gen. Gilman Mudgett, who added that the secretary told him this morning "he had not discussed resigning with anyone."

Stevens' mention of his health apparently referred to a New York Times story today which said the secretary is "reported to be in poor health as a result of the mental anguish he has been suffering" following his bitter dispute with Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) last year.

Washington has been filled with reports this week that Stevens might step out around Feb. 4, taking Army counselor John G.

Stock Shares Soar; Drop Overshadowed

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—The bull market came back to Wall Street today.

Waves of buying during the morning session and late in the afternoon sent some shares soaring \$3 and more, repairing nearly half the damage done on Wednesday and Thursday, when prices tumbled.

As measured by The Associated Press average of 60 stocks, the quoted value of all listed shares on the New York Stock Exchange lost five billion dollars in the mid-week break. Today, the average rose \$2 to \$152.80, indicating a gain of two billion dollars.

Market analysts were bullish. Most said they thought the break had run its course and that prices would go higher. Judging by the buying, many investors shared their confidence.

Railroad Shares Strong
The railroad shares, often regarded as a key indicator of near-term market direction, were particularly strong. Brokers also drew encouragement from the heavy volume of buying-transactions for the day totaled 4,030,000 shares and the great bulk of business was done when stocks were strongest.

New York Central was a market leader, up \$2.25 to \$36.62. Atlantic Coast Line, New Haven, Southern Railway, Louisville and Nashville and Santa Fe were other rails up \$2 or more. Among the industrials, Lee Rubber gained \$3, Douglas Aircraft \$4.75, Montgomery Ward \$2.62 and DuPont \$2.

Higher Prices
The American Stock Exchange was higher with trading at 1,070,000 shares. Higher prices were paid for Anacon Lead, Barium Steel, Bunkehill and Sullivan. Calvan Oil, Creole Petroleum, Imperial Oil, Molybdenum, Niles-Bement-Pond and Pittsburgh Metallurgical.

Bonds were higher. U.S. government issues in the over the counter market were steady.

Brokers said that some smaller investors sold shares today and added that considerable switching was done. That means getting out of one stock and into another that looks more promising.

Adams with him. The counselor also was in the thick of the fight with McCarthy.

Adams told a reporter today: "I have not resigned, do not expect to resign, and have not been asked to resign."

Eisenhower Proposals Debated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Congress took a second look today at President Eisenhower's State of the Union proposals, and differences of opinion began to arise over some of them.

Several of the Democrats who now control both houses voiced uneasiness over the President's plan to trim the armed forces' manpower and put more emphasis on air power and on "new weapons, especially those of rapid and destructive fighting power."

Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), who will head the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he may re-establish a special preparedness sub-committee with broad powers to look into defense policies and operations.

"I am seriously considering this to deal with a number of problems," Russell told a reporter. Such a watchdog group operated under the chairmanship of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), now the majority leader, before the Republicans took control of Congress in 1953.

In general, Democrats as well as Republicans continued to praise—with some reservations—the 33-point program outlined by the President yesterday.

The White House reported public reaction, judging from telegrams unanimously in favor of the President's message which several Democrats described as "somewhat New Dealish" in tone.

Peress Granted Army Discharge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Army today informed Congress that the final decision to give an honorable discharge to Dr. Irving Peress was made by Lt. Gen. Walter L. Weible, a deputy chief of staff, and Army Counselor John G. Adams.

Disclosure of this information by the Army came sharp on the heels of a proposed new investigation by the Senate of the Peress case.

Peress, a New York dentist, is a former Army major who was promoted and honorably discharged after refusing to answer questions from Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), about alleged Communist connections.

McCarthy has contended Peress should have been court-martialed. The disclosure of who recommended the honorable discharge for Peress was contained in a "chronology" of the case.

The British Museum, seeking for timepieces to replace historic clocks lost in wartime, is said to have offered \$11,200 for a 1664 mantel model.

101 Billion Approved for Highways

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—A mammoth program of highway building costing federal and state governments 101 billion dollars over the next 10 years won the backing today of President Eisenhower's advisory commission on highways.

Some details of the commission's findings were disclosed by its executive director, Frank Turner, a few hours in advance of a special preview of the report for congressional leaders.

The report contains two sharp points of departure from existing policy:

Government Pays 'All'
1. It provides for the federal government to pay "substantially all" the money required for modernizing the "strategic network" of interstate highways, covering about 40,000 miles of roads—about 24 billion dollars.

2. It calls for the establishment of a huge new financing agency which would float bonds to pay for the federal portion of highway construction. It was indicated that the financing program would have certain self-liquidating features, but details were not given.

Turner spelled out a number of features of the projected commission report during a day-long series of conferences among the five members headed by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, a retired Army officer and onetime sidekick of the President.

The final draft of the report is due to reach the President's desk next Tuesday. On Jan. 27, Eisenhower will submit his highway program to Congress. Some details may be changed by then, but it is expected his report in general will follow the commission's line of reasoning.

47 Billion Slated
Under present plans, a total of 47 billion dollars is slated to be spent on highway improvements in the next 10 years, of which 10 billion will be provided by the federal government, the rest by the states.

Eisenhower's "grand plan" calls for an additional expenditure of about \$4 billion in an effort to develop maximum use of highways for a possible national emergency.

The commission has devoted most of its planning to the "stra-

tegic network." As things stand now, the federal government foots the bill for 60 per cent of the work on interstate roads with the states supplying 40 per cent.

Cherry Blossom Queen Deadline Set for Feb. 10

Closing date for submitting entries from Pennsylvania for Washington's cherry blossom queen is Feb. 10. Mrs. Rosina L. Jacobbe, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Society's festival committee, had announced.

Pennsylvania's princess will be chosen by a spin of wheel Feb. 26. The cherry blossom festival itself, with its parade, dinners, dances, and numerous other activities, will extend from March 29 to April 3.

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