

U.S. Soldier Denounces America in Soviet Union

MOSCOW (AP) — A Polish-born U.S. soldier who deserted his military intelligence unit at Frankfurt three weeks ago has denounced American policy and asked for asylum in the Soviet Union, the government newspaper Izvestia announced yesterday.

The soldier is Vladimir Sloboda, 33, a linguist and clerk reported by a U.S. Army spokesman to have had "only very limited access to any security information."

5 Storms Harass Shipping, Travel In Pacific Area

TOKYO (AP)—Five great storms lashed Formosa, Communist China, Korea and vast stretches of open sea today in one of the worst Pacific typhoon seasons.

The blustery five—named Bess, Carmen, Della, Elaine and Faye—harassed shipping, travel and everyday living in an area stretching from the north-central Pacific 1,400 miles off Tokyo all the way west to Shanghai, on the coast of China.

Most violent of the five was Elaine, a 92-mile per hour typhoon centering 172 miles south-southeast of Formosa last night and heading north-northeast. A 60-ton fishing vessel sank in heavy seas blown up off west Formosa by Elaine Sunday but all 13 persons aboard were rescued.

Carmen, a 69-m.p.h. tropical gale, battered her way up the Chinese coast yesterday and headed for South Korea. She centered 116 miles northeast of Shanghai last night.

Typhoon Bess, which sideswiped Japan over the weekend, used her 75-m.p.h. winds to whip great waves in the not-so-pacific ocean far from any land. She centered 875 miles east of Tokyo last night and was moving due east on a course expected to put her 1,449 miles east of Tokyo tonight.

Tropical gale Della, with 52-m.p.h. winds, centered 300 miles southwest of Iwo Jima, heading northwest.

Newborn Tropical Gale Faye was spotted 586 miles south-southeast of U.S.-controlled Marcus Island. Still a comparative babe, with center winds of only 40 m.p.h., Faye was expected to center 506 miles south-southwest of Marcus tonight.

United Nations Asked for Aid In African Mali

LONDON (AP) — Moscow radio last night broadcast an appeal by Modibo Keita, Premier of the former French Sudan, for immediate help from the United Nations to keep order in the newly independent African Federation of Mali. Leaders of Senegal state have announced they have seceded from the federation.

The broadcast said Keita's appeal was cabled to President Sekou Toure of Guinea, the territory that backed out of the French community despite President Charles de Gaulle's bid to keep France's former dependencies in a single grouping.

Keita's cable said that in the absence of any French government agreement to provide troops for maintaining order he demands "the immediate calling of a meeting of the Security Council in New York and immediate assistance from the U.N."

U.N. headquarters in New York said no direct appeal had been received last night from the Mali Federation, but officials had been told of the roundabout delivery of Keita's message by way of Guinea and Moscow radio.

The states of Senegal and French Sudan formed the Mali Federation in January 1959. The federation gained its independence from France last June. It remained in the French community. The split follows a power struggle between Keita and his Senegalese rival, Mamadou Dia. De Gaulle has invited the two men to Paris to discuss the dispute. Only Dia has accepted the invitation.

Moscow radio, in a dispatch from Guinea, said Toure had received this letter from Keita: "The government of the Mali Federation decided to proclaim a state of emergency to resist the coup d'etat effected by the Senegalese government, which seriously undermines public order and international peace.

"The Mali government, in conformity with the defense agreement concluded between the French Republic and the Mali Federation, has asked a representative of the French government to place at its disposal the French troops stationed in Dakar in order to insure the maintenance of public order and make possible the normal functioning of institutions.

Truman, Ike Deals With Reds Claimed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newspaper reports on still-secret state papers say they show former President Harry S. Truman allowed the Soviet Union to stall off a Japanese peace offer three weeks before the first atomic bomb wrecked Hiroshima.

These reports say also that Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin once praised Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as an "honest man" for turning over to the Soviets 135,000 German soldiers who had tried to surrender to the Americans.

These and other statements appear in a series of articles being published by the Minneapolis-Tribune and the Des Moines Register & Tribune under the bylines of Fletcher Knebel and Charles W. Bailey of the Washington bureau of the Cowles newspapers.

The series of four articles is described as being based on hitherto undisclosed, official papers on the Potsdam Conference.

The State Department, which periodically publishes state documents of historical interests, continued its secrecy lid on the Potsdam papers yesterday. Press officer Lincoln White said the documents probably would be ready for publication early next year.

It was understood that Secretary of State Christian A. Herter personally had ordered publication of the papers withheld until after the November elections, in an effort to keep them out of the political campaign.

The Knebel-Bailey account said Charles E. Bohlen on March 28 of this year wrote an amplification of his notes on the July 18, 1945, Truman-Stalin

meeting which was used by State Department historians. Bohlen was quoted as saying:

"Stalin said that the Soviet Union had received a communication from the Japanese, and he handed to the President a copy of a note from Sato Naotake Sato, Japanese ambassador to Moscow with a message from the Emperor.

"Stalin inquired of the President whether it was worth while to answer this communication. The President replied that he had no respect for the good faith of the Japanese.

The Knebel-Bailey articles said the Potsdam documents give no clue to the precise reason for the decision to stall on the Japanese peace effort, but indications are that the Allies' desire for unconditional surrender was the main obstacle.

The Knebel-Bailey report said: "Mr. Bohlen's notes of the May 27 conversation reveal that Stalin contrasted the 'unpleasant refusal' of Britain and the United States to turn over part of the depleted Italian fleet to Russia with Gen. Eisenhower's actions.

"He said, for example, the Bohlen notes record, 'Gen. Eisenhower as an honest man had correctly turned over to the Soviet command in Czechoslovakia some 135,000 German troops who had tried to surrender to the American Army.

"This was an example of fair and honest behavior."

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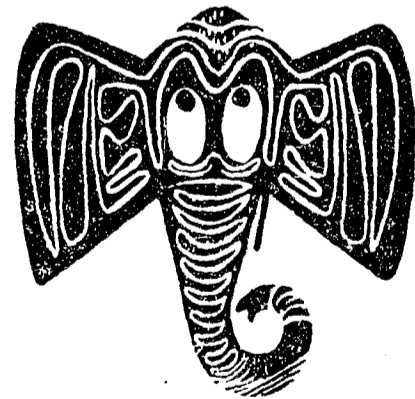


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