

London Sparkles With Pageantry

LONDON, June 8 (AP)—London sparkled with pomp and pageantry today as King George VI marked his official birthday by creating seven new peers and bestowed honors on distinguished Britons.

Around the world British diplomats and governors entertained at annual king's birthday receptions. Though the monarch actually was born Dec. 14, 1895, the anniversary officially is celebrated today because Britain's June weather is within the capital the high spot of the day's ceremonies was the "trooping of the colors," by crack army units dressed in colorful uniforms dating back to the Napoleonic Wars.

Those named by the king to his birthday honors list included political figures, actors, musicians, factory workers, a motorcycle racer and Britain's ace steeplejack.

The steeplejack, Sidney Larkins, last November brought down a policeman's helmet that unidentified pranksters hung atop the 310-foot

spire on the House of Commons. Today he was awarded the Order of the British Empire for General Competence as an industrial worker during a venturesome career.

To Australia's most distinguished soldier, Gen. Sir Thomas A. Blamey, went a field marshal's baton. He was the second soldier from outside the United Kingdom to be so honored. South Africa's Jan Christian Smuts was the other.

Three of the new barons are Labor Party figures no longer in the house of commons as the result of the last general election. They are Lewis Silkin, former minister of town and country planning, whom no Labor Party district organization would accept as a candidate L. L. Col. Harry Morris, who resigned his post in favor of Solicitor General Sir Frank Soskice after Soskice's defeat in his own district, and D. R. Reese-Williams, former junior minister defeated in the election.



AWAY TO JAIL FOR CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS—Chairmen Edward K. Barsky (left, light suit, hat in hand) and other leaders of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, file into a van outside district court in Washington on their way to jail. They were ordered to serve sentences for contempt of Congress, but protested they are victims of an American effort to bolster fascist Spain as part of the cold war. Following Barsky is novelist Howard Fast (striped suit, glasses), a member of the group. Thalr attorney, O. John Rogge (upper right) waves goodbye. Passersby (top) watch them leave. Others are not identified. (AP Wirephoto).

Willie Schmitz Is Still Fasting After 43 Days In Attempt For A New Record

FRANKFURT, Germany, June 8 (AP)—Willy Schmitz is a 48-year-old German who would warm the heart of any boarding house cook.

Nobody has to set the table for Willy. He's been fasting for 43 days now in an effort to set a new world record for going without food.

All Willy gets are four bottles of soda water and lot of cigarettes each day and he's as pleased as a man with a T-bone steak.

Willy, who styles himself as a "hunger artist," is set up in a glass cage in the Frankfurt zoo. He does his fasting under the sharp eyes of Red Cross nurses. A doctor visits him every day and makes a thorough physical examination weekly.

So far Willy has lost 58.5 pounds, and he has 16 more days to go. He wants to set a new record at 53 days, and already claims the existing record.

Willy says he first went on his hunger endurance stunt in 1926 and did without anything but his smokes

and soda for 48 days. Then in Luxembourg he did a stretch of 30 days in Krefeld, Germany. He fasted for 30 days.

How does a man feel who has been going without food in a glass cage for a month?

Willy patted a stomach as lean as a piece of picnic bacon and smiled wanly.

"I'm a little weak," he said. His manager, Hans Schneider, frowned in concern.

"Willy sleeps very little. But he's in good shape. He's a phenomenon."

The phenomenon moodily pulled on a cigarette and watched a small girl munching a sausage. He looked hungry.

Thieves Get 23 Valuable Museum Pieces

PITTSBURGH, June 8 (AP)—Thieves passed up a group of fans once owned by Marie Antoinette but stole 23 other "historically valuable" objects from the Carnegie Institute museum.

Wallace Richards, museum director, said the theft was discovered yesterday and that the robbers apparently remained in the museum after the closing time Tuesday night.

The things taken were from the museum's Dupuy collection—donated by Mr. and Mrs. Hebert Dupuy. He was a business associate of Steel Magnate Andrew Carnegie.

The items taken included an enameled pill box, needle case, watch fob and six dance card cases.

Richards said the thieves made their selections carefully, passing by some objects to take others. They overlooked some valuable treasures, including the Marie Antoinette fans.

WOMAN INDICTED Concealed Russian Birth Is Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8 (AP)—A 28-year-old woman biochemist at Stanford University today is charged by a federal indictment of lying to immigration officials to conceal her Russian birth.

She is Dr. Bertha Barkan Luthy, wife of a Jackson, Mich., spark plug manufacturer.

The grand jury indictment was returned yesterday. It charges that Dr. Luthy lied when she told an immigration inspector at Palo Alto last Feb. 13 that she was born in Chicago Oct. 4, 1916. The immigration service maintains she was born in the Russian Ukraine in 1912 and entered the United States through Seattle in 1917 with her mother.

Asst. U. S. Atty. Edgar Bonsall said her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Yankel Barker, residing in Jackson, Mich., under the name of James Barker, are awaiting a re-hearing on an immigration service deportation order for assertedly advocating violent overthrow of the government.

Dr. Philip Leighton, head of the Stanford University chemistry department, said Dr. Luthy is engaged in cancer research on a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

The research assistant's work has no connection with projects classified as secret or confidential by the government, he declared.

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To Reorganize Circle
Mrs. Laura E. Kerbt, state manager and Mrs. Mellie Sneed, district manager, will be here Friday night to conduct a reorganization of the Woodman Circle. The meeting will be at the Woodman Hall at 7:30 p. m.

Seven Awarded T-P Promotions

Seven promotions have been made in Texas and Pacific Railway's mechanical department, the division on a railroad which builds and repairs cars and locomotives.

According to an announcement from W. F. Kascak, mechanical superintendent, the seven promotions concern T&P's mechanical facilities throughout the 1,800-mile system and particularly Dallas, Fort Worth, Longview, Marshall and Texarkana.

H. A. Mason, Dallas, has been advanced to superintendent of car department, replacing D. W. Akins, who retired June 1. J. L. Perkins, Fort Worth, goes into Mason's old job, general car inspector. J. T. Lunsford, Dallas becomes general car foreman, Fort Worth. Wilbert Combs, Longview, goes to Dallas as assistant general car inspector. J. W. Marshall, Texarkana steps up to the job of car foreman, Longview. H. J. Watkins, Texarkana, is appointed rip track foreman at that point. And U. L. Taylor, Marshall, becomes assistant car foreman at Texarkana.

All seven men promoted have been with T&P a minimum of 10 years. Mason has been there 25 and has had mechanical department assignments through the years at Marshall, Texarkana and Big Spring. Perkins has worked for the T&P at Paris, El Paso, Big Spring and Marshall. Lunsford previously has been assigned to points such as Longview and Texarkana.

Here's A New Way To Free A Cow

GEORGETOWN, Mass., June 8 (AP)—Burling Fernald's cow floated out of a tight spot yesterday.

She fell through boards into a 20-foot-deep abandoned well in her pasture. Bossy was stuck fast.

Fernald sent for an automobile wrecker to hoist the cow but she was wedged so firmly that they couldn't get a chain or rope around her.

Neighbor Fred M. Morse saved Bossy and the day when he suggested that the well simply be filled with water.

This was done promptly and up she floated like a cork in a bottle. Her legs were a bit shaky after her water elevator ride but she ambled back to the barn under her own power.

Life Term Given Negro In Murder

FORT WORTH, June 8 (AP)—A life term was assessed for Jay Allred Phillips, 34-year-old Negro, in the murder here three years ago of Selwyn (Bob) Smith.

Dist. Atty. Stewart Holliman yesterday recommended the sentence after Phillips agreed to plead guilty to the pistol slaying of the one-time city official.

EXPECTED MONDAY Maybank Predicts Rent Control Vote

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Sen. Maybank (D-SC) today predicted a Senate vote Monday to extend federal rent controls despite a one-man filibuster by Sen. Cain (R-Wash.).

Maybank is chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, which sent the rent measure to the Senate by an eight to five vote.

The present rent law expires June 30. The bill would extend the curbs to Dec. 31. It also would permit an additional six months of control in communities where affirmative action was taken through referendum or by local officials.

Cain, an arch foe of rent controls, spoke against the bill for nearly three and a half hours yesterday. He was given permission to resume his lengthy speech today after the Senate disposes of a number of non-controversial bills.

"You can call this a filibuster if you want to, but at least it is a filibuster of issues," Cain said in an interview. He added:

"I am confident we can continue this debate until some time next week, and by then I hope the House leadership will have reconsidered

and faced up to its responsibility to get a vote on this measure."

The House originally had planned to debate a rent measure Monday, and vote on it Tuesday. But Senate Democratic Leader Lucas (Ill) interrupted Cain at one point to tell

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Murphy Is Fed Up; Gives Away Medals

HOLLYWOOD, June 8 (AP)—Audie Murphy, "fed up" with being the most decorated soldier of World War II, disclosed today that he has given all his medals away.

"I've been fed up with that 'mos' decorated' business for a long time," said the soft-spoken young Texan. "I realize that it is an honor, but only because it symbolizes the work done by a lot of other guys, too. But it has never meant much to me."

I asked what has happened to all the medals.

"I gave them away, mostly to kids."

Does that include the Congressional Medal of Honor?

"Yes, I forget whom I gave that one to. I think it was one of my nephews."

To understand the unusual gifts you have to know Audie himself. He's not ungrateful for the nation's honors, but he's a modest man with no pretense about his own achievements. He feels deeply the loss of his comrades who didn't come back from the war.

He's equally unassuming about his film career. Although he is playing his fourth leading role, in "Kansas Raiders," he still considers himself more of a farmer than an actor.

Audie indicated being a hero has its hazards. He discovered that when he went home to Farmerville, Tex., after the war, a local tough who had sent the war at a stateside army base was using abusive language in a cafe.

"There were ladies in the place and I asked him to leave," Audie recalled. "He made a comment about my medals and started for me, so I let him have it."

A single blow landed the roughneck out in the gutter.

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PICNIC ENDS IN TRAGEDY—One teen-ager was killed and four others were injured when a convertible in which they were riding overturned at Nashville, Tenn. The girl killed was Betty Jo Ralston, 16, who lies at the upper left. The other three girls are Malois Useton, Doris Batson and Barbara Cline all 16. The driver, Roy Furlough, also 16, is partly visible lying beside the auto. (AP Wirephoto.)

MOVE TO UP PRESTIGE

Russia Installs Civilians To Replace East German Military

BERLIN, June 8 (AP)—Russia today named civilians to replace four military rulers in East Germany in a move apparently designed to bolster the prestige of the Communist East German State.

The changes accelerated the switch from military to civilian control in the Russian zone and were accompanied by indications that new responsibilities were being delegated to the area's Communist-controlled German government.

Allied observers believed, however, the changes did not mean that Moscow was loosening its grip on East Germany but rather was pulling the Kremlin-created state closer toward early partnership as a full-fledged satellite in the Soviet bloc.

The best known of the four military men recalled to Moscow was Maj. Gen. Alexander G. Kotikov, 58-year-old former Red commander of the Soviet Control Commission in Berlin since the establishment of the East German government last November.

It was Kotikov's frequent use of the veto power which wrecked coordinated four-power rule of the city. He was replaced by Sergei Alexievitch Dengin.

Evidencing his government's new powers, East German Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl announced today his cabinet planned direct and extensive political-economic negotiations with Soviet bloc nations, similar to those just concluded with Poland.

Grotewohl specifically mentioned Hungary and Czechoslovakia. He said also the negotiators who went to Warsaw would be sent to negotiate with the Chinese Communist Government.

The Warsaw negotiations resulted in the confirmation by the Polish and East German governments of the Oder and Neisse Rivers as the postwar boundary between the two countries, ceding to Poland large and rich East German territories.

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WEATHERMAN SPEAKS

Lions Told About Weather Problems

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G. A. McGahan, official in charge of the U. S. weather bureau here, gave the Lions club some insight into weather recording and forecasting problems.

At the Wednesday meeting at the Settles, he displayed a map showing low and high pressure areas; blue lines for cold fronts and red lines for warm fronts. Isobars, he explained, reflected pressures and also indicated the general direction of winds. The closer the isobars, generally the faster the blow.

"Tornadoes cannot be forecast," he said. "If you see one and it is moving, stay put. It's going to your right or left. If it seems to stand still, hunt a hole. It's either coming toward you or going away."

He told his listeners that while twisters sometimes came out of thunderstorms, there is little reason to be frightened by a thunderstorm.

McGahan displayed and explained a radiosonde which records temperature and pressure aloft and which, with a directional instrument tabulation, also provides wind velocity and direction. These aid in forecasting and are of value to forecasters.

Told that "some farmers think that the hills around Big Spring have something to do with the erratic pattern of rains," McGahan had a cryptic reply.

"They're not the only ones who think that," he said. "I think it too."

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Stays With Flaming Plane Until It Gets Away From City Area

ELSINORE, Calif., June 8 (AP)—Capt. Roy C. Gray, Jr. of El Toro Marine Air Base was burned seriously last night as he stayed with his flaming plane long enough to get it away from this city before parachuting.

Police said Gray parachuted from a very low level, perhaps 200 feet. Air Force public relations said the pilot reported the plane—a Corsair fighter—exploded.

Truman Expected To Okay Expanded European DP Bill

EUROPEAN DP BILL — 14 WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP)—Swift presidential approval is expected for a bill expanding by 91,000 the number of homeless Europeans who may seek a home in this country.

The measure, an enlarged and liberalized version of the 1948 displaced persons bill, was sent to the White House yesterday after the Senate approved it on a voice vote.

It calls for the admission of 341,000 DP's to the United States—including 153,000 who have entered under the old bill—by June 30 next year.

Mauna Loa Still A Spectacular Show

HONOLULU, June 8 (AP)—Mauna Loa on the island of Hawaii, which erupted one week ago, still was pouring a river of lava today into the ocean 25 miles away.

Capt. Charles Eggers and Jarrett Carr of Hawaiian Airlines said the river of red-hot rock, with branches like fiery fingers, still was a spectacular show.

BELIEVES IN 2-PARTY RULE

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 8 (AP)—Joseph A. Wolfe, Republican committeeman of the Eighth Ward, is quite a salesman.

He sold a Democrat \$100 worth of tickets for the Erie County GOP committee's outing Aug. 5.

The Democrat, County Clerk Steven Fankow, explained: "I believe in the two-party system."

Fish Boat Aground

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