

### SOVIETS CHARGED WITH OIL SEIZURE

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The New York Times said today in a dispatch from Budapest that the Red army had seized the Hungarian oil fields at Lispe, including the largest which is owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The Russians put in their own general and barred Standard Oil's general manager from the field several days ago, the dispatch said. The oil from the field is being sent in Standard Oil's pipelines to the company's refineries where it

is paid for by the Russians, however. The dispatch said the Russians explained that American development technique was 25 years behind the times, compared with the practices in Russia where 100 per cent recovery of oil reserves is common.

Standard Oil experts were quoted as saying that by their methods 90 per cent of the oil in the Lispe field might be recovered with care, but that great waste would result from the Russian methods. The Russian action was interpreted as disclosing an intention to exploit the field to the utmost without regard to long-range usefulness of the field, in the expectation that eventually the Russians will be obliged to withdraw their forces from the country.

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### TWINS' RECORDS SPARKLE

GARY, Ind. —(AP)—The Scott twins, Raymond and Robert, never had been separated until they entered the Army, but their service records testify that both did all right on their separate paths. Cpl. Raymond won the combat infantryman's badge, five battle stars for operations in the European theater of operations and the purple heart. Lt. Robert has the air medal with an oak leaf cluster, seven battle stars for Pacific action, the distinguished service cross, the Philippine liberation ribbon, the good conduct medal and a Presidential unit citation.

## Quarantines Established To Halt Spread Of Pests

This is the second in a series of three articles prepared for the Star on the White-fringed beetle pest. The third will appear Monday.

In order to prevent further artificial spread of the White-fringed Beetle, the North Carolina and Federal Departments of Agriculture promulgated quarantines to regulate the movement of those articles most likely to carry the pest. These quarantines have as their sole objective the prevention of spread of the insect. Methods whereby articles restricted movement may be safeguarded or made free from possible infestation have been developed for the convenience and use of persons concerned.

Inasmuch as the beetle spends a large part of its life cycle in the soil, the movement of soil in any form or quantity may be especially hazardous. Consequently, restrictions have been placed on the movement from regulated areas of soil, sand, gravel, clay, peat, or muck, whether moved independently or in connection with, or attached to nursery stock, plants, products, articles, or things. Other articles restricted movement which may also carry the larvae or grubs of the beetle include nursery stock, potted plants, grass sod, plant crowns or roots, freshly harvested white potatoes, compost, manure, moss, leafmold, and freshly harvested or uncurdled bulbs, corms, tubers, and rhizomes of ornamental plants.

The movement from regulated areas of potential carriers of adult beetles and their eggs is also restricted. Articles and materials in this category include peanuts in the shells, hay and straw, seed and other cotton, scrap metal and junk, forest products, cinders, stone and other masonry building materials, implements, machinery, containers and uncleaned grass, grain and legume seeds.

As a result of experimental work conducted by research units, the methods developed for the handling and treatment of restricted articles or materials make possible their movement from infested areas without undue delay or extensive changes in ordinary practices. The treatments employed to assure freedom from this insect vary with the type of article or material involved and many other related factors.

Many of the materials restricted movement are normally stored up on or in contact with the ground and present a hazard inasmuch as the beetle attaches its egg masses to objects on or protruding from the earth's surface. This being the case, it is possible to safeguard materials by proper storage on racks, ramps or other like

structures elevated eight or more inches above the ground. It is also desirable and necessary to consider the excessive weed growth around storage sites as the elimination of such vegetation will lessen the likelihood of adult beetles crawling upon stored materials. When these prescribed sanitary practices are followed it is not necessary to otherwise treat the materials involved.

In cases where compliance with these requirements is not feasible, used machinery, building materials, etc., may be treated immediately prior to movement with an ovicidal spray consisting of a chemical and kerosene oil. This spray destroys the egg masses. It is also possible to accomplish this by the use of a flame thrower and other available devices.

Nursery stock and plants are eligible for certification for movement from infested areas only when they have been grown, stored, maintained or handled under beetle-free conditions. Plant growers and dealers can meet these requirements in most instances by erecting approved barricaded growing or storage areas. Methods have been devised for the fumigation with chemicals of the soil surface areas enclosed therein.

Approved treatments are also available for the fumigation or sterilization of potting and other loose soil. Certain varieties of plants may be made eligible for certification by fumigation and others, including vegetable plants, may be prepared for certification by freeing them completely from soil.

Treatments have also been developed for the fumigation as a condition of certification of peanuts in the shells, cotton, hay, bulbs, white potatoes and other articles intended for movement from areas where infestations of the beetle occur. In North Carolina, a state-owned mobile fumigation chamber is available for use in the fumigation of such restricted commodities.

Other practical means whereby restricted articles may be certified or otherwise authorized movement from regulated areas are provided in the current quarantines. The sanitary storage, processing, fumigation and other treatment methods referred to herein enable persons concerned to move their products and merchandise from regulated areas. Investigational research is being continued to develop findings that will assist in efforts to keep trade channels open and concurrently prevent the white-fringed beetle from spreading to other parts of North Carolina and neighboring states.

The regulated areas in North Carolina include the City of Wilmington, Wrightsboro, Winter Park, Castle Hayne, Rocky Point, Burgaw, Atkinson and Currie in New Hanover and Pender counties. In that territory, requests for certification or further information may be directed to the White-fringed Beetle Control offices at Room 237, Post Office building, Wilmington, telephone 7113, or in the N.C. Wolfe building, Burgaw, telephone 80. These regulations also apply to infestations occurring in Onslow, Sampson, Duplin, Wayne, Lenoir, Jones, Craven, Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen, Union, and Anson counties. Field offices are maintained at Goldsboro, Hope Mills, and Peachland to handle the activities in these counties.

## DANCE TO CLIMAX "DIMES" CAMPAIGN

W. K. Rhodes, Jr., county chairman of the March of Dimes Drive aid yesterday there will be a semi-formal dance held to climax the drive locally. He appointed the American Legion Post No. 10 as the "Ball Committee."

The New Hanover county-Legion affair will be held on the night of Jan. 31, in the Cape Fear armory, Ninth and Market streets. The affair, which will be semi-formal, with formal dress for the ladies, will start at 9 o'clock, according to Lt. John H. Bandi, who is chairman of the committee.

Bandi said the dance will be the only March of Dimes affair in the state on that night with other counties holding their dances earlier in the campaign.

Music will be furnished by the Camp Lejeune dance band which has played in Wilmington on other occasions and is well known to local dancers.

Present plans of the committee call for formal invitations being sent to Ralph McDonald, state chairman of the drive; Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, and Admiral Joseph Farley, commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and a former Wilmingtonian.

Admission will be by ticket only. They will be placed on sale this week in local stores and business houses. Subscription tickets will be \$3 per couple with the same charge per person although one ticket will admit one gentleman and two ladies.

Other members of the committee are Robert Kooser, Eugene Carr, Roy Fennell and Ben McDonald. This committee have been sponsoring the regular Friday night Legion dances in the Legion home.

During the balance of the week the drive will continue, Rhodes said, with school activities starting today; collection through the offices of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad by their own committee and the starting of theater collections on Thursday by the American Legion auxiliary and the Parent-Teacher association.

## HOSPITAL PREFERS GREEN

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Methodist hospital here uses light green uniforms for its nurses and decorates its walls in the same color, instead of sticking to the time-honored white. Hospital officials said the color is kinder to patients' eyes.

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GREENVILLE, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A member of the board of trustees of East Carolina Teachers college here, has been presented with a handsomely bound collection of letters written by students of the college in appreciation for his contributions to the college.

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PIANOTHEFT A PIKER BOSTON.—(AP)—Here's a case of grand piano larceny. While Michael Kosteka was out taking a walk, someone entered his apartment on the third floor, rigged a block and tackle from the window and lowered a piano into a truck below. Later police found the piano in a pawnshop where the thief had sold it for \$10.

WILL ADDRESS CLUB HIGH POINT, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Former Governor, J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh has accepted an invitation to address the traffic and transportation club here on January 30. Nev president of the club is H. D. Mims, district freight agent for the southern railway.

WAGNER "MUCH BETTER" NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Sen. Robert F. Wagner, (D-NY), recovering from virus pneumonia at Lenox hospital here, was reported "much better" today.

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