

Which Women Held Slaves by Russians

Slaves Sick, Dying in Prison Camps, Say Clergy.

SALZSBURGER, GERMANY.—German newspapers in the western occupation zones quoted German church welfare leaders as claiming that 20,000 sick and dying German women were "slaves" in Russian prison camps.

The women were captured female personnel of the German army and "imported" refugees, the newspapers said.

A Catholic official who asked not to be quoted by name, said the women were treated "worse than slaves."

The assertions could not be checked with American or British army authorities, who said "the Russians never give us any information about prisoners."

Five emaciated German "WACs" released from Russian camps volunteered the story that "hundreds of women were dying from disease and starvation."

They said German girls were treated "worse than the men" prisoners. However, they said the Russians "handled their own women as slaves," and Russian girls worked with them in the mines.

The five admitted they were seized by the Russians "because of our sickness."

American YMCA officials in Germany said the churchmen's claims agreed with what returning German prisoners of war reported. U. S. army headquarters said "the allegations may be true, but we have no data." We estimate three million German prisoners of war are in Russia.

Tung Oil

Chinese tung oil was first called "Chinawood oil" by Marco Polo in the 14th century when he used it in the making of fine lacquers and enamels in the course of his travels in ancient Cathay. Today in this country it is called either "Chinawood-oil" or "tung oil" with the latter designation predominating. Prior to World War II tung oil, which was widely used in the paint, varnish and lacquer industry in this country in the form of many specialized finishes, was practically cut-off from international commerce, due to the activities of the Japanese in China. Following the Japanese occupation of China, this country's imports of tung oil progressively dwindled, until, by 1942, they had fallen from 225,000,000 pounds of oil in 1937 to 2,000,000 pounds.

AIRFOIL LOG

BY ARCHIE COSTNER

The local birdmen have been spreading their wings these beautiful days.

Three of our Junior birdmen have been adding a few feathers to their wings. We have three new private pilots in Kings Mountain.

Jack Bobbitt, son of Rev. C. B. Bobbitt took his check ride April 16 with Skimp Stowe and received thumbs on the ride. Jack is Kings Mountain's youngest private pilot. He soloed March 27, 1946, and has over 200 flying hours.

Yates Conner and Melvin Roberts passed their private license check Tuesday, April 18.

Yates and Melvin received their training under the GI program in Shelby. Both have about 40 hours flying. Congratulations, boys!

We tried a little night flying Sunday. The moon was so bright you could pick out anything on the ground. A few local citizens went up for their first night flight and all were pleased.

Bob Higgins, sales representative for Cessna airplanes stopped by April 13. Mr. Higgins was flying the 1947 Cessna 140.

Impure Milk, Sick Cattle Cause of Undulant Fever

One of the most difficult diseases to diagnose or recognize and yet one which is very prevalent is undulant fever. Everyday care and caution, however, can go far toward controlling and preventing it.

Contact with the germ is made in one of two ways—by drinking raw or improperly pasteurized milk or eating milk products of infected animals, or by handling infected cows, goats or pigs or their carcasses. To pasteurize milk in the home, heat it to 165 degrees F. in the top of a double boiler and hold at that temperature for 20 seconds, stirring constantly. Cool rapidly to 50 degrees F. by setting the milk container in cold water or ice and stirring until cool. Rapid cooling of heated milk improves flavor.

Persons who work with livestock or in slaughter houses need to be particularly careful of cuts and abrasions, for they can easily become infected. All cattle, of course, should be government inspected so that the disease can be controlled at its source.

Spare Towels

Check up on some of our family habits that cause wear and tear on things like towels and linens to preserve these materials. Wiping razors on bath towels is the cause of small breaks in towels. Kitchen towels that pinch-bit for pot holders are likely to live short lives. Even slight cuts or scorches weaken fabrics, although the damage may not show up at once. Then there's the question of the towel that's already soiled. Sometimes, on the theory that it has to be washed anyway, we go ahead and use it to clean the bathtub or soak up water on the floor. But that extra soiling simply means extra washing to get the towel clean, and that means added wear on the fabric. Using sheets and pillow cases for laundry bags is not a wise practice, either. The strain of holding a load of clothes, plus the extra dirt and wear it gets on the trip to the laundry, means you'll get less use out of the sheeting.

Cooking Cabbage

Today, cabbage is cooked for cooking saves the cabbage flavor, the crisp texture, and, best of all, less food value is lost. Shredded cabbage cooked in milk is a good way to get a lot of nutrition into a single dish. Drop the freshly-shredded cabbage into simmering milk. Add some melted fat, mixed with a little flour, for thickening. It only takes five minutes to cook so stir the cabbage often. Season and serve. Panning is another quick way to cook cabbage. Put hot fat in a pan that you can cover—but don't add any water. Add the shredded cabbage and let it cook in its own steam until wilted. Stir the cabbage frequently. When done add salt, pepper and bits of butter.

Rice Area

Kochi and Tokushima form the southeastern half of Shikoku, Japan's smallest principal island. Silted lands along their coasts are virtually the only part of Japan where two crops of rice can be harvested in a year. Lying in about the latitude of Charleston, S. C., the region has wet, tropical summers and mild winters that encourage the nation's most essential food crop. The fertile Kochi plain spreads its farmlands far inland into finger-like valleys separated by steep mountain ridges. They support groves of palm, camphor, bamboo, and other subtropical trees.

Rowan county is now one of the state's leading growers of purebred Hampshire hogs.

CHURCH NEWS

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Wm. H. Stender, Pastor
Sunday, April 20, 1947—
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. with Mr. Carl Mauney, Supt.
The Service at 11:00 a. m. with sermon by the Pastor.
Junior Children of the Church at 4:00 p. m.
Luther Leagues at 6:30 p. m.
Vespers at 7:30 p. m. with Meditation by the Pastor.
Monday, April 21—
Boy Scouts at 7 p. m.
Brotherhood meeting at 7 p. m.
Tuesday, April 22—
Southern Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society at 10 a. m.
Wednesday, April 23—
Children of the Church 3:15 p. m.
Brownie Scouts 4 p. m.
Senior Choir practice 7:30 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE Nazarenes
Harry E. Crump, Pastor
Supt., Cephes Murrin.
Morning worship 11 a. m.
Young Peoples service 6 p. m.
President: Mrs. Lila Croft.
Evangelistic services at 7:30 p. m. each evening.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
T. W. Fogleman, Pastor
Sunday school each Sunday 10 a. m.
H. K. Dixon, Supt.
Worship, second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m., and first and second Sundays 7 p. m.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Fulton and Candler Sts.
Rev. P. D. Putnam, Pastor
Sunday—
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Preaching service.
6:00 p. m. Training Union.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
T. W. Fogleman, Pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Culp Ford, Supt.
Worship first and third Sundays 11:00 a. m.
Second and fourth Sundays 7:00 p. m.

SECOND WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH
Jessie Henson, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
7:00 p. m. Evening worship.
Wednesday: 7:00 p. m. Prayer service.

NEW MISSIONARY CHURCH
Second street at Cora Hill
Spurgeon Scruggs, Pastor
Sunday—
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
Harvey Morrow, Supt.
11:00 a. m. Preaching service.
7:00 p. m. Preaching service.
Thursday—
7:00 p. m. Prayer service.
Saturday—
7:00 p. m. Prayer service.

MTN. VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Crowders Mountain
Floyd Hollar, Pastor
Sunday—
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
Supt. George Leigh.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
7:30 p. m. Preaching service.
Saturday—
7:30 p. m. Preaching service.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. P. D. Putnam, Pastor
Sunday—
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Preaching service.
6:30 p. m. Training Union.
7:30 p. m. Evening worship.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
L. C. Pinnix, Pastor
Mrs. J. C. Bridges, Secretary
Sunday—
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
6:45 p. m. B. T. U.
8:00 p. m. Evening worship.
Wednesday—
7:30 p. m. Prayer service.
8:15 p. m. Choir rehearsal.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
F. D. Patrick, Pastor
Services at Central school.
Harry Page, Supt.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
Sermon subject: "Faith Is The Victory."
2:30 P. M. Sunday school at Friendship Chapel. Clifford Kirkus, Supt.
3:00 P. M. Sunday school and service at Dixon Presbyterian church.
J. G. Darracott, Supt.
7:30 Youth Fellowship Vespers. This service will be in the Fellowship hall in the church. Albert Wells, of Pensacola, Fla., and Columbia Theological Seminary will be the speaker.
7:00 P. M. Monday, Boy Scouts, Troop I. Broadus Moss, Scoutmaster; James Page, Asst. Scoutmaster.

BOYCE MEMORIAL ARP CHURCH
Wm. L. Presaly, Minister
Sabbath school 10 a. m.
J. L. McGill, Supt.
Morning Service 11 a. m.
Evening service 7:30 p. m.
Y. P. C. U. at 8:15 p. m.
Come and worship with us.

National Fire Losses Approach All-Time Mark

During 1946 national fire waste totaled \$561,487,000, the highest losses in 20 years, and the second highest ever recorded. This destruction came within half a million dollars of exceeding the record year of 1926, when the waste totaled \$561,980,751. Last year, the waste by fire was greater than in any of the years of vast city-wide conflagrations, such as 1871, when Chicago burned, or 1906 when San Francisco was virtually all destroyed. In 1906, by comparison, losses for the whole nation, including San Francisco, were estimated at \$518,611,800.

The great destruction in 1926 climaxed seven postwar years in which the nation now has nearly equalled. The 1926 waste in just one year after another great war. If the losses continue this upward trend, the nation will be faced with the annual destruction of a billion dollars worth of valuable resources, nearly all of them irreplaceable, by the year 1958.

We are now burning up at the fastest rate in our history. December's fire losses of \$58,094,000 were the highest recorded in a single month since the National Board of Fire Underwriters began tabulating monthly losses in 1929. This is an increase of 20 per cent over November, 1946, and 17.4 per cent over December, 1945.

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