

French Trio Executed By Nazis in Reprisal For Paris Shooting

Slain Hostages Reported
Selected From Camp of
Communist Prisoners

By the Associated Press.

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Sept. 6.—Three French hostages, reported selected from among Communist prisoners of a concentration camp, were executed by a German firing squad at Paris today in reprisal for an attack in which a German sergeant was slightly wounded three days ago.

Unofficial advices reaching Vichy reported that the three Frenchmen were removed from the Drancy camp near Paris at dawn, lined up before a wall and shot to death. They were not identified.

Warning of August 22 Cited. Gen. von Schaumburg, commander of the city of Paris, in a military announcement published in Paris newspapers called attention to his warning of August 22 that hostages would be executed if further attacks should be made on German troops in the Paris region.

"Despite this warning," the announcement said, "a member of the German Army has been the victim of a new attack September 3. Inquiry has shown the guilty party could have been none other than a French Communist. As reprisals for this cowardly action three French hostages have been shot."

The wounded German sergeant, who also has not been identified, suffered only a flesh wound and was reported recovering. He was shot once in the shoulder as he walked on the street near the east station.

Camp for Communists.

The Drancy camp has been used for imprisonment of most of the French Communists arrested during demonstrations in Paris and its suburbs.

The French moved swiftly to set up legal machinery in an attempt to stamp out acts of terrorism which might lead to further reprisal executions.

At an inner cabinet meeting it was decided that Pierre Pucheu, who as Minister of the Interior is in charge of French police, would leave for Paris soon on an urgent mission in connection with preservation of order.

The Council of Ministers also established a new state court with summary powers, with special emphasis on search for the men behind terrorist and anti-national plots.

Special Court Established.

At the same time establishment of a special justice court under Chief of State Marshal Petain's jurisdiction to hear cases of the political prisoners at Riom charged with "responsibility for defeat" was announced. These prisoners include former Premier Paul Reynaud, Leon Blum and Edouard Daladier and Gen. Maurice Gustave Gamelin.

The new court will report directly to the chief of state before October 15. It replaces the Riom investigation court which was charged with a preliminary inquiry into the facts leading to France's defeat by Germany.

The cabinet was believed to have taken up with Marshal Petain the questions of line-up of government functionaries under the present Vichy regime.

It was learned that beginning October 1 Max Ungerand, Interior Minister's representative at Paris, will strengthen his staff with two new officials designated to place more emphasis on the preservation of order.

Darlan Gets More Power.

In another reorganization today Vice Premier Admiral Jean Darlan gained more power as Marshal Petain's administrative service was attached to his office. By this Admiral Darlan received possible direction of a proposed network of commissars of public power, a new general staff of national defense and other new services.

A Bordeaux summary court for Communists started functioning today with five Red suspects being sentenced to four years' imprisonment. A pollsters court sentenced some railroad workers yesterday to 3 to 10 years in prison for Communist activity.

At Perpignan six received sentences ranging up to 20 years at hard labor on like charges.

The Paris special courts continue to grind out cases. Two more were sentenced to jail terms yesterday.

Gabriel Peri, former Deputy, who escaped after he had been sentenced with 43 other Communists before the German invasion, has been recaptured and faces trial.

Brewster Urges Unified Command in Far Posts

By the Associated Press.

Unified command of the Nation's military forces—land, sea and air—in remote areas to simplify administration and eliminate "friction" was suggested yesterday by Senator Brewster, Republican, of Maine.

As a member of the special Senate Committee investigating the defense program, Senator Brewster wrote a formal report to Chairman Truman on his 14,000-mile inspection flight to the Pacific Coast and Alaska.

Sensor Brewster said that a maximum of authority and decentralized control should be given military officials in Alaska "in view of the extent of the territory and the very long time involved in communications with the departments."

"In general," Senator Brewster wrote Senator Truman, "there were evidences of sympathetic cooperation between the various branches of the service involved, but friction is almost certain to be inevitable without unified command in remote areas."

George Bowman Dies; Pilgrim Descendant

By the Associated Press.

BOSTON, Sept. 6.—George E. Bowman, 82, historian, editor and secretary of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, died today at the Massachusetts General Hospital after a heart attack.

A direct descendant of Elder William Brewster, who arrived at Plymouth aboard the Mayflower, Mr. Bowman was the son of the Rev. George Augustus and Ernestine L. Bowman of Manchester, N. H. He also traced his ancestry to Thomas Prentice and Thomas Hinchley, both Governors of the Plymouth colony.



BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA.—U. S. FORCES WELCOMED IN AUSTRALIA—Confetti showered down on United States sailors and marines who marched with men of the Australian Navy and Army when the U. S. Cruisers Northampton and Salt Lake City

visited Brisbane. Here is a Marine detachment whose smart bearing and trim uniforms won the admiration of the crowds. —Wide World Photo.

British Supply Unit To Help Speed Flow Of War Materials

Newly Appointed Chiefs
Veterans of Business
In North America

Reflecting a decision made by Lord Beaverbrook, British Minister of Supply, during his recent visit here, the British Supply Council in North America yesterday announced a new policy under which it will take a direct hand in expediting the flow of war material from the United States to England.

Up to now the chief task of the Supply Council has been co-ordinating activities of British missions in Washington and in New York. Morris Wilson and Edward Plunket Taylor, Canadian brewers, whose appointments, respectively, as chairman and chief executive officer of the Supply Council were announced last week, will be in immediate control of the council's broadened functions. They serve without pay.

Old Friend of Beaverbrook.

Mr. Wilson, a lifelong friend of Lord Beaverbrook, succeeds the late Arthur Purvis, killed in a plane crash in England, as chairman. He was sent to the United States in June, 1940, as Lord Beaverbrook's personal representative here when Beaverbrook was still Minister of Aircraft Production.

Mr. Taylor's post is new. It was considered necessary in view of the expanded duty of the council. The chief executive officer will devote his time principally to speeding up

production and shipment overseas in collaboration with appropriate United States and British authorities.

Both men have long backgrounds in North American business affairs. Mr. Wilson, 58, is president and managing director of the Royal Bank of Canada, in Montreal. He is vice president and a member of the executive committee of the Montreal Trust Co., a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a director of Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada and a director of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co.

Member of Ten Clubs.

He is married and has one daughter. He belongs to 10 clubs. He became a bank employee at the age of 14 in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, where he was born. He had only a high school education, but was made a member of the Board of Governors of McGill University, Montreal.

Mr. Taylor, only 40, has been the representative of Canadian interests on the Supply Council. He is president of these companies:

Canadian Breweries, Ltd., Toronto; Orange Crush, Ltd., Toronto; Honey Dew, Ltd., Toronto; Carling-Kuntz Breweries, Ltd., Waterloo; O'Keefe's Brewing Co., Ltd., Toronto; and O'Keefe's Beverages, Ltd. He is vice president of:

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British American Brewing Co., Ltd., Windsor; Cosgrave's Dominion Brewery Co., Ltd., Toronto; Taylor & Bate, Ltd., Hamilton, and Security Transportation Co., Ltd., Toronto.
Mr. Taylor was born in Ottawa January 29, 1901. He was educated at Ashbury College, Ottawa Collegiate Institute and McGill, from which he was graduated in 1922. He became an investment banker, and in 1930 was made president of Canadian Breweries. He is married and has one son and two daughters.

Baptist Bible School Will Open Tomorrow

Registrations for the Baptist Bible School will take place from 5:30 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday and Friday at Waddell Hall, 715 Eighth street N.W. The school will offer courses in Bible study and related subjects.

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British Claim Sinking Of Big Liner Believed Carrying Axis Troops

Ship Sunk From Strongly
Escorted Italian Convoy,
Admiralty Announces

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Britain announced today for the second straight day a successful attack on a large Italian liner in the Mediterranean believed to have been transporting troops to reinforce Axis armies in North Africa.

An Admiralty communiqué stated that the 11,398-ton liner Esperia was torpedoed by a British submarine and sunk off Tripoli, attacked while in "an exceptionally strongly escorted convoy" of destroyers, torpedo boats, motor torpedo boats and flying boats.

"Liners of this type are used by the enemy as troopships," observed the Admiralty in a comment similar to that issued yesterday in announcing the torpedoing and "almost certain" sinking of a liner which the Admiralty thought was the 23,625-ton Duilio.

The Duilio, also southbound, was believed to have been carrying troops. A successful attack on a second southbound Axis convoy in the Mediterranean also was announced, with submarines torpedoing and sinking a merchant ship of the 4,000-ton Ramo class between Taranto and Bengasi. Ships of this class, owned by the Italian government, are fast and have been used as raiders. One of them was sunk in the Indian Ocean some months ago.

The presence of large liners in Italian convoys recently attacked in the Mediterranean "undoubtedly" indicates that the Axis is attempting to reinforce its armies in North Africa, one well-informed observer said tonight, adding that it was reasonable to assume that "some of them are getting through, since it is impossible to sink every ship that sets out."

This observer said these signs of growing activity did not necessarily mean that the Axis was contemplating an early large-scale offensive from the Egyptian frontier.

Needs Reinforcements. It was explained that the Axis probably needs reinforcements to insure holding its present position in Libya during major operations elsewhere. The Axis may also hope, it was said, that the unusual movement would divert British attention from other war fronts.

Another possible conclusion was that the French are now opposing the use of Tunisian territorial waters for transport of Axis soldiers and supplies.

Italian transports in the past, it was said, have slipped across the narrow straits of Sicily and then hugged the coast toward Tripoli, giving British warships little opportunity to molest them without virtually attacking Tunisia itself.

There is no reliable indication here of how extensive the troop movements across the Mediterranean are, nor definite information of the numbers of German and Italian soldiers in Libya. A liner of the Esperia size probably would carry about 5,000 troops, it was said.

Official statements show that there have been 30 attacks by British submarines in the Mediterranean since early July, resulting in the reported sinking of 13 merchant ships, three tankers, eight schooners and five troop-carrying calques.

Two Italian cruisers have been hit but are not known to have been sunk, according to the British tabulation, in addition to the torpedoing and serious damaging of a 10,000-ton cruiser announced yesterday.

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Losses in War at Sea

The following "box score" lists sea warfare losses reported during the 105th week of the war, from August 31 to September 6, inclusive:

	Subs.	Planes	Warships	Mines	Other or Unknown	Tonnage	Known Dead	Missing
Greece	0	0	0	0	2	20,940	0	0
Norway	1	0	0	0	2	11,685	0	0
Italy	1	0	0	0	0	11,398	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	2	9,599	8	0
Netherlands	1	0	0	0	0	7,049	16	0
Britain	1	0	0	0	3	6,037	45	0
France	0	1	0	0	0	644	0	0
Totals	4	1	12	0	7	67,352	69	0
Previously Reported	999	247	634	0	0	7,041,898	15,688	9,253
Grand total	1003	248	646	0	7	7,109,250	15,757	9,253

* Tonnage one British ship unknown.
Losses by nations (includes naval vessels): Britain, 841; Norway, 213; Greece, 155; Germany, 142; Sweden, 110; Italy, 95; Netherlands, 74; France, 69; Denmark, 56; Finland, 42; Belgium, 24; Yugoslavia, 13; Estonia, 12; Spain, 9; Panama, 8; Poland, 5; Portugal, 4; Rumania, 4; Egypt, 3; Iran, 3; Lithuania, 3; Turkey, 3; Soviet, 2; United States, 2; Argentina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Japan, Latvia, 1 each; total, 1,897.

U. S. Employees to Ask Night Pay Differential

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 6.—Night differential pay, occasioned by the new 24-hour-a-day work schedules in many Federal agencies during the national emergency, will be sought for Uncle Sam's big family of employees, James B. Burns of Washington, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said today.

The organization's Executive Council will include the night pay differential provision in its recommendations at the A. F. G. E. National Convention here next week, he said.

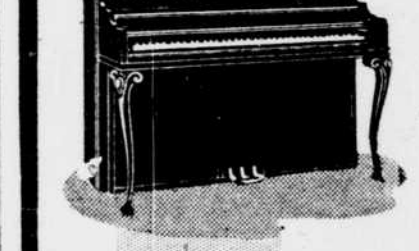
Oldest Army Officer
In Mexico Dies at 99

First Capt. Felipe Delgado, Mexico's oldest army officer, has died in Mexico City at the age of 99 and was buried with full military honors.

The venerable officer, a brilliant cavalry leader, participated in the bloody war that brought about the downfall in 1867 of the empire that Napoleon III upheld in Mexico for three years under the unfortunate Maximilian.

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