

Narcotics in Indiana Prison Probed With Arrest of Surgeon

Dealers Underworld Charged By U. S. Agents

By the Associated Press. INDIANAPOLIS, March 1.—State and Federal narcotics agents, after arresting the chief surgeon of Pendleton State Reformatory, sought today to detect the extent of an illegal drug traffic they said was supplied through the institution. Dr. Elmer John Kalal, 37, reformatory surgeon since February 1, 1939, and a State employe three years, was in jail here charged with violating the Federal Narcotics Act. His arrest was disclosed yesterday at the Governor's office. He later waived examination before a Federal commissioner and was held for \$10,000 bond. Officers said more arrests could be expected. Joseph V. Walsh of Chicago, Federal narcotics agent, said Dr. Kalal bought drugs from Indianapolis firms and sold them to underworld dealers through whom they passed to peddlers in Indianapolis, Chicago and Northern Indiana cities. Internal revenue collector's records here showed that in the last year he bought 12,200 quarter-grain morphine tablets, 2,000 one-sixth grain morphine tablets, 6 ounces of cocaine and 2 pounds 2 ounces of powdered opium.



CANDIDATE JOHNSON SIGNS UP FOR FUTURE VOTERS—The boys who besieged Walter Johnson for autographs last night weren't of voting age, but they had sat through a political meeting to get the former pitcher's name on a dotted line, and he was not so disappointed them. Brooke Farren, 13, left; Francis Moran, 14, and Ned Farren, 14, behind Mr. Johnson, were among those who got autographs. —Star Staff Photo.

200,000 Rumanians Answer Call to Join Defense Force

Army Is Increased to 1,600,000 Against Spread of War

By the Associated Press. BUCHAREST, March 1.—Two hundred thousand citizen soldiers answered Rumania's call to the colors today, raising her army to 1,600,000 men against a possible broadening of the European war in the spring. A minimum of confusion attended the unprecedented concentration because the new contingents of sheepskin-coated peasants and drably dressed urbanites had been informed months beforehand of the frontier points where they should report. At the same time Rumania announced that "great numbers" of peasants soon may be released from the army for sowing crops. Their places will be taken during one-month leaves by non-agricultural conscripts. The heaviest concentration of Rumanian strength is along the Russian border where a fortification program has been hurried. The Soviet Union has renounced Russia's historic claim to Bessarabia, which came to Rumania in the World War settlement. The winter has been an uneasy one for Rumania, marked chiefly

by the still unsettled economic tug-of-war that has gone on between the British-French allies and Germany for her favor in natural resources, particularly oil and oil products. There are, however, no immediate international signs of trouble for the Balkans. Won't Become Pawn. Only last night Turkish Premier Reft Saydam told his countrymen emphatically that Turkey's relations with Soviet Russia are "normal and good." His broadcast was regarded as notice to the allies and Russia alike that Turkey would stay out of war unless her security is threatened. "Our position out of war is based on national inviolability," Saydam declared at Ankara. "We are not and never will be disposed to become the pawn of any combination of any kind." Saydam denounced "evil intentioned propaganda" against Turkey's peace policy and disavowed "aggressive intentions" by his country against Russia. Recent national economy measures designed to prepare Turkey for any emergency, he insisted, had been interpreted falsely by "certain agencies" as meaning that Turkey wanted war. Denies Incidents Occurred. "Has Soviet Russia any intention of acting against us?" he asked. "Up to the present there have been no events or evidence to support such an intention." He asserted all stories of any Russian-Turkish border incident were untrue. "Turkey's policies always have been frank," Saydam continued.



Mrs. James Roosevelt To Push Divorce Action By the Associated Press. LOS ANGELES, March 1.—Mrs. Betsy Cushing Roosevelt has completed plans to push her suit for divorce against James Roosevelt, film producer and eldest son of the President. Attorneys for Mrs. Roosevelt, who arrived here yesterday, said she would ask that the decree be granted on her cross-complaint to the action filed two weeks ago by her husband. Mrs. Roosevelt's legal advisers, Neil McCarthy and Basil O'Connor, former law partner of President Roosevelt, were seeking a stipulation from young Roosevelt's attorney so that they might go into court today and ask for an uncontested decree. Mr. Roosevelt, who is in the East, was not expected to oppose the divorce proceedings. The film producer first filed suit for divorce, charging desertion. In her answer and cross-complaint Mrs. Roosevelt charged cruelty and desertion. Under terms of a settlement announced when the action began, Mrs. Roosevelt will retain custody of the couple's two children, Sara Delano, 7, and Kate, 4. The couple also said that an undisclosed property settlement has been arranged. —A. P. Wirephoto.

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Coal

(Continued From First Page.) extended to cover German exports as well as imports. At the time the blockade was extended, Britain announced that German exports were liable to seizure regardless of whether they were carried in ships flying neutral flags. Italy Is Reported Seeking U. S. Coal ROME, March 1 (AP)—Italy, spurred by the British blockade of coal shipments from Germany, was reported yesterday in commercial circles to be negotiating for the purchase of some 3,000,000 tons of bituminous coal in the United States in order to avert a fuel shortage. Although the negotiations were said to have been conducted by private interests, a government decision rejecting or approving the terms is considered likely within a few days. The decision probably will be influenced by credit facilities, which might be extended by the Export-Import Bank, it was said. (Italy is angling for a \$100,000,000 credit from the United States. It was reported in neutral quarters in London, the Chicago Daily News foreign service reported.) Informed circles intimated that the coal deal, if consummated, might pave the way for revised trade relations between Italy and the United States. They indicated that Italy probably would seek tariff concessions on Italian wines, silks, fabrics, fiber, felt and hats. Interested in Machinery. In addition to coal, Italy is interested in machinery for use in exploiting her own supplies of crude oil, scrap iron and steel. Shipment of about 20,000 tons of American-made steel plates was said to have been contracted for already for construction of four tankers ordered from Italy by a belligerent nation. Italians said they understood that German coal shipments to Italy by sea would be halted beginning today. British sources recalled that the intention of halting the shipments in the near future was announced 10 days ago in London, but said no definite date for clamping on the blockade had been mentioned as yet. The House of Commons was informed last week that Britain was keeping watch on several Italian ships loading German coal in Rotterdam harbor. Commercial circles here explained that limited rail facilities made it impossible to import sufficient coal from Germany by overland routes

to meet Italian needs, and that the development of new sources was imperative. Italy imported approximately 11,000,000 tons of coal in 1939, of which about 60 per cent came from Germany and the remainder from Britain. Lapse of Italian-British trade negotiations as a result of Italy's unwillingness to sell certain types of arms to Britain eliminates the possibility of obtaining more coal from Welsh mines to meet the contingency. There was no indication here whether the subject of American coal imports had been touched on last Monday during United States Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles' conference with Premier Mussolini. Political quarters said, however, Mr. Welles' visit had produced an atmosphere of cordiality which would create conditions favorable to new trade negotiations. Since failure to renew an Italian-American trade treaty three years ago trade relations between the two countries have been conducted on a year-to-year basis. A factor in that failure has been American unwillingness to recognize the Italian conquest of Ethiopia.

Johnson Promises Coon Hunting Won't Pull Him Out of Race

By BEN H. PEARSE. Coon hunting or no coon hunting, the Big Trail is in the congressional race to stay. Speaking before the Walter P. Johnson-for-Congress Club in Chevy Chase, Md., last night, the former Washington pitching star declared: "One of my opponents has said I ought to be out hunting coons or foxes and not running for Congress, and I'm not denying I like a little coon hunt now and then. But I used to do that while I was pitching baseball, too, and I managed to win a game now and then." Launching his campaign for the Republican nomination for the 6th Maryland congressional district in Montgomery County's 7th election district, Mr. Johnson told the story of his life and how he became interested in politics in about 50 words. "I came out here in Montgomery County about 15 years ago. First I lived on Old Georgetown road not so far from this section and later moved up to the farm where I live now at Germantown. I thought I was going to retire and enjoy life and never dreamed I would ever get interested in politics. "Nowadays everybody has to be interested in politics, paying the taxes we are paying." He had decided to run at the insistence of friends, he said, but is "not affiliated with any group" and can represent everybody in the district. "I am not going to make any promises," he declared, "but I don't have anybody to take care of. That's the only way I want to run." John P. Reeves, club president, presided and R. Duncan Clark and Walter Dawson, members of the Republican State Central Committee, spoke. Both stressed the need for getting out the Republican vote in the primary May 6 and asserted Mr. Johnson would be able to win the general election if he can win the nomination. The meeting was held in the Leland Junior High School.

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\$13,500,000 Business May Come to U. S. The Associated Press. A \$13,500,000 piece of business would go to American mines and railroads if Italy carried out proposals to buy coal here. The estimate was given by coalmen after reports came from Rome commercial circles that negotiations were under way for the purchase of 3,000,000 tons of bituminous coal in the United States. Another \$52,500,000, coalmen said, would be required to move the coal across the Atlantic on the basis of current ocean freight rates. A large portion of that sum, they estimated, would go to American-owned shipping. The figures they used were based on an estimated selling cost of \$2.15 a ton for the coal itself, rail rates to Hampton Roads amounting to \$2.35 and ocean freight rates of \$17.50 a ton. The unusually high ocean rates have been posted on the last two contracts for shipment of coal to

some exporters said they had been advised that Italy wanted to build up a reserve of three months' supply of import coal in event the European war should further reduce available European supplies. The 3,000,000-ton order which Rome business circles said today was being negotiated through private agencies, would be approximately three months' supply.

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