

MASTER MINDS IN GREAT PARIS ESPIONGE CASE SLIP THROUGH FRENCH POLICE NET

Paris, Dec. 22—Benjamin Bercoowitz and his wife, Clara whose claims to Canadian naturalization are being investigated by Canadian National Legation officials here, will be among the first of those accused in the current French military spy mystery to be questioned on the evidence obtained.

They will be examined by the investigation magistrate, M. Benon, on the basis of a deposition made by Chief of Detectives Martz. M. Martz has directed the military angles of the case, pointing, police claim, to both Soviet Russia and Germany, from the very outset of the widespread but secret inquiries of French counter-espionage authorities.

French law requires that the investigating magistrate open the alleged incriminating documents, confiscated in a series of swift raids, in the presence of the accused before sending them to experts for further study.

Direct Examination

As B. Bernon announced plans for beginning of the direct examination of the 10 persons now held members of what authorities maintain was a band of 40 spies, police concentrated on clues they suspected would lead them to "Germany's master organization."

From Paris, the French counter-espionage service its investigation abroad—notably to Warsaw, where

leaders believed important documents relating to the innermost secrets of France's far-flung defence system of fortifications had been sent.

"I am Innocent" Says American

Robert Switz young American held in the case protested his arrest in conversation with his lawyer in Sante prison last night. "I am innocent of conviction with the spy gang," he said.

Foreigners among those in custody might be deported, authorities said, unless dangerous evidence should be disclosed against them.

The Secret Service fears, it was learned that the trails to the hidden sources of the alleged espionage have been cut by over-zealous police in a premature arrest of the mere tools of master-minds. These trails, they said they believed led to Finland and the frontier of Germany.

Secret service operatives said that they thought it would acquire additional months of searching before they could reach the bottom of what appeared to be two distinct plots.

The suspicion that the band might have been a commercially organized espionage corporation buying secrets whenever obtainable and peddling them to the highest bidders, further confused the efforts made by the police to put their big puzzle together.

The blackhaired gypsy-featured Russian woman, Mme. Lidia Tchekaloff Stahl, one of the police prison-

ers, who was called a super-spy by the men who captured her. They said she seemed to have had access to French military secrets through an infatuation by Louis Martin, 43, a translator in the Ministry of Marine.

Mme. Stahl is 48 years old and has none of the characteristics of the traditional screen type of spy.

Check Antecedents

Ottawa, Dec. 24—Inquiries have been set in motion by the department of External Affairs, through the Canadian High Commissioner in Paris, seeking to confirm the identity of Benjamin Bercoowitz, arrested with his wife in the French capital as a suspected member of an espionage system. No reply has been received as yet beyond the man's name and claim to Canadian naturalization. The Department will seek to learn his full identity, particulars of his career in Canada, and to check up on his passport if he possesses one from the Canadian authorities.

MAY BE DEPORTED

Calcutta, India, Dec. 23—Nila Cram Cook, Mahatma Gandhi disciple is a patient in a mental hospital here. Surgeons were unable to examine her because would not speak except to denounce them. Authorities may deport her. She formerly lived in Provincetown, Mass.

After most of life has passed, we see how helpless we were in its crises.

Promises has no legal rights or claim against Dominion—press report—Somebody is always taking the joy out of life.

NEW ZEALAND IS ENJOYING BETTERMENT

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23—The outlook for reciprocal trade between New Zealand and Canada is very bright, stated Mr. J. W. Collins, New Zealand commissioner, for Canada who arrived in Halifax yesterday on the Canadian National steamships West Indies liner "Lady Rodney" from Jamaica where he has been on a visit in the interests of trade between the British West Indies and New Zealand. Mr. Collins said that the recent advance in the price of wool and meat has brought about a great revival in trade in New Zealand. Every penny increase in the price of wool he remarked, meant a million pounds sterling additional revenue. The betterment in the economic situation in New Zealand will provide a greater buying power he declared and should lead to a greatly increased trade with Canada.

Mr. Collins whose headquarters are located in Toronto leaves on the Ocean Limited of the Canadian National Christmas setting.

BOY HERO WILL KNOW BETTER THE NEXT TIME

Maquoketa, Iowa, Dec. 23—Kenneth Reid, 4, already has learned something about the ephemeral qualities of being a hero.

When Virginia Faye Ferguson, also 4, plunged head-first into a fish pond, Kenneth seized her protruding legs and screamed for help. Virginia couldn't. Her head was under water. She kicked but Kenneth held on and finally was assisted in hauling the dripping little girl from the water.

Virginia Faye commenced to cry—not because she was afraid of water, but she suddenly remembered she had been forbidden to play near the pool.

She streaked for home, but when she arrived, told her parents that Kenneth and the other boys poured a cup of water on her. After wrapping her in warm blankets and putting her to bed, her parents learned the true story.

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Given under my hand this Fourth day of December, A.D. 1933.
(Sgd. H. O. McINERNEY,
Judge of Probate pro hac vice.
(Sgd.) LEO F. CAIN,
Registrar of Probate.

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