

70,000 Baltic Germans Are Repatriated

Character of Europe Is Altered Permanently by Migrations

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On the Russian border, March 10.—Here, where tiny streams and rows of sturdy little houses and barbed wire separate eastern Germany from what was Lithuania until the Germans moved in, one gets a small but compelling picture of the migrating peoples whose movements are permanently altering the character of Europe regardless of the outcome of the war.

These are some of the 70,000 Baltic Germans who are being repatriated as part of the Reich's campaign to bring within its borders all the so-called Volksdeutsche, or persons of German descent, that it can. According to published figures, 550,000 have returned from various parts of Europe since October, 1935.

Simple peasants for the most part, these people from former Lithuania have packed what they could bring, sometimes with a horse and a wooden springless wagon, sometimes in matted shawls, sometimes in only their coarse and worn garments, to find a new life in Germany. Most of them are cheerful, but the women have the weariness and hopelessness that comes from long hardships. Almost all of the children are completely stunted except for the one small boy of four or five whose mother, with no visible expression, holds him up while he cries for the benefit of photographers.

Actually, there are three entrances movements along this border. The first is a steady stream of men, women and children who come by rail to the border, change trains, and are processed after passing through the small stations where food, blankets and field kitchens have provided a feeding depot. Further north, at Schmalingen, buses drive up from the Russian side, carrying women and children and all the baggage they are unloaded under the watchful eyes of Russian guards. Then they are across a small bridge and into a German bus.

At Schlossburg, a wagon caravan that has crossed to a point where horses and wagons can be loaded into waiting trucks. The trucks, with their drivers, come from the Polish side, and the children and other women have gone ahead by bus or train to the new homes.

More fortunate than some of the European wanderers, these people have the promise at least of the German government that they will be provided with farms with approximately similar resources and livestock as those they left behind. German commissions operating in Russia have made a careful inventory of the possessions and capabilities of these returning citizens.

But that is the uncertain future. Between them and their new homes are three or four months of large camps where they are being trained in agriculture and other undesirable qualities and catechized German thinking. They had their first experience with it at the border where officials greeted them and welcomed them with flags decorated with the swastika and dreary streets.

On route one saw a Polish soldier in the final steps in this resettlement process. There Volksdeutsche from the general government (section of Germany controlled by Poland) have been installed in homes in many parts of the Reich. The German government, however, has been occupied by Polish people after 1918.

About 35,000 persons have been brought to this area which is now the Wartheland (district) of the Reich. In a direct exchange of population.

The German authorities say that they have made every effort to make the exchange as equal as possible in resources, furnishings and livestock.

Some scars of the brief and savage war that wiped out Poland as a nation are still visible. That can still be seen from the train windows as one travels between the borders near Osterode and Bentschen. Many of the bridges including the broad span over the Vistula and still being repaired, where sections were destroyed, and a few shell-damaged houses can be observed. Although this territory has been incorporated into the Reich, special police passes are still required and it is almost impossible for foreigners to visit the general government.

In Posen, almost every trace of its Polish past has been wiped out. Street signs are new, and in German. Freshly painted patches on store fronts and other buildings are still evident. Frequent signs in railroad stations and other places say that only Germans will be spoken and many business houses have placards preventing the entry of Poles. Street cars are double, with the forward car exclusively for Germans.

New roads are being constructed. Farm production is being speeded up and much renovation has been undertaken in the city itself. Food is still more plentiful here than around Berlin, for example, and ration cards have not yet been introduced, although they will come later this month. Transport, restricted during the Polish campaign, has now been restored and it will be possible to move more of the produce from here to less agricultural regions.

Deputy at Kingston For 30 Years Dies
Kingston, Ont., March 10 (AP).—George Sullivan, deputy warden at Kingston Penitentiary and former baseball player, died yesterday. He was a member of the penitentiary staff for more than 30 years.

Slain in Bed



Associated Press Wirephoto
LEILA ADELE WELSH

Nazis Swoop Upon Convoy In Channel

Formation Broken Up, Berlin Says; Bombs Hit Merchant Ship

Berlin, March 10 (AP).—German army guns fired on several vessels in the English Channel early today, forcing them to turn off, informed Germans reported today. Army and navy long range guns fired a salvo in the Channel during the night, they said. The results of the fire were not made known.

Pilot Feared Dead As Warplane Tips In Forced Landing

Marshfield, Ore., March 10 (AP).—An Army A-17 attack plane, lost and out of fuel, overturned in the surf in a forced landing north of the Coos Bay last night. The pilot was believed killed. His companion escaped serious injury.

Major R. C. McDonald, pilot of the ship, which was en route to Hamilton Field, Calif., from Salt Lake City, was trapped in the front cockpit. Lieut. J. J. Trautner, escaped from the rear cockpit and made his way to shore, 30 feet away.

Coast Guardsmen reached the scene quickly and tried unsuccessfully to chop their way into the metal cockpit and rescue McDonald. They held no hope that he would be found alive when the ship reached shore with the tide.

Slayer Flees With Part of Beauty's Hip

Kansas Girl Killed in Bed With Hammer and Knife

Kansas City, March 10 (AP).—Clumsily abandoned, blood-stained weapons of death guided police today in the search for the killer who beat pretty Miss Leila Adele Welsh, 24, with a stone mason's hammer, slashed her with a butcher knife and fled with a deeply cut section of her hip.

The body of the socially prominent brunette, her pajamas in shreds, was found in her bedroom yesterday morning by her mother, Mrs. Marie F. Welsh, who went to awaken the daughter to attend church.

Miss Welsh, a 1937 beauty contestant at the University of Kansas City, had been slain during the night by a person who apparently entered through a bedroom window of the Welsh home at 6109 Rochelle Road, in a well-to-do section. After head had been fractured in several places and her throat severely slashed.

The hammer was left at the foot of the bed. The knife's seven-inch blade was sticking in earth outside the open window. There were mud tracks on the window sill. Tucked in a neck wound was a man's shirt, minus its collar.

In the backyard of a home 100 yards away, police found the missing section of flesh. There, too, was a pair of blood-stained cotton gloves.

Police laboratory tests showed that Miss Welsh, granddaughter of a pioneer Kansas City real estate man, had not been criminally assaulted. A close check on valuable discounts robbery as the motive.

Miss Welsh, escorted by Richard W. Funk, an oil company employee whom she had been dating for five years, returned home at 1:30 A.M. Sunday morning. They had attended a circus sponsored by the police and had stopped later at a cocktail lounge.

Later Funk left, she talked a few minutes to her mother, then, tipped past her brother, George, asleep on the living room davenport, to her bedroom at the rear of the house. Shortly afterward, the mother heard a thud which she thought was caused by the son falling off the davenport. She investigated and found him asleep.

Miss Welsh told police she was up and around the house several times during the night but heard nothing further.

Miss Welsh, beneficiary of a \$65,000 trust fund established by her grandparents, formerly taught school in Knoxville, Ill.

A university sorority sister, Miss Phyllis Wetherill, told police that Miss Welsh mentioned last week having met a young man while she was teaching in Knoxville who "wanted her to marry him, and she didn't know what to do about it."

Miss Wetherill also recalled that last December an unidentified man called Miss Welsh on the telephone, said "he had noticed her on the street and that he did know how to get introduced and so had called up to seek a date."

Miss Welsh rejected his offer.

Strike Ties Up Bus Line In N. Y. City

\$75,000 Walk and Jam Subways as 3,500 Drivers Quit Work

By the Associated Press
A crippling strike of bus drivers sent hundreds of thousands of business-bound New Yorkers scrambling for subway lines and into taxicabs today as the city's first major transportation tie-up in a quarter of a century got under way.

A pre-dawn walkout of 3,500 drivers threw rush-hour transportation out of gear on 27 routes serving 575,000 residents of Manhattan and Queens and commuters from Staten Island and New Jersey.

There was no disorder, but considerable confusion at major transportation centers and at ferry slips. Trolley cars have almost disappeared from Manhattan streets, making buses vital in moving the city's masses.

The strikers' members of the Transport Workers Union (C. I. O.) demanded an eight-hour day, three weeks vacation with pay instead of the present two weeks and a 25 per cent pay increase for drivers, conductors, mechanics and garage men.

Drivers for the New York Omnibus Corporation, whose buses have no conductors, receive a maximum of 90 cents an hour. Drivers for the Fifth Avenue Coach Company are now paid a top wage of 81 cents an hour for conductors.

Mayor LaGuardia, asserting the "tragic mistake" has been made, said the union's attitude was "unreasonable, obstinate and stupid." Picket lines were thrown around bus terminals, garages and shops with orders from union officials to conduct themselves as "decent citizens and responsible union men."

Police instructions were issued against miss pickingeting. A team of 100 men, including members of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) employed at the Midland-Stern Products Corporation struck today, closing the plant which company officials said has defense contracts.

The factory employs about 1,700 workers, and supplies automobile frames to Chrysler Corporation, General Motors Corporation and the Ford Motor Company's Lincoln division.

Charles Bethel, U. A. W. C. I. O. organizer, said the Midland-Stern corporation had rejected union proposals for "abolition of piece work, equal pay for equal work, and wage raises."

Edward M. Owen, conciliator for the State Labor Mediation Board, said he warned the union last week that the board considered Midland to be engaged in defense work and insisted on a 30-day strike notice. The union's strike notice was filed Feb. 27.

Also at Detroit, L. F. Rye said the U. A. W. and officials of the Federal Motor Truck Company would resume negotiations tomorrow after differences which caused 350 production workers to walk out Friday. The company has a \$3,000,000 Army truck order.

Another unsettled Detroit strike held up installation of material at

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this must be reduced to five ounces. What can miners and farm laborers do on a quarter of a pound of bread daily when little other food is available?"

The marshal then went on to say that the unoccupied zone only had had a crop of 11,000,000 quintals this year against the normal production of 23,000,000 quintals. And no supplies are coming through from Africa where the barley crop too is much under normal.

Furthermore, Petain explained, the occupied zone, the principal wheat producing section of France, can only help a little as its own harvest is laid.

GAS MASKS FOR HORSES—The Army has asked Congress for funds, members said today, for 107,000 gas masks for horses. The request was contained in a supplemental estimate for the War Department totalling about \$3,800,000,000 which President Roosevelt submitted two weeks ago.

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