

Russians Order German Reds To Stop Flight of Refugees

By TOM REEDY

BERLIN (AP)—The East German Communist purge, forcing a mass flight of refugees to the West, has shown some signs of boomeranging. A new crop of East Germans who fled to West Berlin Sunday brought these reports:

1. The Russians have ordered the German Communist regime to put a halt to the exodus, which West Berlin's mayor, Ernst Reuter, calls a "colossal peacetime tragedy."

2. Twenty-four border police have been arrested for helping residents escape.

3. Workmen have started erecting new barricades on the frontier between the Soviet zone and the Soviet sector of Berlin to plug the big leak.

The actions came at the end of a week in which 8,560 East

Germans reported to West Berlin refugee centres. The pace impelled Reuters to forecast a February total of 30,000. There were more than 25,000 in January.

The Russian reaction is described as one of mixed embarrassment and annoyance. In the first place the refugee flood has fastened sympathetic world opinion on the plight of Soviet-zone Germans, including Jews. Second, the already-wobbly Communist economy is being hit hard by the flight of experienced farmers and technicians.

A check of the Soviet sector border Sunday showed definite barricade construction. Most of the refugees have come to East Berlin first and then crossed into the west sectors, the last big opening left to them.

Skating Star Likes to Cook

NEW YORK (CP)—Canada's Barbara Ann Scott is as much at home in the kitchen as on the ice.

The blonde star of the Hollywood Ice Revue now playing at New York's Madison Square Garden, is also a musician, a golfer and a horsewoman but, she told interviewers, her daily preoccupation is with cooking.

Wherever she goes two trunks go with her. One carries her personal wardrobe and skating equipment. The other holds an electric oven, toaster, coffee maker, plus pots, pans and jars of preserves.

"I don't care about the other hotel accommodation," said Barbara Ann. "But I always insist that the suite must have a kitchen."

"It's silly, but I love home so much and in the life I lead I'm never home, so I take it along with me."

Artistic Display of Curios Featured At P-TA Brotherhood Week Celebration

An interesting artistic display of curios, a "smorgasbord" of foods from many lands, and a program of international song and dance were highlights of Conrad Street School Parent-Teacher Association's second annual celebration of Brotherhood Week.

The program was held during the association's monthly meeting in Conrad Street School on Tuesday.

The curio display, set up by Mrs. Linda Patzold, was centred about a huge colored pre-war map of Europe drawn by Mrs. Patzold herself. Below the map a large table was sectioned off to display curios from each country. Each section was centred with a flag from the country where the surrounding curios originated.

Among other things were books and spoons from Germany, colored wooden plates and pictures from Estonia, coins from Ireland, a large fur rug from Mexico, carved ivory salt

and peppers from Alaska. The huge table of many and varied food delicacies was presided over by Mrs. K. Faught, with the assistance of Mrs. J. Kurdziel and Mrs. L. Murdoch. More than 100 people made the rounds.

There were fish cakes from Norway, spaghetti from Italy, pickled herring from Estonia, prune cakes from Denmark, sweet and sour from China, crisp cookies from Germany, a rice dish from India, and plate upon plate of others, to present an almost infinite variety.

An interesting international program of entertainment was as follows: Swiss yodelling songs, M. Girardet; bagpipe selections, J. D. S. Robertson; South African boer songs, Mrs. W. Murdoch, accompanied by Mrs. G. V. Hanley; Italian song, M. Girardet; Polish song, Mrs. W. Murdoch.

These items were interspersed with community singing of

songs from various countries, led by the jovial master of ceremonies, Frank Derry.

Accompanist for the program was Miss Marian Caine.

During refreshments, a record player provided background music from China, Japan, India, Czechoslovakia, Germany, France and Poland.

The entire Brotherhood Week program was convened by Mrs. W. Murdoch, Mrs. M. Reeves, Mrs. G. Patzold and Mrs. K. Faught.

During the business meeting, members reviewed resolutions to go before the annual convention of the B.C. Parent-Teacher Federation in North Vancouver in April, and instructed their delegate to the convention, W. D. Griffiths, how to vote.

Another of Conrad P-TA's popular card parties will be held March 20 with Mrs. H. Thomas as convener, assisted by Mrs. Roy Johnson, Mrs. A. Mellor, Mrs. S. Ballinger and Mrs. Painter.

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