

Last Load of Barley Leaves For Korea

The freighter Lake Kootenay let go from the Dominion elevator docks here after nearly a week of waiting to get fully loaded with barley for Korea.

While loading time ordinarily

Greece Agrees to Ban Ships Taking Cargoes to Red Lands

WASHINGTON (AP)—United States officials said today the Greek government has agreed in the last 10 days to impose a ban on the use of ships operating under the Greek flag to carry cargoes to or from Communist countries.

This became known in the wake of an announcement by Senator Joseph McCarthy (Rep. Wis.) that his Senate investigations subcommittee staff had worked out an agreement with Greek ship owners to halt all trade with Red China, North Korea and Soviet Far Eastern ports.

Other members of the committee learned with some surprise about McCarthy's announcement of the agreement. Officials indicated the Greek

government's action was independent of the agreement worked out by McCarthy with Greek ship operators.

The action taken by the Greek government, as understood here, would end a part of the transportation of Communist materials to which the U.S. has objected but would not reach all such shipping in Greek-owned vessels.

Officials here made a distinction between ships owned by Greeks and operating under the Greek flag and those which operate under the flags of other countries. They said the Greek government would not be able to make a ban effective against Greek-owned ships operating under foreign flags.

takes only 19 to 20 hours, the delay was due to lack of grain in the elevator it was explained.

Meanwhile, first wheat to come here in a year is piling up on the tracks and unloading of the forerunner of some 1,500,000 bushels of No. 5 northern will begin immediately.

First ship to load this wheat will be the Laniya, scheduled to arrive April 6. Her destination is unknown.

Atlin Avenue, main approach to the elevator, now is being graded and gravelled to provide a serviceable thoroughfare to one of the busiest spots on the waterfront today.

Arnold Mills elevator superintendent reports that another barge cargo of barley screenings is loading for Vancouver, to be used by B.C. Packers Ltd. as a binder in making fish meal.

Bob Nelson of Metlakatla reports spring salmon are running at a fair rate in the "Passage" with catches up to 62-pounds taken by hand-line.

This should be good news for derby fishermen who want to enter that big one over the long Easter week-end.

Gordon Reid, fisheries supervisor here, reports that a department inspector located at the Babine Lake station recently completed the first trip on foot ever recorded by a white man from the start of the Babine River to the slide area, a distance of some 30 miles straight.

Inspector Lou Gelly, top-flight trail man, formerly a trapper in Northern B.C. and in charge of the Babine River salmon spawning grounds made his first tour of the headwaters of the Babine two weeks ago.

Some of the most rugged country in the Rockies was encountered in the 30 mile stretch which he says was more like 60 miles travelling as he did in criss-cross fashion on snowshoes.

The trip was completed in two days.

Purpose of the trip was to pick out a permanent trail and to make a survey of water conditions for spawning.

Another tour, however, will have to be made in the summer, says Gelly, when he will blaze a trail. He expects a summer trip may take five days, considering windfalls and muskug swamps.

His observations were many and exacting. Among the many things noted concerning fish hatchery were 2,000 ducks feeding on spawn in the open channels of the river.

Six Bishops Reported Slain In Albania

ROME (AP)—The news bulletin of an exiled Albanian political group says that five of six Albanian Roman Catholic bishops have been tortured to death by Communist authorities in their homeland.

Flamuri, organ of the Albanian Agrarian Democratic party, published here, said that since the Communists usurped power in Albania all religious denominations have been persecuted ruthlessly.

Catholic bishops put to death by torture, it said, included Archbishop Nicola Vincenzo Prenushi of Durres, Durazzo, noted nationalist and poet. Previous reports said he was sentenced to 20 years in jail in 1948. Flamuri said he died in Tirana, the Albanian capital, after parts of his body had been cut away and burned.

The Abbott of Mirdita, Msr. Francois Gjini, was flayed alive, said Flamuri, and Bishop George Volaj of Zadrima was tortured by being put in a nail-studded barrel which was rolled until he died.

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BRIG. J. E. C. PANGMAN (right) of Toronto, commander of the Canadian brigade group in Germany, chats with a German border policeman, L.Cpl. Dieter Albrecht, at Hannover, Germany. The brigade, Canada's contribution to the North Atlantic treaty organization, has been undergoing training at Hannover.

More Red Cross Supplies Reach Holland From Canada

ROTTERDAM (Reuters)—The biggest single shipment of Canadian Red Cross supplies to reach the Netherlands since last month's flood disaster arrived here over the week-end and was handed over to the Dutch Red Cross.

Delayed nearly a week by fog and subsequent rerouting, the ship Montrose brought gifts valued at \$45,000 and included 112 cases of new clothing, large quantities of sheets and bedding, besides outboard motors and thermos jugs.

The Canadian charge d'affaires, Paul Tremblay, made a symbolic presentation of an outboard motor, a thermos jug and two quilts to P. C. Broekhoff of The Netherlands Red Cross.

Tremblay recalled that when the Dutch flood disaster became

known in Canada, Prime Minister St. Laurent announced the creation of the Canadian National European Flood Relief Fund which had raised more than \$2,300,000, of which \$1,000,000 was donated by the federal government.

Broekhoff, recalling the help of Canadian servicemen in liberating The Netherlands, expressed Holland's warm gratitude for "this very important and welcome gift."

Two Women Escape Death By Gassing

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two women narrowly escaped gassing in a west-end rooming house when a 38-year-old tenant turned on the gas jets in his room to commit suicide, police said today.

Dead is William Thomas McConnell. Revived by city inhalator squad were Mrs. Jean Burnett, 31, and Mrs. A. Cammes.

Police said the gas was first noticed by Mrs. Burnett, who broke into McConnell's room and found him unconscious with his head in the oven of his stove and all windows and doors sealed.

Mrs. McConnell managed to turn off one of the jets and give the alarm before collapsing.

Mrs. Cammes was overcome in her suite above McConnell's room. Both women are recovering in hospital.

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★ FLASHES

NEW YORK (AP)—Still whooping it up with the zest of an ageless cowboy, the all-time hit musical "Oklahoma," staged a roundup party yesterday in Washington's National Theatre to celebrate its 10th birthday.

"Oklahoma" has been playing continuously, either on Broadway or on tour across the United States and in Canada and in a dozen or more foreign lands, since its Broadway opening at the St. James Theatre, March 31, 1943.

For three weeks previous to the Broadway opening, it was tried out in New Haven under the provisional title "Away We Go." It was a title no one liked and there were many early criticisms.

Some said the theme was "too serious," and some said "you can't get away with murder in a musical," but principally, the critics didn't like the title. So "Oklahoma" was adopted as a substitute until someone thought of something better.

Then Lawrence Langer, an executive director of the Theatre Guild, pulled a pencil out of his pocket, walked over to the billboard and added an exclamation point. That did it.

Among the guests at the anniversary get-together was composer Richard Rodgers, Librettist and Lyricist Oscar Hammerstein, and many Broadway and Washington notables.

When "Oklahoma" closed its first Broadway run May 29, 1948, it had been seen by 4,500,000 on the New York stage, grossed more than \$7,000,000, and paid its backers a profit of more than 2,500 per cent.

The original Broadway run, including 44 extra matinees for armed forces' personnel during the Second World War, added up to 2,246 performances and took the record for a musical show from "Chu Chin Chow," which set the previous mark of 2,238 performances in London 30 years ago.

VICTORIA 9—The first three-dimensional movie to be shown here will be screened at the Odean theatre beginning Easter Friday.

Elliott Brown, Odean manager, reports electronic experts have completed installation of new equipment in the projection room which will give "natural vision" effect to the film "Bwana Devil," to open April 3.

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