

# NAZIS ENLIST SOVIET AID IN PEACE DRIVE

## Holling Attended Dinner At DeFusto's, Says Friend

Mayor, Encountered in Adirondacks, Declared No Gambling Would Be Allowed.

By JACK MEDDOFF  
Testimony of a dinner in the DeFusto home in the Adirondacks in July, 1938, attended by Mayor Holling and himself, was related by Dr. Charles H. McKee, dentist and personal friend of Mr. Holling, at the gambling conspiracy trial today.

Dr. McKee said he and the mayor, on a trip, accidentally encountered former Commissioner Higgins, Tony DeFusto and Julius Caputo at Old Forge and accepted DeFusto's dinner invitation.

Other developments today included:

—Dr. McKee's recital of part of the dinner conversation in which DeFusto said Mr. Higgins, instead of Glenn H. McClellan, ought to have been named police commissioner by Mayor Holling on Jan. 1, 1938.

—Mayor Holling's declaration at the dinner, according to Dr. McKee's testimony, that so long as he was mayor there would be no gambling if he could help it.

—Justice Conway's refusal to permit Prosecutor Raichle to adduce evidence of DeFusto's bank accounts.

—Testimony by John V. Mulligan, former accountant for Defendant Dwyer, that Dwyer told him that to operate his bookmaking place it was necessary to pay Walter J. (Butch) Kramer and two precinct captains whose names were allowed to go into the record.

—Insertion into the trial record of the extraordinary grand jury testimony on July 15, last, by Lieut. Mulligan, a defendant, that he never had received any money from Frank Gatta, former bookmaker.

Defusto Invited Mayor.

Dr. McKee, called by Mr. Raichle, said he is a friend of Mayor Holling and knows Defendant Higgins and DeFusto. The latter, with Caputo, disappeared following the return of the gambling conspiracy indictment July 17.

Dr. McKee testified that in July, 1938, he and Mayor Holling were in the Adirondacks and ran into Mr. Higgins and DeFusto in a restaurant. They also encountered Caputo in front of the place. Caputo invited Dr. McKee to play golf the next day and DeFusto invited Mayor Holling and his friend to dinner the following evening.

Following dinner the mayor, Dr. McKee, Mr. Higgins, Caputo and DeFusto engaged in a general conversation.

(Dentist Testifies, continued on Page 7, Column 1.)



ALFRED AND EMMA BERGDOLL

## 2 Children Verify Bergdoll In Story of Residence in U.S.

Son, 12, Recalls Father Visited Philadelphia a Long Time Ago; Sister Tells Same Story.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (P)—Two of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll's five children today corroborated their father's testimony that he lived secretly in Philadelphia during part of the 19 years he was supposedly a fugitive in Germany.

Bergdoll, on trial before a general court martial on charges of desertion and escape, testified Wednesday he slipped back into the United States twice, remaining four years the first time and three years the second. Both times, he swore, he lived in the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, in Wynnewood ave., Philadelphia, but never ventured from the house.

His oldest son, Alfred, 12, who has attended the William P. Mann School in Philadelphia for the last four years, was called as the day's first witness after the prosecution agreed to stipulate that if Erwin Bergdoll, Grover's brother, were called he would corroborate the story of Grover's secret residence.

Alfred could not remember when he first saw his father in the Philadelphia house, but knew it was a long time ago.

A fifth-grade pupil, he said he remembered his father lived with them in Philadelphia while he was in the second and third grades and part of the time when he was in the fourth grade.

This would have been on Bergdoll's second visit, from October, 1935, to October, 1938. His first visit lasted from June, 1929, to May, 1933. Alfred said he was constantly warned not to mention his father's presence in the house.

His sister, Emma, a blonde child of 15 with long braids, told the same story. Her Uncle Erwin, she said, came to the house every night while her father was there.

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Measure to Permit Sale of Munitions to Belligerents Is Reported by Committee After Debate on Shipping.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (P)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved today the Administration Neutrality Bill to permit the sale of American arms to belligerent nations.

BY RENALD G. VAN TINE  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (U.P.)

—Efforts of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to speed action on President Roosevelt's neutrality program bogged down today in debate over effects of the plan on the American merchant marine. The discussion over shipping disrupted plans to report the measure promptly to the Senate.

Senator William E. Borah, Republican of Idaho, emerging from the committee session, said that members had become engrossed also in a discussion of several technical changes proposed for the bill.

Whether any considerable delay in reporting the bill was in prospect was uncertain, but Senator Alben W. Barkley, Democratic leader, said he expected the committee would continue deliberations this afternoon until a decision had been reached.

Want Powers Defined.

The Senate in its brief session voted unanimously to ask the attorney general for information on what powers were made available to President Roosevelt when he recently proclaimed a state of national emergency.

The resolution asking the information was proposed by Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan. Senator Barkley commented that he had no objection and thought the information might prove helpful to the Senate in its consideration of neutrality legislation.

The resolution also requested the attorney general to inform the Senate what other extraordinary powers, if any, were made available to the President "under existing statute in emergency or state of national emergency."

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Propaganda Probe Urged.

Senator Bennett C. Clark, Democrat of Missouri, offered a resolution calling for the establishment of a seven-man Senate committee to investigate "all persons or firms" acting for foreign governments and using propaganda or other means in an effort to effect a "change in the neutral position of the United States."

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MEMPHIS, Sept. 28 (P)—Four Naval Academy midshipmen en route to Annapolis were killed early today in a collision of their automobile and an apple truck at Braden, Tenn., about 35 miles northeast of Memphis.

The dead were identified at Stanton, Tenn., as Britton C. Cole of Bryan, Tex.; Philip L. Seawald of Amarillo, Tex.; Max E. McConnell of Clovis, N. M., and T. B. Orr Jr. of Ardmore, Okla. All were around 18 to 22 years old.

They were in a hospital here, where he and two other midshipmen, Frank Thomas of College Station, Tex., and Charles Leverett of Amarillo, were brought by ambulance. Thomas' condition was described as good. The extent of Leverett's injuries was not ascertained immediately.

They were due back at Annapolis for classes Sept. 30. The party left Gainesville, Tex., Wednesday.

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## War at a Glance

Clip for Your Historical Scrapbook.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

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A German communiqué reported a heavy British cruiser was successfully attacked" by a German air raider near the British coast. A British Admiralty spokesman termed the German claim "all poppycock."

Berlin said that Poland's capital, shattered by 20 days of German Siege, was prepared to surrender, probably tomorrow.

German announcement of the city's unconditional surrender was borne out by a Polish news agency dispatch indicating further defense had been abandoned with German and Russian armies in virtually complete control of Poland.

The Warsaw radio was silent after telling the dramatic story of the city's valiant defense and ruin.

On the Western Front hostilities were slow-paced.

A French communiqué said an enemy attack west of Saarbrücken failed" during a "calm night along the entire front."

Swiss dispatches said a French counterattack had driven back German troops which had thrust toward a rail junction east of Wiessembourg.

The French communiqué declared British and French planes had "shot down several German fighting planes."

"There were no noteworthy fighting activities" on the West, said a German communiqué reporting "one enemy plane" had been downed near Saarbrücken.

The official Soviet agency reported the second attack in two days by an unidentified submarine on Soviet shipping near Estonia. The steamer Pioneer was forced into the rocks without loss of life, Tass said.

Diplomatic circles in London and Paris expressed belief Hitler was preparing a new peace move, possibly backed by threat of a German-Soviet military alliance.

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Polish Capital Described as City of Death and Ruin by Flier Who Escaped to Hungary.

By ROBERT ST. JOHN  
BUDAPEST, Sept. 28 (P.) — Except for strange, sputtered signals, the wavelength of the Warsaw radio was silent today. Its last message, broadcast at 3 P.M. (6 A.M. Buffalo time) Wednesday, was a new challenge to the Nazi besiegers:

"We will never give in while one of us is alive."

But Wednesday night the Polish Radio Agency carried a dispatch dated Warsaw, which indicated that defense of the Polish capital had been abandoned.

From the picture painted by the radio announcers and by a Polish army flier who escaped through a barrage of German shells, Warsaw gave up only after it had become a city of ruin and tragedy.

The flier, Lieut. Col. Mateusz Izycki, who flew out of Poland yesterday, told of an ever-deepening black pall of smoke over Warsaw.

**Under Constant Fire.**

"The air the city is a horizon," he said. "Hardly a house is intact. The city is in six divisions of German tanks whose artillery is pouring unceasingly, aided by an air of 200 raiding planes a

few is a city where from 4000 fires start daily from bombs. Only small can be handled; the big ones to burn."

It is a city where priests say mass in wrecked churches; a city of never-ending bedlam, where heavy bombs go crashing through four or five floors and topple an entire building."

"There's no man's land strewed with dead men, women and horses. There's some life in the streets, but the city must live, but old people and children never leave their cellar refuges."

**All Hospitals Hit.**

Izycki said Warsaw's doctors could rest "when the Germans took time out for lunch," otherwise the bombardment was steady and methodical.

Hospitals have been hit and practically all medical aid is administered on the spot. Izycki said, "In many cases there was nothing to do but catch those die who were wounded."

He said he and six other Polish fliers made a dash from Warsaw to save the last seven planes in the city. He told of watching the others roar out from hiding places between houses near the airfield and climb into the air. That was the last he saw of his comrades.

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## ENGLAND HOPING FOR SOVIET SHIFT

British Counting on Kremlin to Stop Nazi Advance in Eastern Europe.

By WILLIAM H. STONEMAN  
Special Radio to the BUFFALO EVENING NEWS and Chicago Daily News

**French War Flier Weds In Belgian Border Rites**

PARIS, Sept. 28 (P.) — In a ceremony performed midway between French and Belgian customs houses near Tourcoing, Marie Catton, 20, today became the "border bride" of Pierre Delespoux, 21, a member of the French airforce.

Military regulations forbade

M. Delespoux to cross the frontier, while the bride was unable to leave neutral Belgium until the marriage was performed. After the ceremony the bride stepped across the frontier between border guards and war-equipped soldiers.

## POPE INVITES NEUTRALS, BELLIGERENTS TO PARLEY

Urges Consideration of Any Plan Reich May Offer.

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 28 (U.P.) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has sent a message to belligerents and neutral nations recommending a general European peace conference, an authoritative source said today.

It was said that the Pope's message indicated that if Germany would make honorable proposals for peace, guaranteeing an independent Poland, although reduced in size, then the Holy See would advise the belligerents to think well of the uncertainties and consequences of war on a vast scale before refusing to co-operate.

The reported message was believed to intimate that Italy and American nations would welcome any peace initiative. An authoritative Vatican source gave the following version of the papal message:

"The Holy See thinks that the problems dividing Europe today cannot be solved through armed conflict."

"Only through a general European conference . . . could an enduring peace be assured. The Holy See feels certain that this initiative would be . . . able to devise means which would guarantee the inviolability of agreements reached."

**Jap Raids in Tientsin**

Protested by U. S. Consul

TIENTSIN, China, Sept. 28 (U.P.) — Japanese plainclothesmen raided buildings in the British Concession today, machine-gunning and detaining foreigners, including Americans, for search and questioning. Japanese raids were conducted throughout the city. John Caldwell, American consul general, protested to the Japanese Consulate against raids which the Japanese made on the American Radio Service.

**Britain Says Subs Driven From Coastal Ship Lanes**

London, Sept. 29 (P.) — German submarines were said in an authoritative statement today to have now been driven from thickly dotted shipping routes around the British coast. "In less than a month" the statement declared, "they have found the pace too hot for them and have retreated from much-used shipping channels and are now forced to operate much further out in the open sea where the 'catch' is bound to be a much smaller one."

**Flights Over German Soil Are Reported by London**

London, Sept. 28 (P.) — The Ministry of Information announced today that during Wednesday and Wednesday night Royal Air Force aircraft carried out further reconnaissance over Germany and the Western Front. "In spite of opposition," the announcement said, "valuable information was obtained. All aircraft returned safely."

**FRENCH FLY OVER GERMANY**

PARIS, Sept. 28 (P.) — Military dispatches today reported French scouting planes had carried out successful reconnaissance flights far into the interior of Germany. The French airmen went "as far as possible" eastward, flying over railroads and highways to observe German troop movements behind the Western Front, these dispatches said.

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