

## GERMAN FREED BY U.S. DIES A SLAVE IN RUSSIAN CAMP

### Comrade Reveals Story of Officer's Seizure

BY JOHN THOMPSON

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

FRANKFURT, Germany, June 9—For many months reports from the Soviet zone have told how the Russians make no bones about seizing German war prisoners, discharged and freed by the Americans, and shipping them off to slave labor in the Soviet Union. Today THE TRIBUNE authenticated one of these reports.

Such a case was that of Siegfried Borgman, a German army officer. After serving his time in Camp Carson, Colo., Borgman was shipped back to Germany and discharged. Sent to Oranienburg, in the Soviet zone, to be freed so he could go home to Saxony, Borgman was nabbed by the Russians and taken to Russia to work in the new coal mines in the Caucasus. There he contracted pleurisy, on the starvation diet for prisoners, and died in March.

#### Unable to Find Family

His story was related by a survivor of the prison mines, Helmut Mayer, 22, German noncommissioned officer who came home today. Mayer penniless after two years as a Russian prisoner, brought a check for \$196 made out to Borgman, representing the money the United States paid him for his labor as a war prisoner. Before he died Borgman begged Mayer to take the check, find his family and tell the world how hundreds of Germans, released from imprisonment by the Americans, are now working as slaves for Russia.

Mayer has not yet been able to locate Borgman's survivors, but discharged a part of his promise by telling THE TRIBUNE of his own life as a Russian war prisoner for two years. Needless to say Helmut Mayer is a pseudonym.

#### Entered Army in 1943

A pre-medical student, Helmut entered the army in 1943, serving in army hospitals on the Italian front, where he was wounded, and later on the Russian front, where he was captured shortly before the German capitulation.

Then he weighed 143 pounds. Last September when he was unable to work longer in the mines because of recurrent malaria and hunger edema he weighed 105 pounds. Now he is up to 121.

Twenty men to a tiny cubicle, Helmut lived with more than 1,000 other prisoners in a camp, guarded by regular soldiers, but under the jurisdiction of the M. V. D.

#### Roused at 4:30 A. M.

At 4:30 o'clock every morning the men were roused, and by 6 or 7, depending on the distance away, they were at work in the mines after a breakfast of 7/10 of a quart of lentil soup. At 6 p. m. they were back at camp for another bowl of soup, a few slices of watery bread, and, rarely, a chunk of meat and a pinch of sugar.

On rare occasions a prisoner might escape, and try for the Turkish border, although everyone knew it was well patrolled. The dead Germans were brought back to camp where their bullet riddled corpses were displayed for two days as an example.

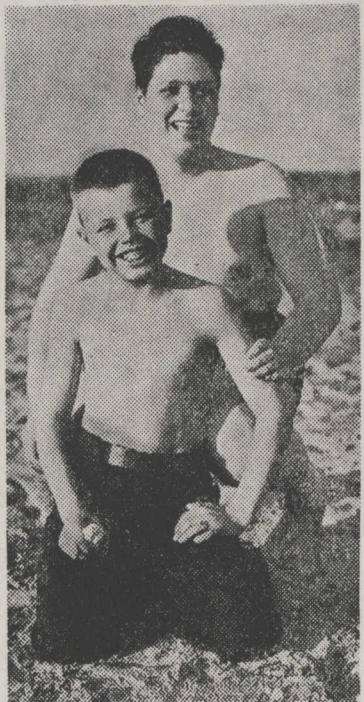
#### OTTAWA COOL TO PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL TODAY

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

OTTAWA, June 9—Ottawa's reception to President Truman when he arrives tomorrow on a three day visit likely will be one of the least enthusiastic welcomes ever given an American President in any city, it appeared tonight.

The schedule of Mr. Truman's appearance here was buried on page 16 of the Ottawa Citizen this afternoon. No American flags or welcome signs have been erected by the federal or city governments or by private firms or individuals. Only 11 cars will be in the procession in which the President will be taken from his railroad car to the 90 room mansion of Gov. Gen. Harold Alexander, his official host. Some observers say the arrangements will prove to both Britain and Russia that Canada is not overly friendly to the United States.

### Raft Voyageurs



Wesley Brown (front) and Jules Falzer, who were rescued from raft adrift in the lake.

An off shore breeze carried two youths on a rubber raft a half mile out in the lake yesterday despite their frantic efforts to paddle in to shore. They were rescued by the crew of a crash boat from the Wilmette coast guard station.

They were Jules Falzer, 16, of 5231 Kenmore av., and Wesley Brown, 11, of 5233 Kenmore. They said they had borrowed the five man raft and had thought a sea anchor would prevent them from drifting.

Falzer said that when it began to look like they were headed for Michigan, he cut off the sea anchor and the regular anchor on an 18 foot rope caught hold, preventing them from drifting further. They attracted the attention of some of the throng on the beaches off Foster av. by waving their paddles. Police were called and summoned the coast guard.

### Tedder Greets B-29 Crews on Arrival in England

MARHAM, England, June 9 (AP)—A nine-plane squadron of United States B-29's flew here today from Germany, and was greeted by Air Chief Marshal Tedder of the royal air force as "fellow members of the allied team." It was announced that a British squadron of 16 Lincoln bombers would return the visit by flying to various United States air fields, and participating in a New York demonstration Aug. 1.

## TRUMAN LEAVES FOR 3 DAY STATE VISIT TO CANADA

BY JOHN FISHER

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Washington, June 9—Leaving vital domestic issues on his desk, President Truman left tonight by special train on a three day official visit to Canada.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Truman, their daughter, Margaret, and aids on the trip to return a visit of Gov. Gen. and Mrs. Alexander of Canada to Washington in February. Word from Ottawa indicated that in addition to the usual exchange of

amenities, the Canadian government is prepared to discuss with the President a Canadian contribution to European food relief in return for an American promise of an early upward revision in the price of gold—a move which would benefit the Canadian gold mining industry. The United States treasury is now buying gold at the fixed price of \$35 an ounce.

#### To Address Parliament

Important joint decisions are anticipated as a result of the visit, some of which may be discussed by the President in an address to the dominion parliament on Wednesday.

Upon their arrival in Ottawa tomorrow afternoon, the Trumans will be greeted by the Alexanders, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who is observing the anniversary of his 20th year in that office, and the mayor of Ottawa and Mrs. Lewis. After a brief tour of the city the Trumans

will go to government house, official residence of the governor general, where they will be honored with a state dinner in the evening.

#### Due Back Friday

After addressing parliament on Wednesday morning, the President will lay a wreath at the national war memorial, and then be the guest at a parliamentary luncheon. On Wednesday evening King will be host to the Trumans at a dinner.

On Thursday the Presidential party will be the guests of American Ambassador and Mrs. Ray Atherton. After a dinner at the embassy that evening the party will leave Ottawa for Washington, arriving here Friday night.

#### STORM DAMAGES JAP CROPS

TOKYO, June 9 (AP)—Kyodo News agency cut a pathway two miles wide damaged more reported today that a sudden hailstorm which than 12,000 acres of wheat, barley and potatoes in three prefectures north of Tokyo. Streams overflowed and railway schedules were disrupted.

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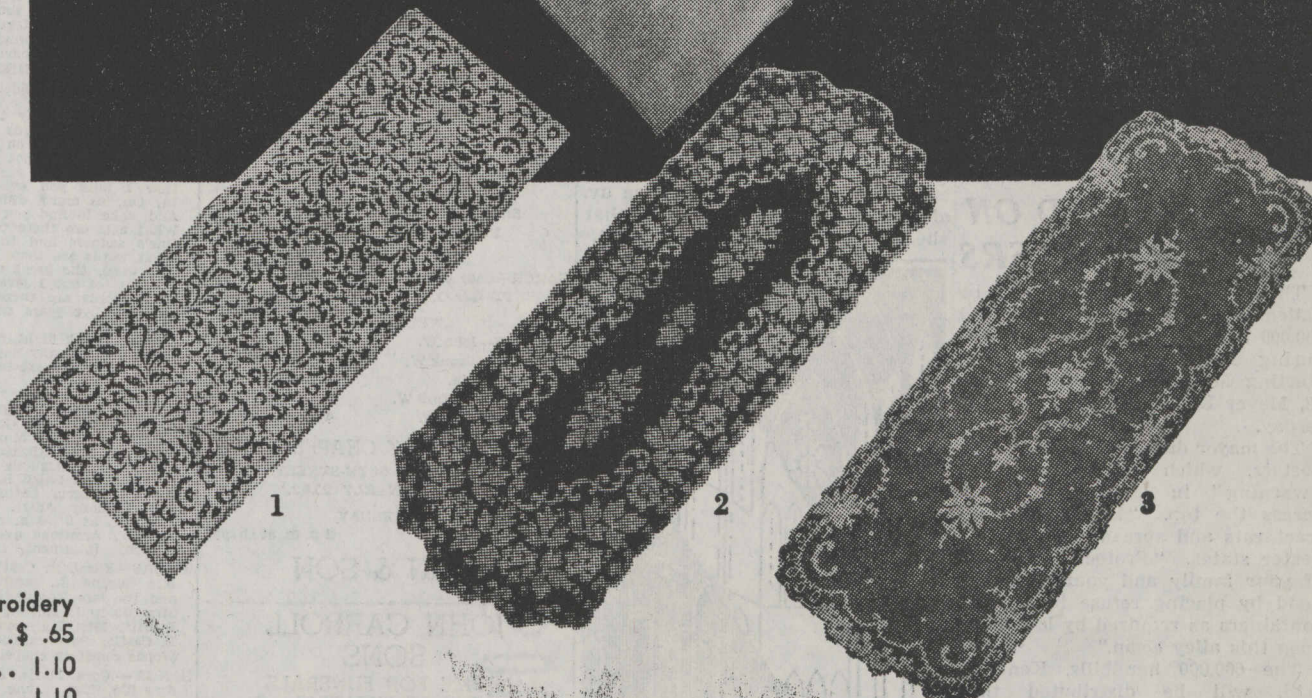
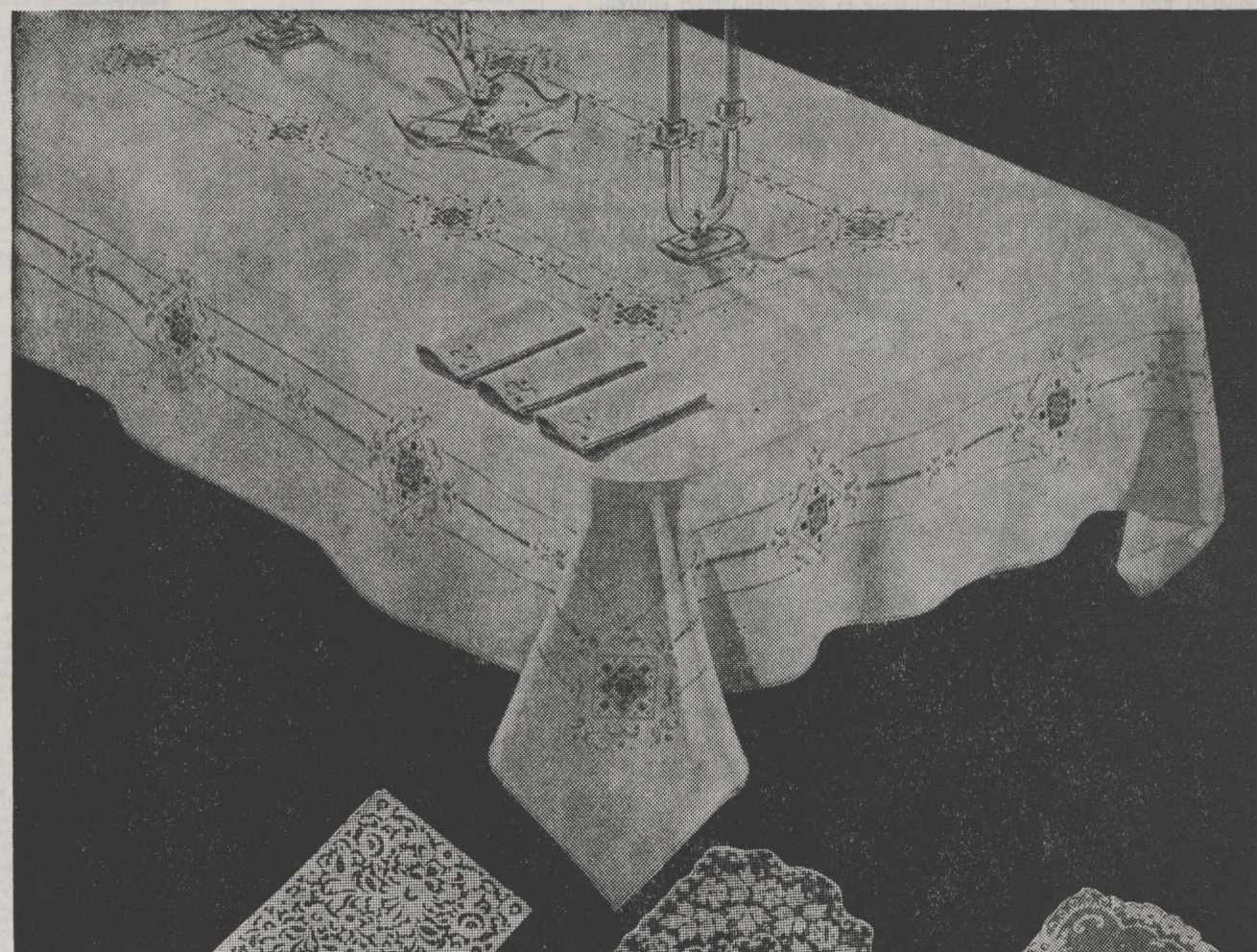
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