

SPY

L.T.-DELCO. Monday, August 12, 1957.

(Given by Walter Cronkwhite while L.T.
is in New Guinea.)

It was "cloak and dagger" day at the New York office of the U.S. Attorney. Where, at a news conference, a spy ~~thriller~~ thriller was related by Boris Morros, the Hollywood movie director and composer, ~~of music~~. Who turned out a successful film called, "Carnegie Hall" and composed "The Parade of the Wooden Soldier." Later - becoming a counter-espionage agent for the F.B.I., and bringing about the recent conviction of Jack and Myra Soble and Jacob Albam. Which unmasked a big-time conspiracy of Soviet espionage in this country.

Today, Boris Morros told newsmen that he was approached by Russian agents in Nineteen Forty-Five, who suggested - espionage. Morros listened, and informed the F.B.I. - who told him to go ahead, and enlist for counter-espionage.

Thereafter, Morros played the part of a Soviet secret agent - passing on to them "secret documents", okayed by the F.B.I.

Today he said, he had to play the role with more

skill and realism than any of the actors he had ever directed in a Hollywood movie. Which was particularly true on a nineteen-day trip to Moscow - when he persuaded the chiefs of Soviet Intelligence that he was a hot shot of Red espionage.

While in Moscow, he had a narrow escape - and this points up a thing stated by Morros today. That - some Americans doing Russian spy work in this country are wealthy and prominent. ~~While he was in Moscow conferring with heads of the Russian Secret Police,~~ He said that a "prominent American woman" told the Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington - that she had become suspicious of Morros. "This woman's report on me," he related, "was received in Moscow - while I was there conferring with the heads of the Russian Secret Police."

So what happened? Morros did not go into details. He merely said, "I got out of that one all right."

He had a second narrow escape last July - when he was in Communist East Germany. The Reds nearly got on to him,

but he was warned in time.

~~when~~ He received a cable - containing one single word.

I wish Lowell Thomas were here to tell this, because the word was - "Cinerama." Lowell, of course, being the one who first brought out that new technique of motion pictures. And has been producing Cinerama features - ever since.

In a secret code used by Morros and the F.B.I., "Cinerama meant" - "Come home at once, your life is in danger."

So he flew back to New York - where, three days later, the Soble-Albam espionage group was indicted. On the basis of testimony given by Morros.

Today he said that Soble passed him off in New York and in Europe - as an American millionaire. Which, apparently, helped Morros - playing the Soviet spy.

ALPS

Over in Switzerland, hope is given up for three mountain climbers - trapped on a slope of Mount Eiger. The north wall of that mountain is considered - virtually suicide. *BUT* ~~of the~~ four Alpinists, two Germans and two Italian - ~~was~~ tried to conquer it, *O*ne - rescued. *P*Of the other three, one can be seen dangling on a rope - head downward. Suspended, since last Wednesday, over a chasm two miles deep. *Almost certainly* Now - ₁ a lifeless body. The two remaining climbers - last seen on a narrow icy ledge - but they have disappeared. They must have lost their grip - and plunged into the abyss.

The report was that rescue parties had been driven back by wild Alpine storms - after rescuing one of the ~~two Italian~~ climbers. He was hauled up from a ledge of rock, yesterday, by a German mountaineer - who was lowered by a steel cable, six hundred feet.

Mount Eiger had ~~already~~ claimed a ~~new~~ score of victims in the past. Now - three more.

SWITZERLAND

There was an uproar at Zurich, Switzerland, when several hundred youths returned - from the Youth Festival in Moscow. A train-load of three hundred and fifty arrived - and, at the railroad station, were greeted by a crowd of students - who carried anti-Communist banners. One reading - "Remember Hungary."

In no time at all, a fight was on. The Moscow group - manhandled. Some pushed back aboard the train - while others were chased out of the station.

There was a wild melee, with the swinging of sticks and pieces of luggage. One youth returning from Moscow - flailing about with a balalaika, the Russian-style guitar.

An American student was pushed around, his luggage - smashed. But he had nothing to do with the Moscow trip, just an innocent bystander.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Democratic leader in the Senate, Lyndon Johnson of Texas, predicts - that Congress will pass a Civil Rights bill with a jury trial amendment, next ^{week.}~~year.~~ With the House - accepting a modification of the jury trial amendment passed by the Senate.

Today, Speaker Sam Rayburn issued a new appeal to Republicans in the House of Representatives - urging them to agree. The G.O.P. members, however, continue to talk of having a joint committee hammer out a Civil Rights measure more acceptable to President Eisenhower, who is against - the jury trial amendment.

The Democrats contend this would, in effect, kill the bill for this session of Congress. But House Republican leader ~~Martin~~ Joe Martin indicates he'd rather have no bill at all than the Senate's version with the jury trial amendment.

NATURAL GAS.

It seems unlikely that Congress will do anything about the Natural Gas Bill - legislation, ~~that~~ is, to relax federal controls over natural gas producers. Today, Speaker Sam Rayburn said - action on the bill will be postponed until next year. Because ~~because~~ the Congressmen are too - "unstrung." That's the word Sam Rayburn used - "unstrung." Frazzled nerves - after Congress has been in session for seven months, with plenty of strain, Because of controversies, like the one over the Civil Rights Bill.

The natural gas affair, which caused a political uproar last year, is also - highly controversial. Too much so - for those "unstrung" lawmakers to tackle right now.

FLU

The Surgeon General has released five hundred thousand doses of vaccine - to combat the Asiatic flu, which has made its appearance in this country. Vaccine - to be in readiness for the fall season, when influenza is most prevalent.

The Asiatic variety of the malady is of a mild character, but there's apprehension - that an epidemic may break out.

The program is to turn out sixty million doses - eight million to be on the market by mid-September. Four million - for the armed forces. The civilian share - to be distributed through normal channels, to hospitals, clinics and family doctors. People who want the vaccine should consult - their own physicians.

Surgeon General Leroy ^{Burney}~~Bornie~~ considers the vaccine to be about ~~seventeen~~ ^{SEVENTY} per cent effective in preventing the flu. One "shot" per person - sufficient for one year.

RACKETS

In Washington, a pathetic picture - of Johnny Dio, alleged boss of Labor racketeering in New York. Dio - portrayed as mournful, sad, even tearful. Because - of what some people will do.

His defender - Anthony Doria, a one-time Union official. Who admitted - that characters with criminal records had been brought into the Labor movement by Johnny Dio.

Characters - who were soon indicted for extortion and other crimes. "Dio had one failing," Doria declared. "It was the inability to say 'No' to anybody. Nothing hurt him more than the acts of these people. I saw him in the office crying about it. I saw him crying when he couldn't stop a strike. When he knew they were going to cut their throats by going out on strike."

A sad story, mates, full of sighs and weeping.

And it got even sadder for ~~Mr. Doria~~ Dio's defender Doria. For ~~the~~ the committee accused Mr. Doria of himself of misappropriating for his own use some 96-hundred dollars of the funds of a defunct Darien, Connecticut, union. Mr. Doria indignantly denied that charge.

JAVA

The Communists are making gains in Java. Today's election figures showing - that they captured control of the city administration of Bandung, capital for West Java. In an election last month, the Reds won out in the two other provincial capitals. So now they have all three.

In the Bandung election, the Communists made their large gains - chiefly at the expense of the Nationalist Party. Threatening - possible Red control of the whole island of Java, Unless - the non-Communist parties stop fighting each other, and form an anti-Communist front.

LEOPOLD

Nathan Leopold is making another bid for freedom - presenting ~~another~~ another petition to the Illinois ~~Parole~~^{PAROLE} Board. The surviving partner in the Leopold-Loeb murder of Nineteen Twenty-Four now pins ^{part of} his hope ^{for} in a pardon - on the possible testimony of a nun, a sister in a convent.

All along, Leopold has contended - that in the "crime of the century", thirty-three years ago, the leading spirit was his partner, ~~Loeb~~ Loeb. Who was killed in a prison fight in Nineteen Thirty-Six. He argues that he, himself, should be granted some degree of clemency - because Loeb instigated the murder of the boy, Bobby ~~Frank~~ Frank.

In his new petition, Leopold cites a statement - said to have been made by the late Judge John Caverly, who imposed a ninety-nine year sentence on each of the two killers. ^{LEOPOLD} ~~He~~ ^{declares} ~~Declaring~~ - that Judge Caverly expressed his opinion in a conversation with a Roman Catholic nun. Telling her -, that Loeb deserved the "major share of the guilt."

"Surprised at this remark," says Leopold in his new

petition, "the Sister asked Judge Caverly why, if this was his opinion, he had given me the same sentence as he had Loeb?

To this," ~~next~~ Leopold goes on, "the judge replied that, in the eyes of the law, we were equally guilty."

The fifty-two year old convict adds that the nun seemed willing to testify - but her superiors prevented her from entering the case. ^{BUT} ~~so~~ now, he argues, the ^{Parole} ~~Parole~~ Board might be ~~permitted~~ able to persuade the superiors to reverse their position - and permit her to testify.

That old Leopold-Loeb case has had many strange angles - and now, ^{Joe,} ~~at~~ at this late date, the mention of a nun as a possible witness.

UNION

In Chicago, the AFL-CIO today, refused to recognize ~~the~~ ^A Union. The big labor organization - rejecting organized ~~labor~~ labor in this case. The new proposed union consisting - of its own organizers.

Two hundred and twenty-five organizers working for the AFL-CIO ~~organizers~~ formed a union of their own - to bargain with their boss. Something of a paradox - the boss being the top labor organization.

The AFL-CIO says - No. It won't recognize a union of its own organizers. On the ground that they, in the words of the AFL-CIO - "are part of management, in a sense."

"There is not the normal employer-employee relationship,"

They are says the AFL-CIO. ~~Their~~ part of the organization - with which they would hold collective bargaining.

KELLY

For a footnote today *all*
~~at this point~~, we might sing, "Has Anybody Here

Seen Kelly?" In Cleveland, a political candidate is making a search for a record of the old song, made back in Nineteen Fourteen.

A retired fire captain, Nick Kelly, ~~██████████~~ running for the City Council - wants his campaign song to be, "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?" But he thinks the perfect thing would be - the old-time interpretation, sung by Nora Bayes, a vaudeville star of the ~~██~~ early Nineteen Hundreds. He'd like to have the record played at his political rallies. With Nora Bayes chanting -

"Has anybody here seen Kelly?
Kelly with the green necktie."

Today, the candidate advertised in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, offering five dollars - for the record of the song, glorifying the name of Kelly.

There is no money for record of song, no long with him