

Ex-POW Describes Soviet Labor Camps

Working and living conditions in prisoner of war and slave labor camps within Russia itself were described to Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon by a 27-year-old German youth, now a Fulbright scholar at the University of Michigan. He is Peter Kalinke, a native of Breslau, Germany, who at age 18 was captured by the Russians in Prague in 1945 and spent five years in POW camps in Azerbaijan and Stalinrad before he was released.

Azerbaijan, a part of the Soviet Union, immediately north of Iran, is the No. 2 Soviet slave labor camp area. Kalinke said there are about 150,000 POWs there, plus between 400,000 and 600,000 Russian civilian prisoners.

"THERE IS one camp after another, they are composed of tents or wooden barracks. These camps are primitively organized, but carefully watched by secret policemen and political organizers.

"Political education programs are even carried on in these slave labor camps in the hopes of converting the inmates to Communism.

"Although Communism theoretically is a classless society, even in these camps there was a class system. At the top were the cooks, woodcutters, carpenters, watchmakers and others.

"The food was bad. We had no vegetables. What scarce meat we were given was horsemeat, but they snakes. There were very few calories. Everyone merely became a number, and a hungry little animal just trying to fill his stomach with anything that looked edible."

LABORERS were made to work 10 hours a day, Kalinke mentioned.

"Everyone had the same work quota, which had to be fulfilled by the end of the day," he said. "It made no difference whether you were well or ill. They only were interested in the amount of work done, not your health."

"If you were 10 minutes late for work, you could be given another 5-year sentence in the prison camp."

"You don't argue about politics. They just tell you to believe—so everyone says 'yes' to everything."

CONDITIONS in the Stalinrad POW camp were considerably better, Kalinke said. "Russian civilians in these camps didn't want to be reminded by the POWs of conditions in the Soviet," he continued. "They told us, 'We know we are not free in this country, so you don't have to tell us. What we want to know is how can we get out of this predicament?'"

Civilian purchases are made in the state stores, where one rarely finds different sizes, styles and models, said the German youth, who hopes eventually to immigrate to the United States.

"The Russian just buys what is available, then takes it to the free market and tries to trade it for a similar item that fits, even

Court Case Date Set On Fire Hall

The city's case to release subdivisions restrictions on the proposed fire station site is expected to be heard in Oakland County circuit court on March 19, Birmingham city commissioners learned Monday night.

The city meanwhile appropriated \$500 for landscaping of the site along the north line of the property.

All property owners have been informed of the city's intent in the request, although none appeared in court Monday when the "show cause" hearing was held.

Troy Votes Support On Compensation Bill

A resolution asking state legislators to work for a bill increasing workmen's compensation benefits was passed by Troy township board members Monday night.

The resolution backed pleas made by Gov. G. Mennen Williams and President Eisenhower, who have stated that compensation should be raised to one-half of the average state wage.

William Stachiw, 955 Rochester, appeared before the board to ask for township support in raising benefits which he believes are inadequate.

Fouls Galore as Maples Win Final Season Game

The Maples ended their league schedule Friday night when they beat Mt. Clemens, 59-53, on the Bathers' home court in one of the roughest games in Birmingham history.

The game was officiated very closely with the Maples being handed 36 personal fouls and one technical foul. In all, 62 personal fouls were called in the game.

Payson Chapman and Don Dorough led the Maples to victory, Dorough netting 17 points, (13 on free throws) and Chapman dropping in 12 points, mostly on long overhand push shots.

Mt. Clemens got the opening points of the game when Ge. Petruski dropped in two foul shots. But this was the only time in the first half the Bathers had the lead.

MIKE GROVES and Dick Muller paced the Maples in the first quarter with five points apiece. While they were scoring, Chris Christie was doing a fine job of rebounding and by the end of the period Birmingham led, 16-9.

In the second quarter it was the same story with Dorough and Chapman doing the scoring. The only thing that was different was that the Maples had more fouls against them and by the end of the period, Groves and Muller had three fouls each and Christie four.

Birmingham started the second half with a ten point lead but saw it dwindle when Mt. Clemens started to cash in on foul shots. Ed Peters came in for Christie in this period and did a fine job as a replacement.

Dennis Schultz	0	1	2	T
Connie Pappas	2	3	5	T
Dan Moutzer	1	2	3	T
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Marvin Ullman	0	1	1	T

Award Troy Truck Bid

Bid for the purchase of a 1/2 ton pickup truck to be used by the Troy township building department was awarded to the Wilson GMC company, Pontiac, at a bid price of \$1,161.57.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale—Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.


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