

U. S. Turns Down Czechs' Demand For Escapee Aides

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, April 6.—(AP)—The United States today rejected the Communist-led Czech government's demand that the eight ring-leaders of the mass aerial escape of anti-Communists to Germany two weeks ago be returned for trial.

In a note to the Czech foreign ministry the American embassy here declared that the eight fliers who plotted the escape and seized three planes are legitimate political refugees and have been given asylum in the American zone of Germany "in accordance with humanitarian principles."

In a second strongly-worded note the embassy rejected the Czech government's demand against the questioning of 58 of the Czech citizens who had been unwilling passengers aboard the planes which carried the escapees to the American air base at Erding, Germany.

The Czech ministry of foreign affairs, in two notes handed to the embassy a week ago, demanded the extradition of the fliers to face criminal prosecution and protested against what it called the "Nazi-gestapo methods" of American authorities in questioning the 58 reluctant passengers, who later returned to Czechoslovakia.

The latter note demanded punishment of the American officials responsible for the interrogation. No Treaty, No Obligation.

The embassy's reply declared in part: "The ministry will doubtless realize that no basis in law exists for making or complying with its request for extradition of the individuals named as common criminals for penal prosecution."

"The treaties now in force between the United States and the Czechoslovak government cannot be considered applicable in the question of returning from the United States some of Germany those accused by the Czechoslovak government."

"The principles of international law recognize no right to extradition in absence of the treaty. The United States authorities are accordingly under no obligation to surrender the persons requested."

Clerk, Customers In Drug Store Holdup Victims

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—Four men held a drug store clerk and his customers at gunpoint last night while they rifled the cash registers of \$65.

One of the customers yielded \$7. The clerk, M. H. Brinny, said the men entered the store on N.E. Sandy boulevard about 9 p.m. while Mr. and Mrs. John E. O'Connell and their five-year-old son were at the soda fountain.

When the boy started to cry, one of the gunmen told him he would not be hurt, adding he had three children of his own.

CITY COURT CASES

Carl N. Abbott, 54, transient, was given a ten-day suspended sentence today, following a plea of guilty to a drunk charge. Judge Ira B. Riddle reported. Sentence was suspended on condition Abbott report to a Portland veterans hospital.

Samuel Nelson Miller, 62, Roseburg, arrested Wednesday on a drunk charge, was given until Friday to enter a plea, Judge Riddle said.

String Quartette To Play At Baptist Church

The second in the series of three concerts, featuring faculty members of the University of Oregon string quartette, is scheduled for Sunday, April 16, at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist church, announced Miss Gladys Strong.

The program is sponsored by the Roseburg Friends of Music, and the concert is open free to the public.

Featured on the program are George Boughton and Mary Capp Alton, violinists; Edmund Cykler, viola, and Milton Dieterich, cellist. Stacey Green is an assistant artist.

Date for the final concert will be Thursday, April 27, when Donald Alton and Mary Capp Alton will present an organ and violin concert in the Presbyterian church.

Soviet-Backed Smuggling Hits West Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany, April 5.—(AP)—Heavily-armed smuggling gangs from Communist eastern Europe states are doing a huge black market business in Western Germany in a Soviet-sponsored effort to wreck its economy, according to western officials.

Ruthless gangs, some reportedly using armored cars, are said to be milking the west German republic of a billion marks (\$250,000,000) a year in customs duties and taxes. The officials said the gangs are directed by Russian officials as part of the Soviet political-economic squeeze play to bring on a crisis which might topple the Bonn government so the Communists can take over.

The report said a number of German customs officials have been killed in border gun fights with the Communist smugglers. The smuggling strikes a critical blow at legitimate business in western Germany as well as making it increasingly difficult for the west German government to finance its rehabilitation programs.

The resulting chronic deficits are paid for by the United States. Biggest black market item is the estimated 500,000,000 cigarettes smuggled into west Germany each month, costing the government 600,000 Deutsche marks (\$7,000,000) a month in duties and taxes.

Staggered Registrations On Autos, Trucks Ended

Approximately 1,000 automobile licenses renewals monthly are expected to be handled by the Roseburg branch of the secretary of state's license division, when the first of the 1950 licenses expire, according to Allena Farenbaugh, local manager.

Since March 16 all staggered registrations have been discontinued and the license fee on all passenger vehicles and pickup trucks will be \$10 for a 12-month period.

All first quarter truck licenses for 1950 expired April 1. Quarter-year licenses are available after April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1. The previous available dates were on the 15th of the month prior to each of the new dates.

TAKES COMEDY ROLE

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove—Donovan Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilson, route 3, Roseburg, has taken the roll of Clayton in Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's three-act comedy, "George Washington Slept Here," to be presented here April 20 and 21. Roland Adams is director of the production. Cox, a graduate of Roseburg high school, is a freshman pre-optometry student.

Truman Facing Tough Decision On Gas Measure

KEY WEST, Fla., April 6.—(AP)—President Truman's closest confidantes said today he considers his action on the natural gas bill one of the toughest decisions he faces this election year.

Thousands of persons have telegraphed or written either to urge its approval or call for a prompt veto.

They include, on the one hand, many of his close personal friends and Democratic party followers from the southwest, who want the measure signed, and powerful big oil politicians on the other hand, who are demanding a veto.

The measure would prohibit the federal power commission from fixing the price of gas delivered to pipelines by independent producers.

Speaker Rayburn of the House, a Texan, and one of the President's closest pals, is an outspoken advocate of the measure.

The president, however, was urged yesterday by mayors of 18 big cities to veto it.

The sharp division within the party was reflected in the House when the measure squeaked through by a two-vote margin. It was supported by 97 Democrats, opposed by 116.

Opponents contended it would take an extra \$100,000,000 a year from consumers, principally in the north and east, and hand it over to special interests. Rayburn said, on the other hand, "this bill will not raise the price of natural gas to any consumer by one red cent."

Gun Expert Given Sheriff's Office

MONTESANO, Wash.—(AP)—Grays Harbor county commissioners looked over a field of 10 applicants and chose a 34-year-old Reigan gun expert as their new sheriff.

The county's newest official is Richard F. Simmons, who will succeed Mike Kilgore, who resigned Friday after pleading guilty to misconduct in office.

Simmons will be one of the youngest sheriffs on record in Grays Harbor county. He is a former deputy sheriff, state patrolman and U. S. Customs service patrolman. He has worked for the last two years as state liquor inspector.

The all-Democrat board of commissioners split 2-1 in naming him to the post. Simmons has not been active in politics and has served in state positions under both parties.

The new sheriff is considered one of the country's top experts on guns and has published two books on firearms. He was gun editor for a national sporting magazine at one time.

BEDS FOR WORMS

LANARK, Ill.—(AP)—Don Russ has come up with a neat idea for packaging fishing worms. He's putting them on the market in transparent plastic bags. Inside each bag are 36 to 42 angle worms in a bedding made of a cellulose mixture.

"The worms will keep nicely for six months," says Russ, who has been in the bait business for five years. He also plans to sell the bedding in boxes of five pounds or more.

"Kids can gather night crawlers in wet weather, put them in the bedding and sell them later," he says. "The average kid can pick up 200 or more an hour."

GRASSHOPPERS IN SNOW PHILADELPHIA, N.Y.—(AP)—Grasshoppers are hopping early this year. Six-year-old Norman Savage reports he found two in the melting snow near this northern New York community.

Flood Control Projects Will Be Aired Here

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for slightly over one mile in the vicinity of Sutherland, to provide increased capacity for flood flow.

5. Yoncalla creek. Clearing and enlarging the channel of Yoncalla creek, beginning at a point about one-half mile above Yoncalla and extending downstream about 4.2 miles to the confluence with Elk creek, to provide increased capacity for flood flows and allow better drainage.

6. Elk and Pass creeks. Improving the channels of Elk and Pass creeks; constructing approximately 3,000 feet of levee and providing bank protection by means of dumped riprap, through and in the vicinity of Drain, to prevent flooding in that area.

7. Doan creek. 5 1/2 miles upstream from Reedsport, strengthening and raising the existing levee, which protects an area of about 100 acres at the mouth of the stream, to increase the present degree of protection.

8. Reedsport area. Raising and strengthening the existing levee along Schofield creek and providing necessary tide gates, to increase the existing degree of protection.

9. Frarey creek, tributary of Smith river. Construction of a closure dike across the mouth of Frarey creek and provision for necessary tide gates, to protect the area upstream along Frarey creek from tides and Smith river backwater.

10. Our creek, tributary of Schofield creek. Studies are not yet complete, but construction of a closure dike and tide gates across the mouth of Our creek, to protect the area upstream from tides and Umpqua river backwater, may be found to be economically feasible.

Other Projects Sidetracked The engineers report investigation of other projects with findings that economic justification of flood control improvements is doubtful at present. Among such projects are: South Umpqua river. Riddle to Days creek; low creek at Riddle; Myrtle creek; Lookingglass creek; Chalopina creek; Umpqua river; Schofield creek to Leeds island; Butler creek, near Reedsport.

Further investigation is to be made of these projects, the engineers report, and future findings may result in inclusion in the pending comprehensive report.

No recommendation is made for additional levees on Otter slough, in the Smith river area, as planned closure of the slough by Douglas county, in connection with the existing road project, will eliminate need for such work.

Greece Jails U. S. Woman For Hosiery Smuggling

ATHENS, Greece, April 6.—(AP)—Greek authorities announced today they have sentenced an American woman to 13 months in prison and fined her the equivalent of \$10,000 on charges of trying to get nearly 1,000 pairs of stockings into Greece.

They said Martha Loulakis, 25, of Chicago, was sentenced and fined for smuggling the stockings through customs at Hassani airport. She has appealed.

ACTIVIANS PLAN DANCE

Plans for a dinner-dance at Melody Inn at Winston Friday, April 14, were made by the Roseburg Active club at its weekly meeting Thursday in the Shalimar. The dinner will be at 7:30, with dancing to follow. Members will be privileged to bring guests if they desire, but should attempt to contact Kenneth or Lowell Atterbury as to the number so that arrangements can be made with the proprietor for accommodations.

TELEVISION BEATS RADIO

CHICAGO.—(AP)—The new Chicago classified telephone directory is notable for two reasons. The publisher, the Reuben H. Donnelley Corp., says it's the largest ever printed in the U.S. And, for the first time, television listing (318) exceed radio listing (520).

The Weather

Partly cloudy with a few scattered showers today and tomorrow.

Highest temp. any April 96
Lowest temp. for any April 25
Highest temp. yesterday 59
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 37
Precipitation last 24 hrs. .07
Precipitation from April 1 .15
Precipitation from Sept. 1 30.47
Deficit from April 1 .39

Uranium Short; So Are Workers

PORTLAND, April 5.—(AP)—We are short of uranium, but even shorter on the number of scientists qualified to work with it.

So the Oregon Education association convention heard from Morse Salisbury, director of public information for the Atomic Energy commission.

He predicted that the United States would solve the uranium prospecting problem, but went on to say, "our big shortage in the future is not going to be uranium. We'll have a shortage of people qualified to undertake atomic research lasting a generation."

Salisbury also predicted that, if Russia would agree to atomic controls, atomic energy would be turned quickly into a multitude of peaceful uses. He said important strides could be expected both in medicine and industry from atomic research.

Another speaker, John Harvey Furbay, president of the College of West Africa in Liberia, warned educators not to fall into gloom over these atomic times.

"It's the most glorious time I can think of," he cried. "Who ever heard of all the people in the world being 36 to 40 hours from each other? We've never had a chance like this to get acquainted."

He said interchange of foreign languages was certain to spread and to draw countries closer together in understanding.

NAVY HELICOPTER KILLS TWO MEN ABOARD CARRIER

NORFOLK, Va., April 6.—(AP)—A navy helicopter toppled over after a carrier landing at sea and its churning blades killed two men and injured four others, the Navy announced Wednesday.

The accident occurred aboard the carrier Wright Tuesday, the Navy said, and details here were sketchy. The Wright was at sea on training maneuvers and was a day out of Quonset, R. I. Names of the dead and injured were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Information available at the fifth naval district headquarters was that the helicopter had just landed and then tilted over against the carrier's island superstructure. In addition to the two dead, two of the injured were hurt critically.

LOGGERS KILLED

MEDFORD, April 5.—(AP)—Wayne Bradley, 44, of Talent died in a hospital here Monday of injuries suffered in a logging accident yesterday.

A log slipped off a truck, crushing him, at the Skeeters Logging company operation near Talent.

SPEAKS ON JAPAN

Dr. James E. Bondurant of the Roseburg Veterans hospital will be the speaker at the weekly Lions club meeting tonight in the Hotel Umpqua. He will show slides and talk on Japan.

U. S. Diplomatic Staffs Reduced In East Europe

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The New York Times says the United States is reducing its diplomatic staffs in all eastern European countries and "otherwise reviewing all personnel policies in that part of the world."

A Washington dispatch to the Times by James Reston reported "a drastic cut" has been ordered by the State department in Hungary and Romania.

"Lesser but still severe" reductions in Poland and Czechoslovakia were reported.

These decisions were made in Washington, the story said, "mainly as a result of pressures of various kinds by the eastern European governments."

"By June 1," the dispatch said, "the United States missions in Budapest and Bucharest will be 50 percent smaller than they were on March 1 of this year. Meanwhile, the embassies in Prague and Warsaw have been asked to cut personnel to a minimum."

The explanation was, in part: "Hungary has formally requested the United States to reduce all categories of officials in that country. Poland has requested that United States military personnel in Warsaw be reduced. Romania has made no formal request, but has achieved the same end by refusing to grant visas to replacements of the present United States staffs."

The Times said "the extent of the pressures on the United States to get its officials out of Communist Europe differs, but the general trend is the same all over the area."

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Laborite Winner In British By-Election

SHEFFIELD, England, April 6.—(AP)—A labor victory in a by-election in this steel city has increased the British labor government's overall majority in the House of Commons to a still precarious four seats.

Voters in the Neepsend division yesterday gave labor candidate Sir Frank Soskice, Britain's solicitor general, 22,080 votes. His major opponent, James P. Hunt, running on a combined conservative-liberal ticket, got only 8,365 and Communist Candidate E. L. Moore got 728.

Elkton Resident Dies At Age 77

Charles H. Richardson, 77, lifelong resident of Oregon, died Wednesday, April 5, after a short illness. He was born March 15, 1873, in Polk county (near McCoy), Oregon. He lived in Elkton a number of years before coming to Roseburg 25 years ago to make his home. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachael, who died in 1945. He was a member of the Christian church of Roseburg.

Surviving are his son, Raymond Richardson, Kings Valley; three brothers: Jesse Richardson and Frank Richardson, both of Seattle; Lynn Richardson, Dallas, Ore.; three sisters: Mrs. Fred Werner, Gervias, Ore.; Mrs. Frank Carter, Stayton, Ore.; Mrs. William McKee, Portland.

Funeral services will be held in Dallas, Ore. The arrangements are in charge of the Roseburg Funeral home.

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