

African Bloc Seeks Sanctions Against S. Africa, Portugal

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—The 32-nation African bloc may demand a special General Assembly session in January to press for economic and political sanctions against South Africa and Portugal, diplomatic sources said today.

The Africans are talking about such a session in the event the Security Council fails to act this month on their demand for firm action to end racial segregation in South Africa and Portuguese colonial rule in Angola. Security Council action appears doubtful, since the United States and Britain oppose the idea of sanctions and both have veto power in the 11-nation council.

The Africans, with Asian backing and the support of the Communist bloc, could expect a majority in a General Assembly vote on the issue.

The 11-nation General Assembly voted 89-0 Tuesday to begin studies on making Latin America a nuclear-free zone. Cuba, the Soviet Union and most of the Communist bloc abstained. Communist Romania voted in favor of the 10-power Latin American resolution, however.

Cuba said it would agree to the plan only if the United States promised to keep nuclear weapons out of the Pan-

na Canal zone and Puerto Rico, and to give up its Guantanamo Naval Base on Guant. Some diplomats doubted the Africans would find support for a special General Assembly session in January because it would raise embarrassing financial questions that many delegates are reluctant to tackle at this time of relative East-West amity.

Frigid Arctic Air Cools NW

By United Press International
Frigid Arctic air sent temperatures falling below zero in the highlands of Idaho and Montana today. Heavy snow warnings were posted and motorists were ordered to use chains while crossing mountain passes. Heavy rains, meanwhile, drenched parts of Texas and the Northwest coast. Widespread rainfall all but ended the fire threat in Oklahoma's drought-dry fields and woods.

The Weather Bureau dropped cold wave warnings from Minnesota and Dakota forecasts but said it would be much colder in those states with cold wave temperatures in some sections.

Cold waves warnings remained in effect for Montana today and tonight and for northern Wyoming tonight. The heavy snow warnings were for the northern Idaho and Montana mountains during the day.

Winds up to 30 miles an hour were expected to cause drifting of snow in some areas east of the Continental Divide.

The temperature dipped to 3 degrees below zero at Cutbank, Mont., by midnight. Great Falls, Mont., and Lewiston, Mont., had 4 above and 6 above respectively at the same time.

Heavy rains drummed the Eastern Plains and Mississippi Valley during the night. Tyler, Tex., reported an inch of rain and Longview, Tex., reported 1.03 inches. Point Piedras Blancas, Calif., received two inches of rain in six hours.

Western Washington State has had rain for the past 32 days. Snow and sleet swept many areas of the state Tuesday, with an inch of snow reported at Bellingham.



CARLOS M. LECHUGA HEVIA, right, Cuban Ambassador to the United States, listens closely to a debate on de-nuclearization of Latin America during Tuesday's session of the U. N. Political Committee. The committee, with the Soviet bloc and Cuba abstaining, voted 89-0 to initiate a study for making Latin America a nuclear free zone. Cuba demanded that the U.S. keep nuclear weapons out of the Panama Canal Zone and Puerto Rico, and give up the U. S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay—on Cuban soil—as Cuba's price for participating in the plan. (UPI Telephoto)

Yes, Ginny, There's A Santa, But You'd Best Use Zip Code

CHATHAM, N.Y. (UPI)—"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," but this year he may not answer your Christmas letter unless you know his zip code number.

Zip code for Santa Claus? "What a ridiculous idea!" said Mrs. Virginia Douglas, the 74-year-old grandmother who was the original Santa Claus girl.

Mrs. Douglas was 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon when she wrote New York Sun editor Francis Church in 1897: "Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth."

Church in his famous Christmas editorial replied: "He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus." Mrs. Douglas said today she was shocked that the U.S. Post Office could demand not one, but TWO zip code numbers on letters written to Santa Claus at the North Pole.

Hard To Remember
The letter writer not only has to know Santa's number but also his own—which may be even more difficult to remember.

The general New York City Post Office announced recently that children writing to Santa must know the zip code for the North Pole—99701—and their own neighborhood zip codes in order to receive an answer.

"The North Pole has been found for generations without a zip code," Mrs. Douglas said. "Mr. Church wouldn't approve of such a thing (the zip code). It's such a heart-warming feeling to hear from Santa Claus," said Mrs. Douglas. "What will children think if he doesn't answer? It will only fortify disbelief in him."

Italy's Reds Call Transport Strike

ROME (UPI)—Italy's powerful Communist party called a 24-hour transportation strike today in an attempt to influence the outcome of crucial negotiations to form a new government.

Buses and streetcars came to a halt throughout Italy when Communist-led workers walked off their jobs over demands for a new contract, forcing 12 million commuters to rely on emergency transportation. As usual during such strikes, the transportation was provided by fleets of army trucks, sleek private buses and ramshackle jalopies.

In Rome, Communist-led construction workers began a 24-hour strike of their own to protest jail terms imposed on 33 construction workers involved in a bloody riot last month. Non-Communist unions refused to join the "unjustified" walk-out.

As the Communists walked out, the political situation worsened. Premier-Designate Aldo Moro, a Christian Democrat, and the leaders of three other parties trying to set up a coalition government were expected to confer again in a decisive meeting today.

But rumblings of discontent within the Socialist party, tabbed as the main partner in the proposed coalition, raised fears that Moro might fail for a second time to set up a new "center-left" government. Moro was "overthrown" in an attempt earlier this year to together a new government following general elections in which the Communist party, second largest in this North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) country, picked up a million votes.

News Editors Open Miami Meet Today

MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Hemisphere newspaper editors attending the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) opened a three-day general assembly today with an official welcome from Miami Mayor Robert King High.

Outgoing IAPA President Romulo O'Farrill, Jr. of the Mexico City newspaper Novedades presided as the organization, which inaugurated its sessions last Saturday, moved into the most important phase of this 19th annual gathering.

The editors—some 400 persons including families and observers—are attending the meeting—Florida's first annual press conference. In his address, High reported that more than 300,000 Cubans had fled to Miami since the Fidel Castro regime came to power.

O'Farrill was to present a report on his one-year of service in the presidency and the delegates were expected to hear a brief address by Knight newspaper executive Lee Hills during the morning session.

Tuesday the editors permitted a lull in their continuing round of meetings following Monday evening's address by President Kennedy.

The general assembly is scheduled to hear a detailed report on the state of hemisphere press freedom Thursday from the IAPA Freedom of the Press Committee.

In his address, High reported that more than 300,000 Cubans had fled to Miami since the Fidel Castro regime came to power.

"This city in the past few years has been the refuge for one of the greatest influxes of troubled people in this continent's history," he said and praised the way Miami has given asylum to the exiles.

High told the editors that Miami has been "honored with visits from presidents" of many Latin nations. An "example" he cited the visits earlier this year of Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt and Costa Rican President Francisco J. Orlich.

Miami has been host "not only to visitors of renown," he said, "but just as importantly the average citizen and student from Latin America as well as from elsewhere in the world."

Solons Split On Airing Of Income

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate was split wide open today on the question of whether its members should air their private income—a key issue in its investigation of ex-aided Bobby Baker.

The Senate Rules Committee, which is looking into the "outside interests" of former Senate Democratic Secretary Robert G. Baker, called the widow of his one-time partner to testify Thursday at a closed session.

Mrs. Alfred S. Novak, whose late husband was Baker's partner in a hotel, will be the first witness to give direct testimony. An employee of the Senate Small Business Committee, she already has been questioned informally.

Plans Questioning
The "conflict of interest" issue exploded on the Senate floor Tuesday as the Rules Committee, headed by Sen. B. Everett Jordan, D-N.C., announced plans to call Mrs. Novak.

Answering advocates of legislation to require senators and other officials to disclose their outside assets and income, Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen said: "The dignity and self-respect of the Senate demand they be rejected."

The debate on income disclosure came after Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said he was "satisfied" with confidential reports from key Senate Democratic officials on their outside assets, if any. Mansfield had asked for the reports two weeks ago.

No Information Sought
But Dirksen said he had not sought similar information from ranking GOP employees and did not intend to ask for them.

Baker, who came to the Senate as a page boy 21 years ago, resigned his \$19,600 post on Oct. 7 after publicity about his sprawling financial operations. His interests ranged through motel, insurance, food vending, real estate, mortgage insurance, meat import and other operations—all done on the side while he kept tab on Senate affairs.

The Rules Committee is expected to give its first attention to Mrs. Novak's version of the problems encountered by her late husband in joining with Baker in construction of the plush Carousel Motel outside Ocean City, Md.

Solon Challenges Barton's Control

SALEM (UPI)—Speaker Clarence Barton's control over his Democratic party majority in the House was challenged by Republican Rep. Shirley Field Tuesday in a sharp exchange.

The exchange took place during a debate on a resolution that would have asked Congress to prevent Bonneville Power Administration from raising its rates.

The resolution was sponsored by Democratic Rep. Jake Bennett.

Miss Field successfully moved to return the measure to the House Rules Committee. She called it irrelevant to Oregon's fiscal crisis, and not a proper matter to come before the special session.

As she made her motion, Miss Field demanded of Barton, "Are you in control of your party in this House?"

"I consider that question impertinent," Barton retorted. Miss Field said Barton himself had urged that the session be limited to fiscal matters.

Later, Barton gavelled Miss Field down when she started to say "some of us take our oaths of office..."

Barton told her she could speak only if she would be "restrained by rules of common courtesy" and avoid any allusions to the conduct of members—a normal policy.

"I expect the rules of common courtesy to be mutually applied," she replied.

Jargon Jitters, Gobbledegook Hit Federal Research Probers

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. Carl Elliott and eight other congressmen set out three days ago to find out what the U.S. taxpayer was getting for the \$15 billion being spent annually by the federal government for research and development.

No optimist, the bulky Alabama Democrat and his "select committee on government research" set aside a whole year for their study. Their plan was to start by listening to 70 expert witnesses in 10 days, assuming the members could take it.

After only two days of listening to famous scientists and U-level government officials, several committee members already were showing signs of "jargon jitters" and "gobbledegook."

Harold Brown, Defense Department director of research and engineering, told the committee in his statement:

"In addition, 44 members of my staff are professional military personnel, all of whom have specialized backgrounds which enable them to provide invaluable inputs based on their technical and operational experience."

This was taken to mean: "When my boys say the puppet will leak, you better wear your raincoat."

George C. Denney, deputy director of the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research, offered this:

"In the social sciences, we deal with those policy-sensitive data, with greater varieties of methodologies and uses of information and with theoretical structures and formulations which do not lend themselves to easy control."

A free-hand reading of this was: "In our line of work, we can't prove we're right and you can't prove we're wrong."

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