

UPI Roundup

Another kidnap in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES — An American and a German have been kidnapped in the past 24 hours in a continuing wave of terrorism directed against foreign companies, police sources said Tuesday. The latest abduction victims were John Thompson, managing director of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. and Juan Kurdt, technical director of Silvana, a Swiss firm which makes stockings. There have been more than 60 kidnappings in Argentina so far this year. Thompson, 50, was the second American abducted by terrorists this year. The kidnappings took place as the nation was preparing a giant welcome for former President Juan Peron who returns to live in Argentina after nearly 18 years in exile. Given the day off by a strike and provided free transportation by the government, masses of Argentines headed for the capital Tuesday. The city was awash with colorful flags and posters saying "Welcome, General Peron." Peronists predicted some two million persons would attend a rally today for the 77-year-old "First Worker" of Argentina, who was toppled by a military coup in 1955 after 10 years in office.

FBI nominee disavows politics

WASHINGTON — FBI director-designate Clarence Kelley said Tuesday he had no intention of bowing to political pressure in the job. In effect he invited senators to reject his nomination if they do not believe him. Kelley, chief of police in Kansas City, Mo. for the past 12 years, made the pledge to the Senate Judiciary Committee at the outset of hearings on his appointment. "I would hope that if you don't get the man you want, that you should persist," he said. "No one should be confirmed who bows to political pressure," he added. "I've never bowed to political pressure and I don't mean to start." Kelley, 61, who was with the FBI for 21 years, also told the committee he would welcome consultations with a congressional oversight committee which, in his view, should "be thoroughly cognizant of the needs of the FBI."

Thieu warns about Commies

SAIGON — President Nguyen Van Thieu told the South Vietnamese people Tuesday not to be duped by Communist claims that they want peace. "The Communist scheme is still to take over South Vietnam by force. No one should be so innocent as to believe the Communists are going to respect the cease-fire," Thieu said. He spoke for nine minutes at the beginning of the Armed Forces Day parade, the annual display of South Vietnamese military might. Meanwhile in Paris, U.S. and North Vietnamese officials met for the 10th time to determine the amount of reparations Washington should pay Hanoi to repair the ravages of war. Monday was their first meeting since Washington broke off negotiations two months ago.

Mine union official found guilty

ERIE, Pa. — Former United Mine Workers official Albert Pass was found guilty Tuesday of murder in the 1969 killings of UMW reform leader Joseph Yablonski, his wife and daughter. Pass, 54, was the seventh suspect—and highest ranking of three ex-UMW officials—arrested and prosecuted in the case. An Erie County jury of seven men and five women deliberated about five hours before finding Pass guilty on three murder counts, each of which carried a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. Defense attorney Harold Gondelman said he would appeal the verdict "by Friday." The prosecution said after the jury verdict there would be "at least one more arrest" in the case. Special prosecutor Richard Sprague told a post-trial news conference, "It was obvious from the trial testimony someone in Washington gave the green light to Pass." Sprague did not mention any name but he had referred repeatedly during his prosecution to a \$20,000 union fund, allegedly used to finance the killings, that was approved by W.A. "Tony" Boyle, then the UMW president, ostensibly for union organizing purposes.

Space funds slashed

WASHINGTON — The Senate Tuesday approved the most austere space budget since 1962, voting a \$3 billion authorization for the program in fiscal 1974. The bill was approved 90-5. Only Sens. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.), Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), William Proxmire (D-Wis.), and Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield were against it. An effort by Fulbright to slash the program by another \$121 million was defeated.

Tot toted, demands decent wage

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Ten-year-old Thomas Hotchkiss, wearing a silver hardhat, walked a lonely picket line Tuesday at a construction site. He toted a sign reading, "I think this is unfair." Tommy said he was paid only \$2.05 for eight eight-hour days of labor. "I expected at least \$16 more than I received," he said. A foreman at the project where a supermarket is being built said he never hired the boy, though he said Tommy did get sodas and coffee for the men. He said he had to run him off the site a number of times.

Nixon, wooing Congress, signs four money measures

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Proclaiming a new era of peaceful co-existence with Congress, President Nixon has signed into law four spending measures he formerly rejected as "budget-busting."

The action, taken Monday, was announced Tuesday. Nixon said in a statement that he was entering into a "partnership of give and take" with the Congress.

The measures he signed represent compromises from earlier bills, although the changes stopped well short of what Nixon would have preferred. He originally vetoed three of the four bills on grounds they were too expensive.

One of the bills extends a dozen health programs through June 30, 1974. Nixon said he supported some of the measures but opposed others, including hospital construction subsidies, new long-term mental health center grants, regional medical programs and subsidies for health and public health training.

Nixon also signed legislation authorizing \$430 million for the Economic Development Administration. In his budget message in January, he asked Congress to terminate EDA programs on June 30. The bill would authorize money for public works, planning and technical assistance to aid the economic development of local communities.

US, SU sign tax treaty

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States and the Soviet Union will sign an income tax treaty today reflecting their joint hopes of greatly increased trade.

It will be the fifth agreement to emerge from the Washington summit meeting.

The treaty, which requires Senate confirmation, is expected to cover such matters as the tax treatment of a business established in one country by the other, and the tax treatment of business visitors, royalties and interest payments.

The treaty also will probably grant reciprocal tax privileges to individuals. That is, if a certain portion of an American's income is taxed in the Soviet Union, then Russians residing in the United States would get the same treatment from the Internal Revenue Service. If credits or refunds are allowed in one country, this also will apply in the other.

OK power to curb exports

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Banking Committee voted 24 to 4 Tuesday to give President Nixon clear and strong authority to restrict exports when strong foreign demand helps drive up domestic prices.

The bill was sent to the House floor.

Economists point to the past year's four-fold increase in the price of soybeans, arising from heavy foreign demand, as a major factor in driving up the prices of meat, poultry and eggs.

Another measure signed Monday increases to \$620 million the amount the government can commit to airport development aid over the two fiscal years beginning July 1.

The measure, which prohibits collection of "head taxes" on airline passengers, will go into effect at most airports immediately, although airports in Sarasota, Fla., Evansville, Ind., and in the state of New Hampshire can continue to collect the head tax for the rest of this year.

Nixon also signed a bill to establish a new veterans' cemetery system and increase burial

benefits for wartime veterans and veterans who die from service-connected causes.

On March 9, John Ehrlichman, then Nixon's chief domestic strategist, cited the EDA, airport and cemetery bills as part of a "budget busting" package of legislation which he said the President was determined to block.

Ehrlichman referred to the measures as "a \$9-billion herd of Trojan Horses that are thundering our way from out of the Congress, brightly painted and outfitted with very attractive accessories."

Northwest most abnormal in gas sales situation

NEW YORK (UPI) — Consumers blamed dealers, dealers blamed producers and some experts blamed overseas motorists Tuesday for the developing gasoline crisis in the United States.

In its third weekly gas availability report, the Automobile Association of America named the Northwest and the Washington, D.C. area as the sections where shifts away from normal operations were greatest. Their survey indicated that motorists' chances of finding normal operations at gasoline stations throughout the country were 50-50.

In Detroit, a spokesman for the Chrysler Corp., cut off from almost half its gasoline supplies by the embargo on exports from Canada, said the company was continuing its operations from fuel on hand and supplies from U.S. sources.

An industry expert in Lakewood, N.J., said the shortage was in fact a price squeeze brought on by the willingness of foreign motorists to pay higher prices for gasoline than Americans.

In Washington, D.C., Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) asked the Federal Trade Commission if "there is a deliberate, conscious contrivance of the major integrated petroleum companies to destroy the independent refineries and marketers, to capture new markets, to increase gasoline prices, and to obtain the repeal of environmental protection legislation."

The AAA suggested that motorists drive "on the top half of the tank," particularly in unfamiliar areas and on weekends. They also suggested avoiding long-distance night travel.

The physical inventory of gasoline in the country was 203 million barrels on June 8, down 11 million barrels from a year earlier. But domestic production of gasoline has risen sharply in the past month. For the first two weeks in June, it ran at a record 49.25 million barrels weekly. This includes gasoline refined from foreign crude by domestic refineries.

Vincent Sgro of Oil Buyers Guide, Lakewood, N.J., commented, "Tankers can land enough gasoline physically in the United States right now to supply the whole demand. But because the world price is higher than here, the independents have to pay prices for it that would force them to retail it at around 44 cents a gallon as compared with 36.9 cents charged for comparable fuel by stations of major domestic companies."

US jet crashes, 9th lost since Viet cease-fire

HONOLULU (UPI) — A U.S. Air Force F4 Phantom jet has crashed in Cambodia. Its two crewmen have been listed as missing, the U.S. military command headquarters here announced Tuesday.

The F4 crashed in eastern Cambodia June 16, said a spokesman in the office of Adm. Noel Gayler, commander-in-chief of U.S. Forces in the Pacific. "Search operations have been unsuccessful," the spokesman said.

This was the ninth U.S. plane lost over Cambodia since the cease-fire began, and the third in four days.

On June 16, two F111s collided in flight northwest of Phnom Penh. One landed safely. The two crewmen in the other jet were picked up uninjured.

On June 17, an Air Force HH53 helicopter crashed in a lake in Cambodia, killing at least two persons. Two of the five crewmen parachuted to safety and were recovered in good condition but the bodies of two others were located in the area of the crash. A fifth was listed as missing.

So far, five persons have been killed, seven rescued and five are missing as the result of the air-craft losses.

Gayler's office also said U.S. aircraft, including B52s, conducted operations over Cambodia Tuesday at the request of the Cambodian government.