

11 Soviet Aviators Denounce Lindbergh As Slender Monger

Violent Attack on American Flier Is Based on Alleged Statements on Soviet Air Fleet

Lindbergh Keeps Silence on Diatribe in Which He Is Held Tool of British Reactionaries

MOSCOW, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Eleven soviet aviation leaders denounced Col. Charles A. Lindbergh today in a letter which referred to alleged statements by the American flier published in London after he visited Moscow in August.

(Col. Lindbergh declined comment when he arrived late today in Rotterdam with Mrs. Lindbergh, en route from France to Berlin for the annual session of the Lilienthal society for aerial research.

(Neither in Moscow, where the couple visited August 17-26, nor subsequently has there been any public statement by Col. Lindbergh on his Russian trip or any other subject.

(The statements attributed to him in the soviet airman's letter were of the same tenor as an article in the October 5 issue of "The Week," leftist publication published in London. Parliament Told Of Story

(Ellen Wilkinson, labor member of parliament, last Thursday called parliament's attention to the story in "The Week.")

The letter, published in Pravda, organ of the central committee of the communist party, and circulated by Tass (Russian official news agency), accused Col. Lindbergh of making "slandorous and anti-soviet utterances" before guests of Lady Astor, Virginia-born member of the British house of commons.

It referred to a report by "The Week" agency and charged that "Lindbergh acted in conformity with instructions of British reactionaries to prove the weakness of soviet aviation" and thus provide (British Prime Minister) Chamberlain with an argument in favor of capitulation in Munich in the Czechoslovak problem.

Soviet Air Chief Is Signer
The letter was signed by Vasily Molokof, civil aviation chief and a noted flier; Valeri Chkaloff, Georgi Baidukoff and Alexander Bellakoff, who flew from Moscow across the north pole to Vancouver, Wash., in June, 1937; Mikhail Gromoff and Serzel Danilin, two of the aviators who flew a month later 262 miles from Moscow to California by way of the north pole; Vladimir Kokinaki, who flew 4,300 miles non-stop from Moscow to Vladivostok in the summer; Mavryk Stepanoff; I. T. Spirin; a flier named Seroff; and flier order-bearer Demchenko.

The letter as circulated by Tass said in part:
"Recently Lindbergh again visited the soviet union. It should be noted that nobody invited him and he was allowed to come only upon request of the Americans. Taking use of the permission to arrive, Lindbergh visited the festivities held aviation day and now upon the return to London made use of the fact of his stay in the USSR for slanderous and insolent anti-soviet utterances which were served for Lady Astor's guests. It appears Lindbergh declared in London that Germany possesses such powerful aviation, which is able to defeat the air fleets of England, France, the USSR and Czechoslovakia. Allah, Not God, Alone Knows

"On what grounds did he base his statement? Allah alone knows. The second statement outstripped the first. He declared that in the course of his stay in Moscow he was offered the post of chief of soviet civil aviation. . . .

"Lindbergh as chief of the aviation! Such absurd lies can only make us fliers laugh. . . .
"A further quite unbridled falsehood followed. The soviet air fleet," Lindbergh declared, "is left without leadership and is in a chaotic state. It would be unnecessary to refute such an obvious lie. . . .

The Lindberghs visited Moscow August 17-26, then flew to the Soviet Ukraine and left Russia August 31.
It was pointed out at the American embassy that they came like any American tourists and that the embassy asked nothing for them it would not normally ask for any Americans.

At the annual air show, August 18, Lindbergh sat with soviet aviators some of whom came from America and other diplomats. During the whole stay in Moscow, Lindbergh spent most of his time with soviet aviators, occasionally saw Americans, but consistently refused to talk for publication.

Twenty-five FBI Men Still Hunt Kidnaper

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Twenty-five G-men are continuing unabated the hunt for the kidnaper of Peter Levine and Charles Mattson, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, disclosed here today. Hoover came here from southern California on a visit.

Hungary-Czech Parleys Reach Breaking Point

Czechs Demand of Hungarian Leaders "outrageous" and Troops Line Streets to Forestall Disorders

KOMAROM, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Negotiations between Czechoslovakia and Hungary were reported at the breaking point tonight because delegates of the Prague government considered Hungarian demands "outrageous."

The Czechoslovaks offered about 20 per cent of the territory demanded and suggested discussions of other demands be continued in another conference within two months.

Hungary Wants Polish Union
It was understood the Hungarian "minimum claims" include some territory in Carpatho-Russia, extreme eastern portion of Czechoslovakia, which would give Hungary free access to the Polish border.

While Czechoslovak and Hungarian delegations met today, the streets of all Komarom were lined with bristling Czechoslovak police and gendarmes and army detachments apparently ready to prevent the population from repeating pro-Hungarian demonstrations such as were staged yesterday.

Tension Noted Among Armies
Tension was noticeable among Czechoslovak and Hungarian army officers and soldiers, who waited impatiently for the final decision of the conference.

Czechoslovak military experts apparently were proud of their strong army and at the conference let the Hungarian delegates understand they should considerably reduce their demands or the army would not stand for continuation of negotiations.

Another Hungarian-Czechoslovak meeting will be held tomorrow.

Lady Astor Says Soviet Tale Lie



LADY ASTOR

LONDON, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Lady Astor, Britain's Virginia-born M. P., tonight declared the London communist newspaper, the Daily Worker, was responsible for the story that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh criticized the soviet air force at a dinner at her home.

"This emanates from the same source—the Daily Worker—which said we gave a dinner to Lindbergh and invented the story of the Cliveden set," the viscountess said. "There is no truth in it."

For months some opposition newspapers have charged an aristocratic pro-German group centering about Lady Astor's home and known as the "Cliveden set," influenced Prime Minister Chamberlain in his dictator-appeasement policy.

Earlier today the labor paper, Daily Herald, quoted Lady Astor as declaring the Lindbergh story a "complete lie."

"Col. Lindbergh has not dined with us since he returned from Russia and in fact I have never given a dinner party for him," the newspaper quoted her.

"It is a complete lie, too, that Col. Lindbergh has ever made any sort of pronouncement about the Russian air force or about anything else during a dinner party at my house or in my house at all."

Klamath Hunter Shot at 3 Times

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Noel Turner, Klamath Falls mill employe, was shot at three times and wounded in the thigh while deer hunting yesterday.

One shot passed so close to his head it shattered his glasses, a second creased his coat and a third struck him in the thigh.

Neither Turner nor his shooting companions could determine the origin of the shots.

Mystery Plane Severs Cable, But Fails to Fall in Crash

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Old-time aviators used to say it was a good landing if you could walk away from it. But no aeronautic axiom could be discovered to cover a collision Saturday that by all odds should have ended in disaster.

An unidentified aviator late Saturday collided with a 120-amp volt power line and flew away from the crash.

Shortage in Land Is Seen by Board

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Immigration from less favored sections into Oregon is precipitating a land-shortage crisis, the state planning board said in a report on land development.

The board said that the majority of 81,530 persons who came to Oregon between 1930 and 1938 sought tillable land and that the arable 8.2 per cent of the state's 24,397 square miles of land was practically exhausted.

Approximately 152,000 acres of agricultural land has been reclaimed in Oregon under 70 organized drainage and diking districts, the lower Columbia valley, the coastal, the Willamette valley and the eastern Oregon areas.

Hoffman Bid low On Heating Plant

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—L. H. Hoffman, Portland contractor, submitted low base bid for the new state capitol heating plant construction job today.

His bid of \$126,217 was the lowest of 16 received by the state capitol reconstruction commission.

Because the large number of alternate propositions contained in all the bids affected the figure, the commission announced the offers would be scrutinized for a day or two before the award was made.

Change Pocketed By Check Stealer

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—When a delivery man for a Portland store delivered a \$15 chair to the home of Wilfred C. Kenneth, city chemist, Mr. Kenneth insisted he hadn't ordered a chair.

Police notified U. S. postal inspectors.

AFL Adopts "Open Door" Policy For Peace With John L. Lewis

High Court Dismisses Teachers' Retirement Appeal; Hits Four Here

Teachers Past Retirement Age Here to Retain Positions Until Formal Move Made to Rescind Court Order

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—(AP)—An appeal challenging the validity of sections of the Oregon teachers tenure law was dismissed today by the supreme court.

The act requires retirement of teachers at the age of 65. The law was upheld by the Oregon supreme court in May and a suit was brought against the Portland school directors by teachers who asserted it deprived them of property without due process of law, impaired their contractual rights and denied them equal protection of the laws.

The law was designed to cover only school districts having at least 20,000 population.

Bulgar Army Head Is Assassin Victim

Two-Gun Wielder Shoots Self After Riddling Army General

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Oct. 10.—(AP)—The chief of staff of the Bulgarian army, Maj. Gen. Yordan Peyeff, was shot to death in a Sofia street today by a two-gun assassin who then tried to kill himself.

Gen. Peyeff, 55, died en route to a hospital. He had six bullet wounds. His adjutant, Major Stoyanoff, also was struck by some of a full dozen shots fired and was hospitalized in a serious condition.

The shots were fired by a man who gave his name as Stoll Kiroff, 33. He was expected to die from self-inflicted wounds.

Rumors that Kiroff was a former official and political conspirator who was recently released from jail were discredited by police. They were investigating, however, the possibility the assassin belonged to "Imro," a terrorist organization which played an important role formerly in Bulgarian politics.

Gen. Peyeff apparently was well liked in the army because he seemed entirely disinterested in politics.

Farmer Is Shot By Hunt Partner

PENDLETON, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Herman Graham, 53, Weston farmer, became the 14th deer season fatality of the state Sunday when he was shot and killed by a companion while hunting in the Wild Horse Creek district north-east of Athena, Umatilla county.

Folsom stated that Cecil Johnson, Graham's neighbor and hunting companion fired the shot when he mistook the man for a deer. Vernon Ryles, Walla Walla, was a third member of the party.

II Duce May Ask France to Leave Soviet Alliance

ROME, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Informed quarters expressed a belief tonight that Premier Benito Mussolini would demand that France renounce her alliance with Soviet Russia as an essential part of any French-Italian reconciliation.

A fresh outburst of bitterness against France appeared in the fascist press and political circles viewed the campaign as a warning that the French need not expect re-establishment of friendly relations with Italy at bargain rates.

Dr. C. L. Greene New Albany Head

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Dr. Clarence Wilson Greene, for 10 years president of Parson's college, Fairfield, Iowa, today was appointed president of Albany college, Portland, by the board of trustees.

He succeeds Dr. Thomas W. Bibb who resigned to accept the presidency of Missouri Valley college in Marshall, Mo.

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Death Claims Veteran Pilot at Boat's Helm

NORTH BEND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Death overtook Captain Ludwig Christensen, 67, veteran Co. 6, 1st Cavalry Division, at the wheel of the port pilot boat. He was about to take the craft away from the dock at Empire when stricken by a heart attack.

Relief Administrator Choice Is Deferred for two Weeks

Selection of a Marion county relief administrator was deferred to "not earlier than October 24" by the county relief committee at its monthly meeting yesterday afternoon.

The committee has names of seven applicants before it but additional applications for the position, left vacant by the resignation of Glenn C. Niles, may still be presented to the state relief committee, Dr. George H. Swift, county chairman, announced.

Committee policy as to imposing liens on property of persons aided was clarified in a resolution providing "that the . . . committee shall require a mortgage on property owned by a recipient of old age assistance where there is no prior incumbrance, and . . . in addition require a mortgage on property of an old age assistance

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9000 Families Get Succor From SCC

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Indigent families of Oregon got more and better food the past year as result of the Surplus Commodities corporation, President J. W. Tapp said in his annual report to Secretary Wallace.

Nearly 9,000 families in this state received 5,665,880 pounds of food stuffs, valued at \$408,000, Tapp said 11,243 needy families were eligible each month of 1938 for the commodities in his corporation distributed in the state. Actual distributions averaged 8,978 families a month.

Tapp said the program also aided the state's farmers by removing bothersome inventories that were depressing prices.

Recipient where the recipient has an equity remaining in the property of \$300 or more, after the total of prior encumbrances has been deducted from an amount double the assessed valuation of the property.

New aid grants for October approved by the committee included 27 old age assistance cases to receive an average of \$21.08 each per month, five cases eligible for aid to dependent children and one for aid to the blind.

Last month, the committee was advised, \$29,356.48 was paid on 1447 old age assistance cases, \$689.50 to 29 blind persons, \$4,038 to 247 dependent children and \$10,625.78 on 475 general assistance cases. In addition surplus old age commodities were distributed to 190 general assistance cases and special services rendered 221 cases.

Tobin Storms At Resolution Which Passes

Teamster Union Leader Drops His Opposition After Battle

Resolution Blames Lewis for Disorder in Ranks of Labor

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 10.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor, determined to make no peace terms "with dictatorship or communist leadership," was aroused by a heated debate today, as Daniel J. Tobin threatened to lead the Teamsters' union out of organized labor's fold.

Tobin demanded that a resolutions committee report assailing John L. Lewis be sent back to the AFL executive council. The president of the International Teamsters' union shouted that if the convention did not take definite steps to rebuild the labor movement "we will try to build our own home—the Teamsters' union."

Only One Vote Dissents
The resolutions committee report was adopted with only one dissenting vote after Tobin had withdrawn opposition to the federation's "open door" policy for labor peace. The Teamsters' union head and his delegation voted for the committee report after President William Green assured him the federation remained ready to meet the CIO and "let bygones be bygones."

The resolutions committee wound up its scathing attack on the CIO and its leadership by recommending that the council "carry on the battle" but stand ready to respond "to any genuine appeal for peace."

Tobin Scathes Report
Scornfully, Tobin said: "That's what we did last year and the year before and what we will do next year unless the members of our national and international unions insist we do otherwise."

"I think a referendum would carry 20 to 1 that the executive council open up negotiations where they broke off in the last session with the CIO."

Tobin assailed the resolutions committee's six-page attack on the CIO and Lewis, and said the calling of such names as "traitors, dictators and Judases" had further spoiled the hope of peace.

His voice becoming hoarse, he demanded the convention go further than the committee recommended or send the report back to the executive council.

Florida of Peace, President William Green rose and replied: "We could have had peace at Atlantic City three years ago if you delegates had given the other side what they wanted."

"Am Willing," Says Green
The delegates cheered. "Personally, I am willing to do all that lies within my power to reunite the labor movement. We have constantly sought to establish solidarity. We possess a passion for peace between nations and among ourselves and in the labor movement."

Earlier today Lewis was accused of being "a Caesar who has instituted himself as a dictator of the CIO." The convention asked amendments to the Wagner labor act and vigorously opposed the re-nomination of Donald Wakefield Smith to the national labor relations board.

The action came late in the convention that had heard President Roosevelt's plea for labor peace and harmony and the statement of President William Green of the AFL that "the door is open to peace."

Matthew Woll, chairman of the resolutions committee, led the fight against Lewis as he read a formal report that blamed the CIO boss for most of the troubles of the labor front. The report ended with an invitation to the CIO rank and file and all unorganized workers to come into the AFL as "the house of labor."

Willis Schisco Sought; Lost While Deerhunting

EUGENE, Oct. 10.—(AP)—A searching party scoured the woods south of Blachly today for Willis Schisco, Salem deer hunter, who became separated from two hunting companions Sunday morning and failed to return to camp.

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TO THE NERVES



TOM MOONEY