

# Congress Faces Month's Session As 'Lame Ducks'

By G. Milton Kelly  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP)—Congress faces a whirlwind one-month "lame duck" session which may add billions to the nation's tax bill and pin two more stars on the American flag.

## Ambush Bullets Kill Brother Of Gangster

HERRIN, Ill., Sept. 24 (AP)—Roy Armes, 32, brother of a slain member of the notorious Shelton gang, was shot to death from ambush today.

Bullets from a high powered rifle and buckshot from a shotgun hit Armes after he and a companion left a tavern and climbed into their automobile.

The slaying was similar to the shootings of the Shelton brothers—Carl, Bernie and Roy—in the last three years.

Roy Armes was a brother of Monroe (Blackie) Armes, killed in 1944 by bullets in a tavern duel south of Herrin. Blackie was a Shelton gangster. His slayer, Thomas Castle, owner of the tavern, also was killed.

Escaped in 1944  
By coincidence, the same man, James Scott, 37, was with each of the Armes brothers when they died. Scott escaped the bullets in 1944 as he hid today.

Roy's shooting took place outside the Green Lantern tavern, just north of Herrin, in Williamson county in southern Illinois.

A floodlight from the tavern illuminated the Armes car and made Roy an easy target.

Two assailants were in on today's ambush, a coroner's jury indicated.

Two Weapons Used  
Coroner Sam Simmons said both a rifle and a shotgun were used from 45 feet away. Armes was hit in the face, neck and chest by both bullets and buckshot.

The killers had crouched behind a picket fence.

Armes' death was due to gunshot wounds "at the hands of parties unknown," the jury verdict said.

Other authorities said they had few clues to the motive or to the identity of the slayers.

Sheriff Lawrence Cannon of Williamson county said Scott told him that he and Armes had just gotten into the automobile when there was a series of rapid shots. The windshield of the car was shattered, but Scott was unhurt.

10 Rifle Shells Found  
At the shooting scene, Sheriff Cannon said he found 10 rifle shells behind a picket fence.

The victim had in one of his pockets a receipt for a \$500 fine levied last month in Benton for molesting two women in a West Frankfort theater.

Roy Armes had been seized by authorities several times for investigation, but had no convictions on his record until the Benton trial.

Two other Armes brothers are living. One, Ray (Lefty) Armes, of Herrin, was acquitted last year in Missouri on a charge of assaulting Mayor C. B. Hardin of Camden, Mo., with intent to kill him.

The other brother, Floyd, lives in Phoenix, Ariz. Scott told Sheriff Cannon that he had just returned to Herrin after a visit in Phoenix.

CHEST DRIVE UNDER WAY  
SILVERTON — The pre-campaign of the Silverton Community chest drive is now in progress, reports John Schwabe, general campaign chairman. Solicitation of business firms and farms is being made preceding the general campaign that begins October 2.

## Pilot Dragged from Burning Plane



NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 4—Rescuers pull William L. Ritter, Jr., 21, of Brooklyn from wrecked, burning plane (right) after it crashed on Yonkers, N. Y., street. Pilot of the rented plane, Dr. Melvin R. Daniels, 33, Yonkers, was killed in the crash. Ritter died later at a hospital. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

## East Germany Given Status of Red Satellite

By Richard Kasischek

BERLIN, Sept. 24 (AP)—Russian-occupied East Germany was welcomed into the family of Soviet satellite states today. Simultaneously, the East German republic embarked on a big new purge campaign against "saboteurs and western agents."

The official Soviet newspaper, *Taegliche Rundschau*, said the East German state had joined "the mighty peace front headed by the Soviet Union." This indicated East Germany had reached full-fledged satellite status. There have been recent hints that Russia may soon grant a separate peace to East Germany.

East Germany definitely had become a part of the Soviet orbit through a series of "friendship" and economic treaties with Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania and is now negotiating a similar agreement with communist-ruled Bulgaria.

Runschau asserted the new purge must be intensified to "root out these (western) gangsters—these enemies of our democratic republic."

Trials and new arrests were reported from widely-scattered points in the Russian zone. Runschau said the chief aim of the "gangsters" is to wreck the economy of the East German republic and sabotage the October 15 elections.

The provisional government of East Germany will make itself permanent through the elections, in which the communists have assured themselves of victory by

controlling 70 per cent of the places on the "no contest" ballot. Western observers interpreted the charges of sabotage as a communist scheme to steam up an apathetic electorate and as an excuse for the extensive purges in industry, agriculture and political life.

## Inchon Harbor Signal Light Plea for Food

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24 (AP)—Pacific fleet headquarters in a release from Korea today cleared up the mystery of a signal light flashing from a small island in Inchon harbor when the allied amphibious fleet arrived September 15.

Four days later a quartermaster on a navy ship passing through the harbor spotted the international distress flag flying from the top of the island.

Rear Admiral Austin K. Doyle, in command of the fleet at Inchon, dispatched the little minesweeper *Kite* to investigate.

Battling heavy seas and tricky currents the *Kite* put over a small boat which landed on a narrow beach at the foot of the island's sheer cliff.

There the boat crew found a friendly reception group of loyal Korean civilians and their children. They were keepers of the lighthouse, and had gone without food and water since the Inchon assault by navy and marines.

The *Kite* took care of the group's needs from its own ship stores.

## 2 Communists Found Guilty, To Quit Party

CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 24 (AP)—Two communists found guilty of violating Cumberland's communist-registration ordinance said today they were resigning from the party.

The two, Arthur M. Schusterman and William B. Coleman, both of Cumberland, made public copies of a letter they said was being sent to Philip Frankfeld, chairman of the communist party of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The text of the letter read: "We, as of this date, resign as members of the communist party of Maryland and the U. S. A. It is our decision to cease all political activities of any kind. We have every confidence that the working men and women of our great country will solve the problems that beset them."

The copies carried the signatures of Schusterman and Coleman.

Frankfeld was unavailable for comment in Baltimore. Schusterman and Coleman were found guilty last Monday in police court violating a new ordinance that requires communists to register.

They were fined \$100 each, but were continued in \$200 bail each after their immediate appeal to circuit court was granted. The case was scheduled before all three judges of Maryland's fourth judicial circuit on Oct. 7.

Turnips contain almost as much water as watermelons.

## Rail Express Agency Struck In New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (AP)—The Railway Express Agency, struck here and in Jersey City, N. J., put an embargo today on all shipments of less than a carload lot in, out of, or through New York City.

The national railway mediation board in Washington immediately scheduled meetings here tomorrow between union and management officials and asked the strikers to return to their jobs.

A union spokesman said the union would join in the mediation sessions but that picketing would continue.

The strike started last night when 2,300 union truck drivers and helpers walked off their jobs.

The drivers are members of the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Picketing, which started last night, continued today at a number of company depots.

Albert M. Hartung, vice president of the company in charge of personnel, said the work stoppage has idled 6,000 other employees here, and would make layoffs necessary at many other company shipping points.

The drivers struck after contract negotiations, going on since July 11, broke down.

The union has demanded a 20-cent-an-hour wage increase, longer vacations, an extra paid holiday, and an annual guarantee of jobs for 3,500 teamsters. Present wages for a 40-hour week are \$67 for drivers and \$59 for helpers, the union said.

A union spokesman said the company had made no offer to the union on any of its demands.

Hartung made no comment on this statement.

## CHILD IN HOSPITAL

IDANHA — Lana Lee Storey, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Storey was taken Saturday to Doernbecher hospital in Portland for observation for an illness which has specialists puzzled.

## Laborite Attacks British Stand On Schuman Plan as 'Isolation'

LONDON, Sept. 24 (AP)—A labor member of parliament accused the leaders of his own party today of trying to scuttle the Schuman plan because they want Britain to "remain in glorious isolation and independence."

R. W. G. MacKay, a member of the recent Council of Europe meeting at Strasbourg, made the attack in a sizzling political pamphlet called "Heads in the Sand."

MacKay's attack may have wide repercussions. It may be the forerunner of a bitter intra-party struggle for power which is expected to erupt into the open at the Labor party's annual congress opening at Margate on October 3.

The usually well-informed British press association said MacKay's criticism was so vigorous that he was likely to be called before a meeting of the national executive committee on Wednesday to explain.

Loss of MacKay's vote would further weaken the Labor government which won a test of confidence last week on the question of carrying out the nationalization of steel by a margin of only six voices.

Political observers already were predicting a struggle between party moderates and a left-wing clique at Margate despite Prime Minister Attlee's efforts to keep the lid on.

Health Minister Aneurin Bevan, boss of the ultra-Socialist wing of the party, is clashing with Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison. Bevan favors calling another general election almost at once in the hope of improving labor's nominal seven-vote margin in Commons.

Attlee publicly backed party strategist Morrison in a speech at Sheffield Saturday when he indicated he does not favor an autumn election.

Seven is not a very large majority but it is a majority," he said.

Bevan also is expected to renew demands at Margate for a go-ahead on Socialist legislation, including quick nationalization of privately owned water systems. Morrison and the moderates advocate a go-slow policy in view

of the labor set-back at the general elections last February.

## PEDESTRIAN KILLED

PORTLAND, Sept. 24 (AP)—Pedestrian E. A. Bovin, registered here for two nights at a hotel, was killed today on the Burnside bridge. He was struck by a car. No charge was filed against the Portland driver. It was the 33rd traffic death in the city this year.

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