

U.S. to Reject Russians' Demand for 11 Children

By JOHN A. SCALI
WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States appeared certain Sunday to reject Russia's demand for 11 Soviet children now in West Germany and New York, but diplomatic officials expect the Russians to free two long-missing Americans as promised.

The pledge to liberate the two Americans—William T. Marchuk of Brackenridge, Pa., and John H. Noble of Detroit—was made in a note to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow Friday. Its contents, but not its text, were made public by the State Department Saturday night.

In the same note, Moscow renewed its oft-made demand for the Soviet children, but an Embassy spokesman emphasized that surrender was not made a condition for release of the two Americans.

Eight of the Russian children are now in West Germany, either adopted by German families or being cared for in welfare homes.

Three others, the children of a Russian Armenian who returned to his native land in 1947, are in New York Catholic Welfare homes.

The New York Supreme Court has ruled they should be allowed to remain in the United States where they were born. The children were turned over to New York authorities five years before their father left for Russia, on the ground that he was unable to take

care of them. The father's name is Hamport Zoon Chalkoian. Diplomatic officials said that in considering Russia's newest demand, the United States would be glad to look into any fresh evidence Moscow might offer to back up its claim. But they expressed doubt that the Russians could supply any.

Despite this, they believe Moscow will follow through on its promise.

Polio Riddle Near Solution, Listeners Told

SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP) — The chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis launched the 1955 March of Dimes campaign Sunday night, saying "the riddle of the polio cripple may soon be unlocked."

Basil O'Connor told a national radio audience that a special research team at Ann Arbor, Mich., will take the final step Monday toward evaluating the new Salk vaccine, used last summer in polio tests throughout the nation.

The team, he said, will make its first use of a code which will reveal which children were given the Salk vaccine and which received a harmless substitute.

Some 1,800,000 second grade youngsters took part in the tests of Dr. Joseph Salk's new serum, which it is hoped will conquer the crippling disease.

O'Connor said the code would enable researchers to compare the list of those who received the vaccine with the list of those who have later been struck down by the disease.

He did not say when the results of the evaluation would be announced.

O'Connor did say, however, that the Foundation had embarked on a "calculated financial risk" by purchasing nine million dollars worth of the vaccine, "to be ready for instant use if it proves effective."

Appearing with O'Connor on the program were motion picture actors Gary Cooper and Van Johnson, vocalists Gary Crosby and Peggy King, and others from film capital.

Stars' Clothing Ruined by Fire

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Fire in a hotel bungalow Saturday night resulted in nearly \$10,000 worth of clothing and water damage to clothing of the Dean Martins and TV performers Anne Jeffreys and Robert Sterling, Mrs. Martin estimated Sunday.

The hotel said a spark from the fireplace apparently had ignited the carpet.

ise and hand over Nobis and Marchuk to American authorities in Berlin. The delay since Friday in doing so apparently has not disturbed them too much.

The families of both men greeted the news joyously.

"We've been waiting so long to hear that news," said Marchuk's sister, Mrs. Nell Clemson. She lives in Norristown, Pa., a few blocks from the missing man's parents.

Marchuk, 38, is a U.S. soldier who was picked up by the Russians in Dresden in February of 1948, together with William A. Verdine, 28, of Starks, La. The Russians said in their note that they knew nothing about Verdine's whereabouts.

Noble, now 31, was trapped with his family in Germany during World War II. He and his father, Charles A. Noble, were seized by the Soviets in Dresden after the defeat of Germany in 1945. The mother and another son, George, were not arrested, and they returned to this country.

The elder Noble was released in 1952 and Saturday night he said "we are very, very happy" at the prospect of seeing John soon. Father and son last saw each other in a concentration camp.

"Why did they arrest us?" the father said. "For nothing. They never told us. I don't call it anything else than a kidnapping."

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Alaskan Dead On Island; Shots Heard

SEATTLE (AP) — An Alaska business man, Victor Rogers, 48, was found dead Sunday night on Negei Island at the northern tip of Vancouver Island, the Coast Guard reported.

Rogers lived in Petersburg and was connected with a dental laboratory there.

He left Petersburg Dec. 22, alone on the 36-foot trawler Mayne, the Mayne was found Saturday anchored in Roller Bay, B.C., with no one aboard, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police reported.

Some empty rifle cartridges were found on the deck and residents ashore said they heard gunfire Friday. It had not been determined Sunday night whether the gunfire had any connection with Rogers' disappearance and death.

The cause of death was not reported.

Snow Storm Slaps Idaho

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
It was mild and rainy through much of the East Sunday. But cold air swept down from the Upper Mississippi Valley and brought lowering temperatures through much of the Midwest.

Further west, a storm center which developed in the Northern Rockies, swept eastward through Idaho and Northern Nevada, and which piled up to 4 inches in the Plains. It brought snow which piled up to 4 inches in DuBois, Idaho, and an inch or so elsewhere in the Central Plains states.

Near zero temperatures were common in Eastern North Dakota and Northern Minnesota. Northwestern Maine, too, had zero marks with Caribou reporting 2 above Sunday morning and a 27-inch snow cover. International Falls, Minn., and Transburg, Wis., both recorded —10 readings during the night.

Patrolman Killed Chasing Speeder

GRAND PRAIRIE, Tex. (AP) — A highway patrolman was killed Sunday when his car went out of control during a 100 mile an hour chase of a speeder.

Patrolman Milton D. Brooks, 38, of Grand Prairie, was killed when his car hit a water-filled chuck-hole on a curve and crashed into a mailbox stand.

Officers later picked up two 19-year-old aircraft workers and quoted the driver as saying they had been drinking beer, thought at first the pursuing car was a playful friend, then continued to flee when they saw Brooks' flashing red light because "by then it was too late to stop."

SHAH AT SUN VALLEY
SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP) — Shah Riza Pahlavi of Iran arrived at Sun Valley from Los Angeles Sunday for eight days of rest and relaxation from the strains of his current U.S. tour.

Fall Into Well Fatal to Man

DOSWELL, Va. (AP) — A Virginia Highway Department engineer fell into an abandoned well and drowned New Year's Day, apparently while attempting to save one of his favorite hunting dogs, "Chance."

The body of Kenneth S. Myers, 54, was found early Sunday by members of a 100-man searching party which organized when he failed to return from a Saturday hunting trip.

The bird dog "Chance" was found dead by Doswell firemen when they pumped water from the well Sunday. Myers' body was brought up later.

New Sheriff Takes Over In 'Ceremony'

ATHENS, Tex. (AP) — It wasn't any hand-shaking ceremony. That's about all that could be said for sure Sunday about what happened when Jess Sweeten stepped down as Henderson County sheriff and was succeeded by J.W. Brownlow.

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Remon's Kin Terms Killing Gangsterism

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The brother of assassinated Panama President Jose Antonio Remon termed the killing "gangsterism" Sunday night.

"There is no revolution there," said Alejandro Remon, 42, as he made plans to leave by air for his homeland. "The people are happy. Whoever killed Jose was a radical. He was not acting on behalf of any national movement."

Alejandro said his brother was so confident of the people's support that he shunned bodyguards whenever he could and would go to the baseball games by himself.

"Jose was elected by a landslide vote and he was endorsed by a coalition of five parties," Alejandro asserted.

He added that whoever ordered the killing took advantage of a tranquility that has prevailed in Panama since 1952 when his brother took office.

Godfrey to Face Surgery Again to Help Ailing Hip

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Arthur Godfrey was quoted Sunday as saying he almost died during his hip operation in May, 1953.

In an interview published in TV Guide Magazine, Godfrey said he hesitates to set a new date for another operation despite the great pain he suffers in his hip.

The article quoted Godfrey: "I might go into a state of shock and never come out of it. I'm not afraid of surgery. I've had as much as anybody. The only fear I have in the whole world is being a helpless invalid. I have to decide whether I should stay on crutches or gamble again."

According to TV Guide, when Godfrey appears on television and walks without crutches, he suffers agonizing pain.

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Eisenhower Back From Yule Holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower returned Sunday night from a Yuletide stay in Georgia with plans just about completed for placing the administration's legislative program before the Democratic-controlled 84th Congress, convening Wednesday.

The presidential plane, Columbine, landed after a one hour and 45 minute flight from Augusta, Ga.

Eisenhower, escorted his wife and her mother, Mrs. John S. Doud stepped smilingly down the ramp and was greeted by Sherman Adams, his chief aide.

During the chief executive's 10-day stay in Augusta he got in several rounds of golf and much work on the State of the Union message which he will deliver to Congress in person Thursday, just 24 hours after the lawmakers convene with control passing from Republicans to the Democrats.

At the White House Monday the President will give Cabinet members and Republican congressional leaders a preview of the State of the Union document, as well as a report on progress in the drafting of other messages.

Just before Eisenhower left Augusta his headquarters announced plans for two more special messages to Congress. One on Jan. 24 will deal with the nation's health, the other on Jan. 27 with the administration's plans for a 10-year, 50-billion dollar highway construction program.

In between the State of the Union message and those two late in January, the President will submit to Congress the federal budget, the annual economic report and several other special messages.

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower were accompanied on the flight from Augusta by Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Gosden and Cliff Roberts, chairman of the board of the Augusta National Bank.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said the health message would recommend again that Congress appropriate 25 million dollars to underwrite expanded health insurance by private companies.

The highway program is being worked out by a committee headed by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, retired, and including Sloan Coll, a New York banker; Stephen Bechtel, a San Francisco construction engineer; W. A. Roberts, of Milwaukee, president of Allis Chalmers; and Dave Beck of Seattle, president of the AFL Teamsters Union.

Duke Advised To Slow Down

LONDON (AP) — The Sunday Express called on the Duke of Edinburgh Sunday to take it easy lest an overloaded schedule of public events hurt his health.

"His nervous energy seems to be burning him up," it said. "The men around him have been alarmed for some time. And now the general public is starting to comment too."

The Express said the husband of Queen Elizabeth II tends to become testy at the end of a day of public appearances and his staff has asked the Duke's doctor to "read the riot act to him — to suggest he must take one day a week off from work."

The Duke, who was living on a naval officer's salary when he married, now gets 40,000 pounds (\$12,000) a year.

INDIAN FIGHTER DIES

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Retired Col. Edgar S. Walker, 96, oldest living graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, died Saturday night. He was one of the few surviving members of the Order of Indian Wars.

MOODY HOME AGAIN

Ralph L. Moody, longtime Salem attorney, has returned to his home after being in Salem Memorial Hospital for a considerable time because of a serious illness.

At The Theaters Today

ELISINORE
"YOUNG AT HEART" with Doris Day and Frank Sinatra
"BOUNTY HUNTER" with Randolph Scott
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"SO THIS IS PARIS" with Tony Curtis and Gloria De Haven
"YELLOW MOUNTAIN" with Lex Barker
GRAND
"THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS" with Donald O'Connor and Marilyn Monroe
HOLLYWOOD
"GONE WITH THE WIND" with Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh

Reds Accused Of Building Bases in Korea

SEOUL (AP) — South Korea's No. 1 military leader accused the Communists Monday of violating the armistice by building more than 40 air bases in the north since the firing stopped and filling them with more than 500 aircraft, about half jet fighters and half jet-bombers.

Gen. Lee Hyung Keun, chairman of the ROK joint chiefs of staff, made the charge in a New Year message printed in the English language newspaper, the Korean Republic. Publication coincided with a visit here by the chairman of the U. S. joint chiefs of staff, Adm. Arthur Radford.

Lee also declared the Reds since the armistice have added 110,000 freshly-equipped ground troops to the Communist forces in preparation for an attack on the south and brought in 200 Russian-built tanks and 300 heavy artillery pieces.

The four-star ROK general also said the Reds, according to the "latest report," are training a newly organized division of North Korean marines.

Lee said that besides expanding its striking power North Korea has signed a military pact with Soviet Russia providing for creation of 12 more North Korean army divisions.

Earlier, New Year statements stressing early unification of Korea were sounded by leaders of both sections of this divided nation.

President Syngman Rhee of South Korea broadcast a plea for unification to "our dear brethren in North Korea."

And in Pyongyang, said a Communist broadcast from Peiping, a North Korean official urged "the people in South Korea to struggle resolutely for peaceful unification of their country in 1955."

Block Cleared In Suez Canal

PORT SAID, Egypt (AP) — Agents for the Greek-owned tanker which has been blocking the Suez Canal since Friday said it had been freed Monday and navigation was expected to be resumed on the 101-mile long waterway within a few hours.

The 10,892-ton tanker World Peace veered into the arms of a swinging bridge at El Firdan, 50 miles south of Port Said, and blocked the great waterway completely. Engineers have been working around the clock since then to reopen the canal. Late Sunday night there were 37 ships tied up in the canal and another 110 waiting outside to get through.

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Bandit Chief Faces Three Top Charges

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The FBI announced Sunday that charges of murder, kidnapping and robbery of the Cotati, Calif., bank, will be filed against Donald Anderson, 28, ex-convict leader of the quartet of robbery suspects captured Saturday night after a motel shooting here.

Anderson's companion, R.L. Barker, also a San Quentin parolee, died soon after the capture, from a bullet wound. He was shot during a fight which preceded the arrests.

L.J. McGee, Federal Bureau of Investigation agent at Reno, said Anderson and two women with him admitted participation in the \$40,000 bank robbery at Cotati Saturday. He said \$38,000 of the loot has been recovered.

Robbery charges are also being prepared against the women, Anderson's wife, Ann Toni, and Shirley Maniscalco, McGee said.

Del Seavers, of the Reno police identification bureau, said the two ex-convicts apparently brought about their own capture and the death of one of them by their own nervous fright.

Seavers said Anderson, mistakenly assuming a motel resident, Jack Sparkman, was phoning to police, attacked Sparkman at the police, slugging him on the head with his pistol. The weapon fired, fatally wounding Barker.

Seavers said Sparkman, who had been actually merely phoning a New Year's greeting, was then forced into the robbers' car at gunpoint. Also forced to accompany them, was the motel owner's wife, Mrs. L.V. Hash, in the office at the time. Anderson and the women also carried the wounded Barker from the snowy yard and headed east.

Snowdrifts blocked their way near Sparks, Seavers said the men related, and Sparkman talked them into returning to the motel. He had convinced them his call was not being made to police. Also, Barker, who had regained consciousness, argued that they should return to get his fourth of the bank robbery loot, which he had left in his room.

McGee said part of the money was recovered there.

When the party drove up to the motel, police officers surrounded the fugitives. The four surrendered without a struggle and Barker died soon afterwards.

Leaves of Grass Once Condemned As Unfit to Read

WASHINGTON (AP) — In 1882, the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice assailed Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" as unfit for the eyes of upright American citizens.

Monday the Library of Congress opens an elaborate exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the publication of "Leaves of Grass," now regarded among the greatest collections of poetry ever written by an American.

No one seriously questions any longer the propriety of Whitman's poetry. But what a storm it stirred up in the 19th century! A library spokesman called Whitman's collection "the most controversial book" of the century.

The storm swirled around two poems in the giant work: "A Woman Waits for Me" and "Ode to a Common Prostitute."

Brother Held In Strangling Of School Girl

GALION, Ohio (AP) — Sheriff's deputies Sunday arrested the 17-year-old brother of a brown-haired blue-eyed high school sophomore whose nude and strangled body was found in a thicket near here.

County Prosecutor John D. Sears Jr. said Frederick Spears, brother of 16-year-old Patricia Spears, was being held in the county jail.

Prosecutor Sears said the lad had been released from a private correctional institution at Albion, Mich., last July where he had spent a year after a juvenile court conviction of an arson charge.

Coroner B. F. Mansfield said the tall, bespectacled Patricia had been strangled both manually and probably by a cord or rope some time shortly after she was reported missing Friday.

Dr. Mansfield said an autopsy showed the girl had not been sexually attacked.

Pacific Storm Aims Blow at Philippines

MANILA (AP) — A Pacific storm bore down on the Southern Philippines Sunday with 60-mile-per-hour winds, the Manila Weather Bureau reported.

The unseasonal tropical gale was located 350 miles east of Mindanao Island, moving west-northwest at 12 miles an hour.

Most Airplane Accidents Said Caused by Mistakes of Pilots

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (INS) — An Air Force plane came out of the sky and crashed in flaming wreckage on the ground with loss of life and high property damage. Chances are even that the accident was the result of an error by the pilot.

This is the conclusion made by the Air Force's Flight Safety Research office at Norton Base near San Bernardino, Calif., after a study of all major and minor Air Force accidents since 1950.

The office headed by Brig. Gen. R. J. O'Keefe says that "pilot error" caused 90 per cent of the accidents, supervisory errors less than 3 per cent, material failure 27 per cent and maintenance failure 5 per cent.

The balance of mishaps resulted from such things as inadequate facilities, airways difficulties, inadequate weather information and other causes.

The office is gravely concerned, but not especially alarmed about "pilot error," in view of the fact that 65 per cent of all commercial airline accidents in 1953 were caused by that factor.

Miscues
And "pilot error" itself is not too accurate a term. Actually, it means miscues made by pilots, but those mistakes cannot necessarily be attributed to pilot negligence.

Gen. O'Keefe said: "Many 'pilot error' accidents are the direct result of environmental operational demands which are in excess of a pilot's built-in human limitations."

"Medical specialists in my office are constantly striving to disclose accident cause factors that denote a mismatching of the man and the machine. The burden is on the aircraft designer to take cognizance of his mismatching and correct it."

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