

Portuguese Students

Police Arrest 87 Fasters

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—Police swept into the University of Lisbon at dawn Friday and arrested 87 student hunger strikers and more than 900 sympathizers in a crackdown on university demonstrators.

At a professor's urging, the demonstrators put up no resistance. But the hunger strikers, spearheading a boycott of classes by nearly 5,000 other students, vowed to continue their fast until Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar's dictatorship gives in to their demands.

The demonstrators, including other students, parents and friends of the fasters, were carried off in buses to police headquarters for interrogation. Those detained were offered breakfast. The hunger strikers—who include eight girls—refused.

"We will carry on the hunger strike, wherever they carry us to," a spokesman told newsmen. "No one can make us eat against our will."

The hunger strikers had shut themselves in the university canteen since Wednesday to press their demands for less government interference in university affairs and for return of privileges taken away for earlier demonstrations. Four doctors stayed with them.

Police armed with machine guns and tear gas mortars Thursday surrounded student association headquarters in Lisbon and Coimbra, 110 miles to the northeast, where a similar strike was in progress.

During the night a crowd of sympathizers grew on the Lisbon campus outside the canteen where the fasters were holed up. It was a warm night and many sprawled on the lawns and serenaded.

Acting University Rector Goncalves Rodriguez and the university senate cleared the way for police action. Declaring they lacked the means to maintain order, they turned the campus over to the government.

The student demonstrations began last March after Education Minister Lopes de Azevedo banned World Student Day celebrations. He claimed they were Communist inspired.

The student defiance seems to have been heightened by the recent growth of open opposition to Salazar's regime. This has been greatly aggravated by India's seizure of Goa and two smaller Portuguese enclaves on the Indian subcontinent and the rebellion in Portugal's West African territory of Angola.

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94 Daily Papers

ROME (AP)—Italy has 94 daily newspapers with total circulation of 10,200,000, the Italian Federation of Editors reports. There are 290 magazines.

Hundreds Arrested

All strikes are illegal in Spain, and hundreds of labor agitators have been arrested. But previous appeals by government and church to return to work have been ignored.

A new strike was reported Thursday in the national railway equipment plant at Irum on the French border, where 1,000 men were out. Reports of planned walkouts in the mines in central, northeastern, and eastern Spain reached Madrid.

Although government sources put most of the blame for the labor trouble on the Communists, it was felt that other groups were supporting it as well.

Three Counties Voting on Charters

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three counties will vote on home rule charters in the May 18 election. They are Benton, Jackson and Sherman.

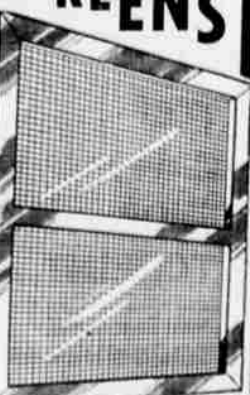
Under home rule the voters would set up their own county government, and in addition would be able to revise it in the future. Now it takes action by the legislature to make changes.

Two other counties, Hood River and Lane, plan to submit home rule charters to voters at the November election.

Resurfacing Slated

SALEM (AP)—The Pacific Highway through Albany will be resurfaced this summer, with bids to be opened June 27. This section, on the business route of the highway, is bumpy because of broken joints in the pavement. Asphalt will be placed on top of the 1.27-mile section.

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"Worse than Columbus, by far."

Charlie, 65, a retired janitor who formerly worked at the British Ford plant in Dagenham, England, and his wife finally arrived here Thursday night.

They came to visit her sister, Kitty Cazassis, but only after flying back to London— they boarded the wrong plane in New York— and returning to the United States the next day aboard another jet.

Altogether, the Woods had traveled about 14,000 miles since sailing aboard the Queen Mary from Southampton a week earlier.

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U. S. Tourists

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—The United States provides more than half the tourists visiting this Himalayan kingdom—a total 3,521 out of 6,035 in 1961.

Red Chinese Refugee Flow Stepped Up

Hundreds Stream Into Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP)—Hundreds of soldiers and militiamen—some carrying weapons with them—were among refugees streaming into this British Crown Colony from Communist China Wednesday, local newspapers report.

Government officials refused to comment on the reports, and newsmen are barred from the border area.

Carried White Flags

Five Hong Kong newspapers, including the conservative English-language Morning Post, carried the reports of the military refugees.

The Post said 300 military men crossed over Wednesday and that villages in the border region reported Hong Kong police quickly surrounded them.

The Chinese-language Hong Kong Times said the troops carried white flags and their leaders asked that they be sent to Formosa to join Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist army.

The surge of refugees from Red China has increased to about 10,000 a month. Because of the overcrowded conditions in the colony, British officials are shipping thousands of them back.

Acute Food Shortage

There have been growing suspicions that Peiping is behind the exodus to embarrass the British authorities in Hong Kong and to get rid of many persons regarded as nonproductive in the country confronted with an acute food shortage.

The English-language Hong Kong Standard reported armed Communist guards were herding large groups to the border during the night and forcing them to scramble through the barbed wire. The paper said villagers along the border and refugees reported 30,000 to 40,000 Chinese were waiting in villages and hillside on the China side for a chance to slip over.

Textbook Appeal

To Be Filed in June

PORTLAND (AP)—An appeal from the Oregon decision forbidding the state from giving free textbooks to parochial schools will be filed with the U. S. Supreme Court June 11, attorney Leo Smith said Friday.

He said the Knights of Columbus organization had offered \$15,000 toward the cost of the appeal.

In Local British Elections

Laborites, Liberals Win

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan's government was shaken Friday as Liberals and Laborites walloped the elections that often reflect the national political trend.

The Conservatives conceded a setback as the opposition seized control of municipal councils in 36 towns. The Tories lost a net of 516 seats in 428 boroughs in England and Wales.

Domestic Issues

The campaign was fought almost entirely on domestic issues—particularly the Macmillan government's new restraints on wages and dividends and the uncertainties over Britain's prospective entry into the Common Market.

The swing against the Conservatives in voting Thursday almost wiped out the gain of 790 seats the Tories picked up in local elections over the last three years.

The Laborite Daily Mirror called it "disaster for the Tories." The Conservative Daily Mail took a slightly softer line: "Tories totter."

With results from 417 of the 428 boroughs counted, the results showed the Conservatives gained 13 seats, lost 531; Labor-

ites gained 335, lost 75; Liberals gained 339, lost 12; independent gained 53, lost 122.

In addition, the Conservatives gained 2 newly created seats, Labor 12, Liberals 1.

The local elections go on all week, but Thursday was the big day.

The Liberals put more than 1,500 candidates into the field, their biggest challenge to the two major parties in more than 20 years. They were winning two out of every five seats they contested. Political commentators have already said, following Liberal successes in special parliamentary elections, that the party may cut deep enough into the Conservative support in the next general election to let a Labor government into power.

With prosperity at home and

by building up Britain's prestige abroad, Macmillan rode a crest of popularity after taking over from Sir Anthony Eden in 1957 following the Suez debacle.

Strong Criticism

A slight sag in prosperity and tightened economic measures have brought him under strong criticism in recent months. The sweeping defeat in the local elections was presaged by a series of setbacks in the recent special parliamentary elections.

The Conservatives had expected large losses, and associates said Macmillan was far from downhearted with the outcome.

The government's term runs until the fall of 1964, and Macmillan is backed by a majority in the House of Commons of more than 100 votes.

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