

Soblen Flight Date Extended

LONDON (AP)—The British government Wednesday extended until Friday midnight the deadline for El Al Airlines to take fugitive spy Robert A. Soblen to the United States.

This put off a showdown in the three-nation wrangle over Soblen which had been due to come to a head at midnight tonight, the original deadline. El Al, the Israeli airline, has a flight going to New York on Friday afternoon.

There was no indication, however, that the airline will comply with the British Home Office order. It is under instructions from the Israeli government to take Soblen only to Israel.

A diplomatic source said it may be weeks before the United States gets its hands on the 61-year-old psychiatrist, who is under a life sentence.

Equal Rights Bid Backed By Ministers

ALBANY, Ga. (AP)—The first contingent of a promised "preacher pilgrimage" from other states has arrived in Albany to support integrationists in their battle for equal rights for Negroes.

"We do not intend to leave Albany until we have some word from the President," said one of the clergymen, Dr. Milton A. Reid of Petersburg, Va.

Reid was among 100 ministers who marched on the White House Monday in protest to segregation here and to seek audience with President Kennedy.

The Baptist minister arrived in Albany Tuesday with three other Negroes — the Rev. S. H. LaGarde of Edenton, N.C.; and Rev. Virgil Wood of Lynchburg, Va.; and the Rev. Curtis Harris of Hopewell, Va.

All four are connected with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in jail for demonstrating against segregation policies of this south Georgia City.

Dr. W. G. Anderson, president of the Albany movement, told a mass meeting of Negroes Tuesday night that by Friday he expected in Albany most of the clergymen who participated in the Washington march.

In a fiery speech, Reid said the White House delegation petitioned Kennedy through his aides for consideration of these points:

A positive stand on Albany by the President; a personal visit to this city by U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy; a second Emancipation Proclamation outlawing all racial discrimination; and a nationwide television-radio appearance by the President on the racial conflict here.

Kennedy said last week in answer to news conference questions that it was wholly inexplicable to him why Albany officials wouldn't negotiate with Negro leaders.

Mrs. Finkbine Sees Doctor

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Sherri Finkbine finally saw a Swedish doctor Tuesday and is expected to seek official approval early next week for abortion of the baby she fears has been deformed by thalidomide.

Her husband, Robert, told newsmen his wife, a Phoenix, Ariz., television personality, will see the doctor again Friday. He said the application for the abortion probably will be submitted to the Royal Medical Board one day next week.

The Finkbines arrived Sunday to seek the abortion which was refused legal sanction by an Arizona court earlier. The 30-year-old brunette had taken the tranquilizer thalidomide during her early pregnancy. The drug has been blamed for the birth of several thousand European babies with deformed arms, legs and internal organs.

The Royal Medical Board has sanctioned abortions for seven other pregnant women who took thalidomide.

Finkbine said his wife, nearly three months pregnant, had not seen a doctor earlier because reports from American doctors on her condition had not arrived.

Meanwhile in Oslo, government medical councilor Jon Bjoernson said five deformed babies have been born in Norway to mothers who took thalidomide. The drug was withdrawn from the market in Norway last November. More than a thousand deformed births were blamed on the drug in Germany, where it was developed.

Department Predicts Wool Price Decline

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department predicted Tuesday domestic prices of wool will decline moderately from the spring levels.

It said an easing of mill demand for wool and a reduction in prices of competing fibers are factors influencing price levels. The department said domestic consumption of wool has been running about 16 per cent above a year earlier.



(AP Wirephoto)

Highest Medal

Dr. Frances O. Kelsey, the government medical officer who prevented the marketing of the drug thalidomide in the United States, wears the distinguished federal civilian service medal presented to her at the White House Tuesday by President Kennedy. She said she was "impressed and overwhelmed."

Prime Minister Says:

Jamaica Would Let U.S. Establish Base

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—If the United States ever needs a military base in newly independent Jamaica, it can establish one without commitments, Prime Minister Sir Alexander Bustamante said Tuesday night.

Bustamante told a news conference the United States has not asked for such a base nor should his statement be construed as an invitation to Washington to set one up on this Caribbean island 90 miles south of Cuba.

Bustamante said the United States and Jamaica "are friendly nations and the United States can come in when and if it pleases."

The United States maintained bases in Jamaica during World War II under the destroyers-for-bases deal made by the United States and Great Britain. The bases were returned after the war.

Since then, the bulwarks of U.S. defense of the Caribbean approaches to the Panama Canal have been Puerto Rico and the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Britain handled Jamaica's foreign affairs before the island became independent Monday.

Bustamante declined to say whether he discussed an increase in U.S. aid to Jamaica with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, who led the U.S. delegation to the Jamaican independence celebrations.

He said Jamaica had "no immediate plan" to establish diplomatic relations with Cuba or with Iron Curtain countries.

Johnson appeared weary Tuesday from the nearly non-stop, campaign-style schedule he had maintained since Sunday.

Johnson made a helicopter visit Tuesday to the mountain camps of the Jamaican youth corps, where American peace corpsmen also are at work.

The Jamaican government announced that it has asked Washington to send 70 more Peace Corpsmen here because of the success of the present group of 39.

Warm Welcome

De Gaulle Greeted Ike: 'Cher Ami'

PARIS (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, greeted heartily as "cher ami" by President Charles de Gaulle, Wednesday lunched with his former comrade-in-arms in the private apartments of France's head of state.

De Gaulle met Eisenhower at the door of the Elysee Palace when the former president arrived. Observers said it was an unprecedented act of friendliness and warmth on the part of the French president.

De Gaulle called Eisenhower "cher ami" (dear friend) and shook his hand vigorously. The two then posed smiling for photographers and exchanged a few words in English before going inside for the lunch.

It was the first meeting between Eisenhower and De Gaulle since the abortive summit conference in Paris following the U2 incident in May, 1960.

Mme. De Gaulle received the 14 guests in the apartments.

Mrs. Eisenhower did not attend the lunch. She was confined to her room at the Hotel George V for another day on doctor's orders to recuperate from what was said to be a touch of influenza. Eisenhower's granddaughter, Barbara, 13, also stayed behind.

But grandson David, 14, accompanied Eisenhower to the lunch at the historic palace in the heart of Paris.

David smiled when De Gaulle addressed him by his first name, but with a decided French pronunciation.

Scout Forestry Camp Opens

The annual Boy Scout forestry trail camp of the Oregon Trail Council opened Sunday at Lake Lucille in the Umpqua National Forest.

The encampment, sponsored by the local council and the Forest Service, gives Scouts the opportunity to learn details of forestry work, said Elmer Doornik, camp director.

The camp closes August 18.

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