

Jovial Khrushchev Visits Wall

Nikita Gets First Look At Barricade

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BERLIN — Soviet Premier Khrushchev Thursday visited communism's bleak and hated wall dividing Berlin and gazed thoughtfully for a moment at the American flag fluttering over nearby Checkpoint Charlie.

Standing at the point where U.S. and Soviet tanks confronted each other in the Berlin crisis of October 1961, he waved cheerfully to people in West Berlin.

The visit was Khrushchev's first look at the wall which the Communists began building Aug. 13, 1961.

The premier made his excursion to the wall at midday after hearing Wladyslaw Gomulka, Polish Communist chief, hail him as the man who saved the world from nuclear catastrophe during the Cuban crisis.

Kremlin Backed

Khrushchev spent the morning at the East German Communist party conference where the argument between Moscow and Peking occupies the attention of 2,500 delegates and guests.

Gomulka demanded that the Chinese Communists cease their attacks on Soviet policies and "show greater modesty and moderation" in their dealings with Moscow.

Gomulka went right down the line to make it clear that he was backing Khrushchev without qualification in the argument with Peking. He also urged that this argument be taken out of the world's gaze and be settled by private discussions.

With East German party chief Walter Ulbricht at his side, Khrushchev then went to the



K Visits Wall

Nikita Khrushchev points to West Berliners during a visit Thursday to Friedrichstrasse crossing point on eastern side of the Berlin wall. In background is the wall and tank obstacles. Friedrichstrasse crossing point is near America's Checkpoint Charlie.

He showed no inclination to accept West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt's suggestion that he look at the wall from West Berlin.

He approached the border at the U.S. sector's Friedrichstrasse crossing point.

Bright Sunshine

Brandt, in an interview early this month, suggested that Khrushchev get a first-hand picture of the real conditions in both parts of divided Berlin.

But Khrushchev made no move to cross over into the West.

In bright sunshine, Khrushchev stood at the first red-and-white striped pole barring entry into East Berlin. Maj. Gen. Helmut Poppe, the East German commandant of East Berlin, stood at his side explaining the layout of the crossing point.

On the Western side, an American Army officer in steel helmet and combat equipment stood near the dividing line watching the activity in the East.

A line of 10 East German border guard officers stopped pe-

destrians crossing while Khrushchev was at the checkpoint.

The Soviet premier walked forward to the white line across Friedrichstrasse marking the border between East and West.

Waves at Newsmen

Standing two feet from the line Khrushchev grinned and waved cheerfully to a group of Western newsmen six feet away from him.

Then Khrushchev made a gesture with his hand, indicating it was time to go back. The group turned around and walked back into East Berlin.

They disappeared behind the maze of concrete obstacles across the road designed to keep vehicles from breaking through the Communist barriers.

East German officials said Khrushchev will make a trip through East Germany before the end of his present visit. The time and route were not disclosed. The congress is due to end Jan. 21.

Expansion of Rome Visit

Diplomats Speculate On Kennedy Trip

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Diplomats speculated Thursday that President Kennedy's trip to Italy might be expanded to include some other European countries.

The White House announced Wednesday that Kennedy had accepted an invitation from Italian Premier Amintore Fanfani to visit Italy this year. The date is yet to be determined. Administration officials said that the President plans to go only to Italy and there is no plan for him to visit anywhere else.

However, Western diplomats said it would be surprising if disclosure of the visit to Rome did not bring feelers from other

European capitals for a Kennedy stop while he is in Europe. Principal interest in diplomatic quarters focused on two possibilities:

1. That Kennedy might see French President Charles de Gaulle for a discussion of the split between France and the United States as well as other North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations over the formation of an allied nuclear striking force.

2. That a meeting might be arranged between Kennedy and Soviet Premier Khrushchev for an informal talk on East-West problems. It has been about a year and a half since Kennedy and Khrushchev met.

Kennedy went to Europe in May 1961, a few months after taking office, primarily for talks with De Gaulle. His trip was extended to Vienna for a meeting with Khrushchev and on the way home in early June he stopped over in London.

The last president to visit Rome was Dwight D. Eisenhower who called at the Italian capital in December 1959, at the outset of an 11-nation tour of Europe, Asia and Africa. On that occasion Eisenhower had a 27-minute audience with Pope John XXIII.

Vatican sources speculated that Kennedy would also have an audience with the Pope while in Rome.

All details of the Kennedy trip to Italy remain to be worked out. The invitation by Fanfani was extended on behalf of himself and Italian President Antonio Segni.

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, said the date for the trip will be decided in further consultation between the U.S. and Italian governments.

Airmen's Survivors File Damage Suit

NEW YORK — A \$475,000 suit was filed Tuesday by survivors of 13 Air Force men killed in the collapse of a radar tower in the sea off Coney Island two years ago.

The plaintiffs include Janice Lynne Jones, Klamath County, Ore. She seeks \$475,000 for the death of her husband, Leland H. Jones.

The contracting firms that worked on the tower are named as defendants.

Salem Lobbyists Pick Vice Chairman

SALEM, Ore. — Stanley Church, Lake Oswego, lobbyist for the U. S. National Bank, was elected vice chairman of the legislative lobbyist Wednesday.

He replaces Ernest Baker, Portland longshoreman who isn't here this year.

William H. Hedlund, chairman of the group, was elected earlier.

In Caracas Art Theft

Troops Search University

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Heavily armed troops and police sealed off Communist-infested Central University Thursday and searched the campus for \$660,000 worth of stolen art works.

Aggressive students who used force to oppose the police search caused the officers to use their guns Wednesday night to disperse the angry mobs. Three rioters were wounded.

The U.S. Embassy reported that UPI's news editor in the Caracas bureau, Anthony Valbuena, had been arrested "with a group of people" inside the university while covering the search.

Tip From Coed

Police said the masked Tommy gunners who stole five French paintings from the National Art Museum Wednesday,

shooting and wounding a child in the process, had been positively identified as university students.

A coed at the university had tipped Valbuena that the stolen paintings were hidden in the botanical gardens on a hill overlooking the campus where teen-aged terrorists often cache their arms.

Judge Luis Billarte authorized police to ignore the medieval tradition of "university autonomy" in their search.

Dared Not Fire

It was the second time in two years that police assigned to deal with Communist activities had raided the campus, but never before had patrolmen fired on student rioters in the university grounds.

The thieves entered the museum Wednesday, seized paint-

ings by Paul Gauguin, Pablo Picasso, Georges Braque, Paul Cezanne and Vincent Van Gogh from an exhibit of French modernists, and fled in a car driven by a woman.

Police said there were four persons, three young men and the one woman, in the gang that stole the paintings, but Thursday's newspapers placed the number at 13 youths and 2 women.

Guards dared not fire on the thieves for fear of hitting one or more of the 900 school children who were in the museum at the time.

A schoolboy who shouted at the thieves, "I know you and I'm against you!" was shot as they fled, apparently by the woman at the wheel of the car. Police said it was the wounded youngster who identified the thieves.

'Greenhouse Effect'

Life Forms On Planets Held Likely

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There is a strong possibility of a primitive form of life on the faraway planets of our solar system such as Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, a Lockheed-California Co. scientist said Thursday.

"Although the outer atmosphere of these planets may reach 200 degrees below zero, the surface temperatures may be at life-support level," Rainer Berger told the nation's leading space scientists at the American Astronautical Society's annual meeting.

'Greenhouse Effect'

He said this condition could result from a combination of a "greenhouse effect"—heat held within a planet's atmosphere—and heating from a warm planet's interior.

Berger said that of all the planets, Mars had the best climate to sustain life and "scorching Venus one of the worst."

"Seas of water and ammonia also may exist and prebiological reactions, such as occurred on Earth billions of years ago, could take place in the oceans of faroff planets," Berger said.

These reactions, he explained, could be triggered by organic material produced in the atmosphere by radiation or lightning, carried downward and dissolved in the seas.

'No Evidence'

"Such processes may have occurred for the last several billion years and resulted in life forms," Berger said.

"There is no scientific evidence to support the thesis of intelligent life anywhere in the solar system except Earth," he said.

However, he said the possibility of intelligent life beyond the solar system, say among the six million worlds similar to ours in the Milky Way, still remains a mystery.

Twins Predicted

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Empress Farah is expecting a baby in mid-March, court officials say. The weekly magazine Umid-E-Iran has predicted that the Empress would give birth to twins. The magazine said its prediction is based on the fact the Empress had a grandmother who was a twin.

Anti-Segregation Program Outlined for Use by Religions

By LOUIS CASSELS
Of the United Press International

CHICAGO — An "action program" for churches and synagogues to combat segregation was outlined Thursday by the National Conference on Religion and Race.

It called for prompt elimination of racial barriers in all religious institutions, including church-related schools, hospitals, welfare agencies, homes for the aged and fraternal organizations.

It also proposed that religious bodies:

• Help Negro families obtain homes in all white suburbs.

• Work for the "stabilization" of changing neighborhoods in the inner city.

• Invest pension and endowment funds in projects, such as interracial housing developments, that will promote "equality of opportunity."

• Insist that all contracts for church construction or supplies include a pledge of no job discrimination.

• Work for enactment of federal and state laws against discrimination of employment and housing.

These and many other specific proposals for religious action on racial problems emerged from a four-day meeting,

unique in U.S. history, at which 700 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders sought to make religion a more dynamic force in the struggle for racial justice.

The conference was the first of its kind ever held under the joint sponsorship of the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America. Representatives of 70 religious organizations participated.

The action proposals, unveiled at the closing session of the conference Thursday, were developed

by work groups which met behind closed doors Tuesday and Wednesday.

They are not binding on any denomination or local congregation but are simply recommendations from the interfaith conference. A follow-up committee was established to seek wide implementation of the proposals.

The conference was to conclude late Thursday with the issuance of "an appeal to the conscience of the American people." Its text was withheld from publication pending debate and a vote by the delegates.

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