

House Committee Ignores President's Plea



STANDS ALONE—Accused Russian spy, Colonel Rudlof Ivanovich Abel (left) leaves the Federal Detention House in New York on his way to the U. S. District Court in Brooklyn for a hearing on espionage charges. Abel had no lawyer to represent him. He sought to retain John Abt, but the "sometimes" attorney for the Communist Party turned him down because of "prior commitments."

Russian Passenger Plane Crashes Into Copenhagen Bay

18 Passengers, Five Crewmen Said Killed

Copenhagen, Denmark — A Soviet passenger plane clipped the chimney of a power station while coming in for a landing today and spun into Copenhagen harbor, killing the 18 passengers and five crewmen aboard.

The plane, a twin-engine Ilyushin-14, was flying from Riga, the former Latvian capital on the Baltic coast, for a landing at Kastrup Airport outside Copenhagen when the crash occurred.

A United Press reporter who saw the passports taken off three of the bodies laid out on the quayside said they were Russian diplomatic passports. The three were Alex Rosine, 37, Maria Bouchova, 31, and Ninel Silina, 27. Silina was attached to the Soviet Embassy in Oslo. Seamen Believed Aboard

Seamen's clothing was seen floating on the surface of the harbor after the crash and it was believed some of the passengers were Russian seamen.

There was some speculation at first—but no evidence—the passengers may have included Americans returning from the Moscow Youth Festival. A number of American youth have left Moscow recently by plane.

The plane sank in about 26 feet of water with only its tail sticking up above the surface. All available harbor craft converged on the area to seek possible survivors and look for bodies. Other craft searched a wider area of the harbor.

Pinball Machines Ordered Destroyed

Four pinball machines seized in raids March 15 have been ordered destroyed by the district attorney.

Men who were arrested as owners of the machines have each forfeited \$100 bail in district court. The four, arrested March 15, were charged with possessing, displaying and operating games of chance.

Charles William Gleim, Rapp Lane, Talen; and Sam O. Prough, 1019 Mt. Pitt ave., were arrested by sheriff's officers at the Talent club. They appeared in court April 2, pleaded not guilty, and were freed on \$100 bail each with trial date set Aug. 6 and 8, according to the district attorney's office.

Lloyd Keller, 43 South Front st., and Joseph Edward Stratman, were arrested by city police the same evening. Keller at The Tavern, and Stratman at the Medford hotel, police records show.

They appeared April 2, pleaded not guilty, and were released on \$100 bond. None of the four appeared for trial early this month, and each forfeited \$100, court officials said.

The district attorney ordered the county sheriff to destroy the pinball machines which were taken into custody at the time of the arrests.

Council to Hold Public Hearings

Public hearings on three items will be held at a meeting of the city council at 7:30 p.m. today in the city hall council chambers.

Hearings will be on a request for a change of zone for property on the east side of Crater Lake ave. from north of Stevens st. to Buckshot Hill rd.; paving an alley in the Willeke addition; and installation of a sanitary sewer on Woodlawn dr.

The council also will consider requesting a re-hearing by the Public Utilities commission on the proposed Eighth st.-Southern Pacific railroad crossing.

Bids will be opened and contracts awarded for general obligation bonds for the arterial street program and the storm sewer program.

She told Morganti from the hilltop abbey where she has taught since 1898 that she will carry the fight to the council itself and, if necessary, to the 15,000 inhabitants of the 30-square-mile republic.

Her school has been in operation since 1869 and it boasts that Sister Veronica's girls consistently outshine the girls of the state school in state exams to enter higher schools. Many of the wives of the top party bosses were taught by Sister Veronica.

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Judge Refuses To Quash Libel Charges Against Confidential

Hollywood — Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker today refused to quash criminal libel charges against Confidential magazine and kept jittery movie stars on the hook to testify about their intimate secrets.

Rejection of the defense motion paved the way for resumption Friday of a parade of spics the likes of which Hollywood hasn't dished out since the days of Errol Flynn's court troubles.

Two Pleas Overruled
Defense attorney Arthur Crowley had moved that all charges of criminal libel be eliminated from the case. He also had moved that the other main charge, conspiracy to print obscenity, be stricken. This plea also was overruled.

This would have left only two lesser charges, printing articles on abortion and loss of manhood, to be decided. Neither of these, nor the obscenity charges would have required testimony from any of the film luminaries named thus far in the already lurid testimony.

But now, barring some further legal move by the prosecution of the defense, Hollywood won't be spared the embarrassment of having some of her most glamorous names dragged into the stand to "tell the truth" about their boudoir lives.

Long Trial Expected
And the trial can be expected to roll along for weeks.

Already a parade of stories from the pages of Confidential and sister publication, Whisper,

Pre-School Testing Set for Children

The annual pre-school testing for under-age children who wish to enter Medford public schools will begin Aug. 19 and extend through Aug. 30, school officials announced today.

According to Oregon law, children are accepted for September entrance in the first grade if they become six years of age on or before Nov. 15. The Medford public schools will accept younger pupils who become six years of age on or before January 31, 1958, providing they show a mental development of 6½ years on a mental age test, officials said.

Parents having under-age children whom they wish to enroll should call the school administration office, SP 3-3683, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to secure appointments. All testing is expected to be completed prior to school opening, officials pointed out.

Nun Wages Lone Fight Against Turning Nation Into Full-Fledged Marxist State

San Marino — Sister Veronica Serri, an 80-year-old nun, stood firmly today against plans to turn this smallest Communist nation in the world into a full fledged Marxist state.

Fighting General Council's
The aged but tough abbess of the 300-year-old Santa Chiara convent school is fighting the Communist-controlled Grand and General Council of the Republic of San Marino which announced it would turn the republic into a Marxist state.

Its aims included "democratization" of the government, nationalization of private property through a state lease system, eventual state ownership of industry and "closer diplomatic relations with the peoples democracies."

But then it attacked religious education. Secretary of State for Internal Affairs Domenico Moganti ordered the nuns to close their school and send their pupils to the state-run schools which teach the principles of Marxism.

Hoffa Said Not To Be Acceptable as Head of Teamsters

Air-Tight Case Said Not Yet Developed

Chicago — Midwest Teamsters Boss Jimmy Hoffa will not be acceptable to the AFL-CIO Executive Council as president of the huge trucking union, informed sources said today.

The council's attitude toward Hoffa stiffened as a result of backstage discussions by national labor leaders at the four-day council meeting ending today.

Hoffa has no significant opposition in his bid for the Teamsters top job and is considered a cinch to be installed in the \$50,000 a year post.

AFL-CIO officials thus far have not developed an air-tight case against the 44-year-old Teamster tough guy but believe that his associations and activities should bar him from a top leadership position, the sources said.

The Teamsters Union faces a showdown with the AFL-CIO next month on charges that the union is dominated by corrupt influences, but Hoffa has not been included in the AFL-CIO indictment made public.

Unless accused President Dave Beck and two other top officials are removed, the Teamsters might be ousted from the union labor movement.

Some council members are frankly worried that ouster of the large trucking union would deprive other unions of a tremendous weapon in waging strikes.

Other council members say the AFL-CIO will have to live with that problem and suspend the union if Hoffa becomes Teamster chief informed sources said.

Decision on Henley Boy Due Next Month

Klamath Falls — Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg said today that he would not decide until court reconvenes in September what action will be taken against Bernie Kurtz, 13-year-old Henley youth who killed his best friend, John Morris, 11, of Henley last Sunday.

The boy may be tried in juvenile court or he may stand trial in Circuit Court.

Young Kurtz told police that he shot his companion because he was afraid he would tell that they had taken some guns from a Henley residence. The shooting took place on Bly mountain, east of Klamath Falls.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin put his blunt condition, before the five-power Disarmament Conference in a long speech that dimmed hopes of any agreement.

Forest Crews Battling Fire on Butte Falls Road

Three crews from the state forestry department were battling a three-acre brush fire today behind the Midway service station on Butte Falls rd. Forest patrol headquarters said that the blaze was under control. It was reported about 10:30 a.m. Cause had not yet been learned.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 52. High Friday 66. Temp. Moonrise 3:23 p.m. Moonset 10:06 p.m.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 5:18 a.m.
Sunset 7:13 p.m.
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PROMINENT STARS
The Big Dipper, sinking in the northwest at moonrise.
Venus, low in west 8:04 p.m.
Jupiter, low in west 8:19 p.m.
Saturn, low in southwest 10:06 p.m.

Research Project Set To Study Pear Tree 'Loss of Vigor' Here

A research project to study cases of pear tree "loss of vigor" in Jackson county orchards has been set up by Oregon State college, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticultural agent.

The project will involve experts in horticulture, soils, and plant pathology.

Five local orchards have been selected as examples for the study. They represent different soil and cultural circumstances, and different phases of the problem.

Cordy said "loss of vigor" in southern Oregon pear trees has grown into the "acute phase" in the past two years. "At present it is not a serious threat," Cordy explained.

Pear trees near Yakima, Wash., are suffering from a "disastrous" affliction referred to as "decline." Cordy stated that Jackson county's trouble is believed to be of a different nature.

Cordy said the men cooperating in the study project hope to find a preventative, but do not expect to come up with a cure.

A meeting was held in Cordy's office yesterday to plan the research. Attending were Cordy, Roland C. Blake, horticulturist at the Medford experiment station; S. R. Apple, horticulturist, Ron Cameron and John Milbrath, plant pathologists, and Don Evans, soil specialist, all of Oregon State college.

All six will work on the project.

Large Balloon Seen From Valley Today

A large balloon, spotted by several valley residents at dawn today, was reported by the U.S. weather bureau station here as not being a weather balloon.

Probably released by the military or some university for research purposes, local weather bureau officials said the number of such balloons released along the coast had increased considerably since July 1, beginning of the International Geophysical Year.

Officials estimated the balloon at 100,000 feet and was being pushed by an east wind at that elevation.

At daybreak the weather bureau and city police department were flooded with calls from residents regarding the object.

Estimated Earnings Of Americans Higher

Washington — The government today estimated Americans will earn about \$345,500,000,000 during the next 12 months.

The Commerce Department estimate, based on July earnings and projected over a period of one year, was about \$750 million higher than the prediction in June.

Wilson Indicates Cut In U. S. Armed Forces

Washington — Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson indicated today that the American armed forces may be cut to 2,500,000 men in the next 18 months. That would be 300,000 fewer than the services now have.

Twining Takes Oath as Joint Chiefs Chairman

Washington — Gen. Nathan F. Twining was sworn in at the White House today as new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He immediately pledged the armed services to keep the peace through strength.

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