

European Newspapers Bitter Over Plane Incident

Democrats Near End Of West Virginia Trail

Charleston, W. Va. — Two presidential hopefuls sprinted toward the finish of a crucial contest today with Sen. John F. Kennedy facing a supreme effort to bury the religious issue and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey depicting himself the candidate of the common folks.

On the eve of West Virginia's Democratic presidential primary, neither candidate was confident enough to relax. Both were starting soon after dawn on a strenuous schedule of vote hunting. Humphrey, the 48-year-old Minnesota senator, appeared to be a slight favorite over his 42-year-old rival from Massachusetts, although most observers were hedging their bets.

London Paper Takes Poke at Khrushchev
London — The Sunday Times front-paged a cartoon showing Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev holding a smoking blunderbuss while a dead dove of peace, olive branch still in its beak, fluttered to earth. The caption: "And they said I'd lost my touch..."

Ironically, the winner would have no assurance that he would get even a majority of the state's 25-vote delegation to the Democratic National convention. It was known that some state Democratic leaders who favor Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson had told him that he would get about 15 of the 25 votes for the presidential nomination.

Draft Rockefeller Petitions Planned

Portland — An official of the Oregon State Republican Central Committee has revealed plans for the state-wide circulation of petitions to urge the draft of New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller as the Republican vice presidential candidate.

Don Stathos, secretary of the committee, gave the news to delegates at the State Young Republicans convention Saturday. Stathos said: "If Nelson Rockefeller received petitions from independents, Republicans and Democrats as an indication that they approve of him as a vice presidential candidate, then it is hard to conceive how the governor can resist."

Kennedy, the front-running Democratic contender and victor over Humphrey in the Wisconsin primary last month, went all the way Sunday night in an attempt to erase the religious issue out of the campaign. In a television appearance he answered a question as old as the republic — would the election of a president who is a Catholic put the Pope in the White House?

Kennedy asserted bluntly that a president who took orders from the Pope would be guilty of a crime against the United States and against God and should be impeached.

Hopes Believed Dim for Summit Meeting Success

London — Newspapers throughout Europe said today the "blunder of the U. S. spy plane" had dimmed hopes for East-West agreement at this month's summit conference.

No official comment was forthcoming immediately. Communists around the world used the plane story as a "takeoff" for anti-American propaganda blasts. Radio Moscow accused the United States of telling "a deliberate and clumsy lie" about the plane, and Red China's propaganda radio denounced the U. S. explanation as "gangster logic."

"Faced with inescapable responsibility for the crime of aggression, the U. S. State Department had the impudence to claim that 'given the state of the world today, intelligence collection activities are practiced by all countries,'" a Peiping broadcast said.

London Papers Bitter
The Communist radio said authorities in two Asian satellite states, North Korea and North Viet Nam, joined Red China in its denunciation of the United States.

London newspapers were second only to the Communists in the bitterness of their comments on the incident. "The Americans have made fools of themselves," said the liberal News Chronicle, while the conservative Times said the incident "handed Mr. (Soviet Premier Nikita) Khrushchev his propaganda triumph on a plate."

The conservative Daily Telegraph called the U2 flight an "unforgivable blunder," and the conservative tabloid Daily Sketch expressed thanks that Khrushchev did not make it "an occasion to press warlike buttons in retaliation."

Both Nations Spying
"Both America and Russia have been playing this game," said the conservative Daily Mail. "Khrushchev is better at it. He can make rings around the honest, likeable but slower-witted soldier in the White House."

In Germany, the Frankfurt Neue Presse said the shooting down of the plane "will intensify tension between East and West considerably," and Die Welt of Hamburg called the incident "distressing."

French newspapers questioned the Soviet account of the incident, asking whether pilot Francis Powers might have been a double agent who handed the plane over to the Russians voluntarily.

The newspaper Paris Jour noted it was unlikely that the films the Russians say they took from the plane would have survived the explosion of an antiaircraft rocket and the subsequent crash.

Newspapers in West Berlin expressed similar doubts about the Soviet story.

Russians Expected To React Violently To U.S. Admission of Spying Activity

Moscow — The Russians probably will react violently to the news that the United States has admitted the plane shot down over Russia last week probably was gathering information, observers here said today.

A Tass (official Soviet) agency dispatch in today's newspapers, saying the State Department had admitted that the plane was spying on Russia, was the first word published here about the U. S. announcement.

Moscow observers also believed that Francis G. Powers, of Albany, Ga., pilot of the downed plane, would be tried quickly and publicly, probably on spy charges.

If found guilty Powers could be sentenced to execution by shooting.

They said Premier Nikita Khrushchev's "question" to the Supreme Soviet Saturday about such a trial meant it almost certainly will be held. Khrushchev and Russian commentators were expected to use the State Department announcement as the occasion for sweeping denunciations of American "clumsiness, hypocrisy and warmongering."

Unaware of Flight
Soviet dispatches from Washington emphasized White House press secretary James C. Hagerty's statement that President Eisenhower did not know about the plane's flight over Soviet territory.

Khrushchev said Saturday he was prepared to accept the Hagerty statement, but he expressed concern about the President's "alarming . . . ignorance in that respect."

The premier blamed the State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon for the incident.

Stock Prices Meet Support Toward End Of Opening Hour

New York — Stocks met some support toward the end of the first hour today which lifted prices as much as 5 points.

Texas Instruments tacked on the 5 points in the electronics group where Sperry Rand, Motorola and Zenith added around 1 each but IBM lost 1 1/2.

Du Pont stood out in the blue chips with a rise of 2 1/2. United Aircraft and Johnsonville tacked on about 1 each.

Steels turned opening losses into gains of 3/4 in Bethlehem and 3/4 in U. S. Steel. Ford rose 3/4 to pace autos higher.

Reynolds Metals rose 2 1/2; Havco 2 1/2; American Home Products 1 1/2; Alco Products 1 1/2 and National Lead a point; while Heinz, Polaroid and Disney each fell around 2.

Woman Hiker To Use Snowshoes

Steamboat Springs, Colo. — Dr. Barbara Moore, 56, the hiking British vegetarian, faced the most challenging obstacle in her 3,200 mile walk across the United States today — a walk with snowshoes over snow-packed 10,700-foot Rabbit Ears Pass.

Dr. Moore, suffering from an injured ankle plus her usual footblisters, said she was "looking forward" to negotiating the pass, which is closed to traffic and still has 10-foot snowdrifts. Ready to escort her over the pass were Forest Service employees, equipped with two ski cats, and a ski patrol team.

Dr. Moore still insisted that two British sergeants, who are also walking across the U. S. are accepting rides.

She received a rousing welcome late Sunday when she limped into this ski-resort community after a 42-mile walk.

The two sergeants, Patrick Maloney, 34, and Mervyn Evans, 33, strode into Cheyenne, Wyo., late Sunday.

Plunge of Auto Into Creek Fatal to Man

Longview, Wash. — A 65-year-old man died Saturday night when the car in which he was riding plunged off the road six miles west of here and into a creek.

State police said that Nick Anderson apparently drowned. Driver of the car was Charles Poston, Longview.

Angler, Daughter Drown in Deschutes

The Dalles — An airplane was to be sent up today to search the Deschutes river below Sherar's bridge for the body of an Indian fisherman drowned late Saturday with his 12-year-old daughter.

Missing was Oscar Moses, 42, Warm Springs. His daughter, Patricia, also was lost when a fishing platform collapsed below Sherar's falls. Moses, his daughter and two sons were dumped into the turbulent water. The two sons managed to reach shore.

Witnesses told sheriff's deputies the father apparently drowned trying to go to the aid of his daughter.

The girl's body was recovered Sunday about 4 or 5 miles below the bridge after being spotted from the air.

Decay Blamed for Collapse of Bridge

Lebanon — County Engineer Walter Larsen today blamed collapse of the 24-year-old Waterloo bridge on a decayed cross-member.

The 266-foot bridge, located seven miles east of here over the south Santiam river, collapsed Saturday afternoon. There were no cars on it at the time.

Loss was estimated at \$150,000. The two-lane bridge did not fall into the river. It was held in the air by a suspension cable. Larsen said it probably would take 6 to 9 months to build a new structure.

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