

Powers Pleads Guilty To Espionage Charges, Soviet Union Claims



CONTROL SEIZED—The newsmag spots the country of Laos, where a revolutionary group seized power early today. The coup was believed to have been carried out by dissident army elements. Sketchy reports filtering into Bangkok, Thailand, earlier said Premier Tiao Somsanith and members of this two-month-old cabinet were under house arrest in the Laotian capital of Vientiane. (UPI Telephoto)

Indictment To Be Read as Trial Starts Aug. 17

Moscow —(UPI)—The Soviet Union said today American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers has pleaded guilty to espionage charges.

A 4,000-word indictment against the American said Powers "pleaded guilty on the substance of the charge" of espionage and will go on trial Aug. 17—his 31st birthday.

The indictment, carried by the official Soviet Tass news agency and broadcast by Moscow Radio, will be read to Powers on the first day of the trial. But the plea of guilty has no legal validity until and unless Powers makes his plea publicly in court.

Even if Powers pleads guilty in court, the prosecutor is obliged under Soviet law to proceed with the case and present his evidence.



FRANCIS G. POWERS
No Legal Validity (UPI Telephoto)

Rocket Claim Doubtful

Tass said Powers "is accused of having been engaged in active espionage against the Soviet Union which represents a manifestation of the aggressive policy followed by the United States government."

Powers fell into Soviet hands May 1 when his U2 reconnaissance plane came down over Sverdlovsk in Siberia. The Soviets claim they shot it down with a rocket, but U.S. sources are skeptical of that claim.

According to Tass, the indictment says "Powers, with the knowledge of the U.S. government at the assignment of the American intelligence service, piloting a specially equipped Lockheed U2 reconnaissance aircraft, intruded into the air space of the U.S.S.R. for the purpose of collecting intelligence of strategic nature on the location of rocket bases, airfields, radar network and other highly important defense and industrial objectives of the U.S.S.R."

Ike's Proposals Seen Headed For 'Maybe' Shelf

Washington —(UPI)—Senate Democratic leaders filed most of President Eisenhower's legislative proposals on a shelf marked "maybe" today and buckled down to mopping up their unfinished business.

The Senate, which reconvened Monday, was expected to ratify the 12-nation Antarctica treaty—possibly late today—as its first major accomplishment. The House won't reconvene until next Monday.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) his party's vice presidential nominee, said the Antarctica treaty probably would be followed by a bill to increase the \$1-an-hour minimum wage. Then, he added, he hoped the Senate would act on medical care for the aged.

Appropriation bills—one of them a controversial money measure to finance the foreign aid program—will get priority attention, as will reports of Senate-House conference committees. This seemed to assure action on a compromise school-aid bill if the house rules committee decides to send it to Senate-House conferees.

The Antarctic treaty, minimum wage, medical care, foreign aid appropriations and education bills all got a boost from President Eisenhower in the "public interest" legislative package he sent to the Senate Monday.

Also included in the President's message was a wide range of subjects—including the touchy issue of civil rights on which Congress has previously acted, or shown an unwillingness to act. There was a new proposal, too—a \$600 million aid authorization for Latin America.

It seemed clear that many of the President's proposals were headed for a pigeon-hole, at least until the new Congress convenes in January. Johnson, in listing his priority items, would say only that some other items "may" be considered.

New Industrial Accident Chairman Named; Pilot Program To Improve Service Slated

Salem—(UPI)—Sid Lewis was elected chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission Monday replacing William A. Callahan who has headed the organization since 1954.

Lewis was named a commission member in May by Gov. Mark Hatfield. He is the industry representative.

Callahan, the labor representative, will remain as a commission member. Mrs. Emily Logan is the public representative.

Prior to joining the commission, Lewis was associated with Willamette Valley Lumber Co. in Dallas.

No Changes Planned

He said no immediate changes are planned in commission operation.

A pilot program of increased service to injured workmen will soon go into effect along with a task force study of the department's operations, the commission announced.

Callahan said that under the new pilot program a man responsible to the commission would personally visit injured workmen, their doctors, employers and families.

Efforts will be made to see that the man is re-employed by the firm which he was working when injured.

Aim of the program is to get the injured man back on the job "in the soonest possible time," Callahan said.

He envisioned cases which might become troublesome being smoothed out early under the system.

To Start in Salem Area

The pilot program will start in the Salem area but plans are to expand it to eight field offices throughout the state if it proves successful.

Offices in Portland, Medford, Eugene, Coos Bay and Pendleton are among those contemplated.

The study of the commission's operations will be made by three staff members, Mrs. Logan said. It is contemplated it will last for a year. Purpose of the study will be to redefine the commission's program and develop ways to improve it.

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Russian Threats Not To Affect Missiles To NATO

Washington —(UPI)—The United States told Russia today it would not be "deflected by Soviet threats" from giving Polaris missiles to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In a note delivered to the Kremlin and made public today, this government accused Moscow of pursuing a "policy of threats" to stir up world tensions.

The United States has been negotiating to arm NATO with land-based Polaris missiles April when Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. offered the missiles at a NATO meeting.

The land-based Polaris, a relative of the Polaris missile now being tested in nuclear sub-marines, is not expected to be ready until 1963.

Peace Said Threatened

Russia complained in a July 19 note that the NATO Polaris negotiations threatened peace and constituted rearming of West Germany.

Today's note replied that Russia is equipping its armies with modern weapons.

"The Soviet government appears to contend," it said, "that I can pursue this course of action, and moreover do so in an atmosphere of strictest secrecy, while denying the NATO member countries the right to provide for their common defense."

"The United States and its allies will not be deflected from taking jointly measures they deem necessary for their defense."

Stocks Go Ahead in Generally Routine First Hour Deals

New York —(UPI)—Stocks inched ahead in generally routine first hour trading today.

Electronics again scored the better gains, followed by chemicals, motors and scattered aircraft and missile stocks.

Oils, which have been getting an increasing number of favorable reviews by brokers, continued their advance. Gulf rose more than a point, Texaco, Sinclair and Jersey Standard picked up small fractions.

Nafi lost more than 2 points in continued reaction to a warning by its president that third quarter earnings may suffer from model changes, seasonal factors and vacations.

Man Fined Following Two Car Accident

Ashland — Ashland police cited Charles R. Pulsipher, 51-year-old Provo, Utah, man for improper turning following a two-car collision on C st. at Pioneer st. here last night.

Both cars received moderate damages but no one was injured.

Police said the accident occurred at 8:34 p.m. when Pulsipher attempted a left turn from the right lane and his car struck one driven by Don L. Fowler, 17, of 145 Almond St., Ashland.

Pulsipher appeared in Ashland municipal court on the charge this morning and was fined \$10 plus \$2.50 court costs.

TELEPHONE MAN DIES

Hendersonville, N.C. —(UPI)—Funeral services were scheduled today for Aubrey H. Melinger, 78, retired president of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. and former civil defense official who died Sunday.

O'NEILL ASSOCIATE DIES

Provincetown, Mass. —(UPI)—Harry Kemp, 78, known as "The poet of the dunes" and a former associate of playwright Eugene O'Neill, died Monday.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 614.79, up 7.50; 20 railroads 134.67, up 0.03; 15 utilities 92.99, up 0.16, and 85 stocks 203.44, up 0.18. Sales Monday were about 2,980,000 shares compared with 3,000,000 shares Friday.

Monday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	52
Alum. Co. Am.	72 1/4
American Can	30
American Motors	20 3/4
A.T. & T.	88 3/4
Ansoconda Copper	49 1/4
Arco Steel	62
Bethlehem Steel	43 1/2
Boeing Air	33 1/2
Caterpillar Corp	23 3/4
Chrysler Corp.	41 3/4
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Crown Zellerbach	43 1/2
Curtis Wright	18 3/4
Dow Chemical	80 3/4
Du Pont	190 1/4
Eastman Kodak	119 1/4
Firestone	35 1/2
General Electric	80 1/4
General Motors	125 1/2
Georgia Foods	43 1/4
Georgia Pacific	34 1/2
Graham Paige	1 1/4
Greyhound	21
Gulf Oil	38 3/4
Homesite Mining	42 1/2
I.B.M.	53 1/2
Iaho Power	52 1/2
I.B.M.	53 1/2
Int. Paper	97 1/4

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DECLARED GUILTY—Mrs. Florence Adland is shown in a Los Angeles court with her attorney, Marvin Mitchelson, as she was convicted of contributing to the delinquency of her daughter, 17-year-old Beverly Adland, last girl friend of the late Errol Flynn. Mrs. Adland, to be sentenced Sept. 1, faces a maximum of not more than a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. (UPI Telephoto)

Plywood Firm Cuts Production

New York—(UPI)—U. S. Plywood Corp. announced today a 20 per cent cutback in plywood production to correct the "chaotic" condition of the plywood market.

The reduction will be made by rescheduling production at its West Coast mills from a five-day week to a four-day week.

Last week Evans Products shut down two plywood mills and two veneer plants in Oregon scheduled for Wednesday. sharp decline in prices for this key building item.

U.S. Plywood President Gene C. Brewer said the recent drop in mill prices to \$60 per 1,000 square feet from \$76 a year ago is "an indication of a chaotic market which only responsible leadership in the industry can correct."

The industry capacity in the past decade has outstripped the still growing demand for fir plywood.

Critic To Join Fairbanks Firm

La Jolla, Calif. —(UPI)—Thomas G. Lanphier Jr., 44, who five months ago quit a \$50,000 yearly job so he could spend his time criticizing the government's national defense policy, announced Monday he will become vice president of Fairbanks Whitney corporation.

Lanphier, formerly assistant to the president of Convair, maker of the nation's Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile, said in his new post he will be responsible for development of planning for the products of the New York firm's subsidiaries.

The subsidiaries include Fairbanks Morse, Chicago; Pratt & Whitney Co., Inc., and Chandler - Evans Corp., Hartford, Conn.

"The Truth About Air Safety Today"

by Robert J. Serling

Despite hysteria and hokum, commercial aviation is building an impressive record of accident-free passenger miles—with even greater advances expected in the future. This vitally interesting article will be found next weekend in Family Weekly

Also in the August 14th issue:

- "American Husbands Are Too Domestic" by Dr. Margaret Mead
- "I Was Just Thinking . . ." by Patty Johnson
- "My Favorite Golf Jokes" by Bob Hope
- "Princess Anne Grows Up" by John Hochmann
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