

Mounted Gendarmes Scatter Belgian Rioters



RIOT IN BRUSSELS—Angry rioters throw rocks at the windows of a bank in Brussels that has not closed down in the Brussels strike. An estimated 15,000 strikers surged through downtown Brussels for two hours in an orgy of window-smashing and attacks on buses and street cars. The rioting was broken up when a squadron of mounted police drew their sabres and advanced on the rioters who fled. (UPI Radioteletypephoto)

Taylor Appears In Court; Judge Appoints Lawyer

Edward Branchfield, Medford lawyer, was appointed to represent John R. Taylor, 27, Salem, who is charged in Jackson county circuit court with assault with intent to kill and two counts of grand larceny in connection with automobile thefts.

Taylor, who was arraigned in district court Tuesday and bound over to the grand jury, appeared in circuit court yesterday afternoon. He had previously indicated to District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder that he would waive the right to a grand jury hearing and enter a plea on district attorney's information.

He is scheduled to appear before Judge James M. Main at 2 p.m. Friday.

Taylor said he would waive the right to an attorney and wanted "to get it over with." Judge Main said that because of the seriousness of one of the charges, he thought it his duty to appoint an attorney to consult with Taylor before he waived any of his rights.

The maximum penalty upon conviction of assault with intent to kill is life imprisonment. Judge Main noted.

Taylor is charged with firing three bullets into the leg of State Policeman Donald Cain the evening of Dec. 20 when Cain stopped to question a hitchhiker at the intersection of Highways 99 and 66 south of Ashland.

He also is charged with taking two automobiles to escape to Dufur, near The Dalles, where he was captured the next morning.

Reeder pointed out that following an arraignment in district court, the accused person is automatically held for the grand jury. The accused may waive a grand jury hearing if he so desires, Reeder added.

Kennedy Meets With Fulbright

Palm Beach, Fla., (UPI)—President-elect John F. Kennedy canvassed a broad range of domestic and international problems today with Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) as the Kennedy staff planned a temporary shift of headquarters from Palm Beach to New York.

Fulbright, chairman of the powerful Senate foreign relations committee, arrived Wednesday night. Kennedy met him at the plane and escorted him to the seaside villa where Fulbright spent the night.

Their talks resumed this morning. After lunch the two Democratic leaders planned to play golf at the exclusive Seminole club.

Century's Worst Drought Reported in Red China

Tokyo (UPI)—Communist China's Yellow river dried up for 40 days this year during "the worst natural calamity in a century," Radio Peiping said today.

The New China news agency, the Communist radio said, reported the "peoples communes" have launched a desperate drive to sow winter vegetables and fast growing crops in Shantung Province in an effort to prevent a famine.

"The river could be forced on foot," Radio Peiping said in a broadcast monitored here.

Stewart Ave. Will Be Closed Jan. 3 For Culvert Work

Stewart ave. between Holly st. and Oakdale ave. will be closed to through traffic beginning Jan. 3, County Engineer Robert Carstensen reminded residents today.

The closure, which will continue for about four months, is to allow construction of a reinforced concrete storm drain to cover the open ditch on the south side of Stewart ave. Carstensen said that by closing the street, working time may be reduced by about one-third.

The project will be 1,820 feet in length. It is part of a project estimated to cost \$147,110. Part of this, \$27,000, was paid last year by the City of Medford for part of the work done within the city.

Detour Routes

Detour routes that may be used to by-pass this portion of Stewart ave. are on Holly st., Holmes ave. and Oakdale ave. or by taking O'Garra st. from Holly st. to Whitman ave. The engineer said that Stewart ave. would be open for traffic from Whitman ave. for west-bound traffic.

Residences fronting along the portion of Stewart ave. that will be closed will be allowed ample access to and from their properties, it was reported.

The storm drain, to measure 3½ by 8 feet, when completed will be similar to construction completed earlier east of Holly st. on Stewart ave.

A 14-year-old Eagle Point girl, who said she wanted some Christmas presents, was taken into protective custody by Medford police Wednesday on a charge of shoplifting.

The girl had been apprehended by an employee of a local variety store where she allegedly took several items without paying for them.

The employee said she refused to turn the items over to him, so he called police.

On questioning the girl told police that she did not receive any Christmas presents and she wanted to get some presents for herself and her sisters. Police said she had taken two pairs of stockings, four necklaces and an identification bracelet. None of the items were valued at more than \$1.

Police Investigate Station Burglary

Medford city police today are investigating a burglary last night at the Rogue Service Garage, 609 West McAndrews rd. Approximately \$40 in cash was taken.

Police said the burglary occurred between 7:30 p.m. and 8:35 p.m. It was discovered by an agent from a private detective agency who noticed that the rear door of the building had been broken open.

The money was taken from an open cash register. The owner of the garage, Jack Rey Sides, told police he is in the habit of leaving the cash register open so that if the garage is burglarized, the cash register will not be damaged. He added that last night was the first time he has ever left money in the register overnight.

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Columbia Salmon To Be Talk Topic

Salem (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield said today depleting runs of salmon in the Columbia river call for "immediate and drastic action" and invited Govs. Albert D. Rosellini of Washington and Robert E. Smylie of Idaho to meet with him next month to discuss the problem.

The New China agency said 150 million acres, half the cultivated farm land on the China mainland, had been affected by drought and flood.

Alpine Village, Resort Motel, Is Planned in City

Plans for the Alpine village, a proposed resort motel and shopping area, were announced today by Developers, Inc., Eugene. It will be located near the corner of Jackson st. and North Central ave.

Wayne L. Johnson, president, said the village, to encompass an area of approximately one city block, will feature a 65-unit motel with space for an additional 40 units, a chuck-wagon style restaurant seating more than 230, a pizza parlor, a service station, and rental locations for a beauty parlor, barber shop, florist and gift shop, and a drug store.

Tenants in the shopping area will be announced next month by Developers, Inc., and construction bids will be accepted in March. Property for the unit was purchased at a cost of more than \$200,000, it was reported, and completion date is set for June 1, 1961.

Wood will be used both for effect and for construction advantages. The style will trend toward a "chateau" appearance, and a shake-roof style will be used. The construction firm also plans a swimming pool and a "pitch-and-putt" golf course.

Khrushchev Cites Important Issues

London (UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev regards Berlin and disarmament as the two most important issues to be settled between the Western and Communist worlds after the inauguration of President-elect John F. Kennedy Jan. 20.

Authoritative diplomatic sources said today Khrushchev's policy line emerged during an 80-minute talk he had earlier this week with Britain's new envoy to Moscow, Sir Frank Roberts.

The Soviet leader gave no hint of any change in Russia's previously stated positions on the Berlin and disarmament issues. He simply indicated that they are at the top of the Kremlin's list for settlement.

In his "friendly but firm" talk Khrushchev made it clear that he wants the Berlin question settled in 1961.

Four of those convicted are in custody here. The other seven, including the two Syrian officials, were sentenced in absentia.

Five other men were acquitted by the State Security Court hearing evidence about the bombing which killed Prime Minister Hazza Majali and 11 other persons.

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Highway To Open

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Explosions Rake Petroleum Plant In New Jersey

300 Persons Forced To Evacuate Homes

Bayonne, N.J. (UPI)—A series of explosions raged through a petroleum company in this major U.S. oil distribution center Wednesday night and early today, injuring at least eight persons and forcing 300 from their homes.

Police and fire officials said the blaze at the Sun Gas Products Co. apparently started when an empty dump truck backed into a four-foot-high propane gas cylinder. The cylinder burst afire and touched off a series of eight explosions.

Flames Light Sky

The truck theory grimly paralleled a viewpoint that the costly fire aboard the aircraft carrier Constellation last week at the Brooklyn Navy Yard was started when a fork lift struck a tank of diesel oil.

Flames from the explosions climbed 500 to 1,000 feet into the night sky, and cast an orange glow on the Statue of Liberty, about three miles away in New York Bay.

About 1,000 firemen, disaster and rescue workers were sent to fight the blaze, which destroyed the plant as well as 150 to 200 four-foot-high propane cylinders. The fire was declared under control about two hours after the first explosion, but burned for several more hours.

Return to Homes

The 300 persons who fled their nearby homes were allowed to return early today, but officials planned to inspect every building to make sure none was in danger of collapsing. They said most of the damage appeared to be glass breakage.

Stanley Buchalski, plant manager of Chester, N.Y., was critically burned when flames consumed the one-story office building where he had been resting when the blaze started.

The other injured were all in good or satisfactory condition.

Windows were shattered in an area of about 12 blocks around the explosion site. (See Picture on Page 2)

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair through Friday except smoke and some fog in valleys. Low tonight 25. High Friday 35.

Highest Yesterday 45
Lowest This Morning 25
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:17 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 3:28 a.m.
Full Moon Jan. 1

Tonight the Moon again passes in front of Aldebaran, brightest star of the constellation, Taurus. The occultation will be complete here at 11:00 p.m.

Russian Planes Said Ferrying Troops in Laos

Vientiane, Laos (UPI)—Soviet-built planes ferried in Communist Vietnamese troop reinforcements to the Vang Vieng mountain stronghold of leftist paratrooper Capt. Kong Le in addition to airdropping military supplies to the rebels, according to reports here today.

A Laotian member of a Western embassy staff who escaped from Vang Vieng said he saw "more than 100" Communist North Vietnamese troops there.

It was over Vang Vieng that a U.S. Embassy plane was machine-gunned Tuesday while watching a Soviet Ilyushin-14 transport drop supplies to the Communist forces. Embassy sources said the Russian plane opened fire from a window with a machine gun and raked the U.S. C-47 with bullets.

Soviet Pilots Assumed

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said in Washington Wednesday that it was not known "positively" whether the fire came from the Soviet plane or from the jungles below. He said the State Department assumed such planes are flown by Russians and that the United States would protest to the Soviet government if it is established that the gunfire did come from the plane.

A ranking American official here said that the crewmen of the U.S. plane felt sure the bullets came from the Russian plane. "I don't think there is much doubt in the minds of the crewmen" that the shots came from the Ilyushin, he said.

It was learned by United Press International that aerial photographs and reports of the crewmen were being sifted by intelligence experts from the 13th Air Force to establish definitely the source of the shots.

Reeder To Open Law Practice Here

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said today he will open an office for private law practice next week in the Fluhrer building.

Reeder, who has been district attorney for the last four years, will leave office Jan. 2, District Attorney-elect Alan B. Holmes will assume his duties Jan. 3.

Prior to becoming district attorney here, Reeder was in private practice here for a short time after serving as deputy district attorney for about six months in 1954. He was also assistant attorney general with the state highway department in Salem for about 3½ years.

Reeder is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma law school and lives with his wife, Mary, at 41 Eastwood dr.

Berlin Blockade Avoided by Pact

Berlin (UPI)—East and West Germany agreed today to continue trade next year, avoiding a possible Communist blockade of isolated West Berlin and a new international crisis.

A West German press office announcement said East and West German experts agreed at their ninth meeting today that trade relations would continue on the basis of an agreement which the West German government canceled in September.

The West German government thus effectively withdrew its cancellation of the old agreement just two days before a Communist deadline for a settlement of the trade issue or reimposition of a probable new Berlin blockade.



RAPS LAOS AID—Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) above, charged Wednesday that the United States has little to show for its vast aid to Laos except "chaos, discontent, armies on the loose and a large U.S. mission of hundreds of officials in Vientiane." (UPI Telephoto)

He said the train was carrying about 100 African school children from Elisabethville to northwestern Katanga for the holidays. The spokesman said reports that the train left Elisabethville with 400 people and arrived at Kamina with only 30 survivors were "wildly exaggerated."

First reports of the incident said the train was raided three times by the Kasai Baluba enemies of the Baluba aboard the train who support Katanga Premier Moïse Tshombe — and that 20 of the African passengers had been killed.

Officers Recover Stolen Articles

Medford city police and Jackson county sheriff's deputies yesterday recovered a large number of stolen items of clothing and car accessories from two youths who had earlier been arrested for stealing Cadillac taillight assemblies.

The boys told police they had been stealing the items from a number of local stores over a period of six months. Included in the stolen goods were 26 records, three wheels, 14 hubcaps and several sweaters and hats.

The two youths, ages 17 and 15, were members of a gang of five that were arrested by sheriff's deputies last week after they admitted to stealing more than 15 pairs of 1959 Cadillac taillight assemblies. The taillights are apparently desired by young "hot-rodders" for use in custom cars.

The gang had been operating in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass. All five of the boys, ranging in age from 15 to 17, were from Medford. A sixth member of the gang has already been sent to McLaren School for Boys in Woodburn on another charge.

Police said the boys were so skilled at taking the taillights that they once removed a set from a car while the car was stopped waiting for a red light to turn green.

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Explorer VIII Stops Transmitting

Washington (UPI)—Explorer VIII, the ionosphere satellite launched Nov. 3, has stopped transmitting.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the last radio signal from the 90-pound satellite was received by the Quito, Ecuador, ground station at 7:20 a.m. Dec. 27.

Throughout the previous week its battery-powered transmitter had been working erratically. Before launch, a useful lifetime of two or three months was predicted for Explorer VIII. It turned out to be one month and 24 days.

The satellite travelled 20,866,707 miles in the 694.3 orbits it made before its radio went dead. It had transmitted for a total of 1,302.8 hours and filled 700 miles of magnetic tape with information which is now being studied.

King Baudouin Flying Home To Tackle Crisis

Weapons Drawn On Demonstrators

Brussels, Belgium (UPI)—Mounted gendarmes with drawn sabres scattered rock-throwing rioters today as King Baudouin flew home to a crisis-racked Belgium.

The gendarmes intervened after 15,000 strikers surged through Brussels for two hours in an orgy of window-smashing and rock-throwing, during which they overturned a postal truck and wrecked and tried to set fire to a bus.

At the same time, another 100 gendarmes on foot advanced with rifles at the ready.

It was the first time security forces had intervened against rioters in two days of antigovernment demonstrations.

Rioters Take Flight

But the gendarmes did not have to use their weapons because the rioters broke and fled just as the police charged.

In clashes in other parts of the country, gendarmes have used rifle butts and tear gas bombs to break up crowds of demonstrators.

In Ghent, where sporadic day-long rioting erupted Wednesday, strikers tore up streetcar tracks and poured cement into switches. One man was caught in the act and arrested.

In nearby Bruges, gendarmes dispersed several hundred strike pickets at the gates to a glass factory after sharp fighting. Strikers called for a protest demonstration in Bruges Saturday.

Government Stands Firm

The demonstrations were called by defiant Socialist union leaders who are demanding that the government of Premier Gaston Eyskens withdraw an "austerity" bill from parliament which would generally tighten up the country's economic situation.

The Socialists fear the move would wreck many of the important social gains made over the years. But the government has rejected the Socialist demand on the grounds that it must pull in its belt and live within a smaller income limit due to Belgium's billion-dollar losses in the Congo.

Socialist Party President Leo Collard declared that the nation-wide strike movement will continue until the government withdraws its austerity bill. He said there will be no truce during the New Year week end.

Baudouin's decision to fly back with Queen Fabiola, his bride of less than two weeks, heightened the tension that has gripped the nation during 10 days of strikes.

GE Tells of Western Expansion Program

San Francisco (UPI)—General Electric Co. today announced that it would spend more than \$8 million for new plants and equipment and employ 1,000 more persons during the coming year in the 10 western states.

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