

Early Trial for Communist Party Leaders To Be Sought

Stocks Drop; Blue Chips Scrambled

New York — (UPI) — Stocks moved slightly lower today. Blue chip movements were narrowly scrambled. The only heavyweight showing a definite trend was Du Pont with a loss of 1 1/2.

Steels were sizable fractions lower in some instances, oils little changed, chemicals irregularly lower, and autos steady.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
 New York — (UPI) — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 645.49, off 2.60; 20 railroads 137.47, off 0.17; 15 utilities 128.12, up 0.58, and 65 stocks 226.45, off 0.34. Sales Monday were about 3.59 million shares compared with 3.28 million shares Friday.

Monday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemicals	42 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	32 1/2
American Air Lines	18 1/2
American Can	44 1/2
American Motors	16 1/2
T & T	11 1/2
American Tobacco	29 1/2
Anaconda Copper	40 1/2
Arco	31 1/2
Bentley Corp.	34 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	37 1/2
Boeing Air	29 1/2
Brunswick	17 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	72 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	33 1/2
Coca Cola	87 1/2
C.B.S.	34 1/2
Columbia Gas	23 1/2
Continental Can	44 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	33 1/2
Crucible Steel	15 1/2
Curtis Wright	17 1/2
Dow Chemical	36 1/2
Du Pont	23 1/2
Eastman Kodak	108 1/2
Firestone	43 1/2
Ford	43 1/2
General Electric	37 1/2
General Foods	37 1/2
General Motors	37 1/2
Georgia Pacific	43 1/2
Greyhound	31 1/2
Gulf Oil	39 1/2
Homestake	43 1/2
Idaho Power	31 1/2
I.B.M.	385 1/2
Int'l Paper	77 1/2
Johns Manville	42 1/2
Keenecott Copper	63 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	53 1/2
Martin	21 1/2
Merck	78 1/2
Montana Power	23 1/2
Montgomery Ward	33 1/2
National Biscuit	42 1/2
New York Central	15 1/2
Northern Pacific	28 1/2
Pac Gas Elec	31 1/2
Peon RR	13 1/2
Perma Cement	13 1/2
Phillips	49 1/2
Procter & Gamble	73 1/2
Radio Corporation	55 1/2
Richfield Oil	49 1/2
Safeway	45 1/2
Santa Fe	24 1/2
Sears	35 1/2
Shell Oil	36 1/2
Southern Co.	51 1/2
Southern Pacific	28 1/2
Sperry Rand	12 1/2
Standard California	61 1/2
Standard Indiana	47 1/2
Standard N. J.	40 1/2
Stokely Van Camp	17 1/2
Sun Mines	81 1/2
Texas Co.	59 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulfur	15 1/2
Texas Pac Land Trust	16 1/2
Thiokol	29 1/2
Trans America	44 1/2
Trans World Air	11 1/2
Tri Continental	40 1/2
Union Carbide	100 1/2
Union Pacific	32 1/2
United Aircraft	50 1/2
United Air Lines	22 1/2
U. S. Plywood	46 1/2
U. S. Rubber	40 1/2
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West Bank Corp.	34 1/2
Westinghouse	31 1/2
Youngstown	61 1/2

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Benjamin Davis, Gus Hall Face Federal Action

Washington — (UPI) — The Justice Department, encouraged by a speedy jury conviction of the Communist party of the United States, today sought an early trial for the party's chief leaders, Gus Hall and Benjamin Davis.

A federal court jury deliberated only 35 minutes Monday before finding the party guilty of 12 counts of failing to register as an agent of the Soviet Union. Judge Alexander Holtzoff immediately fined the organization \$120,000, the maximum punishment provided under the 1950 McCarran Act.

Collection of the fine, however, will be held in abeyance pending an appeal to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Hall, Davis Indicted
 Thomas K. Hall, executive assistant for the Justice Department's internal security division, said the government was now ready to proceed with prosecution of Hall and Davis, general and national chairmen of the party. Both have been indicted for failure to register as officers of a Communist action organization.

"We have asked the court to set trial dates as soon as possible but have not been informed when that will be," the Justice Department official said.

Under the 1950 law if an organization found by the Subversive Activities Control Board to be dominated and controlled by the world-wide Communist movement fails to register, then responsibility for it to do so reverts first to its officers and then to its members.

To Appeal Conviction
 In addition to Hall and Davis, the Justice Department said today registration petitions would be filed at an early date against a number of other members.

Party attorneys John Abt and Joseph Forer said they would seek an immediate appeal on the ground that any registration attempt would amount to self-incrimination in violation of the Fifth Amendment.



LIGHTS TREE—President Kennedy officiates at the lighting of the nation's Christmas tree at the annual observance on the Ellipse south of the White House lawn. The Chief Executive declared the nation has emerged from a year of peril to world peace into a yuletide season when hopes are a little brighter. (UPI)

Medical Officer Due on Jan. 1

All Oregon counties with the exception of Multnomah county will be served beginning Jan. 1, 1963, by medical investigators under the Medical Investigator act, the Oregon state board of health has reminded county residents. Since Jan. 1, 1961, 21 Oregon counties have been under the act.

The act was established within the framework of the state board of health and is administered through Dr. Richard H. Witcos, state health officer. He is guided and assisted by an advisory committee, appointed by the governor.

This committee then recommends the names of pathologists from which the state board selects the chief medical investigator who then administers the system for the various counties.

County health officers become the medical investigator in their county and under the present law may have one assistant, whom he appoints.

On Jan. 1, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, will assume the office of medical investigator in Jackson county.

A meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss appointing an assistant. Representatives from hospitals, the district attorney's office, state and city police, county sheriff and mortuaries will attend, and a working plan will be established at the time.

Kennedy Says Hopes for Peace A Little Brighter

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy told the nation in a Christmas message Monday night that hopes for world peace are a little brighter after a year of peril.

The President made a brief speech before throwing a switch that turned on the 5,000 lights on the 72-foot national Christmas tree on the ellipse south of the White House.

Carrying out an annual custom observed by every president since Calvin Coolidge, Kennedy wished his fellow Americans "a blessed and happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year."

He said in his talk, televised and broadcast to the nation, that 1962 had been "a year of peril when peace was threatened but a year when that threat has been faced." He said Americans could welcome the end of 1962 with "more than usual joy."

Must Live in Peace
 The President said that while hopes for peace seem a little brighter in the coming year "we still need to ask that God's will be done."

Kennedy said that "Man can and must live in peace and it is the peacemakers who are truly blessed."

He said Christmas time is the "most sacred and hopeful day of our civilization" and "peace and good will to all men the most important of our endeavors."

The celebration of the birth of Christ, he said, demonstrates that "mercy and compassion are the enduring virtues."

The President paid special tribute to men of the armed forces and other Americans who are serving overseas this Christmas.

Foreign Briefs

RUSSIA CALLS FOR TEST MORATORIUM
 Geneva — (UPI) — Russia told the West today that nuclear testing everywhere should stop Jan. 1, regardless of the lack of progress on a test ban agreement here.

Soviet negotiator Semyon K. Tsarapkin told the test-ban subcommittee of the disarmament conference no formal agreement can be reached "while the West persists in its old and unacceptable positions."

SICILY POLICE CONTINUE SEARCH FOR MAFIA
 Palermo, Sicily — (UPI) — Police trying to break the Mafia searched today for 22 persons wanted in connection with eight murders and four attempted murders in the past four years.

They have already jailed 13 suspects in connection with "operation unsolved murders" in an attempt to smash the top echelon of the Mafia hierarchy.

WEST GERMANY 11TH IN NUMBER OF AUTOS
 Frankfurt, Germany — (UPI) — West Germany is in 11th place in the world with number of automobiles per capita with 108 per 1,000 inhabitants, the association of West German automobile manufacturers says.

In 1950, there were only 11 cars for every 1,000 West Germans, the association of manufacturers said.

EIGHT RESCUED AT SEA; 22 OTHERS SOUGHT
 Hong Kong — (UPI) — Police rescued eight survivors and were searching for 22 persons missing today after a junk smuggling refugees from Macao foundered off Lantau Island west of here.

Survivors said there were 30 persons aboard, including refugees and crewmen.

BRITISH CAR TO INVADE U.S. MARKET
 London — (UPI) — A twin-engine, super miniature car will invade the U.S. sports car market next year, a British designer said today.

Racing car designer Paul Emery said he now is building a prototype model in a London garage. He said the car will look like the BMC standard Mini, but will have two engines and speed range of up to 150 miles per hour.

Kennedy, Macmillan Meet In 'Security Paradise'

By United Press International

The Kennedy - Macmillan meeting in the Bahamas Wednesday and Thursday will take place in a location best described as a "security man's paradise."

The site is the Lyford Cay (pronounced key) development, 15 miles from Nassau, on a narrow peninsula surrounded by forbidding reefs. It is completely sealed off by a security cordon.

The Cay, a planned residential community on 4,000 acres of rolling land on the western coast of New Providence Island, is site of the members-only Lyford Cay club.

Its facilities in Bahamian sunshine include an 18-hole golf course and a yacht marina.

One of Many Islands
 New Providence Island on which Nassau is located is one of the most important of the nearly 700 Bahama islands scattered over more than 70,000 square miles of sea.

The islands extend from a point 60 miles east of Palm Beach, Fla., to the north of Haiti in a 760-mile arc stretching in a southeasterly direction.

Bahamians consider Nassau the center of their world. The city was named in 1695 in honor of England's King William III, who had been prince of Orange-Nassau.

Nassau became a winter playground for international society and in 1949 the Bahamas government launched a drive which made the colony a year-round tourist resort. Last year, 368,211 tourists went there in search of sun, sea and fun.

Nassau is the essence of a British colony. The statue of Queen Victoria looks out on famous Rawson Square. Bewigged justices in black robes balance the scales in high-ceilinged courthouses. And white-helmeted constables give traffic directions.

Supplies Being Massed in Trade For Prisoners

Miami — (UPI) — Arrangements were reported being made today to mass supplies in the Miami area for the ransom of 1,113 captured Cuban invaders, who may be freed from Fidel Castro's prisons before Christmas.

A spokesman for Trans-World Airlines said it has been asked to fly 150 tons of medical supplies — presumably part of the multimillion dollar ransom — from New York to an airfield near Miami Wednesday.

The freighter African Pilot, under charter to the American Red Cross, left Baltimore Monday on the way to Miami with orders to stand by "in anticipation of an agreement" on the release of the prisoners.

Details Not Told
 Details of the ransom deal never have been made public. At one point, Castro demanded \$62 million for the release of the prisoners, but he is believed to have agreed to accept supplies of less value.

New York attorney James B. Donovan, who has been negotiating for the release of the prisoners, flew to Miami Sunday night. It was believed here that he has requested and received permission to go to Cuba, presumably to work out final details of the deal.

No firm information could be obtained either here or in Havana as to the travel plans of Donovan or others in his party, including Berta Barreto, Cuban go-between in the negotiations.

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Negligent Homicide Charges Dismissed

Portland — (UPI) — The Multnomah County District Attorney's office dropped charges Monday against Lawrence Cordano, 18, driver of a car in which a high school girl died Saturday.

Dist. Atty. George Van Hoosen said investigation showed the accident was not caused by negligence. Van Hoosen said he was dropping the charge of negligent homicide on which Cordano had been booked.

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