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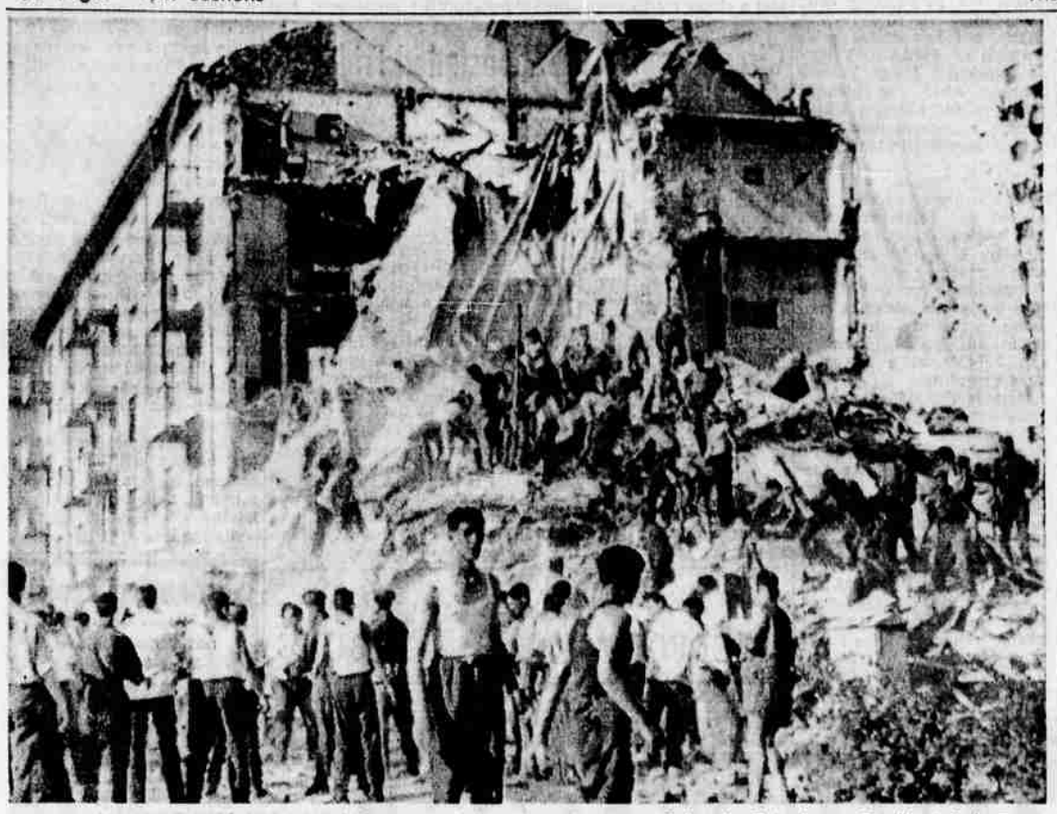

SEARCH THROUGH RUBBLE – Soldiers and civilians search through rubble in Skopje, Yugoslavia, Friday after an earthquake wracked the city. A "minor tremor" rocked the center of the city Saturday as President Josip Broz Tito began an inspection tour. (UPI)

New Tremor Shakes Yugoslav City During Tito's Inspection

NW Lumber Strike May Spread After Union Board Meet

Portland – (UPI) – The possibility of more men being idled in the current Northwest lumber dispute loomed high Saturday as members of the International Woodworkers of America made plans for their regional advisory board meeting here today.

Dick Gillman, public relations official for the organization, has announced board members will decide which firms will be struck next.

Some 27,000 workers have already been laid off since the union - management dispute over expired contracts broke out last month. The strike is now in its 52nd day.

The latest development in the dispute occurred Friday when operations of Pope and Talbot, Inc., were struck in Oregon and Washington by the IWA and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union.

The union action followed a break in negotiations with the Timber Operators council, of which Pope and Talbot is a member. Talks with the group ended Thursday with union officials demanding a wage increase of 33½ cents over a three - year period and management offering a 26-cent hourly increase.

FREEMAN FLIES

Moscow – (UPI) – Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman flew Saturday from Kiev to Minsk, Moscow radio reported. Freeman spent three days in Kiev visiting collective and state farms and experimental and scientific research establishments, the radio said.

U.S. Scorns Castro Charge of Swindle In Ransom Exchange

Washington – (UPI) – The United States Saturday rejected as "completely without foundation" Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's charge that he was "swindled" out of $10 million worth of supplies in the ransom deal for the Bay of Pigs prisoners.

The State Department said Canadian and U.S. banks, which issued a letter of credit guaranteeing delivery of $53 million in medical supplies and other goods, reported some time ago that the American Red Cross had fully met that commitment.

"Castro should check his facts more carefully," the department said in a statement which was read to newsmen by Press Officer Richard I. Phillips.

It said that July 3, when the Red Cross announced completion of delivery, "the Cuban Red Cross thanked the American Red Cross for the fine way it had completed its mission.

That statement was made, according to officials, by the head of the Cuban Red Cross, Gilberto Cervantes, at a meeting of American Red Cross representatives working in Cuba.

Not Official

The ransom deal, under which 1,113 prisoners of the ill-fated April 1961 invasion attempt were released and brought to the United States, was approved by the U. S. government but it was not an official undertaking. It was carried out by the Red Cross working with the cooperation and assistance of a number of American officials, including Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy and U. S. business leaders.

Castro, in a fire-eating speech Friday on the tenth anniversary of the beginning of his revolutionary movement, asserted that the U. S. government had prevented the Red Cross and attorney James B. Donovan of New York, who negotiated the prisoner release, "from fulfilling the agreement with us 100 per cent."

State CD Agency To Request Funds

Salem – (UPI) – The Oregon Civil Defense Agency will ask the State Emergency Board for $46,110 next Friday.

At its meeting last week the agency's advisory council decided to seek enough money to hire three more employees.

Adding the three employees could make the state eligible for federal matching funds which would mean an additional six persons on the state staff.

The recent legislature slashed the Civil Defense staff from 18 to three and the federal government refused to provide any matching funds for employees.

Rocky Urges New Foreign Aid Plan

Monte Rio, Calif. – (UPI) – New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller Saturday urged the gradual replacement of the U.S. foreign aid program with more American private enterprise abroad.

Rockefeller said the extension of private capital around the world could serve as a substitute for the official foreign aid program. He made the remark in an informal talk to members and guests of the Bohemian club annual encampment.

The two - week - long encampment, which concludes today, is reserved for men only and features a talk every day by a leader in the field of business, education, science, art or government.

About 1,700 persons heard Rockefeller's talk. Members and guests who left the encampment last night said the New York governor also touched on the subjects of racial discrimination, the current railroad dispute and the Venezuelan political situation. They said the 40-minute address was non-controversial in nature, in accordance with the club's rules.

Thousands Feared Still Buried By First Earthquake

Skopje, Yugoslavia – (UPI) – A new tremor rocked earthquake - devastated Skopje Saturday as U.S. Air Force planes launched a massive mercy airlift and President Tito inspected the rubble of this once busy "model city" in which thousands of persons were feared buried.

Rescue center officials said that by nightfall about 1,000 bodies had been pulled from the rubble and "several thousand" were known injured.

The officials said the death toll would reach at least 2,000 but there were fears that additional thousands may have been killed in the quake that destroyed about 80 per cent of the Macedonian capital that was to have been the showplace of Yugoslav Communism.

An estimated 100,000 persons were made homeless.

Train Missing

In Munich, Germany, West German railway officials disclosed that the Crack Hellas express train loaded with hundreds of vacationing foreign tourists was missing in the earthquake zone. They said the Athens - to - Dortmund train was due in Skopje's main station when the quake struck.

The cries and shrieks of trapped persons were heard under debris of the heavily damaged railway station Saturday and teams of rescuers struggled to reach the buried victims.

Saturday's new shock was described as "minor." It failed to ruffle Tito, who never flinched as the earth wabbled under him as he toured the ruined main square that bears his name in this city of 200,000.

Yugoslav officials announced the U.S. Air Force had launched a major mercy airlife to bring aid to the shattered town. They said 27 U.S. Air Force transports were starting to arrive at Belgrade airport at 30-minute intervals.

Sight Loss Suffered By Eclipse Watcher

Terre Haute, Ind. – (UPI) – Authorities said Saturday a man suffered partial loss of sight from watching the eclipse with the naked eye last Saturday.

Dr. Don Connor Jr. examined the man. He said the victim suffered about 30 per cent loss of vision.

The victim, who asked not to be identified, looked at the eclipse for about 10 seconds. He said he heard the warnings on radio and television and read them in the newspapers, but "I wanted to try it anyway."

NEWS BRIEFS
ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

PAIR ESCAPES EAST BERLIN

Berlin – (UPI) – A hot-rodding South American sped under Communist barriers in a low slung car to free his East Berlin girl friend in the second such escape of the year, West Berlin police disclosed Saturday.

RED PREMIER PUSHES PEACE OFFENSIVE

Moscow – (UPI) – Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, armed with fresh backing from his East European allies, Saturday pushed his "peace offensive" toward the West in the wake of the partial nuclear test ban agreement.

ITALIAN REDS REJECT CHINESE STAND

Rome – (UPI) – Italian Communists Saturday harshly rejected the Chinese stand in the Sino-Soviet ideological split as "absurb and condemnable . . . dogmatic and extremistic."

UAR AIRLINER REPORTED MISSING

Bombay – (UPI) – A United Arab Airlines comet jetliner with 60 persons aboard was reported missing Saturday when it failed to arrive as scheduled at Bombay's Santa Cruz Airport from Bangkok.

Pentagon Ruling Draws Hot Protest From Southerners

Thurmond Levels Blackmail Charge

Washington – (UPI) – A new Pentagon policy of declaring communities off limits in case of serious racial discrimination drew angry protests Saturday from some southerners.

Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.) accused the administration of "economic blackmail in its rawest form." Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett said that "if we don't just bow to them, then we're off limits."

Some other southern officials did not seem disturbed. They predicted little use of the order because of recent progress in desegregating communities near military establishments.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, authorized military base commanders Friday to place entire communities off limits to protect nearly a quarter of a million Negro servicemen and their dependents from off-base discrimination.

The criterion would be "relentless discrimination," or "those places or communities which would continue to practice discrimination regardless of the situation," the Pentagon said. Base commanders could not use the off-limits device without permission of their service chiefs.

Thurmond, a member of the Senate Armed Services committee, said the order would be detrimental to the local economy, individual servicemen and their families, and "the entire defense program."

The American people will not accept government blackmail and coercion, Thurmond added. And military commanders will resent the order, he said, because their mission is the nation's defense "rather than creation of domestic turmoil and strife by engaging themselves in sociological and political activities at the behest of a power-mad administration."

Thurmond said South Carolina mayors, for example, reported "excellent" race relations and growing business desegregation in their communities near Camp LeJeune Marine base and Cherry Point Marine air station.

Kennedy Speech on Treaty Is Praised

Washington – (UPI) – Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana led a round of general congressional praise Saturday for President Kennedy's speech on the partial nuclear test ban treaty, terming it a "gamble worth the effort."

The President's talk was seen as the beginning of intensive administration efforts to insure Senate ratification of the pact. Although it was warmly praised by many lawmakers in both parties, some still voiced doubts.

Mansfield, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee which will act on the treaty, said the President's "very good" speech pointed out that the agreement "represents a breakthrough in the cold war and could, if properly observed by both sides, be the first break in the clouds in many years."

He warned that "it would be wrong to make too much of this agreement." But, he said, "Even more, it would be wrong to make too little of it."

Bridge Collapses During Golf Play

Mount Clemens, Mich. – – A 140-foot wood and metal bridge at the Hillcrest Country club, scene of the Women's Wolverine Open Golf tournament, collapsed Saturday plummeting 80 persons into the Clinton river.

Eestimates of the injured ranged from 34 to 50 persons.

The Macomb county sheriff's office said 34 had been injured while St. Joseph hospital in Mount Clemens said it had treated 35 persons and Mount Clemens General hospital said it had treated 15. At least eight persons were admitted to the hospitals.

Play in the golf tournment Saturday was cancelled and all scores were erased. Tournament director Richard Griffin said the players had agreed to play 16 holes today and 16 holes Monday to complete the match for a total of 50 holes.

Harriman Reports to JFK, Rusk on Test Ban Treaty

REPORTS ON TREATY – President Kennedy is shown with W. Averill Harriman (left) and Secretary of State Dean Rusk as they met at the chief executive's vacation house on Squaw Island near Hyannis Port, Mass., Saturday. Harriman reported to President Kennedy and Rusk on the nuclear test ban treaty. (UPI)

Envoy Describes Pact To Nation As 'Good Treaty'

Khrushchev Letter Given to Kennedy

Hyannis Port, Mass. –(UPI)– Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman told the nation Saturday the nuclear test ban pact just initialed in Moscow "is a good treaty" that will not prevent the use of atomic weapons in event of war.

Harriman held a televised news conference after reporting personally to President Kennedy and Secretary of State Dean Rusk on U. S.-British-Russian talks that led to conclusion of the pact which would ban all except underground nuclear tests.

During his 90-minute conference with the President and Rusk, he delivered a personal message from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev described as "very friendly."

Harriman said the treaty probably was a "very important step" toward a possible thawing of the cold war.

"It carries out what we have wanted to do for a good many years," he said. He added that the treaty was "a first step of importance in the attempts we have been making for a good many years to try and make a beginning of the control of nuclear weapons."

The U. S. negotiator also ventured an opinion on why Khrushchev had reversed previous Soviet opposition to such a partial treaty.

"I think it is fairly clear that Mr. Khrushchev wanted to show the (Communist) Chinese that his policy of coexistence could present some results," Harriman said.

Harriman said the agreement had caused "real rejoicing" throughout Europe and among the Russian people. "The Russian people dread war and they are ready to see progress made – anything a step closer to the peace they crave," he said.

Rusk and Harriman later flew to Washington. On their arrival at Andrews Air Force base in nearby Maryland, Rusk said he hoped the treaty would be the first step toward other "cold war negotiations with Russia." Rusk praised Harriman as a "cool negotiator" and said he was pleased with the job Harriman had done in Moscow.

Rusk plans to fly to Moscow next week with a bipartisan congressional delegation for formal signing of the treaty. Harriman is to appear Monday for closed-door questioning by the Senate Foreign Relations committee, which will consider the treaty first in Senate debate on ratification.

At Hyannis Port, Harriman refused to go into much detail on other matters discussed by the negotiators. Nor did he give any new enlightenment on his private conversation with Khrushchev Friday which presumably dealt with further steps that might be taken to ease East-West tensions.

Communications Satellite Speeds To Final Orbit

Cape Canaveral –(UPI)– America's new Syncom-2 communications satellite sang another chorus of "The Star-Spangled Banner" to earth Saturday and sped toward a final resting place in a unique "hanging" orbit.

Jubilant scientists said they would begin "fine-tuning" the satellite's orbit this week end, to match the forward speed of Syncom-2 with earth's rotation speed.

When the corrections are finished, probably late this week, the 86-pound satellite will appear to hang virtually in one spot in the sky – an ever-present target for radio, telephone, teletype and facsimile communications between stations on earth.

The success of Syncom-2 may herald a day when as few as three communications satellites in similar hanging, or 24-hour, orbits could blanket the world with instantaneous radio and television communications.

Scientists had to forego any television tests with the tiny Syncom-2. There was not enough room aboard the moonlet for the necessary gear.

But the experts were pleased with what they were getting with radio and teletype tests. Early Saturday, the first series of experiments were completed with a laboratory ship, the USNS Kingsport at anchor in Lagos harbor, Nigeria, beamed a tape transmission to Syncom-2.

The tape carried voice reports and music, including "The Star-Spangled Banner." Syncom-2 caught the signals, amplified them and shot them back to the ship.

Record Rain Floods Buildings in Tulsa

Tulsa, Okla. – (UPI) – The hardest rain in Tulsa's recorded history flooded scores of homes and businesses Saturday and stranded hundreds of motorists. There were no deaths reported from the violent weather.

An even 8 inches of rain fell in four hours, breaking the previous record of 7.3 inches in a 24-hour period set in 1943. The U.S. Weather Bureau said more heavy rains were in store for Tulsa although skies cleared in late afternoon.

Civil Defense Director John F. Wilson said 25 to 30 families had been evacuated from their homes, mostly in West Tulsa. He said he had no way of knowing the total number of persons rescued from their homes by boats.

County and city police and fire agencies called in off-duty personnel to help in rescue operations. The police department asked all boat owners to contact civil defense to help in evacuation of the flooded homes and businesses.

Rail Union Leader Urges Congress To Take Watchdog Role

Washington –(UPI)– A railroad union leader Saturday urged Congress to assume a watchdog role in negotiations with the carriers to settle their four-year-old work rules dispute and prevent a threatened nationwide strike.

H. E. Gilbert, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, told a special Saturday session of the Senate Commerce committee that such action would give the negotiations a needed "shot in the arm."

After a similar presentation by officials of the Engineers' union Friday, Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz called the parties together for a two-hour bargaining session.

Wirtz scheduled another session (for 3 p.m. edt) after Saturday's committee meeting and announced that such sessions would be held in the future whenever Senate and House committees are not meeting.

Gilbert opposed President Kennedy's proposal, under consideration by the committee, to turn the dispute over to the Interstate Commerce commission (ICC). He said the plan amounted to compulsory arbitration, even if its supporters might regard it as "just a little bit" of compulsory arbitration.

Gilbert proposed instead that bargaining sessions between railroad management and the five operating unions proceed under "congressional direction and observation."

He said Congress might assign a joint committee to ride herd on the sessions and make periodic reports on the attitudes of the parties "and their conduct of good faith."

Gilbert endorsed legislation, proposed by AFL-CIO President George Meany, to prevent a rail shutdown indefinitely while a special congressional committee keeps an eye on the bargaining.

"Then Congress and the public will see who's bargaining and who isn't, and we'll settle this dispute without a strike or further legislation," Gilbert said in an interview.

He said the only solution would be found in collective bargaining. Earlier mediation efforts were not worthy of praise, he said, but recent bargaining sessions held by Wirtz have been fruitful.

Army Division To Be Flown To Europe

Washington – (UPI) – The Defense Department is planning to fly an entire army division – about 15,000 troops – to Germany later this year in a dramatic demonstration of its jet age ability to "get there first with the most."

A major implication of the mass move is that it may point the way for America to reduce its permanent garrison in Germany at some future time and rely on high-speed air lifts for quick reinforcement in emergencies.

Joint Chiefs of Staffs planners believe the massive air lift can be carried out in only three or four days, constituting a unique training exercise for the army and air force. The schedule would call for a jet transport departure every 30 to 40 minutes.

Elkton Man Killed In Two-Car Crash

Eugene –(UPI)– Fred Dickinson, 53, Elkton, was killed and three Massachusetts residents were injured in a two-car collision on State Highway 58 near Odell Lake southeast of here Friday morning.

State police said Dickinson's car failed to make a curve on the highway and collided with a car driven by H. Alden Bunker, 27, Lenox, Mass. Dickinson was alone in his car.

Teenager Battles 800-Pound Jewfish For 35 Hours Before It Gets Away

Cocoa Beach, Fla. –(UPI)– There were an estimated 10,000 witnesses to the one that got away from 13-year-old fisherman Mike Douglas Friday night.

After battling an 800-pound jewfish for more than 35 hours, Mike lost the big fish about 11:35 p.m., est, when the youth's fishing line snapped.

Mike took his loss graciously. "I'll get him again someday," he said.

Homemade Rig

The youth had hooked the fish around 3 p.m., est, Thursday with a homemade rig and bream for bait.

"I'm going to keep on fighting it until I land it – or collapse," he said. "I rest when the jewfish rests, but I wonder who is going to give out first."

The manager of the Patrick Air Force Base pier, where Mike latched onto the huge fish, said about 10,000 people had congregated around the pier to shout encouragement to the young angler.

Several Divers

After the battle had been going on about four hours, several divers went down to see what the boy had caught.

Mike's father, Lt. Col. William K. Douglas, brought his son food and soft drinks during the long struggle.

Douglas, former doctor for the nation's first seven astronauts, said Mike had been relieved at the pole only long enough for "the necessities of life."

Fish Rested

Mike slept for about an hour Thursday night while the fish rested, and took several short naps Friday night.

He made the fishing rig, a nine-foot pole with 63-pound test line, to catch sharks.

"I sure didn't count on this," he said.

By Thursday night, the crowd around the pier on U. S. Highway 1 got so large highway patrolmen had to be called in to keep traffic moving.