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Four Americans Held As Hostages By Bolivia Miners

Exchange For Other Prisoners Sought

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI)—Three U. S. Government officials and an American Peace Corps volunteer have been seized by leftist workers in the tin mining town of Catavi as hostages for three Communist labor leaders arrested by the government, it was disclosed Saturday.

The men were seized Friday night along with Bolivian mine technicians at the Siglo Veinte mine near Catavi and about 150 miles south of La Paz in the western Bolivian mountains.

Men Identified (In Washington, the State Department identified the kidnaped men as Thomas M. Martin of 2070 Decatur Ave., New York, N. Y.; Michael A. Kristula, 826 First Ave., Cadillac, Mich.; Bernard Rifkin, and Robert Fergstrom, whose addresses were not given.

(Martin and Kristula are officers of the U. S. Information Service. Rifkin is a labor adviser with the agency for international development and Fergstrom is a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Bolivia.)

(State Department Press Officer Richard I. Phillips said U. S. Ambassador Doug Henderson in La Paz had spoken with Martin by radio and Martin reported he and the other captured Americans were safe and being well treated.)

On Routine Mission The Americans were in the Catavi area on a routine mission as technical advisers when they were seized along with about a dozen Bolivian officials. It was believed they were being held at the miners' radio station in Siglo Veinte.

The miners met Saturday morning and issued a demand that the Bolivian government release labor leaders Federico Escobar, Irineo Pimentel and a man identified only as Zaral. The three were arrested Friday in Catavi and Siglo Veinte on criminal charges but the nature of the accusation was not immediately disclosed.

The miners also voted to launch a general strike and send emissaries throughout the country calling on other unions to join them. They demanded that leftist Juan Lechin, the nation's vice president and leader of the National Tin Union, travel to Catavi to talk with them.

Thompson Found Guilty Of Murder

STILLWATER, Minn. (UPI)—Timmer Eugene Thompson, a courtroom ace convicted of buying his wife's murder in hopes of a \$1 million payoff, entered Stillwater State Penitentiary Saturday as convict No. 21893.

Scarcely 17 hours after a jury convicted him Friday night of first degree murder, the little criminal attorney was brought the 30 miles from Minneapolis under heavy guard and passed through the arched, brown door of the 50-year-old Stillwater prison.

The sentence of the court was "life at hard labor." Actually, Warden Ralph Tahash said, the prison will "try to give him a job in keeping with his education and ability. A laboring job would defeat our purpose."

NEWS BRIEFS

SOVIET UNION REAFFIRMS POLICIES MOSCOW (UPI)—Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan reaffirmed Saturday that the Soviet Union is dedicated to a search for general disarmament and continuance of peaceful coexistence with differing political systems.

11 KILLED IN AUTO-TRAIN CRASH MIDLAND CITY, Ala. (UPI)—A freight train with its whistle screaming ploughed into an old-model station wagon at an unguarded crossing Saturday killing 11 of the 12 persons in the vehicle. All of the victims were related.

CHINESE CHARGE NAME-CALLING LONDON (UPI)—A Communist Chinese magazine said Saturday that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev once called Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung a "worn-out galosh" that should be discarded.

SMALL CROWD PAYS TRIBUTE AT PEARL HARBOR PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (UPI)—A small crowd of about 100 persons Saturday paid tribute in a brief ceremony to the U. S. servicemen who died at Pearl Harbor 22 years ago.



OFFICIALLY MOVE IN — President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson and their teen-age daughter, Lynda Bird, pose for news photographers at the North Portico as they officially moved into the White House Saturday. The Johnson's other daughter, Lynda Bird, is attending college in Texas. (UPI)

LBj Announces Steps To Reduce Defense Spending

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson announced Saturday a series of defense manpower cuts and a study of possible consolidation or elimination of installations. The action is aimed at whittling defense spending by about \$1.5 billion in the coming year.

He and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara described the moves as the starting phase of an economy drive designed to save at least \$4 billion a year by mid-1966.

Confer At Length Johnson said he and McNamara discussed the moves all morning at the White House and then conferred at length by telephone during the afternoon. Besides the cutbacks in civilian and non-combat defense personnel, Johnson asked McNamara for recommendations to "eliminate those installations which he thought could be eliminated" in the overseas military aid program.

Review All Installations Johnson also told an impromptu news conference in his White House office the government was "making a review of all of our installations in the United States to determine 'what can be consolidated' in a further economy move. He said no conclusions had been reached.

TIGHT SECURITY SET

NEW YORK (UPI)—The tightest security precautions in New York's history will be taken today when President Johnson makes a two-hour visit to attend the funeral of former Governor and U. S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman.



AT TEMPORARY QUARTERS—Head held high, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and daughter Caroline arrive by White House limousine at the home of W. Averell Harriman, Undersecretary of State. The former First Lady and her children moved out of the White House Friday and will live temporarily in the house loaned to them by Harriman. (UPI)

Conductors Reach Agreement With Pullman Company

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Conductors' Union and the Pullman Company reached agreement in a contract dispute Saturday that removed the threat of a crippling railroad strike starting next Wednesday.

Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz announced the settlement following intensive mediation efforts by one of his top aides, Assistant Labor Secretary James J. Reynolds. Saturday's agreement ended a long-standing dispute that began in 1959 when the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen (ORCB) demanded shorter hours, more pay, job security guarantees and rules changes.

The Labor Department did not announce details of the settlement but it said that hours would be reduced from 205 to 180 per month, effective Jan. 1. The Conductors' Union had threatened to strike the Pullman Company in Chicago starting Wednesday and gradually spread the walkout over the lines using Pullman cars.

Government officials said the company's threat to close down all its facilities and the refusal of other rail workers to cross conductors' picket lines might have resulted in a nationwide rail tieup.

Red Proposal To Open Berlin Wall Is Rejected

BERLIN (UPI)—Communist conditions unacceptable to the West Saturday dashed hopes of West Berliners getting through the Communist wall into East Berlin for Christmas visits with relatives and friends.

West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt rejected the terms attached to East Germany's offer to permit passage to the Communist sector for the first time since the anti-refugee wall was erected Aug. 13, 1961.

Political Ends Brandt said in a television speech the Reds were trying to use the issue of Christmas passes for political ends that could pose a threat to the city. He said the West Berlin government could not allow that. The East Germans reacted sharply, accusing the West Berlin government of "torpedoing" the Communist plan for a holiday relaxation of tension.

Hopes Erased The opposing positions thus erased the hopes for holiday cheer and a break in East-West relations produced by a pre-emptive announcement on passes last night. About half the 2.5 million West Berliners have relatives in the East.

West Berlin officials rejected the Communist conditions on the grounds they involve recognition of the East German government and undermine the legal position of West Berlin. The city government wants the Reds to issue the passes on the border at the crossing points in the wall.

HOPE GETS TREATMENT SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Bob Hope underwent his second treatment for blood clot in his left eye Saturday and his physician at Children's Hospital reported that the comedian was resting quietly.

Sports Bulletins

Linfield College junior varsity, blazing with 33 points in the third quarter, defeated the Medford High School basketball team 77-64 here last night. Bob Lamb poured in 36 points for the Wildcats and Gene Forman 16. Bruce Bertrand had 13 for Medford. Quarter scores were 14-9 for Medford and 42-30 and 61-53 for Linfield.

CHICO, Calif.—Chico State downed Southern Oregon College 85-60 in basketball here last night. Chico led 46-25 at halftime. Jerry Shulis scored 20 points for SOC. Bill Treglow put in 19 for Chico.

Other Prep Scores Phoenix 42 Glide 41 Illinois Valley 74 Del Norte 46 Rogue River 55 Crater JV 34

Former JFK Ambassador Leads In Louisiana Vote

Johnson Plans To Address United Nations on Dec. 17

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson announced Saturday he will address the UN General Assembly in New York Dec. 17. He is expected to assure the world of continued American unity under his administration.

His announcement of this plan to "establish an acquaintance" with the United Nations delegates came in a surprise, informal "coffee klatsch" new conference in his White House office. The President also disclosed to reporters:

McNamara to Saigon —Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara will visit Saigon next week as Mr. Johnson's personal emissary to "be sure we are getting maximum efficiency" in South Viet Nam's U. S.-supported war against Communist Viet Cong guerrillas.

Johnson plans to see Mexican President Adolfo Lopez Mateos and Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson in Washington, probably early next year. A possible visit by French President Charles de Gaulle has not been decided.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., chairman of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, has agreed to make the proposed \$11.1 billion tax cut retroactive to Jan. 1, 1964, as has Senate GOP leader Everett M. Dirksen, Ill. But Congress may not pass the bill for several weeks or months after that date.

Johnson has no present plans to accept invitations to visit foreign countries. —He believes his administration has made "very good progress in showing the continuity in our transition" after the assassination of President Kennedy.

He has not decided on the format of news conferences after the period of national mourning ends Dec. 22, but "I want

to communicate with the American people, maintain accessibility and a free flow of information, limited only by security."

The President said he had not yet decided whether to spend Christmas at his ranch in Texas. But he plans to be there Dec. 28-29 for talks with West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. The announcement date for this meeting had been Dec. 27-28, but it was understood from high authority that the timing had been revised by one day.

The administration is trying to "reduce anything we can" budget-wise for the fiscal year starting next July 1, but nothing has been decided.

—He will vote by absentee ballot in a special congressional election in Texas on Dec. 17, the day of his UN address, to fill the seat of Rep. Homer Thornberry, D-Tex., who resigned to become a federal judge.

Mr. Johnson unexpectedly called newsmen into his oval west wing office just before noon to "have some coffee" and ask any questions they wanted. Not since Mr. Roosevelt was president 20 years ago has any chief executive answered questions in this way.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said the President may hold another such conference before the end of the year.

Morrison Has Big Lead In Race For Governorship

Will Face Runoff With Conservative

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—Dellespess Morrison, an ambassador in the Kennedy administration, raced far ahead of nine other candidates in the Louisiana Democratic gubernatorial primary election Saturday night and seemed certain of a spot in a January runoff.

In second place was former Gov. Robert Kennon, a conservative who had campaigned on an anti-Kennedy platform until the President was assassinated Nov. 22.

All candidates were pro-segregationists.

Has Big Lead With 949 of 2,219 precincts reporting, Morrison, former ambassador to the Organization of American States and onetime New Orleans mayor, had 141,611 votes to 89,887 for Kennon. Third was Public Service Commissioner John J. McKeithen with 54,716. Fourth was Congressman Gillis Long, a member of the Long political dynasty, with 50,841 and fifth was staunch segregationist Shelby Jackson with 39,327. The other five candidates were out of the running. Despite some rain, a record turnout approaching one million voters was forecast in the 14-hour voting period.

Negro Vote Thirteen Negroes who registered in West Feliciana Parish (County) last October to break a 62-year color bar, voted without incident. Of the 64 Louisiana Parishes, only Texas had no Negroes registered.

Morrison was the pre-election frontrunner, according to political experts and polls. But there were so many candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination—which is as good as election—that a runoff between the two top men seemed inevitable.

To get a clear victory, a candidate would have to get as many votes as all his opponents combined, plus one. All gubernatorial candidates were segregationists, but Morrison and Long subordinated the racial issue in their campaigns.

Jury Awards \$6,150 In Prospect Case

A Jackson County Circuit Court jury Friday returned a verdict of \$6,150 for the taking of 3.7 acres and damages to remaining property of Marian Nye Bean Bossler near Prospect.

Highest appraisal for the property made by appraisers for Mrs. Bossler was \$10,750. The property was taken for realigning Oregon 62.

FBI's Assassination Report To Be Held Up Another Week

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Government sources said Saturday the FBI report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and his accused killer, Lee Harvey Oswald, probably will be kept under top secret wraps for at least another week.

The additional delay in making public any details of the FBI's findings was decided upon to allow the Blue Ribbon Investigation Commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren to

study the report. But further details of the bizarre background of Oswald prior to the Nov. 22 tragedy at Dallas, Texas, continued to crop up.

More Evidence

The latest was a report that further evidence has been found linking Oswald to the sniper attempt on the life of rightwing former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker in Dallas last April.

The Chicago Sun-Times said the FBI has found a document among Oswald's effects in which the former Marine and one-time defector to the Soviet Union wrote of trying to kill Walker.

On the night of April 10, a rifle bullet was fired through a window of Walker's home, narrowly missing the former general who is now an ardent advocate of conservative causes. Sources have also confirmed that the FBI has other evidence linking Oswald to the Walker episode. Oswald's Russian-born wife has told the FBI that on the night of the shooting, her husband had told her that he had tried to kill the general.

Policeman Admits Seeing Ruby Enter

DALLAS (UPI)—A Dallas policeman Saturday admitted seeing Jack Ruby come into the city hall basement several minutes before he shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the Dallas Times Herald said Saturday night.

The Times Herald reported the officer said "Jack Ruby, Oswald's assassin, came from the north (Main Street) entrance down the ramp. There were many police officers and press representatives in the area. "Ruby jumped out of the crowd as Oswald passed and fired one shot point blank at Oswald."

Dallas police officials declined comment on the report. An intensive investigation has been undertaken to determine how Ruby got into the building and where he was immediately prior to the shooting.

Socialists Get Say In Italian Affairs

ROME (UPI)—Pietro Nenni's Socialists, once close allies of the Communists, Saturday night got a partial say in Italian foreign policy, defense and internal security.

The 3-day-old Center-left coalition cabinet of Premier Aldo Moro in its first meeting appointed Socialist undersecretaries to the three key departments, all of which are run by ministers known as firm friends of the West.

The Christian Democratic premier formed his coalition with the Socialists and with two smaller parties on Wednesday after bitter horse-trading over ministerial posts.



RIBBON-CUTTING — Medford city officials and a group of downtown businessmen gathered Friday to cut a ribbon and open the new off-street parking lot at Sixth Street and Central Avenue, site of the old Federal Building. Shown here (l. to r.) are City Manager Robert Duff; Otto Frohnmayer and Cliff Lovjoy, members of the executive board of Park and Shop corporation; Fred Robinson, who will operate the lot; Mayor James Dunlevy; Executive Board Member John Crawford (behind Dunlevy); City Attorney William Mansfield; and John Moffat, executive board member.