

Weather
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Bolivian Miners Give In, Plan To Free Hostages

Federal Troops Encircle Area

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UP)—Leftist Vice President Juan Lechin, spokesman and leader of pro-Communist miners who have held 21 hostages including four Americans for a week, bowed to the threat of federal force Saturday and announced the hostages will be freed "to avoid a bloodbath."

Federal troops early Saturday encircled Catavi, where the hostages are held, and the accompanying mine site of Siglo Veinte. The hostages have been held as pawns for the release of two Communist labor leaders.

Radio Report
Shortly after Lechin's announcement, a radio station claiming to be Radio Catavi said pro-government peasant militiamen from the Cochabamba Valley had reached Caripuyo and appeared to be preparing to invade Catavi.

It was believed federal troops surrounding Catavi, however, would turn back any rural militiamen whose mobilization apparently was not ordered by the government.

Lechin announced the miners have accepted the demands of President Victor Paz Estenssoro to free the hostages from their dynamite-mined improvised prison.

Three-Stage Plan
The three-stage plan called for by the president provides in sequence:

—Release of the hostages to an intermediary, probably a Roman Catholic priest, to conduct them out of the mining zone to freedom.

—Withdrawal of federal troops now encircling the zone.

—A government guarantee of a fair trial for Communist union chiefs Ireneo Pimentel and Federico Escobar.

Butte Falls Couple Dies Near Yreka

YREKA — A Butte Falls area couple was killed on Highway 99 near Yreka, Calif., Friday night, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Dead at the scene of the head-on collision was Elmer Ernest Leatherman, 62. His wife and passenger, Elvira, about 60, died at Siskiyou General Hospital in Yreka. Their bodies were taken to the Girdner Funeral Home in Yreka pending funeral arrangements.

Jimmie Allen Holder, 39, of Drain, Ore., Saturday was in custody in the Yreka hospital, charged with felony drunk driving, and was being treated for major injuries, the highway patrol said.

Holder evidently was traveling at high speed on a curve and crossed over the center line, where he hit the north-bound Leatherman vehicle head-on, officers said.

The highway is a canyon-type of road by the Klamath River. The cars were damaged beyond repair, officers added.

Retardation Study Funds Past Test

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House appropriations committee Saturday approved every cent of a \$41.9 million request of the late President Kennedy to launch a new attack on mental illness and retardation.

NEWS BRIEFS

REDS REDUCE MILITARY EXPENDITURES
MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev in a speech published Saturday announced plans to reduce Soviet military expenditures and cut Soviet armed forces in what appeared to be the first shot of a new offensive for general and complete disarmament.

FORMER FINANCIER RETURNS FROM EXILE
NEW YORK (UPI)—Onetime "boy wonder" Earl Biele, whose paper financial empire collapsed in 1958 causing "untold losses" to American investors, returned to the United States Saturday from a five year exile in Brazil where he got in trouble on bad check charges.

SOVIETS SEEK PAUSE IN COLD WAR
PARIS (UPI)—The Soviet Union is seeking a cold war pause because of severe economic problems and the growing stress of its wrangle with Communist China, NATO sources said Saturday.

BLUES SINGER DIES FROM OVERDOSE
DETROIT (UPI)—Singer Dinah Washington, 39-year-old "Queen of the Blues" whose throaty renditions of jazz classics made her a top recording artist, died Saturday of an apparent overdose of pills.



RECOVER RANSOM MONEY — Chief FBI Agent William G. Simons of Los Angeles, left, and FBI Assistant Director Joseph Casper, second from left, show newsmen the money they recovered with the capture of three men in connection with the Frank Sinatra Jr. kidnaping. (UPI)



SUSPECTS IN PLOT — Held for the abduction of Sinatra are these three men, Barry Worthington Keenan, 23, left, John W. Irwin, 42, center, and Joseph Clyde Amsler, 23, right. All three are shown in photos taken Saturday. (UPI)

UAL, Union Exchange Barbs

WASHINGTON (UPI)—United Air Lines said Saturday it will attempt to continue operating if union mechanics go on strike as scheduled at midnight Wednesday.

The move by United and an answering accusation by the International Association of Machinists (IAM), the mechanics union, appeared to lessen hope of avoiding a major air line strike at the height of the Christmas passenger rush. It indicates a "stiffening of attitudes," a government mediator who has been close to the situation said.

The mediator, Howard Ganser of the National Mediation Board, said, however, that both sides were still scheduled to meet again in his office Monday in a continuing attempt to settle the labor dispute. "Bargaining has not been called off," he said.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Johnson administration is considering a major re-organization of the top leadership of the Alliance for Progress program.

FBI Arrests Three In Sinatra Case; Money Recovered

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The FBI broke the Frank Sinatra Jr. kidnap case Saturday with the arrest of three men, one the scion of a wealthy family, on suspicion of the abduction and recovered all but a fraction of the \$240,000 ransom.

The trio — a housepainter, an abalone diver and a vacuum cleaner salesman — were seized by agents moving swiftly and secretly into three Southern California cities during a period of 15 hours culminating early Saturday.

As of Saturday morning only \$24,000 of the ransom paid by Frank Sinatra Sr. for his son's safe return Wednesday after 54 hours captivity was still missing.

Later the FBI announced it had recovered most of the remaining ransom money. FBI agent in charge, William G. Simon, said an additional \$18,500 of the \$240,000 payoff for the safe return of Frank Sinatra Jr. last Wednesday was located, leaving only about \$6,000 to be accounted for.

Simon called a press conference in the fast-breaking case a short time after Actor Frank Sinatra Sr. revealed his 19-year-old son had furnished a description of the abductors' hideout which figured in the seizure of three suspects.

The Star said FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told him the case "was solved and he is certain all the suspects had been apprehended."

At one time, as many as seven or nine suspects were believed involved in the abduction of the young singing star. "We do not anticipate filing any additional complaints to obtain warrants of arrest in this matter," said Thomas Sheridan, the chief of criminal complaints for the U.S. attorney's office here.

"Thank God it's over," said Sinatra Sr. when he was informed the federal agents had wrapped up the case in slightly more than five days. He praised the FBI, which had conducted its investigation in complete secrecy — excluding even local police from participation.

SECTION OF LOS ANGELES MAILED IN FLOOD DISASTER

T. Mann Named To Major Post In Administration

He'll Boss Latin American Policies

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson Saturday selected Thomas Mann, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico and a fellow Texan, to be the overall boss of his Latin American policies and assigned him unprecedented authority.

Johnson announced that Mann, 51, would be nominated as Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, succeeding Edwin M. Martin. The latter, the White House said, would be given a major ambassadorial post in Latin America "as previously planned."

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger made it plain that Mann would be given an extraordinarily free hand to shake up Latin American operations.

Salinger Sidesteps
He sidestepped a question whether the Mann appointment signified Johnson's dissatisfaction over the conduct of Latin American affairs, particularly the Alliance for Progress program.

"I wouldn't make that statement," Salinger told a questioner. No mention was made in the announcement of Teodoro Moscoso who served under the late President John F. Kennedy as U.S. coordinator for the Alliance for Progress.

Asked if Moscoso was slated to go, the White House replied that Mann would confer on his new assignment with Johnson, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Foreign Aid Director David E. Bell.

It was the first significant administrative change announced by Johnson since he succeeded assassinated President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22.

Broad Assignment
The White House made clear that Mann would have a broad assignment covering economic, military and political aspects of U.S. policy in the western hemisphere.

"It's the President's intention to place Ambassador Mann in charge of the over-all policy co-ordination of all aspects of Latin American policy under the direction of the President and the Secretary of State," the announcement said.

Mann, a native of Waco, Texas, conferred with President Johnson late Saturday on his new assignment. Senate Democratic whip Hubert H. Humphrey, also joined the discussion.

Sports Bulletins

Medford High's Black Tornado evened its weekend basketball series with South Eugene by whipping the Axemen 83-73 here last night. Mike Barnes scored 22 points for Medford and Larry Vowell 21. For South John Pinkstaff had 26. Halftime score was 42-36 for Medford.

The Ashland Grizzlies were downed 43-37 by Cottage Grove on their home court Saturday night. The halftime score was 22-18 in favor of Cottage Grove. Cottage Grove's Merle Carpenter was high point man for the evening with 18. Dennis Ekwall was high for Ashland with 12 points.

Basketball Scores

College Basketball
Oregon State 61, California 55
Wyoming 68, Oregon 81
Creighton U. 96, Utah St. 91
Utah 72, St. Mary's College 60
A.F. Academy 65, Brigham Young 51
Weber State College 88, Eastern Montana 77
Gonzaga 87, Santa Clara 74
New Mexico 92, N. M. State 55
Western Montana 63, St. Martin's (Wash.) 62
Montana St. 73, Washington 61
Denver 84, Arizona State 83
Seattle 91, Idaho State 87

High School Basketball
Grants Pass 82, Roseburg 54
Medford JV 79, Prospect 39
Phoenix 73, Sutherlin 62
Glide 43, Eagle Point 41

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Medford's current population was estimated at 26,526, an increase of 607 during the year. The new estimate left Medford in the position of the fourth-largest city in the state, after Portland, Eugene and Salem. Corvallis, with 26,440, ranks next.

Of the total county population, 44,518 persons live within incorporated cities or towns, and 39,129 live in unincorporated areas. Here are populations of the other incorporated cities in the county:

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Also open will be the sub-station at Village Variety Store on Stewart Avenue from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sub-station at Grandview Market on Crater Lake Highway from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Next Freeway Link Set To Open Jan. 15
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Authorities feared there would be others trapped in those cars, but confirmed only one woman's body was taken from a submerged auto. Another death was blamed on a heart attack suffered by a resident.

Police said some curious persons were actually on the dam when it broke in another section of the earthen work. Police said they were pulling people off the dam as it cracked and described it as "miraculous" that no one was hurt.

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