

Italian, French Leaders Of Communism Reply To Pope's Excommunication

By The Associated Press
 Communist leaders in Italy and France are attempting to persuade their followers that communism and Catholicism can exist side by side despite the Vatican's recent excommunication decree.

It is a different story behind the iron curtain, where communists in some countries are exerting heavy pressure on the church. Roman Catholic priests in Czechoslovakia have spurned orders from the communist government there to desert Archbishop Josef Beran and the Vatican in the church-state war.

Pope Pius XII has told German Catholics, and through them Catholics everywhere, that no government that denies God can survive.

Palmiro Togliatti, Italy's leading



SOUTHERN PACIFIC VICE PRESIDENTS C. E. Peterson (left) and D. J. Russell glance appreciatively at the special Herald and News edition which was distributed to the passengers on the Shasta Daylight during Klamath Falls stops on their inaugural runs Sunday, July 10. The San Francisco News, which ran this picture, called the edition "a real scoop." Picture was taken by Southern Pacific Photographer Norman Butler aboard the southbound train.

Farm Land Reappraisal Starts Here

Reappraisal of the farm lands of Klamath county began this month by Appraisal Engineer Gilbert E. Hillmon of the Oregon state tax commission's staff. The work will consume the next six months in the field and in the headquarters office at Salem.

This is one type of specialized assistance extended to county assessors by the tax commission whenever the request is made by the assessor. When a certain problem develops requiring expert attention, a county assessor makes a request to the commission and a staff member is assigned to the job. The cost to the county consists of paying the board and lodging of the specialist, the state commission paying his salary and transportation to and from Salem.

In making the assessment of the farm lands of this county, aerial photographs will be used. This is a quicker and more comprehensive method than the former program of hiring a couple of men with transit and chain to establish the lines.

The heavy development of Klamath county with the creation of new farms and the changed economic situation will all be reflected in the study of Mr. Hillmon when the task is completed. Hillmon will work out of the office of County Assessor Otis M. Metzker.

'Vampire' In Court; Tells Of 9 Slayings

LEWES, Eng., July 18 (AP)—Handsome John George Haigh was quoted in court today as telling police he killed nine persons, drank some of their blood and then dissolved the bodies in acid.

Haigh pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to a charge of murdering Mrs. Olive Durand-Deacon, 59, a wealthy widow, last Feb. 18. The debonair 39-year-old businessman walked jauntily to the bench and answered "not guilty" in a clear, firm voice.

Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, a prosecutor at the international Nuremberg war crimes trial, is Haigh's defense attorney. He read in court a statement he said Haigh gave to police admitting the killing of the widow and the others. He said Haigh was "insane so as not to be responsible for the act," and thus innocent of premeditated murder.

The statement said Haigh lured Mrs. Durand-Deacon to a factory warehouse in nearby Crawley and shot her in the back of the head.

"Then I fetched in a drinking glass and made an incision. I think with a penknife, in the side of her neck, and collected a glass of blood, which I drank."

The statement also told of the killing of William Donald McCaw, a London youth, in 1944.

Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross told the jury of 11 men and one woman he would show the primary motive for the crime was financial gain.

Attlee Takes Over Cripps' Post Today

LONDON, July 18 (AP)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee announced today he would take over the job of steering Britain through her economic crisis while Sir Stafford Cripps is on sick leave.

The ailing chancellor was in the house of commons when the announcement was made.

Sir Stafford plans to leave tomorrow for Switzerland for special treatment of his illness, he was covered by all members of the house when he entered, and Conservative Leader Anthony Eden wished him "speedy recovery."

Attlee said he hoped Cripps would be able to "take up again his onerous task" at the end of next month.

Meanwhile, Attlee said he would be in charge of the treasury and would "supervise the carrying on of the general policy which Sir Stafford outlined to the house last Thursday." At that time Cripps said his government would sharply cut dollar imports.

Official sources brushed aside any suggestion that Cripps was through as Britain's economic pilot.

Twins Tumble From High Perch

LONDON, July 18 (AP)—The 18-month-old Mansfield twins, Linda and Leonard, fell out of their third story bedroom window together today.

They climbed over the tops of their twin cribs. The spirit of twin adventure carried them to a double window. They opened it and both plummeted to the pavement, 30 feet below.

Linda was sleeping peacefully at a hospital later, but doctors feared Leonard might have a slight brain concussion.

CHILD KILLS GROCER — Seven-year-old Teddy Moreno (above), who had never seen a typewriter before, is intrigued by the machine in a San Francisco juvenile home where he was placed after he confessed killing a grocer. Teddy shot the grocer with a gun he found under the counter in the store. "I pulled the trigger to see if it would go off, and it made a noise like a firecracker," Teddy said. He had been sent to the store on an errand.

Long Flight, But No Operation Done
 SEATTLE, July 18 (AP)—James L. Kirk and his troupe mates were getting along quite well together today, thank you. But only after the longest coast guard mercy trip in North Pacific history.

Kirk, 20, of Omaha, Neb., was stricken with appendicitis Saturday aboard the weather ship Winona some 600 miles south of Kodiak, Alaska. An operation appeared imminent.

In less than 15 hours a PBM rescue plane from Port Angeles flew north, picked Kirk up and returned to the peninsula station. A PBY amphibian brought the coastguardsmen the rest of the way here. It was a 2055-mile flight.

At the marine hospital it was found the operation wasn't needed.

The first settlements in Iceland were made by Irish monks.

Metal Workers Go On Strike

EUGENE, July 18 (AP)—Sheet metal workers in the Eugene area went on strike this morning when negotiations failed to bring agreement on wage scale and overtime provisions in a new contract. With no contract signed about 30 employees in approximately a dozen firms failed to report for work.

The union is asking a 25 cent an hour increase on the present rate of \$2.12 and one-half cents, and retention of a provision for double pay for overtime. Management offered \$2.15 an hour and time and a half for overtime.

Fighting In China Flares Up Again

CANTON, China, July 18 (AP)—Fighting between nationalists and communists flared into new activity in Central China today.

Official dispatches reported several nationalist setbacks.

(Chinese press reports in British Hong Kong said the new red drive had caused fresh panic among nationalist officials in Canton. The defense ministry, these accounts said, has chartered 21 civilian planes to ferry important equipment out of the provisional capital.)

(Economic trouble beset communist-held Shanghai. Rice prices shot up more than 30 per cent. The communist dollar was further inflated, but the official rate of exchange lagged behind the price of rice—on which wages are based. Shanghai employers said they couldn't meet the rice increases.)

The objective of red troops—on the march after a two-month stalemate—appeared to be Changsha, Hunan provincial capital and a nationalist stronghold. The official dispatches told of these developments:

Four red divisions (possibly 30,000 men) captured Ichang, Yangtze port 600 air miles west of Shanghai and 200 miles north of Changsha.

Nationalists, yielding to strong attacks, abandoned Paochi, Shensi province, western terminus of the Lughai railroad, but counter-attacked west and south of the town.

(The red radio at Peiping, as heard in communist-ruled Nanjing, said red forces under Manchurian Gen. Lin Piao had penetrated the southern Hupeh and Western Kiangwei.)



NEW POST — It was announced this week that John Dunn, supervisor of instruction at Oregon Technical institute, has accepted a post as assistant professor of business administration at Vancport college in Portland.

Dunn To Quit Post At OTI

John Dunn, supervisor of instruction at Oregon Tech, has accepted a position with Vancport college at Portland.

Dunn has been named as assistant professor of business administration at Vancport and will also direct the school's social program. He has been with OTI almost since the school opened, coming here in August, 1947, from La Grande where he was with the veterans administration.

He will continue his work with Oregon Tech until fall term begins at Vancport, and expects to leave Klamath Falls with his family in early September.

Monastery Goes On 8-Hour Day

TOKYO, July 18 (AP)—The eight-hour day, six-day week has penetrated the walls of a buddhist monastery atop 7000-foot high Mt. Schichimenzan, the newspaper Yomiuri reported today.

Until this month, the priests got up at 5 a.m. and worked until 5 p.m. but now, said Yomiuri, they have recognized Japan's labor standards law. Nuns have been given eight days off each month.

Lay employes of various Japanese temples have been organizing unions and improving their hours and working conditions. Priests and nuns have not joined the movement, however.

New Hearing Device Has No Receiver Button in Ear

Chicago, Ill. — Draftees people are hailing a new device that gives them clear hearing without making them wear a receiver button in the ear. They now enjoy songs, sermons, friendly companionship and business success with no self-conscious feeling that people are looking at any button hanging on their ear. With the new Invisible Phantom, you may free yourself not only from deafness, but from even the appearance of deafness. The makers of Beltone, Dept. 40, 1450 W. 19th St., Chicago 8, Ill., are proud of their achievement; they will gladly send you their free brochure (in plain wrapper) and explain how you can test this amazing invisible device in the privacy of your own home without risking a penny. Write Beltone today, Adv.

Tension Eases Over Florida Riot Issue

GROVELAND, Fla., July 18 (AP)—Tension gradually eased today after a touchy weekend which saw an armed mob try to take two Negroes out of jail. National guard troops moved in to maintain order in this central Florida town, but left early today.

A touch of the Ku Klux Klan was here too. Pamphlets titled "Ideals of the Ku Klux Klan" were tossed from a group of about 20 cars which passed through.

Residents said three or four men were in each car; none wore the traditional Klan hoods and robes.

Sheriff W. V. McCall, who quelled the mob of about 100 men that gathered at the county courthouse in Tallahassee Saturday night, said he wasn't around when the Klan literature was tossed.

The two negroes had been moved to another jail before the mob arrived, McCall reported because he expected trouble. They were arrested on an open charge in connection with the robbery of a white man and the kidnapping and subsequent rape of his wife early Saturday.

Sheriff McCall said the men who marched to the jail were armed "to the teeth."

Returning here, the mob drove through the almost-deserted Negro section and fired several shots into a restaurant and a house.

Most of the town's 400 Negroes were moved to surrounding towns on trucks a few hours earlier.

Demos Uncertain On T-H Fight

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—Speaker Rayburn said after a talk with President Truman today that no decision has been reached on whether to press in the house for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

Rayburn said that Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich.) of the house labor committee is "still working" on that matter. He added it is pretty much up to Lesinski's committee.

Asked by a reporter if he were going to "build any fire" under the committee in an effort to get action, Rayburn said that there was fire already and it was "just a little hot now to talk about building a fire."

Rayburn and other congressional leaders were at the White House for their usual Monday conference with the president.

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