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Soviet Blackmail Charged By U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moscow's repeated refusal to obtain freedom for nine American soldiers held in East Germany threatened Saturday to blow up into a first class row between the United States and Russia.

Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy told Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov Friday that the Soviet government is permitting East German authorities to use the nine captive Americans to blackmail Russia's own responsibility for their return to the West.

Continuation of this situation, Murphy sharply told the ambassador, "can only worsen the relations of the Soviet Union and the United States to the profit of neither country."

In the same session with the Soviet envoy, Murphy also delivered a stern protest against Soviet shooting down of an unarmed U.S. transport plane on June 27 and demanded punishment for "those guilty of attacks on the plane."

Murphy also said the United States reserves its rights to compensation for loss of the plane and injuries to the crew.

Five of the crewmen were beaten after they parachuted from the burning aircraft — one of them narrowly escaped being hanged by Soviet peasants. Four other crewmen stayed with the plane, which made a forced landing in Soviet Armenia. All nine now are back in U.S. jurisdiction.

In a formal note that Murphy gave Menshikov, the United States protested the attacks on the transport by two Soviet jet fighters. It also protested the "failure of the Soviet government" to provide immediately to the U.S. government all available information about the incident.

Russia had charged the transport deliberately flew over Soviet territory. The United States replied the plane was on a flight to Tehran, Iran, over the regular commercial air route — across Turkey — when it strayed across the Soviet frontier.

"To suggest that a slow, four-engine propeller type, unarmed aircraft would attempt to violate a heavily defended foreign area is preposterous," the U.S. note said.

The note was stern but restrained in tone. However, Murphy's oral protest against Soviet handling of the case of the American military men held in East Germany was much less formal and much more angry, as reported by Lincoln White, State Department press officer.

The men have been held since early June. They were arrested when their helicopter strayed over the East-West German frontier during a storm.

The East German Communist regime has demanded that the United States make a direct approach by diplomatic means in order to get the men released. Such an approach could be interpreted as implying at least limited U.S. recognition of the East German regime, and the United States has refused to take such action.

Instead, this country has repeatedly demanded that the Soviets release the men. The U.S. argument is that Russia still exercises authority in East Germany as a post World War II occupation power.

Murphy told Menshikov this government still is waiting for a Soviet reply to a July 3 demand for release of the nine men.

White reported that Murphy also told Menshikov the "continued detention of the men and their prolonged separation from their families is inhumane."

The attitude shown by the Soviet and East German authorities, Murphy continued, is "difficult to reconcile with the frequent Soviet protestations of desire for better understanding and relaxation of tensions."

Goldfine Labels Probe As Smear, Pry And Spy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernard Goldfine struck back at his congressional accusers Saturday. He said their purpose has been to smear, pry and spy.

"This committee is on a fishing expedition and looking into matters that are not pertinent or relevant to the inquiry at hand," Goldfine told newsmen as he boarded a plane for Boston.

Two members of the House Commerce subcommittee investigating Goldfine's affairs indignantly rejected his contentions.

"Entirely wrong," said Chairman Oren Harris (D-Ark.). "Ridiculous," said Rep. John B. Bennett (R-Mich.).

Goldfine said he is "not concerned one bit so far" by the subcommittee's threats to cite him for contempt of Congress if he continues to balk at its questions about his financial dealings.

The wealthy industrialist refused Friday to answer 23 specially prepared questions about transactions with various of his companies. The committee had drafted them in an avowed move to lay the groundwork for contempt of Congress action.

Goldfine, a friend of President Eisenhower's top assistant Sherman Adams, is due back for more questioning Tuesday. He issued a statement as he left to spend the weekend at home.

"A congressional committee cannot, and should not, be permitted to take unto itself the role of a detective agency," the statement said. "The purpose of Congress is legislation and not to smear, pry, and spy, as has been the case up to now."

This was in sharp contrast with Goldfine's words when he left for Boston last weekend.

"I think very well of the committee," he told reporters then. "I think I've been treated very fairly."

Until then, the committee hearings into Goldfine's relations with federal regulatory agencies and with Adams had been relatively harmonious. Goldfine talked freely and with evident relish about his gifts to Adams and others, while denying they had brought him any special favors.

The picture changed in the last three days. The committee started probing in with questions about Goldfine's admittedly complex financial dealings. Several subcommittee members said the hearings already had proved that Goldfine favored treatment from federal agencies because of his friendship with Adams.

Simultaneously, a disagreement reportedly widened between Goldfine's two sets of lawyers over what sort of defense to put up in the face of the threat of a contempt citation.

One Goldfine attorney said his client may be worse off as a result than if he had banked on a single legal command to guide his course.



LABOR ADVISORY COMMITTEEMEN to the Oregon Centennial Commission were in town Friday, discussing labor's participation in the centennial from June to September next year in Portland and all over the state. Shown above, seated, are left to right, Bruce A. Bishop, centennial commissioner; James Boyle, Klamath County centennial chairman; Ernest E. Baker, chairman of the labor advisory group; Mrs. Anne Chambers, committee woman; Ralph Davidson, committee secretary-treasurer; and Walter Lofgren, its vice chairman. Standing are committee members Ernest W. Tomberg, H. E. Geiger, Joe Willis, E. B. Weber, Hugh Cole, Ivor Jones, Milo Holt, Jerry Rutledge and Kenneth R. See. The state-wide group is representative of every major union organization in Oregon.

Red Carpet Rolled Out For Princess

VICTORIA, B. C. (AP) — The rolling roar of a 21-gun salute and the melodic pealing of all Victoria's church bells greeted little Princess Margaret to Canada Saturday.

A bright red carpet ran from the unloading ramp of her plane. England's royal sister stepped down into North America, smiling and radiant despite her long flight from London.

Dignitaries were lined up to her left at the carpet's edge. A crowd of about 1,000 was unexpectedly quiet but a group of some 200 Girl Guides and Brownies shouted "hello" three times in unison and were awarded with a wave from Margaret.

She was wearing a wedgewood blue silk shantung pea de soie, simple cut, with matching duster coat and shoes. Her feathered hat was only a shade lighter. She wore white gloves and carried a white leather purse. Photographers crowded in; television embraced the moment.

Prime Minister George Peck, representing Prime Minister DeLoach, was on hand to deliver Canada's official greeting. The princess is here on a two-week visit in recognition of British Columbia's centennial celebration. Premier Bennett and Mrs. Bennett led a delegation representing the province.

A crowd of more than 2,000 lined the sidewalks as the royal motorcade entered Victoria after the drive from the airport. Rope barriers isolated the long concrete walk from gaily decorated Government Street to the Empress Hotel, where Margaret will occupy the royal suite.

She will rest from her trip over the weekend. Her heavy schedule of appearances begins Monday with a ceremony in the legislative buildings.

Hope Abandoned For Mouse That Survived Space Trip

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The hunt was abandoned Saturday for Laska, the tiny white mouse known to "have lived through at least part of a 12,000-mile, one-hour journey through space.

Sixty hours after Laska was hurled aloft Wednesday night by a mighty Thor-Able rocket, the Air Force announced it had stopped the search for the mushroom-shaped nose cone in which she traveled.

Earlier, the Air Force had said the nose cone reached its Atlantic Ocean target area 6,000 miles away, near Ascension Island off the coast of Africa. It was the first intercontinental range flight by a U.S. ballistic missile.

Ships and planes searched the area for 2 1/2 days, hoping to recover the cone and see how it and its passenger had fared in the plunge from space through the dense atmosphere encompassing the earth.

Capt. E. M. Griffith, Thor-Able project officer, told newsmen in an interview Saturday that Laska was known to be alive 22 minutes after the rocket blasted off.

By that time the three-inch-long mouse would have traveled more than 4,000 miles and the nose cone would have been only eight minutes away from its target.

"We received telemetry data on the mouse here at Cape Canaveral for 22 minutes," Griffith explained. "At that time, the heart beat was good."

A few hours before the Air Force gave up hope of finding Laska, a Thor Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile blasted off from the test center in another nose cone re-entry test.

The nose cone of this missile flew some 1,500 miles in space, an official spokesman said, and landed in the pre-determined impact area. Attempts were being made to recover a special data capsule inside the cone.

Thor test programs apparently have been accelerated in an effort to have the missile in combat readiness by December, when Thor squadrons will be assigned to the Royal Air Force in England. It was the 16th Thor IRBM firing.

Laska, a three-month-old female, was enclosed in a capsule bolted inside the nose cone. It was a cylindrical container, 8 inches long and 3 1/2 inches in diameter. Laska was strapped down, but her head and legs were left free. She had oxygen to last her a week, water to drink, and a piece of potato to eat.

Two small wires to register her heart beat were attached to an amplifier and telemetry equipment.

Despite the loss of Laska, Air Force authorities were happy over the success of Thor-Able in traveling the intercontinental range. This rocket reportedly will be part of the vehicle the Air Force plans to fire to the moon next month.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Sunny Sunday, High Sunday 85-90, Low Sunday night 53-58.

High Saturday 87
Low at midnight 65

Sources Say Adams To Go

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit News said Saturday top-ranking Republican sources have disclosed that Sherman Adams plans to quit his White House post over the Labor Day weekend.

The paper said in a copyrighted story from its Washington bureau that Adams, President Eisenhower's top aide, is seeking a way of making a graceful exit.

Many Republicans contend Adams has outlived his usefulness because of disclosures of his association with industrialist Bernard Goldfine, the paper said, adding that these Republicans "want the presidential assistant removed from the area of controversy as long before the Nov. 4 elections as possible."

The paper said that White House advisers argue that to quit while Congress is in session would "open the door to a deluge of castigations from Democratic senators and congressmen."

Congress may adjourn as early as Aug. 16 but it could run through Aug. 30, the eve of the Labor Day weekend.

Angry Miner Shoots Four

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — An elderly ex-miner who claimed he was short-changed for a beer flew into a rage Friday night, went home for a pistol and came back to shoot up the tavern.

Police said Emil Olkonen, 74, killed Mrs. Ruby Tanner, 66, as she sat at the bar; shot point blank at the bartender, hitting him in the neck; fired at and nicked a fleeing customer, then shot twice at his own wife.

Olkonen, his pistol empty, walked out the door and drove three blocks home. The tavern's 10 customers were almost too stunned to move. Police arrived and called for reinforcements from as far as 80 miles away.

The berserk gunman had holed up in his modest frame home and put away the pistol for a rifle. Police surrounded the place in the dark and used a loudspeaker to call for his surrender. Just then, a car drove up and the headlights made a perfect target of Police Chief George F. Elliott, 30.

Olkonen fired twice, the first bullet bouncing off the ground and striking Elliott.

With the neighborhood terrified, officers opened up and fired some 300 shots at intervals for the next three hours. It developed they were shooting all along at a dead man. Olkonen's second shot long before was suicide.

Mom's Cooking Finances Scouts On Alaskan Trip

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Some of Mom's good cooking is helping 24 California Explorer Scouts travel from North Hollywood to Alaska and back, at an estimated cost of only about \$100 apiece.

The Boy Scouts, ranging in age from 14 to 18, arrived Friday night in a motorcade.

On the back of a pickup truck was a 500 lb. capacity freezer loaded with casseroles of food baked by Mom at home.

The party is under the leadership of Homer C. Hess, a partner in an air conditioning firm.

After visits in Anchorage and other points, the Explorers will drive home. They estimate they have enough food to make it.

Police Bullet Stops Driver

ASTORIA (AP) — A 24-year-old man was in critical condition here Saturday after he was hit by a bullet from an Astoria policeman's revolver.

Doctors said they weren't certain whether surgery "would or could be performed" on Ernest James Combs. Combs is now paralyzed from the waist down.

Astoria Police Chief H. A. Ellsworth said this is what happened: Officers Patrick Codd and William Miller stopped Combs inside the city limits about 3 a.m. Saturday and told him he was under arrest for reckless driving. The officers told him to drive to the police station.

Combs, driving a pickup truck, headed out of town toward his home in the Svensen area. The policemen chased him 14 miles and were right behind him when he pulled into his yard and dashed toward his house.

Codd said he fired one shot into the ground as a warning and Combs fell. The officers put him in the police car and were returning him to Astoria when they noticed a spot of blood on his shirt.

They took him to a hospital here where doctors said the bullet or a fragment of it apparently had entered Combs' hip and struck his spinal cord.

Three Killed By Lightning

NEW YORK (AP) — Lightning struck a tree in Queens Saturday and killed three out of seven children huddling under it to escape a downpour.

The four other children were knocked down by the bolt but were not seriously hurt. The three killed, police said, had been touching the tree when the lightning struck.

Dead were Bruce Barrett, 14, of Queens, Pat Medina, of Brooklyn, and James Quinn, 14, of Queens.

The children were in a larger group playing on a field in Forest Park, Woodhaven, Queens, when the storm broke.

As it began to pour, 10 children took refuge under the tree. Three left the spot before the lightning bolt hit the tree.

Snack Sneaker Snared With Massive Menu

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — "I was just going home to fix a snack," Wainwright McJeeters told police at dawn Saturday when they stopped him for passing a red light.

Inside the car were 60 lemons, 20 pounds of ham, 100 pounds of sugar, 12 pounds of coffee, 15 pounds of assorted cuts of beef, 14 eggs, 100 pounds of potatoes and 20 pounds of macaroni.

McJeeters finally told police he was a cook at the Philadelphia State Hospital—and the food belonged there.

He was jailed on a charge of burglary and receiving stolen goods.

Solons Pass Housing Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has sped to the house a \$2,475,000,000 omnibus housing bill in a form strongly opposed by the Eisenhower administration.

The measure, carrying authorizations for a variety of federal housing programs, goes well beyond President Eisenhower's recommendations.

The Senate passed it by voice Friday after swiftly adopting several amendments without discussion.

Before the final vote, Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.) said Eisenhower might veto the bill if the House passes it in its present shape. It was uncertain what the House would do with the bill.

Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.), floor manager for the measure, hailed it as a means to help solve housing problems of the elderly, of low and middle income families, of slum dwellers, and of the nation's colleges.

Major new money authorizations in the bill are:

- \$1,800,000,000 in federal grants for urban renewal or slum clearance over a six-year period.
- 400 million for college dormitory loans.
- 150 million for direct loans to veterans.

Trap Claims Turk Cypriots

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Five Turkish Cypriots were killed and three wounded Saturday in an ambush. It was the heaviest single blow at the Turks since communal fighting broke out on Cyprus five weeks ago.

The Turks were attacked in a bus near Kondea Village 15 miles from Famagusta on the main road to Nicosia. The assailants were not immediately identified but presumably were Greek Cypriots. Five Greeks were killed in attacks Thursday.

The island's British governor, Sir Hugh Foot, said he has been conferring with Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders on ways to stop the new wave of violence, which has killed 14 Turkish Cypriots and 27 Greek Cypriots since June 7. Sixteen Turks and 74 Greeks have been wounded.

British Prime Minister Macmillan was reported ready to meet with Premier Constantine Karamanlis of Greece and Adnan Menderes of Turkey on the future of this embattled British crown colony in the eastern Mediterranean. They seemed hesitant but willing.

Eisenhower Off On Tour

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Milton Eisenhower took off Saturday on a good will tour of Central America that he hopes will provide a basis for a new look at United States policies in that area.

The President's brother, who said goodbye to President Eisenhower at the White House just before taking off on his special mission, also told newsmen he would be glad to talk with Panama College students who requested an interview with him.

Dr. Eisenhower said he would talk with them at the U.S. embassy in Panama City.

He apparently was unaware the students turned down an invitation to meet him at the Embassy and instead asked him to come to the university.

The student group that wishes to talk with Eisenhower is opposed to the present regime in Panama.

Red Leader Blasts Meeting Hopes, Issues Warning On Satellite Status

MOSCOW (AP) — Premier Khrushchev said Saturday the Soviet Union still wants a summit conference and declared one will be held, "if not with present leaders, then with their successors."

But the Soviet Premier, emphasizing his points with stabs of his stubby finger, again rejected two points the West insists on discussion at such a conference — disarmament controls and Russia's satellite status.

"We will speak about controls when there is complete trust," he declared, indicating such trust between East and West might be a long time arriving.

"It would be better not to meet" if the West keeps on insisting that one of the subjects be the satellite countries, he said.

Khrushchev, just back from a visit to East Germany, addressed a "closed" meeting in honor of the 10th anniversary of the November 1947 meeting in Geneva.

"Don't poke your nose into other people's affairs," was Khrushchev's advice to the Western powers intent on taking up the status of the satellite nations.

"How could one propose that the Communists should agree to discuss with the capitalists how to liquidate socialist order in a given state?" he asked. "If such questions were to be discussed, it would be better not to meet because the Soviet attitude would not change."

Disarmament inspection controls, before there is confidence between East and West, he declared, "would no longer be control, but intelligence work aimed at finding out the weak points of the enemy in order to begin aggression."

"When we see nothing is planned against our country and those of the Socialist camp we'll be ready to open our doors," he said, but until then "we don't let any outside persons into our sanctuaries."

As for Yugoslavia's President Tito, whom Khrushchev bitterly assailed in speeches in East Germany, Khrushchev said "we are opposed to those who are ready to give up revolutionary principles for a bowl of soup."

He had discussed with Tito the question of dropping American aid to Yugoslavia in talks in Romania a few months ago, he said, but Tito "apparently wanted to receive things for nothing."

DISPLAY ORDERED REMOVED

HAVANA (UPI) — Government censors Friday ordered the removal from the United Press International bureau's show window of a display of major U.S. newspaper front pages featuring the kidnapping of 50 Americans and Canadians by the Cuban rebels.

The censors told UPI Manager Francis L. McCarthy that the display constituted a "provocation" and was "contrary to national interests."

SOME SURPRISE!

LONDON (AP) — Somebody who stole a bicycle outside a London pet shop Saturday was in for a surprise. The carrier bag strapped on the back of the bike contained two four-foot pythons.

Heavy Fighting In Tripoli Region May Signal New Offensive By Rebels

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Heavy fighting erupted in Tripoli Saturday after rebels blew up a big electric power station and dynamited the water main supplying the port district.

It climaxed 48 hours of the worst outbreak of shooting and violence in that northern port city since the rebellion broke out 64 days ago.

There was speculation in this capital that the outbreak might be the opening gun for a rebel offensive, long expected here. But there have been many false alarms before.

A rebel spokesman told The Associated Press Tripoli's Nahr el Bared power station—which feeds power to Beirut in peak periods—was blown up Friday. Informed sources in Beirut estimated damage to the electric power station at more than two million dollars.

After a relatively calm morning, shooting broke out again in Tripoli Saturday afternoon. The rebel spokesman said by telephone the shooting was getting hotter.

The rebels also claimed they had blown up a four-story building used by security forces as an observation post in Tripoli.

Despite heavy shooting and widespread violence, the casualties reported were relatively light. Rebels reported 8 killed and 25 wounded on their side. Security forces did not give their losses.

Tripoli rebel leader Rashid Karami, former premier, narrowly escaped death Friday when security forces shelled the building in which he is living temporarily. He had left the house only five minutes earlier. Most of the house was destroyed.

It was quieter than usual in Beirut. But a customs inspector was killed and three other persons were wounded when rebels ambushed a bus en route to Beirut's International Airport.

U.N. observer teams, sent here to check on government charges that President Nassar's United Arab Republic is aiding the rebels, won an important concession. They reported they had arranged for the first time to travel in the northeastern Lebanese area regarded as one of the most likely infiltration routes from U.A.R.'s Province of Syria. The area is controlled by rebel leader Sabri Hamadi.

Many sources in Beirut speculated that the outbreak in Tripoli might be the start of a rebel offensive designed to force a decision before July 24, the date Parliament is expected to meet to elect a new president.

Events on that day may decide whether Lebanon will have peace or a real civil war.

If Parliament elects a compromise candidate to succeed pro-Western President Camille Chamoun—the target of the rebels—the uprising will end.