

Woe Expert Israel Bound

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — U.S. trouble shooter Robert Murphy left for Israel today after discussing the Middle East situation for 2 1/2 hours with King Hussein.

Some sources indicated Murphy's visit to Amman was primarily a courtesy call since the U.S. deputy undersecretary of state was in the area. He came here yesterday from Beirut, where he has been trying to get rebel and government forces together.

Murphy planned to fly back to Beirut tonight after meeting Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion in Tel Aviv. The diplomat drove to Jerusalem for a brief round of sightseeing before crossing into Israel for lunch and the trip on to Tel Aviv.

Murphy's visit to Jordan and Israel kept him out of Lebanon today during the parliamentary election of a new president.

Whether this timing was deliberate or accidental was not stated, but some observers considered it a deliberate step to avoid charges of trying to influence the election.

An American source said Murphy's talk last night with Hussein "covered the whole range of Middle East problems with emphasis on Jordan." What he said was not disclosed, but Hussein presumably asked again for the addition of U.S. troops to the 2,000 British soldiers sitting on Amman airfield to bolster his regime.

Ishahn Hashim, Jordan's undersecretary of state, said Hussein had not given up hope of U.S. forces being sent. But U.S. Charge d'Affaires Thomas K. Wright of St. Petersburg, Fla., said he thought dispatch of American troops here had been "pretty well ruled out."

Musicians Flee East Germany

BERLIN (UPI) — Five East German musicians fled to the West because they ran afoul of a Communist decree rationing Western music, it was reported today.

The "Information Bureau West," a private West Berlin intelligence organization, said the musicians came to West Berlin because the Communists revoked their musicians' licenses when they played too much Western jazz.



MARY DeLAP, Department of Oregon commander of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, will install the newly elected officers of her own unit, Dewey Powell No. 12 of Klamath Falls on Friday, August 1, in the K.C. Hall at 8 p.m. She is the first department auxiliary commander to be elected from Klamath Falls. Mrs. DeLap was elected at the 37th annual state convention in Medford on June 14.

Ship Accident Injures Trio

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—A 210-foot excursion ship with 885 passengers aboard rammed into the Toledo Terminal railroad bridge last night as the bridge's swing-span closed in front of the steamer.

Only three persons aboard the SS Canadiana suffered injuries and all were minor. They were treated at hospitals and released.

Capt. Phillip Thrope said the excursion boat, which runs daily between here and Bob-lo Island in the Detroit River, was following the freighter Frank E. Taplin into the Maumee River. The freighter passed through the opened bridge and the Canadiana was right behind.

Apparently the bridge operator didn't spot the excursion ship and started closing the swing-span.

The captain blew five blasts on the ship horn, then threw the big craft into reverse. It was too late.

The ship slammed into the side of the bridge. The second and third decks were smashed from the prow back to the superstructure bulkheads enclosing the dance floor and the inside recreation areas.

The Canadiana has a capacity of 2,270 passengers. It was about a third filled. There was no panic.

Oregon School Bus Drivers Will Need Special License

Every school bus driver in Oregon will be required to have a special school bus driver's license by November 1. Department of Motor Vehicles' director James F. Johnson said today.

The stepped-up school bus safety program is a result of the need for stricter regulations, Johnson said. The program gained impetus when, near the end of the last school year, a school bus driver died of a heart attack and his bus careened off a mountain road shortly after unloading about 50 children.

Requirements, as outlined by the department, for obtaining the special school bus operator's license include appearing before a driver license examiner and filing application for the special license, written examinations, visual tests and a complete physical examination.

In addition, prospective school bus drivers must have a valid driver's license and current chauffeur's license. Prospective drivers must also be able to demonstrate the ability to operate any properly equipped vehicle.

A type of in-service training program for school bus drivers has also been set up. The written examination consists of a questionnaire covering motor

vehicle and chauffeur laws as well as school bus laws and regulations. Preparation for the written test is use of the driver's and school bus manuals. The new edition of the school bus driver's manual will be off the press shortly, the department said.

At the conclusion of all other tests, prospective school bus drivers will be presented with physical examination forms. Physical examinations may be taken from a doctor arranged for by the school district or school bus contractor.

Results of the physical examination will then be forwarded to the State Board of Health for screening and those results forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles for final action.

The special school bus driver's license will expire annually on

July 1. The physical examination is currently recommended to be taken annually by each driver.

Along with the special license, the Department of Education and the Department of Motor Vehicles will conduct jointly the in-service training program. Classroom sessions, currently set for a two-hour minimum, will be held in the various school districts. Methods and procedures for school bus operation, traffic laws and regulations, films and visual aids will be presented at the training program sessions by teams of instructors.

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