

Asia Trip Set By Nikita

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Nikita Khrushchev will make a trip to Southeast Asia before meeting with the Western Big Three leaders at a summit conference in Paris in mid-May.

The Indonesian Foreign Office announced today that the Soviet Premier will visit this neutralist republic in February.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the visit will contribute to "further easing of international tension and strengthening of peace in Asia and the world."

Khrushchev's visit to Indonesia is the second trip abroad he has scheduled before the May 16 summit talks. He is making an earlier visit to France beginning March 15.

Anti-Semite Captured

ANSBACH, Germany (AP)—Police said today a 22-year-old carpenter has admitted smearing swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on the home of a Jew and the courthouse at nearby Scheinfeld.

Arresting officers quoted Ludwig Vogel as saying he carried out the acts because he is "basically anti-Semitic."

They said he got the idea to do the painting after reading about the Christmas Eve desecration of Cologne's new synagogue.

The Cologne desecration apparently touched off the appearance of numerous slogans in widely separated sections of West Germany.

Detective units are looking for persons who smeared anti-Jewish and Nazi slogans on homes, churches and other buildings in the industrial Ruhr, Hesse, Lower Saxony and Bavaria.

Some officials said the outbreak was primarily the work of juvenile hooligans. Others said it might indicate a resurgence of Nazi tendencies.

ANOTHER RECORD
BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Pin up another record for California—in babies.

Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, state health director, estimates 1959 births at 356,000. That is 7,000 more than during 1958.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



I FIXED MY OWN BREAKFAST. I HAD SOME PEANUTS, SOME POTATO CHIPS AN' TWO GLASSES OF GINGER ALE.

Editor Of Medical Journal Raps Government Action

CHICAGO (AP) — The government's recent action against sellers of cranberries, chickens and products colored with charcoal was criticized today by the editor of the Journal of the American Medical Assn. as causing undue alarm.

Dr. John H. Talbot said in an editorial on aminotriazole, the cancer-causing herbicide that prompted the government to halt the sale of cranberries shortly before Thanksgiving:

"If turnips and cabbage were included among the vegetables served or mustard was used as a condiment, minute quantities of aminotriazole might have been

ingested by the Pilgrims more than 300 years ago."

He said the U. S. Agriculture Department after analyses begun in 1956 pronounced the compound suitable for use on cranberries, yet 18 months later the implication that the chemical could cause cancer prompted another government department to ban the sale of cranberries.

"Little stress was placed on the well-documented evidence that aminotriazole occurs, naturally in vegetables, notably cabbage, turnips and broccoli, as well as in mustard or that the antithyroid action is described in current text books of therapy," wrote Dr. Talbot.

He said carbon black was recorded in the Federal Registry Dec. 9, 1958 as a permissible food adulterant but omitted a year later. He added:

"A fortnight after this action a supplementary document by the Food and Drug Administration permitted food processors and the users of charcoal in food and candies a three-month period of grace to produce evidence that burned toast is harmless."

He said chickens (nitrogenic capons) were under suspicion for a few days last month because about 1 per cent of the chickens eaten in the United States had been given silibestrol as a fattening hormone.

"However, neither poultry producers, manufacturing chemists, nor the chickens themselves had violated any federal regulation."

"When next fall rolls around, we hope that cranberries will be permitted for the festive dinners, that licorice and jelly beans will be for sale at the candy counter, and that Southern fried chicken will be a permissible menu item."

Union Boss Sees Battle

WASHINGTON (UPI) — AFL-CIO President George Meany predicts today that 1960 will be a "year of battle" with industry and congressional "reactionaries" for survival of the American labor movement.

He called on union members Thursday night to resist the "gravest attacks" on organized labor since pre-New Deal days. Meany's appeal underscored previous warnings by Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell and Federal Mediation Director Joseph P. Finnegan that 1960 will be a year of sharp labor-management strife.

"We face new challenges at the bargaining table, on the picket line, in the legislative halls, at the polls and in international affairs," the AFL-CIO chief said in a year-end statement.

"There is every indication of a united effort by reactionaries in big business to destroy long-established union safeguards over working conditions, job security and individual rights," he said. "A coalition of reactionaries in Congress is planning new restrictions on legitimate unions and the frustration of our program for the nation's progress."

Crippling NY Bus Strike Averted At Eleventh Hour

NEW YORK (UPI) — A crippling strike of all the city's subway and bus lines was averted today only one hour before the deadline.

About 33,000 transit workers had been scheduled to strike at 5 a.m. e.s.t. It would have brought public transportation for about six million daily riders to a dead halt.

Negotiations between the Transport Workers Union, the Transit Authority and seven privately-owned bus lines went on all through New Year's Eve in city hall. City mediators sat in.

Massive crowds that jammed into Times Square to greet 1960 with horns, whistles and shouts were not sure whether they would be able to get home by their normal route if their celebrating lasted too long.

Agreement had been reached shortly after midnight between the TWU and the Transit Authority, which operates the subways and some bus lines.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner said the present 15-cent bus and subway fare would not be raised.

But he said the city would have to help the private bus lines.

He already had announced plans to help the Transit Authority by taking over the transit police payroll. This would save the Transit Authority about 13 million dollars over two years.

Transit Authority workers will get a wage increase of 10 to 14 cents an hour, effective today, a second boost of 4 to 5 1/2 cents on Jan. 1, 1961, and a third increase of 4 to 5 1/2 cents July 1, 1961, Wagner said.

Employees of the private lines will get wage increases of 12 cents an hour in the first year and 10 cents in the second year, according to John McCarthy, president of the Fifth Ave. Coach Corp.

New Years Celebrated In Europe

LONDON (UPI) — Car horns, whistles, joyous church bells and "Add Lange Syne" ushered in 1960 in Europe Thursday night. There was champagne in Paris, firecrackers in Rome and a big Kremlin party in Moscow.

In London, thousands joined hands in Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus, cheering and making as much noise as they could, good-naturedly jostling police who were heavily reinforced for the occasion.

Nightclubs were filled in Paris for the traditional French night of revelry and other Western European capitals reported the gayest and most carefree New Year's Eve in years.

In Rome the flash of fireworks and the bang of crackers mingled with the crash of empty bottles hurled into the streets as passers-by ran for cover.

One death was reported. Mario Riccio, 35, a peddler of illegal firecrackers, was run over by a car while fleeing a policeman. Riccio was killed by his exploding fireworks.

In the quiet papal palace of the Vatican, Pope John XXIII and a few members of his court sang a "Te Deum" of Thanksgiving for 1959 and prayed for God's help in the new year.

In Moscow, 1,500 guests attended Moscow's traditional New Year's party in the great Kremlin palace with Premier Nikita Khrushchev leading an impressive list of dignitaries. Khrushchev wished everybody a happy new year.

TWO ARMEN KILLED

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (UPI)—Two U.S. airmen were killed Thursday when their F-89 jet fighter plane crashed near Reykjavik. Names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

News of the fall of Troy was relayed to Greece by means of mountain top fires.

'Java' Spiced By Convicts

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (UPI)—Prison authorities learned Thursday a number of San Quentin convicts were taking seriously the adage—"Variety is the spice of life."

They only reversed the wording. Robert McKeller, 33, a prison counselor, was arrested on a charge of smuggling a spice into the prison that turns coffee into an intoxicating drink.

Assistant Warden W.D. Achuff said McKeller had been suspected of doing a brisk business for several months. He said the particular spice (mace) is contraband in the prison.

But New Year's Eve was not entirely dull for the 3,000 inmates. Top San Francisco night clubs provided an evening of entertainment.

Industry Giants Complete Merge

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Merger of the Powell River Co. Ltd. and McMillan and Bloedel, Ltd., two giants of the Canadian forest industry, was completed Thursday.

The companies announced that conditions for an exchange of shares had been met. Plans for the amalgamation were first announced in June.

The company will be known as McMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Ltd. A new board of directors will be appointed and the staffs and operations of the two companies integrated.

HISTORICAL FIRST

First intercollegiate basketball game in history was played at New Haven, Conn., on Dec. 10, 1896, with Yale defeating Wesleyan, 39-4.

Police Probe Girl's Killing

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police report they have questioned several known sex offenders but have failed to connect any of them with the sadistic slaying of Maryann Mitchell, 16.

Detectives today continued to look into the possibility more than one person may have taken part in the brutal beating of the Philadelphia girl.

Her body was found Wednesday in a gully beside a desolate lovers' lane in nearby Whitemarsh Township.

Some 250 law enforcement officers combed a 10-square-mile area and found a trail of articles Maryann was carrying when she was last seen Monday night.

Detectives questioned and released the owner of an auto which had been found abandoned in the vicinity. The window of the driver's side was shattered and slivers of glass were still on the seat.

Lawyer Tells Of Settlement With Greyhound Bus Lines

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Attorney Melvin M. Bell announced Thursday he reached a \$300,000 settlement with Greyhound Lines on behalf of a Montana youth who lives a "vegetable existence" because of a bus accident.

The attorney said the settlement for 19-year-old ex-soldier Fred J. Leavitt, Bozeman, Mont., was the largest ever reached in California.

Leavitt was a passenger on a Greyhound bus traveling east over the Donner Pass of California's Sierra Nevada on Oct. 3, 1958. Bell said the bus was traveling at excessive speed when it skidded broadside into a truck.

The soldier was rushed to Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco for surgery which "undoubtedly saved his life," the attorney said. However, both front lobes of the youth's brain were damaged and surgeons were forced to remove considerable brain tissue.

"He will live a vegetable existence the rest of his life," Bell said. "He can't see. He is conscious only in the sense that he responds like a sunflower, turning his head to light. He can barely be understood when he talks. He suffered epilepsy, but seizures are controlled."

Bell said the settlement would be used to buy Leavitt an insurance policy that will pay him \$1,000 a month and buy his mother a home in Bozeman so she can take care of him, with the aid of around-the-clock nursing care.

IDA HAS CORONARY
HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Ida Cantor, wife of veteran comedian Eddie Cantor, is undergoing treatment today for a coronary attack at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. Mrs. Cantor was admitted for treatment Wednesday.

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