

U.S. Embassy Stoned In Bulgaria

VIENNA (UPI)—Hundreds of Bulgarians hurled stones and lumps of coal at the United States Legation building in Sofia today, breaking every window on the first three floors.

The demonstrators numbering more than 500, also overturned four American automobiles outside the legation before they were dispersed. They carried banners and signs calling for "death to the imperialist traitors," which were left on the overturned automobiles when the demonstration broke up.

News of the violence came from the U.S. consul in Sofia in a telephone interview with newsmen in Vienna.

The mob action coincided with the trial of a Bulgarian diplomat who was reported by

the Bulgarian news agency to have pleaded guilty to charges of spying for the United States.

No one was hurt in the demonstration, which lasted an hour and 15 minutes, he said. Legation officials in Sofia had requested police protection.

The Bulgarians apparently were demonstrating against alleged U.S. involvement in the case of a former high ranking Bulgarian diplomat being tried in Sofia on charges he spied against his own country for the United States. The trial went into its second day today.

A U.S. consul said nobody tried to enter the building. He said that many windows were smashed, however, including one display window containing photographs of life

in the United States.

The consul said in his opinion the demonstration had been well organized. He said the overturned cars were badly damaged.

It was understood that Eugenia Anderson, the U.S. minister to Sofia, was on vacation in Washington when the demonstration began.

The former Bulgarian diplomat, Ivan Assen Georgiev, faced a possible death penalty for allegedly selling Bulgarian secrets to the United States for \$200,000 over the years.

Communist press agency reports said Georgiev, 56, confessed to all the charges against him Thursday, saying he spent all the money on "loose women."

Export License Issued For Sale Of \$40 Million In Wheat To Soviet

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The long-stalled deal to sell surplus American wheat to the Soviet Union appeared today to be teetering on the brink.

The Commerce Department Thursday issued export licenses for the sale of \$40.6 million worth of U.S. wheat to Russia in what may be the first break in the lengthy negotiations.

Jack N. Behrman, assistant secretary of commerce for domestic and international business, said, however, the export licenses were issued to private traders who thought they could arrange sales and wanted assurances the licenses would be available if needed. The licenses are, in effect, "hunting licenses," Behrman said.

Subject To Agreement

The licenses provide for cash sales. Behrman said they would be subject to U.S.-Soviet agreement on terms. He said the ex-

porters would have to comply with government requirements on shipping half the wheat in U.S. flag ships.

Negotiations for the sale of U.S. wheat to Russia have been in the hands of private U.S. grain firms since shortly after the government laid down ground rules for the deals last October.

For a time, the negotiations were carried on in Washington with a Soviet trade mission. Several weeks ago, the Soviet officials went home. Soviet spokesmen announced they still were open to offers, however, and representatives of several U.S. firms are known to have visited Moscow recently.

The biggest single roadblock to completing the sales—price—has been linked to the U.S. government's insistence that half of any wheat sold to Russia or her satellites be carried on

American ships "if available."

Favored Price High

To qualify as available, government officials explained that U.S. ships would have to be ready to carry the wheat at rates not exceeding government-set "guidelines." Even so, it appeared that the total freight rate "package" boosted the U.S. selling price beyond what the Russians were willing to pay.

Administration officials earlier had estimated that sales to the Soviets could reach about 4 million tons, eating away a heavy share of the wheat surplus piled up in government hands in this country under the farm price support program.

Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman, continually hopeful that the sales would materialize, predicted last week they would be made "in due time."

Weather Roundup

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PST today.

High	Low	Prec.	
Astoria	52	49	39
Baker	35	18	00
Brookings	53	31	71
Medford	44	39	25
Newport	32	—	—
N. Bend	54	51	33
Pendleton	31	31	11
Portland	42	37	38
Redmond	49	25	04
Salem	49	40	34
The Dalles	35	33	27
Chicago	41	25	11
Los Angeles	67	49	—
New York	43	30	—
Phoenix	64	35	—
San Fran.	60	30	—
Seattle	46	41	26
Washington	52	28	—

Northern California: Occasional rain.

Bend: Increasing clouds tonight and Saturday with a few showers in afternoon; high Saturday near 50; low tonight 25-30.

Baker and La Grande: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with fog in morning, few showers in afternoon; highs 35-45; low 15-30.

Portland - Vancouver: Few showers tonight, intermittent rains Saturday; highs 45-50; low 38-43.

Western Oregon: Intermittent rain tonight and Saturday; high 42-52; low tonight 35-45.

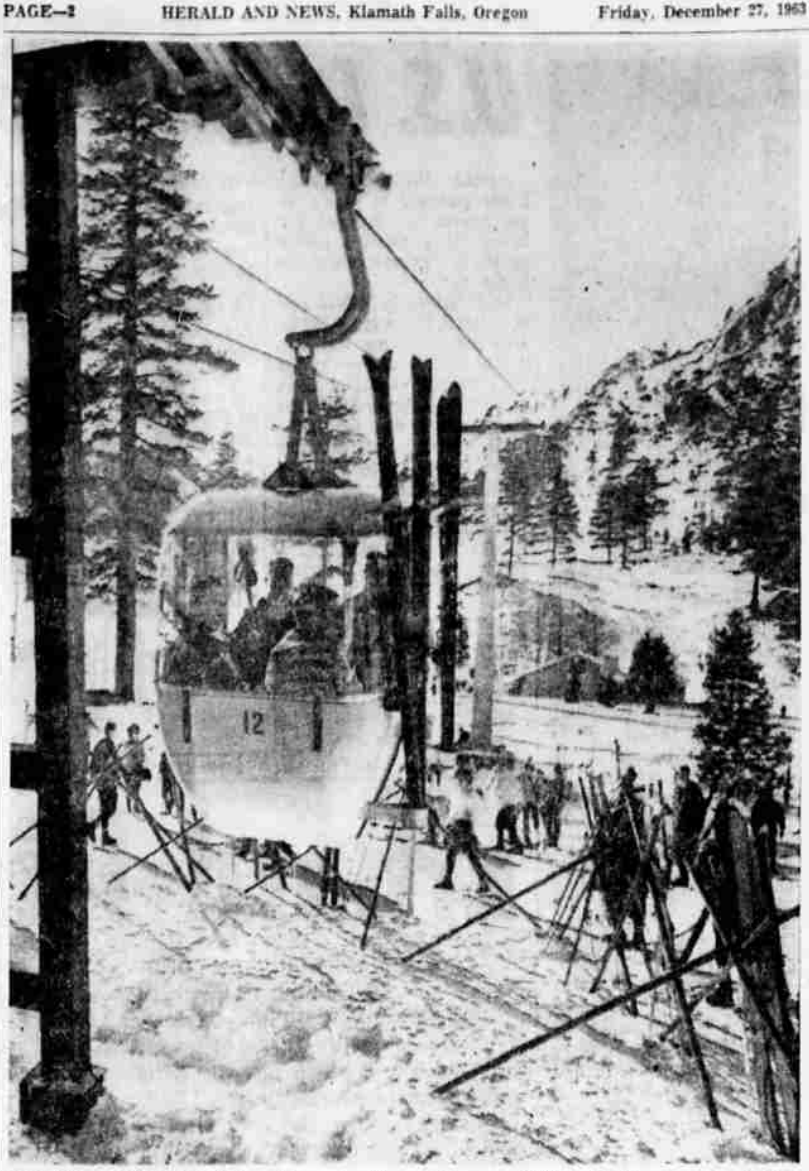
Eastern Oregon: Considerable fog tonight and Saturday; occasional light rain or snow Saturday; highs 32-40; low 20-30.

Tatoosh to Blanco: Southerly winds 10-22 increasing to 20-35 tonight and Saturday morning except east with gusts above 40 knots near Tatoosh; showers.

Five Day Weather

Western Oregon: Highs 44-54; lows 34-44; moderate precipitation with recurring rain and drizzle.

Eastern Oregon: Mostly cloudy with considerable fog; highs 30-40; lows 20-32; moderate rainfall with snow higher elevations.



WINTER WONDERLAND — From the floor of Squaw Valley, Calif., near the lodge, cars of the 9,000-foot long gondola tramway move up carrying skiers and sightseers to the upper heights. The enclosed cars hold four passengers and give them a breathtaking view as well as transportation. —UPI Telephoto

Douglas Fir Production Slightly Ahead Of '62

PORTLAND (UPI)—Douglas fir sawmills in Western Oregon and Washington produced 8.15 billion board feet of lumber this year, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association (WCLA) said today.

This was up slightly from the 1962 output and did not include two billion feet of Douglas fir production in Northern California.

G. C. Edgett, executive vice president of the WCLA, said the fir production in Oregon and Washington was worth \$800 million to the two states.

Edgett said the output should remain fairly constant during 1964, with a moderate improvement to keep pace with an expected increase in new single family dwellings.

Orders of 8.2 billion board feet in 1963, Edgett said, were off fractionally from the 8.26 billion board feet for 1962.

Edgett cited several accomplishments the industry made in 1963. They included final Interstate Commerce Commission approval making permanent the

British Sources Demand Inquiry Into Ship Tragedy

LONDON (UPI)—The British press and Labor party opposition demanded a government inquiry today into the fire which burned the Greek cruise liner Lakonia at sea and took as many as 153 lives.

Whatever the technical registration of the ship, the passengers were a British and the cruise was organized by agents in Britain, Gordon-Walker said.

A large segment of the press quickly endorsed this viewpoint.

Walker, the Labor party's spokesman on foreign affairs, presented Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home with a demand for a British inquiry into the tragedy.

The demands came because the ship sailed from Southampton and most of the passengers were Britons on a Christmas cruise into African waters.

Some have charged that the Lakonia crew panicked and misbehaved. The captain of the Lakonia and other passengers praised the crew.

Capt. Mateos Zarbis, Greek skipper of the Lakonia, reached Madrid from the Canary Islands today on his way back home to Athens and told newsmen that more lives might have been saved if rescue ships had gone closer to his burning liner 180 miles from the island of Madeira.

A revised set of figures issued by the Greek Line, which operated the Lakonia, said 886 persons out of a total of 1,041 survived the tragedy, with 91 known dead and 44 still missing. The line said there were 337 passengers and 349 crew members aboard.

Thursday Patrick Gordon-

Cost Of Living Hits Record In November

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The nation's living costs rose to an all time high in November with increases in the costs of food and shelter, the Labor Department said today.

The department announced that its consumer price index climbed two-tenths of 1 per cent last month to a record-high level of 107.4 per cent of average 1957-59 prices, the norm used for the index.

A department spokesman predicted another record-breaking

increase this month because of higher costs for food, housing and services.

Increased prices for fresh vegetables and sugar pushed up the cost of groceries, and housing costs advanced across the board except for gas and electricity rates, which held steady.

Arnold Chase, assistant commissioner of labor statistics, said that the index was 1.3 per cent up for the year. He said this was "reasonable price stability" although the 1963 rise may be one of the largest since 1955's increase of 1.7 per cent.

The November rise clipped

another two cents off the buying power of a \$10 bill, making the \$10 worth 13 cents less to the consumer than it was in November, 1962.

Prices of new homes, rents, coal and fuel oil, soaps and detergents, property taxes and other housing costs all went up last month.

Fresh vegetable prices soared 7.8 per cent, principally because of sharp rises for lettuce and tomatoes. Sugar prices climbed 6.7 per cent last month. Chase said the drought in recent months contributed to the rise of vegetable prices.

Fruit prices were down for November, along with meats and eggs, but food costs were up 1 per cent over last year.

New car prices rose less than expected as dealers offered big concessions to keep sales going at record volumes. Used cars cost more and insurance companies raised their premiums for automobile liability coverage.

Many newspapers increased their prices and so did doctors, dentists and optometrists, the report said.

In a separate announcement, the department said take-home pay of factory workers also climbed to a record high in November. The average earnings for a worker with three dependents rose by 46 cents to \$88.77 a week, mainly because of a two cent increase in average hourly pay. The over-the-year gain was about 82.30.

Buying power of the factory worker's pay also hit a new peak, but rose less than take-home pay because of the increase in consumer prices. Over the year, the buying power has risen by about 2 per cent.

The department said about 95,000 workers will receive cost-of-living pay increases ranging from 1 to 4 cents an hour because of the November index.

4 Hopefuls Invited By Romney

LANSING (UPI)—Gov. George Romney said Thursday he had invited four possible GOP candidates for the 1964 presidential nomination to Michigan.

Romney said he had extended invitations to Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania, Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York and former Vice President Richard Nixon.

Romney is scheduled to introduce Scranton at a dinner before the Economic Club in Detroit on Feb. 10, and said he "would be willing to introduce any of them" to the people of Michigan.

Fair Play For Cuba Group Dying Slow And Quiet Death

NEW YORK (UPI)—The pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPFC) quietly is seeking to go out of business, it was learned today.

In its stormy 27 months of existence, the committee — financed originally by the Castro Cuban delegation to the United Nations—has engaged in street brawls, been investigated by Congress, and more recently, tied in by implication with the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

Suspected presidential assassin, Lee H. Oswald, a self-confessed Marxist, identified himself to authorities on his capture as a chapter chairman of FPFC in New Orleans and Dallas. The FPFC claimed he was never a registered member but the Federal Bureau of Investi-

gation dug up correspondence between Oswald and V. T. Lee, the FPFC national chairman.

Informed sources said FPFC began disintegrating even before the Dallas tragedy. Many of its original 29 sponsors—the list included Truman Capote, Waldo Frank, Carleton Beals, James Baldwin, Simone de Beauvoir, Jean Paul Sartre, Norman Mailer, Prof. Robert G. Colodny and the Rev. Donald Harrington, among others—had dropped out one by one.

One of the original sponsors, Robert F. Williams, of Raleigh, N.C., expelled by the NAACP for preaching violence and sought by federal authorities for

kidnaping, took "political asylum" in Communist Cuba.

"The committee's original sponsors — self-described as 'thinking people' — set out FPFC's alleged purpose—'To give a clear picture of Cuba as it is, without the distorted picture as given by the American press.'"

Sources attributed its comparatively brief span of life—little more than two years—to mounting anti-Castro American public opinion, the Washington hearings and, ultimately, the "bad publicity" the FPFC got from disclosure of Oswald's activities in its behalf.

At the peak of its activity, FPFC had a mailing list of some 6,000 persons with an active membership of one-fourth of that total.

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Forest Service Seeks Alturas Office Space

ALTURAS—Forest Supervisor Bill K. Cooperrider announced Dec. 23 that bids are being circulated for a five-year lease arrangement for office space in Alturas.

The bid has been prepared by the Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, at the request of the forest service. Specifications call for 6,700 square feet of modernized, converted, or constructed space. Cooperrider said the space presently being occupied is no longer adequate to accommodate the 37 local year-long employees.

Although the invitation to bid does not specify new construction, Cooperrider feels this may be the most practical and economically feasible approach to meeting the specifications of the bid.

The new office space is to be within the city limits of Alturas and be privately owned and financed. The lease will be administered by General Services Administration. It will not be built on the 10-acre plot owned by the forest west of town.

The GSA bid for a five-year lease arrangement is a second attempt by the Modoc Forest to secure such space. A similar bid, issued in February of this year by the forest service, failed to interest a qualified bidder.

Kennedys Go On Skiing Trip

ASPEN, Colo. (UPI)—The late President Kennedy's two brothers set out for Aspen's famed ski slopes today to begin a week-long winter holiday.

Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., arrived in Aspen Thursday on a chartered airplane flight from Denver. The senator brought his wife Joan with him and the attorney general was accompanied by his wife Ethel, four of their children, Kathleen, 11; Joe, 10; Bobby, 9, and David, 8, and a friend of Kathleen's, Marty Little.

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Mrs. Oswald To Testify For Warren Commission

DALLAS (UPI)—The Russian-born widow of accused presidential assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, will go before the Warren Commission early next year to help fill gaps in the commission's record of her dead husband's travels and dealings.

A source close to Mrs. Marina Oswald said she would testify before the commission, which is investigating President Kennedy's assassination. Chief Justice Earl Warren heads the fact-finding committee.

For Mrs. Oswald, the past month has been a lonely and uncertain one.

In a land where she has few friends and does not understand the native tongue, she has turned to religious guidance.

The 22-year-old widow went to a solemn midnight Mass Christmas eve at a Greek Orthodox church and then visited the grave of her husband Christmas Day.

The mound of dirt at Rose Hill Cemetery still is unmarked but a source said that Mrs. Oswald ordered a small headstone for the grave. She hopes to have a small cross and some flower replicas engraved in the stone.

Mrs. Oswald and her children now make their home at an undisclosed motel. They moved to the Inn of the Six Flags shortly after President Kennedy was assassinated, but have moved again.

Secret Service men still guard the woman and her youngsters.

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