

Bulgaria Posts Police Around U.S. Embassy

VIENNA (UPI) — The Bulgarian government posted a police guard around the U.S. legation building in Sofia Saturday

Attack Cools Relations After Thaw

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The cold war "thaw" apparently got too warm for the Communist government of Bulgaria.

That was the appraisal diplomatic officials gave Saturday of the attack by a stone-throwing mob on the U.S. Legation building in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital.

The United States lodged a strong protest with Bulgaria and demanded payment for property damage caused by the mob Friday. There was no report of injury to any American personnel.

Richard Davis, acting assistant secretary of state for European affairs, called on Lyubomir Popov, Bulgaria's minister to the United States, to protest the attack.

Davis' action backed up a stiff written protest delivered at the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry in Sofia by Richard Johnson, U.S. representative there.

Mrs. Eugenia Anderson, the U.S. minister to Bulgaria, described the attack as "completely unwarranted and uncalled for and... a real setback in relations between the two nations."

"The demonstration was not at all an indication of the feeling of Bulgarian citizens," she said in a statement issued at Winoski, Vt., where she is vacationing.

She said that when she left Bulgaria Dec. 13, "There was at that time no indication of any difference of any kind between the Bulgarian and U.S. governments."

"We have been moving toward a solution of many of our difficult problems," she added. Mrs. Anderson said she plans to return to Sofia early in January, but "plans may change."

Johnson, the officer in charge of the legation in Sofia, Anderson's absence, reported that the mob carried plaques condemning the United States in connection with the spy trial of a former Bulgarian United Nations diplomat.

Ivan-Asen Khristov Georgiev pleaded guilty at a show trial in Sofia Thursday to charges of spying for the United States' Central Intelligence Agency.

A State Department spokesman said of the affair, "We assume the Bulgarians are carrying out this show trial for their own purposes."

He would not say what these purposes may be. But some diplomatic officials said they thought hard-core Stalinist remnants in the Bulgarian government were upset by growing friendliness between the Bulgarian people and the United States.

Johnson sent no immediate evaluation of how swiftly or effectively police moved to quell the mob. Phillips said many windows were broken and "several cars" were overturned.

and promised "sufficient protection" against further damage from riotous mobs.

Most of the windows in the six-story building were shattered Friday by a throng of 3,000 Bulgarians protesting the alleged American spy activities of a high-ranking diplomat.

A spokesman for the legation told UPI by telephone from Sofia that the guard was assigned after U.S. Charge d'Affaires Richard Johnson lodged "a strong protest" with the Bulgarian foreign ministry over the violent demonstration.

The mob threw stones and chunks of ice through windows of the legation building and overturned four legation cars.

Shouting "down with U.S. imperialists," the demonstrators were protesting the espionage activities of Ivan-Asen Khristov Georgiev, 56-year-old former counselor of the Bulgarian mission to the United Nations. His treason trial entered its third day Saturday.

Has Pleaded Guilty

Georgiev, who has pleaded guilty, is accused of acting as a spy for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) from 1956 until his arrest in September. The government claims Georgiev received \$200,000 for his espionage work and that he spent most of the money to maintain mistresses in several European capitals.

"We were given assurances that further demonstrations would be stopped and sufficient protection provided to insure the safety of the legation," the U.S. spokesman said Thursday. Johnson delivered the protest to Bulgarian Minister G. Mangelov under orders from the State Department in Washington. It contained a demand for compensation for the damage to the legation and the American automobiles.

The six-story building is two blocks away from the supreme court where Georgiev is being tried.

Interested in Private Lives

In testimony Saturday, according to the Bulgarian Telegraph Agency (BTA), Georgiev said U.S. intelligence agents display "extraordinary interest" in the private lives of Bulgarian diplomatic personnel. He said American agents needed such information to blackmail diplomats into becoming spies.

Georgiev said "ideological confusion played an essential part in my becoming a spy." He said he had "a right-wing deviation" from the Marxist-Leninist position on the status of classes in socialist countries.

One of Georgiev's alleged mistresses testified that she witnessed secret meetings between the diplomat and CIA agents. She said she made three trips from Bulgaria to New York to visit Georgiev in 1957 and 1958, using a forged passport and airline tickets purchased by the CIA.

She told the court she met several U.S. intelligence agents, and identified one as Mary Grayne, a Bulgarian-speaking American.

BTA said Miss Karabashva was threatened by a CIA agent named Anderson that she might face prosecution on her return to Bulgaria. According to her testimony, Anderson proposed that she go to France where he promised to get her a job. She refused, and returned to Sofia.

The 73rd Illinois Infantry was known during the Civil War as the "Methodist Preacher" regiment. Its colonel, lieutenant colonel, major, six captains and seven lieutenants were licensed Methodist ministers.



EMERGENCY SESSION — Cypriot Ambassador Zenon Rossides (top photo) gestures as he addresses a midnight session of the UN Security Council Friday night. In bottom photo, Turkish Ambassador Adnan Kural (left) and Greek Ambassador Dimitri Bitsios (right) listen as Rossides expressed fear of a Turkish invasion of Cyprus. The emergency session was called at the request of Rossides. —UPI Telephoto

UN Security Council Takes Up Cyprus Issue In Midnight Session

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI)—Cyprus charged Turkey with "gunboat diplomacy" Saturday for sending a 12-warship fleet toward its coast, and said a midnight meeting of the Security Council may have averted an invasion.

Turkey retorted that the Greek community in the divided capital city of Nicosia set out last Sunday on a campaign to "annihilate and massacre" the Turkish inhabitants.

The Security Council convened at 11:35 p.m., EST Friday night and adjourned an hour and a half later without taking action. No date was set immediately for another meeting.

Cypriot Ambassador Zenon Rossides told the council he was informed at 5 p.m. Friday that five Turkish submarines, four destroyers and three troopships were 25 miles from Cyprus—which lies some 40 miles off the Turkish coast—and steaming toward the island.

Thirty to 45 minutes later, Rossides said his government advised him that the fleet had changed course, but only after sending flares over Cyprus.

The approach of the Turkish ships followed the appearance of Turkish jets over Nicosia Thursday, which Rossides said was staged to incite Turkish residents of the city to continue fighting.

Turkish Ambassador Adnan Kural said any Turkish ships sighted off Cyprus were on their way from one Turkish port to another.

Greek Government Opens Inquiry Into Ship Fire And Crews' Actions

ATHENS (UPI)—Greece opened an official inquiry Saturday into the burning of the cruise liner Lakonia by questioning its captain, Mateos Zarbis. The inquiry coincided with new charges by passengers the crew panicked and looted their cabins.

George Phokas, a special magistrate with the mercantile marine ministry, questioned Zarbis in the harbor master's office at Piraeus, the port of Athens. He also questioned 15 other members of the crew of the 20,314-ton liner which caught fire in the Atlantic last Sunday.

No information is being issued during the course of the investigation, expected to last several more days, but a statement will be issued at the end of it.

Zarbis, who was in tears when he reached the Canary Islands earlier this week on a rescue ship, and members of the crew have denied allegations against them by survivors from the disaster in which 91 persons were killed and 64 missing.

But 56 of the Lakonia passengers, who were mostly British, arrived at London Airport Saturday from Lisbon with further claims of "panic and looting" by crew members.

Passenger W. Scott of London said "there certainly was" looting. He said one fellow passenger accused a member of the crew outright when he was found "selling bits of jewelry" in Madeira, where survivors were taken.

He and many other passengers, accused the crew of panic and getting into lifeboats first.

"There was panic everywhere," said Mrs. Cathy McFarlane. She said she could not get into her allotted lifeboat because it was "overrun" by crew members.

Johnson Plans Consultations With Ike

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI) — President Johnson Saturday strengthened his drive for federal economy especially in military spending and indicated he wants a close consultative relationship with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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—Theodore Moscoso had been relieved of duties coordinating the Alliance for Progress.

—C. Mann, recently designated assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, will assume the responsibility.

—Moscoso, with the rank of ambassador, will be a special advisor to Mann.

President May Curtail More Unneeded Bases

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson, apparently confident he has public support for cutting unneeded military bases, wants the Defense Department to look for even more installations to eliminate.

Johnson announced Friday he had asked Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara to appoint a board for more intensive study of the need for 6,500 bases that now exist.

He added that reaction to the department's announcement two weeks ago that it was closing or curtailing 33 military bases was running 3-to-1 in favor of the cutbacks.

Thomas D. Morris, assistant defense secretary for installations and logistics, was appointed by Johnson to study ways of trimming military installations. He has been working in the field under orders from McNamara since 1961.

A special committee also was set up to study the efficiency of 11 naval shipyards. It is known that the Defense Department plans to close four of the shipyards, but it is expected that the Pentagon will take its time deciding which ones.

The announcement on the closing may not come for another 12 months which would be after the presidential elections.

Since the Morris studies began more than 400 military facilities have been closed or curtailed. But there still are about as many as there were in the first place—6,500.

The reason that the figures do not show a net reduction is that there have been new missile, radar and other facilities opened. Also, as McNamara has explained, it is difficult to define just what comprises defense facilities and to keep a precise count.

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Similar Disaster In 1934 Changed Boat Construction

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The fiery death of the Greek cruise liner Lakonia in the Atlantic 100 miles north of Madeira recalled today a similar disaster 29 years ago that led to revolutionary changes in the construction of U.S. passenger ships.

On Sept. 8, 1934, the liner Morro Castle, steaming from Havana to New York, caught fire and ran aground off Asbury Park, N. J. The official toll was 114 dead and 10 missing.

The Morro Castle tragedy prompted a Senate investigation which led to far-reaching changes in the construction of American passenger liners.

Adopts Fire Protection

Coast Guard Cmdr. Robert Price said Saturday it was at that time that the United States adopted the best possible protection against fire aboard ship — fire-resistant construction throughout.

As an example, he quoted a claim by the interior designer of the liner SS United States who said there were only two items made of wood aboard the luxury ship — the butcher's block and the grand piano.

At an international conference in 1948, the first held since 1929, the major shipping nations agreed on three permissible methods of fire protection.

One was the United States method of building with non-combustible materials. The British method of using a sprinkler system was also adopted.

The third system — used by the French — consisted of an automatic fire detection system coupled with fire-retarding bulkheads.

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—The President disclosed that cabinet departments had cut their budget requests by \$731 million and 10,000 jobs only three days after he told them to trim their spending plans.

He said federal employment dropped, largely through attrition, by more than 1,000 jobs in November. He noted a 3,500-job drop in federal employment since November, 1963, but said the record of eliminating non-essential jobs must be improved.

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Live Lions In Parade

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI) — The 1964 Tournament of Roses parade will have a first: Live, uncaged lions on a float. And they have teeth.

This was reported Saturday by a spokesman for the float entered jointly by Iona Life Insurance Co., and the Portland (Ore.) Rose Festival. He said all problems had been solved and that clearance had been obtained for using the lions with the tournament executive committee, the Humane Society and several other groups.

The 65-foot long float will have aboard not only the lions (Hollywood types leased locally) but also 32 persons and seven statues. There also will be three gladiator duels in progress near the tethered but uncaged cats.

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Rusk Sees 1964 As Year Of Exploring For Peace

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk predicted in an interview released Saturday that "1964 will be a period of probing for the possibilities of peace" between East and West.

"My impression is that there is a certain soberness in the attitude of the principal governments of the world; that there is a recognition that crises such as the missile crisis in Cuba in October 1962 must be avoided if possible," Rusk said.

He declared that one of the "more interesting aspects" of the recent NATO meeting in Paris "was the feeling that we ought to continue to explore possibilities of further agreement with the Soviet Union."

Rusk's remarks were made in the course of a lengthy interview with a Japanese broadcaster for release in that country today. The interview was recorded last Tuesday.

The secretary warned that Berlin, Germany, Cuba, South Viet Nam were "still explosive points that have to be dealt with and managed." He said, however, that he thought there was "a general feeling on the part of the peoples of the world that somehow a way to peace must be found and this is reflecting itself in the care with which governments are exploring these possibilities."

Rusk said this caused him to "enter 1964 with restrained optimism, with a modest optimism."

The danger of war in the world at present, Rusk said, stems from the Communist contention that the world "must be transformed by revolution into a Communist world. This is the underlying issue. This is not going to be easy to make that issue disappear."

The secretary said the United States was continuing to discuss a number of questions with the Soviet Union, including disarmament and trade problems, but it would take "some time and some patience" to make any progress.

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