

COMMUNIST NEW BLOWS AT REDS

Communists Block Berlin Air, Road Traffic Move Seen As Attempt To Disrupt Parliament

BERLIN (UPI)—The Communists today harassed German road and rail traffic to West Berlin and threatened to disrupt all air links to the city 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain.

East German police threw the lifeline truck and warplane traffic from West Germany into chaos with slowdowns and road blocks.

At the same time, the Russians attempted to take over space in the Western Allies' three 30-mile-wide air corridors linking West Berlin with West Germany.

The Communists used joint Soviet-East German military maneuvers as the pretext for their actions. But the moves

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tuesday
Partly clearing and cooler tonight, lows 24-27. Partly cloudy with a few showers Wednesday 4-6. Thursday mostly sunny at 4-6.

High yesterday	37
Low yesterday	24
High today	39
Low today	26
High tomorrow	41
Low tomorrow	28
Wind	10-20
Period	10-20
Sea	10-20
Period	10-20

LBJ Asks New Farm Program

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson asked Congress today to adopt farm legislation which would save the government about \$200 million, but increase the price of bread to the housewife by an estimated one cent a loaf.

In addition to the rise in bread prices, Agriculture Department officials estimated that the new farm measure would save a hike of a "few pennies per pound" in the retail price of rice.

The proposed legislation would shift some farm price support costs from the Treasury to the retail food-buyer. The estimated \$200 million annual saving this would bring would come principally in the government's wheat and rice support programs.



PLANES SHOT DOWN — Two American Air Force F-105s, similar to those shown, were shot down over Communist North Viet Nam by Soviet-built MIG-15 and MIG-17 jet fighters. The planes were preparing to

New Attacks Launched On Rail, Road Targets

By MICHAEL T. MALLOY
SAIGON (UPI)—The United States today challenged stiffened North Vietnamese air defenses and sent 76 Air Force and Navy planes to pound military targets on Communist territory.

There were no reports of attempted interceptions by Communist fighters during two separate strikes by the American raiders.

Sixteen U.S. Air Force F-105 jet fighter-bombers hammered Communist rail and highway traffic 120 miles south of Hanoi. An armada of 60 U.S. Navy bombers from the aircraft carrier Coral Sea struck radar installations just north of the 17th parallel border.

One of the F-105s was shot down by anti-aircraft fire but the pilot was rescued.

All of the Navy planes returned safely to the Coral Sea as it steamed through the South China Sea, a spokesman said.

The Navy planes poured tons of bombs and napalm, jelled gasoline on the radar station at Vinh Linh, a target which has been hit on several previous occasions. No enemy opposition was encountered.

Crash Kills GI
Inside South Viet Nam, an American soldier was killed today in a helicopter crash in the mountains 190 miles northeast of Saigon.

Two U.S. Army advisers were wounded Sunday in a clash with the Viet Cong in Binh Dinh Province 200 miles northeast of Saigon.

Blame Power Failure
The crash was attributed to a power failure. The helicopter was flying on a rescue mission at the time.

The two wounded Americans were accompanying Vietnamese forces rushing to the aid of two Binh Dinh Province hamlets under Communist attack.

The relief column encountered an estimated three companies of Viet Cong. The bodies of 7 guerrillas were left on the battlefield when the shooting ended.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Communist jet fighters, identified as Soviet-built MIG 15s and 17s, pounded out of a base this morning and shot down two U.S. Air Force F-105 fighter-bombers that were attacking a strategic bridge 65 miles south of the North Vietnamese capital city of Hanoi.

The red jets escaped unscathed.

Question:

Are the Russians supplying the communist North Vietnamese with modern weapons?

The answer seems to be NOT NECESSARILY.

The MIGs that participated in the attack have been identified as Soviet-built planes of the Korean war vintage — which seems to indicate that there is no proof so far that the Russians are furnishing modern weapons to the North Viet Nam communists.

The planes were presumably disposed of as surplus war equipment and were purchased by the Chinese.

From Vandenberg Air Base:

The world's first nuclear reactor in space elicited full operation in an 800-mile-high orbit above the earth early Sunday. Scientists said the atomic reactor and its partner, an ion engine, are stepping stones toward man's long-term survival in space and on distant planets.

Incidental information:

The Atomic Energy Commission says the vehicle will remain in orbit for 3,000 YEARS. If, in the golden Age of Pericles, the Greeks had succeeded in putting such a vehicle into orbit, it would still have about 500 years to go.

Let's get closer home—

talk about things that're better able to understand.

In Chicago, Bill Placzek, a 15-year-old high school student, has what is said to be the second largest collection of comic books in the world. He began collecting comic books seriously about five years ago. He now has about 27,000 of them, and he says his collection is worth about \$40,000.

The largest collection of comic books is owned by a St. Louis

fireman named Bill Joe White.

The reporter who dug up the story asked young Placzek if his hobby eats up his whole \$6 a week allowance.

"No," Bill replied, "I buy them cheap, two for a nickel in some places. Then I sell the ones I don't want. I got a large part of my original start free from collectors who lost interest and gave them to me, and I bought the rest from stores that sell used comic books."

Good for Bill Placzek:

He tackled a job, and stayed with it.

He bought cheap, and when he sells he sells for a profit.

These are among the best possible ways to get ahead in the world.

Civil Rights 'Sham' Hit By Hatfield

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon said Sunday that certain phases of the civil rights legislation are a "sham."

The keynotes of the Republican convention last summer made particular reference to the literacy tests in such states as Alabama and Mississippi. "There are several states, including Texas, which still have poll tax laws," Hatfield said in a news conference.

"What about states where less than 50 per cent of the eligible voters have not registered? These people, many of them denied the right to register, also are entitled to vote. The civil rights law should not apply only to southern states, but to all states."

Navy Divers Rescue Trapped Spelunkers

FIFTYSIX, Ark. (UPI)—Divers today reached four explorers trapped in a rain-forested cave and reported them alive and well. They will be brought out through the water with scuba diving gear.

Six divers, flown in from the U.S. Navy Diving School at Washington, plunged into the murky depths of Rowland Cave in this Ozark foothill community and reached the four spelunkers who have been trapped since Saturday.

The divers made contact at 11 a.m. CST. They decided to bring down scuba apparatus — air tanks and mouthpieces — and teach the spelunkers how to use it.

Big Quake Strikes Greece Area

ATHENS (UPI)—A triple-shock earthquake today struck Greece's Peloponnese peninsula with devastating force.

The Ministry of Interior said at least 17 persons were reported killed and 30 others seriously injured. Dozens received minor injuries.

Three provinces — Arkadia, Messinia and Ila — were declared emergency areas.

It was the second earthquake to hit Greece in six days.

Heavy damage was reported today in the cities of Olympia and Megalopolis. Although homes lay in ruins in villages near the famed museum at Olympia, a spokesman said everything at the archaeological center there was "intact."

Retailers Clinic Set

More than 50 Klamath Falls retailers have made reservations to attend the Herald and News Retailers Clinic, Wednesday morning, April 7, at the Winema Motor Hotel.

The clinic is designed to show how to make newspaper advertising more profitable for all types of business, large and small.

It will be conducted by James T. McKee, retail sales manager of the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Association. McKee has long experience as a buyer and planner of retail advertising and in advertising agency work.

2 Arrested For Spying

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Two men including a former Pentagon courier, were arrested today by the FBI and charged with spying for the Soviet Union.

The two were formally charged with unlawfully obtaining and delivering U.S. military secrets to the Soviet Union.

The formal complaint was filed in a federal district court at Alexandria, Va., last night.

Johnson was an armed forces courier at the Pentagon when he disappeared between Oct. 2 and Nov. 21 last year. He subsequently surrendered to police in Reno, Nev. He was court-martialed in December for being absent without leave.

Meat Label Bill Passed

SALEM (UPI)—The House today passed the second time the labeling of imported meat.

The vote was 40-18 after a motion to send it back to the House Agriculture Committee failed 17-40.

In addition to labeling, the bill requires markets that sell imported meat to make fact known on their premises.

The House passed the bill originally by a 69-0 vote March 15. The measure in the House applied to canned meat as well, but the House refused to concur and a conference committee was appointed.

Washington Man Killed

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Supporters Seek Sales Tax Ballot

By GORDON RICE
SALEM (UPI)—Sales tax supporters were ready today to force a vote in the House on whether to submit a three percent tax to the voters.

They received the chance Saturday afternoon when the House Taxation Committee approved a four-cent per pack cigarette tax bill by a 7-3 vote.

Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence, voted against his own bill for the purpose of filing a minority report which would attach a sales tax and a net receipts tax to it.

Discussions have been under way for some time over whether to give the voters a chance to say if they wanted a sales tax to it.

The issue has been intensified by efforts of some Portland residents to organize an initiative limiting property taxes to one per cent of true cash value.

Rogers said a sales tax which exempts food, feed and seed, medicines and drugs, would raise about \$94 million a year and reduce property tax levies to about 1.5 per cent of true cash value.

Raise About \$9 Million

The cigarette tax would raise only about \$9 million. One-fourth of that would be reserved to incorporated cities for what they might want to do.

The cigarette tax, if it passed the legislature, would be passed to voters in the 1966 May primary and if passed go into effect July 1 of that year.

Rogers said he did not want

to tie the sales and net receipts taxes to his cigarette tax, but was prepared to do so if that was the only way of getting them before the House.

BERLIN TRAFFIC HALTED —

East German border guards stop a car as it drives on the autobahn en route from Berlin to Helmstedt. The East German guards have also served notice that several air corridors to Berlin have been closed and will be used by Russian planes. The moves coincide with the beginning of West German parliament meetings in Berlin.

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