

British Ponder Plan To Escort Berlin Air Transports

MASSIVE AIR FORCE

Russians' Assurances Erased By Latest Note

Fighter Plane Protection Seen

By LYON HEINERLING
BERLIN.—(AP)—British is again considering the use of fighter planes to escort its transports to Berlin, a spokesman said tonight.

The spokesman said Russia had replied unsatisfactorily to British proposals for Monday's session of a Soviet fighter and a transport arriving from London, Marshal Vasiliy D. Sokolovsky's violation of the traffic violation for the collision, said the British version of the incident was a slander.

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When asked in what way the British Government considered the Soviet reply to Robertson's note, the spokesman said:

"I cannot answer that. There is no official statement. The American officials said the United States will follow suit if the British decide to use fighter planes. The Russian military commander said that unless he was assured that the British would not use fighter planes, he would not allow the safety of air traffic over the Soviet occupation zone."

He turned down the idea of a four-power investigation of the crash, which occurred on Soviet territory and killed fifteen persons. He favored an inquiry by a Soviet-British commission.

CHARGES 'SLANDER'
Sokolovsky stated his position in a reply to the British ultimatum. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, he declared, had been the cause of the accident as slander. His letter was "a slandering of the Soviet military official newspaper of the Soviet military administration."

Robertson said he would return here this morning from Dusseldorf, that he intended to deal immediately with the Russian reply. He gave no hint of what he intended to do.

Arriving in Berlin at about 10:30, Robertson said he would leave for Dusseldorf at 11:30. He said he would be in Dusseldorf for a closer linking of the officials of the Western Allies and the Soviet military administration.

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To Overcome Shortage

U. S. Seeking Oil South Of Border

By LESLIE HICKLEY
BOGOTA, Colombia.—(AP)—The United States, officials said today, wants more oil from Latin America to help overcome a critical shortage.

The U. S. is now depending heavily on a sound economic agreement in reaching a current North American Council agreement. U. S. officials believe Latin America one of her leading petroleum suppliers, they said.

U. S. officials said, however, that the lack of economic transportation facilities, work against boosting Middle East production.

The U. S. Government was reported to have asked Latin America of this situation and asked that exploration be made of new petroleum sources.

Several countries are willing to go ahead with new explorations. But they lack materials and equipment to drill new wells. The oil shortage is complicated by a steel shortage.

The Mexican Government has informed the U. S. that if machinery is made available, the oil output there will be raised considerably.

Argentina is in the same boat. It is said to be in the minds of many U. S. officials when they look at Latin American countries open their doors to foreign capital.

Enrique V. Corominas of Argentina told the conference yesterday. "America can no longer tolerate European hands in control of territory belonging to all of us."

He backed up a Guatemalan complaint that certain European colonies in the Western Hemisphere be eliminated. He called for an American policy of "open doors" to Latin America and Antarctic areas. Enrique Bernsten of Chile endorsed Corominas' idea.

Abdul Khader Husseini, cousin of the late Mufti of Jerusalem and commander of the Arab Jewish Army, was killed in the operation, Arab officials said. He had led the assault on the Jewish position in Jerusalem.

Arab officials said 40 Jews were killed and 70 were wounded in the fight, but the British Army report said casualties were 30 Jews wounded and six Arab soldiers killed.

This holy city, already short of food and torn by civil strife, was threatened today with a critical water shortage.

An official announcement said an Arab attack had been repulsed. "The time being, is interrupted," British Major Richard Graves appeared to say by unofficially, 2,428 persons were killed and 1,428 persons were wounded.

An unofficial but reliable source said Arab attacks had severed a water pipeline from Ras El Ein, fifteen miles northwest of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem's second water source, Aln Pans Springs, is restricted by a lack of fuel oil for pumps.

A convoy of about 50 trucks, the second in three days, arrived today with food for Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews. Hagana provided the escort.

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CAA Director Named By Truman

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman today nominated Delos Wilson Bennett of Virginia to head the Federal Aviation Administration.

He succeeds Theodore F. Wright, who resigned as chairman of the board and president of Aeronautical Radio Inc., president and chairman of the board of the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics.

He is 39, a graduate of Houston, Tex., and native of Texas A. & M. College.

His home is in Arlington, Va.

Thief Hauls Off New 12-Foot Boat

SALISBURY.—Police are thinking of a river pirate to help them crack this case.

The largest theft of the season was one of a 12-foot plywood boat. The boat was stolen from a house on the River.

Rowan Memorial Hospital employee, Mr. Walton had left the boat, but the boat was not found. The boat was not found.

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Czechs Land In U. S. Zone

Passengers Revolt, Force Plane Detour

MUNICH, Germany.—(AP)—Twenty non-Communist Czechs, revolted Tuesday against a Czechoslovak National Airlines plane, forcing it to land in the U. S. zone of Germany, it was revealed today.

"We wanted to get away from the Communist regime," the group said.

Seventeen passengers and three crewmen boarded the transport, holding at gunpoint a fourth crewman who objected. Five other passengers were aboard but didn't fully realize what was going on. The plane carried 26 persons in all.

It was all so smooth, "one of the first said, "those of us who didn't want to come here didn't know it."

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Lewis Faces New Legal Troubles

Dixie Operators Plan Charge

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Joseph E. Moody, head of the Southern Coal Producers Association, said today he will file a charge of unfair labor practices against John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

Lewis already is facing contempt action for ignoring a court order to end the 24-day-old coal strike.

That order also directed Lewis and the mine owners to negotiate on the miners' pension dispute, which touched off the strike March 1.

U. M. W. officials and operators, including Moody, started the talks yesterday and continued them this morning.

But a wrangle developed over Moody's authority as the president of the association to sit in the bargaining conference.

Afterwards Moody told reporters he had been ordered by John C. Galt to proceed at once with a charge of unfair labor practices against the union and its seven-man negotiating committee.

Galt said he expected to file the charge with the National Labor Relations Board later in the week and ask NLRB General Counsel Robert Denham to seek a court injunction to select the coal operators as the bargaining agent.

Moody was not present at the strike with Moody, but his lieutenant said he "might be here at the time."

Moody told a news conference he thought the union committee was using the argument over its status to make sure nothing happens at this conference.

The court order for the negotiations said that persons taking part in the past conference, or their representatives, should participate.

The U. M. W. is objecting to Moody because the Southern Coal Producers Association did not sign the 1947 work agreement with the U. M. W. It is made up of fourteen regional associations and individual companies with the U. M. W. It is made up of fourteen regional associations and individual companies with the U. M. W.

Other mine operators were backed by the U. M. W. in the past. Charles O'Neill, said they would "not stand for the U. M. W. trying to force its way into the coal industry."

In the meantime, there was no sign of Lewis' intention to comply with the court's back-to-work order, despite the contempt citation that was slapped against him yesterday.

The court order directed officials said Lewis intended to appear to be disgraced for a finish fight in the courts.

That fight is scheduled to start today before Judge J. Alan Goldsborough in a case in which Lewis filed his suit and the U. M. W. filed a similar court order.

The fines later were cut to \$500 for each side.

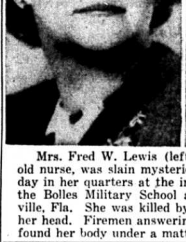
The Government paved the way for a possible new contempt trial when it asked Goldsborough to try the case.

Under Lewis' terms, if any "why hit and the U. M. W. should not be punished for ignoring the strike and directed issued last Saturday night."

The order, which also calls upon Lewis to say why he shouldn't be held in contempt, was issued last night. This leaves any possible penalties entirely up to the judge. He could fine Lewis for as much as a fine if he found Lewis guilty.

Lewis had made no move to halt the strike since the first court order was issued by Federal Judge See LEWIS FACES on page 12-A

Nurse Slain In Infirmary



Mrs. Fred W. Lewis (left), 37-year-old nurse, was slain mysteriously Tuesday in her quarters at the infirmary of the Bolles Military School at Jacksonville, Fla. She was killed by a blow on her head. Firemen answering an alarm found her body under a mattress in her

Death Case Is Unsolved



burning room. Right: Spectators gaze at the death scene. Smoke blackens window of the room in which Mrs. Lewis' body was found. On the ground are charred furniture and bedding removed from the room. (AP Wirephoto.)

Next Primary Test

Politicians Wait Nebraska Result

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Politicians sipping up the apparent Dewey shutout in Wisconsin waited today for Nebraska's popularity primary to bring the Republican Presidential race into possibly sharper focus.

The Cornhusker State's all-day, next Tuesday mark Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's first test of strength against Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft who would test a three-day personal appearance tour last night.

It also provides a new showdown between the New Yorker and Harold G. Stassen, the former Minnesota Governor who romped off with the Wisconsin prize.

In all, seven ballots will appear on the GOP ballot, including those of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, second in line in Tuesday's Wisconsin race, and Gov. Earl Warren of California, the fifth statewide vote for the nomination.

The two darkhorses are Michigan Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan and House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts.

The result of the preferential balloting will not be binding, however, on the fifteen national convention delegates to be picked the same day.

Although Stassen won at least nineteen of the Wisconsin delegates and Dewey had a chance to grab only one of the eight in the MacArthur column, the New Yorker still leads in the national race to date.

He can claim 108 of the 305 delegates picked out of a total of 1,084 to be chosen. Two more Dewey-inclined delegates were named in Oklahoma yesterday, adding to the 128 he got there earlier. New York has given him 46, and New Hampshire six.

Stassen holds the second spot in the delegate totals with 46, 25 in Minnesota and two in New Hampshire.

Vandenberg, who has two in the Dewey column, is the most of the student body of more than 200 was away. State Attorney William A. Hall, who said Mrs. Lewis had been married once before and that she was Mrs. Sam Jones.

He said he knew nothing else about that part of her life.

At a breakfast gathering at Kearney, Neb., Dewey said the United States should refuse to recognize the National Union, the New Yorker said. The crisis will subside if we remain strong, he said, because dictators don't attack strong nations.

As in Wisconsin last week, he urged a "strong, firm and courageous policy" toward Russia. He said Russia's cold war of conquest is due largely to "wobbling and appeasement" by the Truman Administration.

Our Government has given into the Russians so often, Dewey declared, that they believe we intend to do that forever.

By their vote Tuesday, he said, the people of Nebraska can make the Government's present foreign policy turned around toward peace.

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Reported Near Death

Outspoken Illinois Newspaper Publisher Is Severely Beaten

JOLIET, Ill.—(AP)—A former state legislator, publisher of a newspaper, with outspoken political views, was reported near death today from a vicious beating.

William R. McCabe, 61, one-time Will County state's attorney, was found unconscious last night on a road near his farm home two miles east of Joliet.

Two legs and one arm were hurt, they finally got me," McCabe's first words were reported by Joliet police.

He did not elaborate on who "they" might be. Miss Amelia Joliet, his secretary for 18 years and first person to speak with the injured man, said he had been fighting editorially and had been considering a corrupt political setup in the county since 1935.

At St. Joseph's Hospital here, Dr. Frank J. Chmelik said he found what appeared to be bullet holes in both of McCabe's legs. The physician said X-ray pictures would be made to determine if the wounds were inflicted by bullets or some other means.

A police guard has been posted at the victim's bedside against the possibility of a second attack.

Police said McCabe told this morning that he had been beaten by three men.

He left his farm home to meet friends at a Joliet hotel. A short distance down the road his car was forced to a halt by another automobile containing three men.

Two of the men, both armed, began beating McCabe's automobile, forcing him between them on the front seat. They beat him with an iron bar or spiked club, then drove about a mile where the beating continued.

McCabe said the men demanded \$5,000 and he had to know if he kept that amount at his farm. He said he didn't have that much but he offered them \$35 and a watch. The men then administered a further beating. He lost consciousness.

The attackers apparently were frightened away by an approaching car. Elmer Rowland, dean of the Joliet Junior College, said he saw the attackers car drive off. He heard them shout "McCabe is in the car" and saw the car disappear into a ditch.

McCabe, publisher of the weekly "Spectator," is a candidate for a committeeman of precinct No. 46, and he is seeking to unseat the incumbent, Alfred E. Schupp, long a political foe.

Request For More Money Is Sent To House Group

Air Power Drive Delays UMT Bill

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today for an immediate appropriation of \$725,000,000 for expansion of the Air Forces.

The House Appropriations Committee, to which the President's request was directed, called a special meeting for this afternoon to consider the request. It plans to report to the House next week a bill carrying the sum of \$725,000,000.

The additional money is for use during the fiscal year starting July 1.

The President last week notified Congress that such a request would be forthcoming. It is part of an additional \$2,000,000 to be sought for overall defense purposes for the next fiscal year.

The \$725,000,000 requested, \$195,000,000 would be in cash and \$530,000,000 in contract authorizations for which cash must be furnished later.

The Air Force would receive \$110,000,000 to \$120,000,000. The President's request would be for the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics \$60,000,000.

The Air Forces would receive \$115,000,000 and the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics \$60,000,000.

All of the funds were earmarked for airplane construction and procurement.

The extra \$400,000,000 asked by the Air Force defense purposes for the next fiscal year would boost the total defense outlay for the year to \$14,000,000,000. The President's original budget in January called for \$14,000,000,000.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal was scheduled to open the committee's hearings behind closed doors.

The bigger-and-better Air Force bill, which would balance the budget for Universal Military Training.

As a special expansion program moved forward in both House and Senate, the bill would balance the budget and provide the speediest possible expansion of the Air Force.

These were the developments.

1. Rep. Charles (B-Mass) announced his armed services committee would begin hearings on the bill.

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BEATRICE, Neb.—(AP)—At eleven minutes past 11 o'clock Tuesday night, the Beatrice Fire Department made a run to 1111 N. 11th St. to put out a fire. The fire was in a building. The fire was in a building.

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WEATHER

Cloudy and warm with scattered thundershowers this afternoon. Tonight, clear, cool, and calm. Tomorrow, clear, cool, and calm.

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