

Reds To Revoke Treaties; Ask Early Austrian Peace



QUESTIONED IN MIAMI BEACH jewel robbery is a woman identified by police as Mary Rife Simmons, 28, of San Francisco. She was held in connection with the theft of \$100,000 in jewels and furs from a hotel penthouse Wednesday. (AP Wire photo)

In Telephone Strike

Folsom Rejects Call For Guard

ATLANTA (AP)—Gov. James E. Folsom refused to call the National Guard to duty in the strike-ridden Southern Bell Telephone strike area of Birmingham, Ala. today but ordered the State Highway Patrol reinforced there.

Folsom called a news conference at the Executive Mansion in Montgomery and told reporters he intends to "provide ample security in the Birmingham area" and he appealed to workers and managers alike to "maintain nonviolent and peaceful picketing."

"I do not intend to use the state militia as a strike-breaking organization," he declared.

The governor's statement came in reply to requests from Sheriff Holt McDowell of Jefferson County and Mayor Jap Bryant of Bessemer for National Guard troops to preserve order in the wake of renewed outbreaks of strike violence.

EFFORTS REDDUBLED

Reddubled efforts were being made in Atlanta today to settle the 22-day old telephone strike in the wake of violence or disorder in

Big Blast Is Delayed

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—An atomic device which evidently was a little fello, comparatively speaking, exploded today but a bigger one scheduled later in the day was postponed. The experts said the wind direction and speed were unfavorable.

The next test, the Atomic Energy Commission announced, will not be until at least Tuesday. None had been planned for Easter Sunday and after today's postponement the next weather briefing was set for 10:30 a. m. Monday to evaluate conditions for Tuesday.

The shot today from a 300-foot tower on Yucca Flat came at 4:30 a. m. PST (7:30 a. m. EST).

It was seen as a bright white flash, fading into red yellow, Las Vegas, 75 miles from the test site, and as a quick flash in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salt Lake City.

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most of the nine Southeastern states affected.

In three states—Alabama, Florida and North Carolina—strikes were restrained by court order from mass picketing.

The danger of violence and disorder was widespread.

BLAST, SHOTS

A blast, apparently from a dynamite charge, damaged trunk lines at Chattanooga, Tenn., last night, and rifle shots near New Orleans put 38 long distance lines out of order several hours. Another cable cut at Miami, Fla., the 2nd act of this type of damage since the strike began.

At Raleigh, N. C., a nonstriking worker told police he set upon a man who was leaving the telephone plant, and at Danville, Ky., an unruly crowd hurled eggs and rocks, as it milled in front of a phone company building. It was the first violence in the month-old strike at Raleigh.

Officials of the CIO Communications Workers of America have denied repeatedly their members have been responsible for violence or damage to company property since the strike began March 14 after failure to agree on a new contract.

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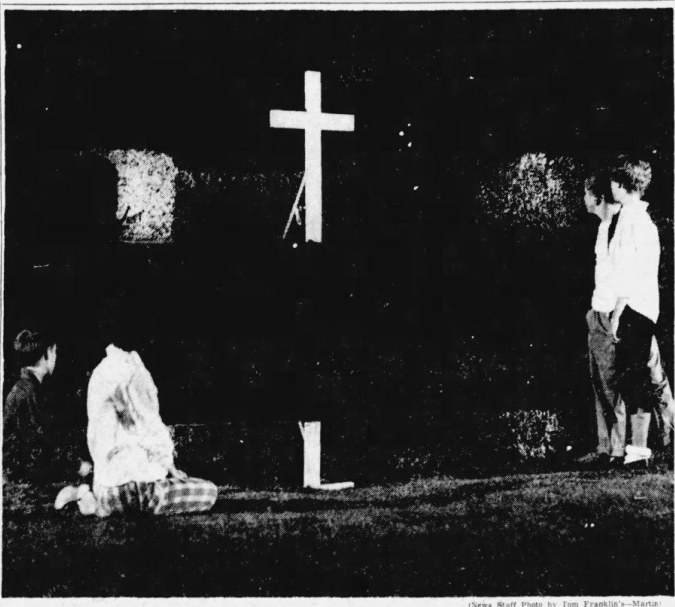
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Community Congregation To Fill Freedom Park At Sunrise Service

By HELEN PARKS

Charlottesville News Staff Writer

The slopes of Freedom Park will be filled tomorrow morning by a community-wide congregation attending the 28th annual sunrise resurrection service at 6:30 o'clock.

Those attending are notified by Dr. Herbert Spough, general chairman, that "the grass will be wet with dew and the air chilly so warm clothing should be worn."

The audience will face the small island from where the program will be given. The main address will be presented by Dr. Charles E. S. Kramer, president of the General Assembly's Training School, Presbyterian Church, U. S., at Richmond, Va., and former pastor of First Presbyterian Church with James A. White in charge.

The Rev. Charles P. Bowles, president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministerial Association, will be the sponsor of the service, which commencing at 6:30 p. m. will be presiding officer.

Hundreds of musicians from Charlotte's high school bands and church choirs will play the Easter music. High schools participating include Central, Harding, Myers Park, Piedmont Junior, Hawthorne Junior, and Alexander Graham Junior directed by Jack Stern, David Serrins, Julian Helms, Fred Hendle, Spencer Sims, and Harold McNeely.

Previous to the 6:30 a. m. program, the community antiphonal

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