

Worker-Troop Fights Mark Hungarian Strike

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VETERAN SWINDLER Joseph "Yellow Kid" Weil (left) Tuesday criticized contemporary operators of the confidence racket at a hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency in Newark, N. J. Oskie Jackson (right), another subpoenaed by the subcommittee, said an "umbrella" of police protection covered his operations in Baltimore.

Veteran 'Con' Man Claims Today's Thieves Are Cruel

NEWARK, N. J. — Oldtime confidence man Joseph "Yellow Kid" Weil has told a Senate subcommittee that today's swindlers are too cruel.

The 62-year-old reformed patriarch of the con game was the star witness yesterday as the Senate subcommittee investigating juvenile delinquency opened two days of hearing here.

Natally dressed in tweeds and with a white beard parted in the middle, Weil spoke with scorn of present-day confidence rings which recruit young girls as decoys to bilk elderly victims of life savings.

"I've heard the words confidence game batted around here today," Weil said. "But these people went out and destroyed everything about these old people."

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) is chairman of the subcommittee and was the only member present yesterday.

Now out of jail for 15 years, Weil said he has reformed and thinks his crime career was "despicable and contemptible."

"At the end of the month I had cleaned up about eight million dollars in his day."

IT'S A TRADITION

The Chicago man told Kefauver that con artists traditionally left their victims at least some money.

"We old-timers never sent a man to the river," he said. "If a man had \$500,000, I'd be satisfied with \$50,000 or \$100,000."

Weil told how he once "conned" a man worth \$23,000 into getting \$50,000 on a fixed fight.

"At the end of the fifth round, with the man who was supposed to win way ahead, we put a rubber ball with chicken blood in his mouth, Weil said.

REBELS IN ACTION

Soviet troops were reported moving to wipe out a band of rebel guerrillas holding out in the hills northwest of Budapest. Informed Hungarian sources said the rebel fighters were encircled but fighting to escape extinction.

The general strike, ordered to last until midnight tonight, brought industry and commerce almost to a standstill on its first day. A Yugoslav correspondent reported from Budapest that at least 20 per cent of Hungary's workers had joined the strike.

Moscow radio and Kadar's Budapest broadcasting station played down the effectiveness of the strike, called to protest the Kadar regime's dictatorial actions.

Guerrillas Pestering Russians

VIENNA (AP) — A protest strike against Premier Janos Kadar's Soviet-imposed government went into its second day today in Hungary.

Word arrived in the West of many isolated clashes between striking workers and Russian soldiers. But so far there was no repetition of the blood with which Soviet troops and tanks beat back the armed Hungarian revolt Nov. 4.

Kadar sent his security police and Soviet occupation troops to break up workers' demonstrations. The puppet Premier vowed that, having defeated his foes militarily, "we will also defeat them politically."



WHO WAS GOING to give strokes prepared to tee off for a round of golf at the Augusta, Ga., National Golf Club. Canada's Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and President Eisenhower as they like sits behind the handle of an electric golf cart.

Assembly Backs U. S. Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The Soviet Union formally laid before the U.N. General Assembly today a complaint charging the United States with "subversive action" in the Soviet-dominated countries of eastern Europe.

The move came as delegates to the 79-nation assembly rallied behind an American-backed resolution condemning Russia for tampering in Hungarian affairs.

Specifically, the Soviet delegation proposed that the assembly add to its agenda an item entitled, "Intervention by the United States of America in the domestic affairs of the peoples democratic and its subversive activity against those states."

Such charges had been made by the Russians in previous sessions of the assembly and rejected as unfounded.

Three more sponsors—Spain, Turkey and Colombia — threw their support behind the resolution. The Soviet Union was bringing the total sponsorship to 29 countries.

The 20 sponsors met last night to discuss a companion resolution entered by India and her three closest Asian allies—Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia. The Asian proposal omits actual condemnation of Russia. But U. S. Chief Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. told his sponsors it was noteworthy in that it implied a strong rebuke.

ANALYSIS PLANNED

Lodge was slated to take the floor late today to analyze the Asian proposal. It would have U.N. Secretary Dag Hammarskjöld negotiate a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary. The Budapest regime already has ignored the resolutions calling for admission of U.N. observers and withdrawal of the Russian forces.

Informed sources said the 20 sponsors of the U. S. proposal agreed to drive for a quick vote on their own resolution and then to subject the Russian proposal to a referendum on the Indian proposal. This would leave the Assembly free to select whatever parts it wanted.

General resentment over Hungary's flouting of the Assembly took a sharp upturn after Foreign Minister Lutz Horvath stalked out of the assembly yesterday, declaring his government had been "disgracedly offended" by the U. S. Russia—churned Moscow's claim that the United States and other Western powers had touched off the Hungarian revolt and were responsible for that country's present plight.

Mayor Disgusted \$1,600,000 Is Bid For Darlington Mill

By ROBERT McHUGH
DARLINGTON, S. C. — An auction bid of \$1,600,000 was made here today for the textile mill at Darlington, but a disgusted mayor, Thomas Buchanan, said the figure was high enough to save the mill for the town.

The bid, made by W. S. Nicholson, was the only one offered for the Darlington Mfg. Co. property in its entirety.

Nicholson, former manager of the plant, declined to say what firm he represented in making the bid.

AUCTION BEGINS

An auction of the plant's equipment and the property piece by piece began shortly after Nicholson made his bid.

If the total of the piecemeal auction exceeds \$1,600,000, the plant will be sold in that manner and the community will lose the \$35,000 weekly payroll which represents about one-third of its economic strength. Otherwise, the plant will be sold as a unit.

bid by Nicholson will be successful.

"It's (the mill) definitely gone," Buchanan said.

Addison B. Freeman Jr., of the Philadelphia auction firm handling the sale also expressed the opinion that the total of the piecemeal sale would exceed \$1,600,000. His father, who conducted the auction, warned the 70-odd registered prospective buyers that a higher figure would be necessary to buy the plant as a unit.

"You will lose this mill," you will lose this mill at that figure," he said, pointing his finger at Nicholson.

SALE CLOSED

When Nicholson declined to raise his bid, and no other offers were made, the sale was conditionally closed.

Roger Milliken, red-haired, gum-chewing owner of the mill, stood by watching tensely as the bidding was conducted. Milliken also indicated he thought the figure too low to close the sale.

Stockholders of the firm voted to liquidate Oct. 12, after employees voted to affiliate with the Textile Workers' Union of America.

Returning from a meeting in New York with Milliken several weeks ago, Mayor Buchanan said the mill was being closed because of union activity. None of the Deering-Milliken textile plants is unionized.

One which voted to unionize in New England was also promptly closed.

Buchanan blamed the low bid on union action through the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) against the company. The firm was recently cited by the NLRB on a charge of unfair labor practices.

"That NLRB action scared the buyers away," Buchanan said. "They didn't want to buy a lot of union trouble."

Evening Prayer

Our Father, help us to light our candles that they may illumine the dark ways for those who blindly grope along the trails of life. Help us to make plain the mystery of godliness and to so live that men may desire the Christ-In His name. Amen.

GO SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas Greetings

MEET FEB 7

Go First to FIELDS — Expert Watch Repairs.

Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store. — Adv.

Senator Blasts Soviet Regime

WASHINGTON — Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.) said today "You must be a liar, a cheat and probably a Communist nation in international diplomacy."

Eastland, in a statement issued through the senate internal security subcommittee which he heads, said the "slaughter" of people in Hungary shows that "nothing has changed about the Soviet regime in the past year except its leadership."

He said a study by the subcommittee of Soviet Treaties and how they were observed makes "the conclusion inescapable that the Soviet Union keeps none of its international promises unless it is to its own advantage to do so."

"You must become an evil man before you can become a good Communist," he said. "You must be a liar, a cheat and probably a spy before you can represent a Communist nation in international diplomacy. You must have no regard for honor when you sign an agreement in behalf of your country than a larger dose when he puts a name on a check."

Freedom Airlift Opens Run As 200 Hungarians Arrive

McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N. J. — Four American military planes flew some 200 Hungarian refugees to the United States today in the start of a spectacular freedom airlift.

The Military Air Transport Service (MAT) planes arrived shortly after 10 a.m. (EST) and taxied together to a receiving line of government and military officials.

The flights marked the beginning of the Air Force's "Operation Safe Haven," under which 700 refugees are expected to be brought here by Dec. 31 by air. The rest will be brought by ship.

The first group of passengers, who fled a homeland grown hostile to come to a new land grown so friendly that its military has pressed thousands of men into efforts to get them here, got a brief welcome.

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Judge Clears All 7 In Flogging Case

BUSHNELL, Fla. — Seven white men were cleared today of charges of flogging Jesse Woods, 39-year-old Negro who had been forcibly taken from nearby Wildwood Jail.

The men were cleared on a directed verdict by Circuit Judge T. G. Futch after State Atty. A. P. Bue himself asked that four of the men be freed.

The case flew wide open when Bue complained that witnesses changed their stories when they came into Sumner County Courthouse to testify.

The defense then moved that directed verdicts of acquittal be granted for the other three defendants.

The state had just lost a battle to get in a statement from George (Georgia Boy) Altman. The statement was taken after Altman's arrest in connection with the flogging case.

Bue asked that charges be dropped against Keith Sands of Jacksonville, Max Stumberg of Wildwood, Leaman Landry of Bell...

Football Player Slain; Police Quiz Roommate

CARBONDALE, Ill. — (AP) — A Southern Illinois University student and football player was shot and killed early today in an upstairs sleeping room he shared with a roommate.

The victim was Robert Batura, 19, of Danvers, Mass., a sophomore and a starting end on the university's football team this fall.

Henry Hale, Carbondale night police chief, said Batura was struck in the head by the charge of a 12 gauge shotgun. He died instantly.

Fred Simrol, 20, of Sterling, Ill., a classmate of Batura, was questioned in the shooting at Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro. No charges had been filed.

Henry Hillman, 18, of Park Ridge, Ill., and John Abrenovitch, 21, of Haverhill, Mass., also were in the room when Batura died. The four students had been living together since the start of the fall term.

Hillman told Hale and policeman Jim Berns that Batura and Abrenovitch moved Simrol's bed and hid the covers as a prank when Simrol was downstairs playing a telephone call. Hillman said that when Simrol returned he appeared peeved. Instead of looking for his bed covers, Simrol grabbed his shotgun and threw it across the foot of the bed, Hillman said.

"We thought he was acting big," Hillman added.

Batura asked Simrol to move the bed, Simrol refused to respond. "Then I'll move it," Batura was quoted as saying as he started across the room. Simrol rose, shotgun in hand, and the weapon Hillman said, was discharged at point blank range.

Hillman asked Simrol run out for help. Abrenovitch, Batura's closest school friend and a center on the football team with him, knelt beside Batura's body.

Southern Railway Crossline To Be Opened Here On Jan. 8

Years of planning and months of construction will end Jan. 8 when the Southern Railway's crossline south of the city will be formally opened.

Shortly after 10 a.m. on that date the last Southern Railway train will cross Tryon St. as officials head for the formal ceremonies marking the opening of the crossline track.

Announcement of the setting of the Jan. 8 date for the opening of the new line connecting the Southern's Columbia division tracks with its mainline tracks was made today by City Manager Henry A. Yancey.

OFFICIALS INVITED

Harry DeBotts of Washington, president of the Southern Railway, and other railway officials will be invited to join with Mayor Van Every, members of the City Council, other governmental officials and civic leaders in celebrating the opening of the new crossline.

Tentative plans call for the opening of the crossline at 10 a.m. and there should be a special train with the mainline tracks last trip over a portion of the Columbia division tracks within the city limits.

The train will proceed to the crossline and move over it from the Columbia division tracks to the switch at the mainline tracks where brief ceremonies will be conducted.

Upon the completion of the crossline the S. Tryon St. crossing will be abandoned and the special train carrying the participants in the opening ceremony will be the last to move across that prominent thoroughfare.

The \$1,000,000 crossline, jointly financed by the city and the Southern Railway is the first phase of Charlotte's five-million-dollar grade separation program.

The crossline will permit the elimination of the operation of freight trains at 17 crossings within the city mainly on the east side of the central business district.

Plans for the grade separation program, prepared by Frank T. Miller of Greensboro, call for the construction of underpasses under the Southern's mainline tracks at W. Trade St. and W. 4th St.

Efforts to obtain state and federal loans to finance this project are being made by city officials.

Our Weather

Cloudy and mild with scattered showers today and tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy with scattered showers and turning colder.

Low this morning — 48
Low tomorrow morning — 49
High today — 67
High yesterday — 62
High tomorrow — 65
Sunrise today 7:22 a.m.; sunset today 5:11 p.m.

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