

U.S. to Press Release Of Downed Air Crew

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—“Immediate action” was pledged today by the State Department to free four American crewmen and an Air Force cargo plane which was forced down in Communist Hungary by Soviet fighter craft.

Protests demanding their release may go to Russia as well as Hungary. Officials forecast they will include a vigorous denial of a Moscow charge that the long-missing plane deliberately violated the Hungarian border and bore equipment for “spies and saboteurs” behind the Iron Curtain.

29 Deaths Reported in Suez Clash

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 3—(AP)—The most serious clash that has yet occurred between British troops and Egyptians in the Suez Canal Zone resulted today in the deaths of 29 on both sides, an Egyptian communique reported.

The announcement from the Egyptian government said the fighting in and around the town of Suez is continuing tonight.

It listed the Egyptian dead as two policemen and 14 civilians, the British as 13 servicemen. The Egyptians also claimed 13 policemen and 55 civilians wounded.

The British account of the noon battle said “terrorists” and Egyptian police opened fire on a party of army engineers. An Egyptian spokesman in the zone gave a different version. He said an Egyptian police patrol was fired on when it passed near a British camp and police returned the fire. He estimated the British casualties at eight killed and five wounded.

Officials said an appeal to the United Nations is a possibility, perhaps at a later stage.

Beyond this diplomatic action the United States appears powerless for the moment to bring pressure in the latest instance of straining relations with the Soviet bloc. Some authorities fear Hungary with Moscow backing may try to use the American airmen in effect as hostages.

The U.S. granted several concessions to Hungary when Robert A. Vogeler, American businessman, was released from a Communist prison and the Hungarian regime currently is charging that this government has failed to carry out a promise made then to turn back some Hungarian property in occupied Germany.

En route from Erding Air Force base near Munich with supplies for the American embassy at Belgrade, the plane reported during the flight it was off course. It was last heard from in a garbled message at 4:45 p.m., Greenwich Time, on Nov. 19 when it presumably was over Yugoslav territory.

UN Forces Land Behind Red Lines

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 4—(AP)—U.S. Marines and British Commandos made a surprise landing deep behind Communist lines in Northeast Korea and carried out a series of harassing raids, the Navy said today.

The Marines and Commandos landed from the U.S. high speed transport Bass on the east coast near Tanchon, about 25 miles south of Songjin.

The Navy announcement did not indicate how many troops took part in the night assaults.

The landing was made under cover of a moonless night and gunfire from the Bass and the U.S. destroyer Tingey.

It put the Allied raiders astride the main east coast road connecting Songjin and the East coast supply funnel of Wonsan.

Deadlock Continues On Disarmament

PARIS, Dec. 3—(AP)—The Western powers attempted vainly today to draw from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky a satisfactory answer whether Russia would accept simultaneous international control and prohibition of atomic weapons.

After two closed-door sessions, informed sources indicated there was no change in the conflicting east-west positions on disarmament.

But there was a long exchange of views in what UN Assembly President Luis Padilla Nervo described as a cordial manner.

The four powers are meeting under the chairmanship of Padilla Nervo in an attempt to find out by Dec. 10 whether they can agree on anything about arms limitation. They will meet again tomorrow for another round. The four delegations and Padilla Nervo make up a sub-committee of the UN Assembly.

An American spokesman said U.S. Ambassador Philip C. Jessup tried to determine from Vishinsky whether Russia would accept simultaneous prohibition of the atomic bomb and genuine international control of atomic energy.

Jessup was said to have asked this direct question:

“Would the Soviet Union admit inspectors (to Russian territory) on the very day after the prohibition of the bomb by the general assembly?”

The spokesman said Jessup got no answer to that question—just another question in return.

Korea Reds Ask Neutral Inspection

MUNSAN, Korea, Tuesday, Dec. 4—(AP)—Wary of a trap, Allied armistice negotiators today sought extensive clarification of a sudden Communist proposal to permit neutral inspection at some places behind the lines and to “freeze” troops and arms now in Korea.

Previously the Reds had adamantly refused to consider any inspection behind their lines under any circumstances. The United Nations delegation was not expected to accept the new Red plan as presented, however.

Suspiciously, Vice-Adm. C. Turner Joy, Chief UN negotiator, asked 21 clarifications. Joy also proposed that the truce supervision issue be given to a two-man subcommittee for further study.

In a sudden reversal, the Reds' chief negotiator, Lt. Gen. Nam Il, opened the Monday afternoon session by proposing these two “principles:”

1. Agreement by both sides “not to introduce into Korea any military forces, weapons and ammunition under any pretext;”

2. Both sides “to invite representative nations neutral in the Korean war to form a supervisory organ to be responsible for conducting necessary inspection beyond the demilitarization zone of such ports of entry in the rear as mutually agreed upon by both sides, and to report to the joint armistice commission the result of inspection.”

Penna. Industry Sets Record

The Pennsylvania State College reported today a new all-time record for industrial activity was established in Pennsylvania in October, according to the Associated Press.

The bureau of business research said the index of industrial activity in the state rose during the month to 223. This was a gain of 7 points or 3 percent over the figure for the previous month and for the same period a year ago.

The index is based on coal production, employee hours in manufacturing, and industrial power sales and uses the years 1935-39 as 100.

The bureau pointed out that while activity in the light or consumers' goods industries was disappointing, there was a high level of activity in the state's heavy industry during October and the pronounced strength of the index is attributed to this factor.

Ike Still Won't Say Yes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said he is “flattered” to know that some members of Congress consider him presidential timber—but he still hasn't indicated whether he will be a candidate.

In a letter to Rep. Cole (R-N.Y.), the Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty forces said:

“I would be less than human if I did not feel flattered to know that certain of your colleagues in the House feel that I have the necessary qualifications to fill the highest post in our country.”

Counting 300 times a second, and beginning in the year 1, you might reach the number 25 trillion the day after tomorrow; that is, if you stuck to the job 24 hours a day.

The World At a Glance

Korean Casualties

PARIS, Dec. 3—(AP)—The number of reported United Nations casualties in the Korean war today totalled 127,022. This did not include the 212,544 casualties suffered by the South Koreans as of their last report in June.

The Pentagon estimated that Communist North Korean and Chinese losses through Oct. 13 were 1,402,504.

The U.S. total of 100,833 casualties makes up nearly 80 percent of the UN total.

Air Fight Rages

SEOUL, Korea, Tuesday, Dec. 4—(AP)—Air fighting raged for the eighth straight day over North-west Korea Monday with two Communist jet fighters claimed damaged. On the ground both sides officially conceded, there was a continued lull.

Court Upholds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—The Supreme Court today upheld a decision that four Eastern railroads may cut their freight rate on grain hauled from Buffalo to eastern ports.

The decision, by a special three-judge U.S. District court in Boston, set aside an interstate Commerce Commission order that the railroads cancel their proposed

Improve Irish Manners?

LONDON, Dec. 3—(AP)—A British court stamped a legal okay today on a \$263,200 project for polishing the manners of the Irish.

Justice Sir Harry Vaisey held that a charity trust set up for this purpose by the Irish-born wife of the late playwright George Bernard Shaw is valid under British law.

He expressed some misgivings over the outcome but told the national city bank of Dublin to get on with the job as requested in Mrs. Shaw's will.

“The purposes she had in mind,” Justice Vaisey said, “seem to have been those of a sort of finishing school for the Irish people. On the whole I think that is the right view to take.”

The diamond fields in the southwestern district of the Belgian Congo produce more than 6,000,000 carats a year.

rate cut. The special court said the ICC lacked adequate findings and substantial evidence to support the order.

B-29 Crashes

DENVER, Dec. 3—(AP)—A crippled B-29 bomber, trying to make Lowry Air Base east of Denver with one motor dead smashed into a swank residential area today, killing eight airmen.

Six airmen escaped alive, but injured. At least one civilian was hurt.

Two houses were flattened and three others damaged.

The plane, at three-top height, swung eastward over the area to make a west-to-east landing at the air base.

The plane had been on a routine gunnery mission and was headed back toward the base. One propeller was “feathered,” indicating the engine was not working.

Steel Wage Talks

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 3—(AP)—Steel wage talks enter their second round tomorrow with the nation's largest steel producer returning to the bargaining room for more details on the union's 22 contract demands.

A spokesman for United States Steel Corporation said vice president John A. Stephens has arranged with Philip Murray, president of both the CIO and the CIO United Steelworkers to resume bargaining at 10 a.m.

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