

Soviets Accuse 'Killer' Doctors

MOSCOW, Jan. 13 (AP)—Soviet newspapers today demanded a swift trial and execution for nine doctors charged with killing two Russian leaders and trying to kill others. The government said most of the nine in the "terrorist group" were tied up with a Jewish organization, and all were linked with U.S. and British spying.

An official announcement broadcast and discussed all over the Soviet Union today—said the doctors had confessed ending the lives of Andrei A. Zhdanov and Alexander S. Scherbakov through faulty treatment of heart ailments. Zhdanov, a leading Politburo member, died four years ago at 52. Scherbakov died seven years ago at 44. He was head of the Army's political administration.

The Communist newspaper Pravda denounced state security organs for failing to uncover the group sooner. It said the investigation still is going on.

American Plot

The official accusation said the nine doctors tried to weaken Soviet defenses by treating three marshals, one general of the Army and an admiral so that they would eventually die. Others not immediately named also were declared marked for death.

Moscow was struck by the statement that the plot was carried out on instructions from British and American intelligence services and Zionist organizations. There were angry demands for "stern punishment of the foul murderers."

'Some Time Ago'

Typical of the Moscow editorial reaction was a statement in the Soviet trade unions organ Trud: "Damnation and shame the foul degenerates and murderers. Soviet justice will crush like a poisonous reptile the criminal band which sold itself for dollars and pounds sterling. Nor will the American and British inspirers of the murderers and wreckers escape retribution."

The official announcement said state security organs uncovered the plot "some time ago."

Three Named By Eisenhower

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower today named an independent Democrat as commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue—T. Coleman Andrews of Richmond, Va. He is senior partner of a certified public accountant firm which bears his name.

At the same time it was announced that Elbert Parr Tuttle of Atlanta, Ga., the state's Republican committee chairman and head of the Eisenhower delegation which served at the Republican National Convention in Chicago last July, was selected to be general counsel of the Treasury.

Another Republican, Charles R. Hook Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, is to be deputy postmaster general under Arthur E. Summerfield, it was announced.

Short Dairying Course Offered

A few additional students may enroll in the dairy farming short course Feb. 4 to March 4, A. L. Beam, director of short courses, announced yesterday.

This course utilizes the five purebred herds at the College for practical study and is primarily intended for training dairy herdsmen, dairy herd improvement association supervisors and other agricultural activities requiring knowledge of dairy farming. Pasture and grassland management are among subjects included in the four-week course, Beam said.

Influenza Outbreaks Reported in Midwest

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 13 (AP)—Spreading influenza outbreaks were reported over the Midwest and Southwest today with Texas apparently the hardest hit.

Schools in at least 18 Texas towns were closed and dozens of other communities were considering closing their schools as the illness spread. None of the closings were in the major cities.

Twelve Killed in Crash
OROVILLE, Calif., Jan. 13 (AP)—An Air Force B-50 with 12 men aboard crashed in a rain-soaked rice field southwest of here today. The Air Force said there were no survivors.

U. S. Backs Japanese Warning

TOKYO, Wednesday, Jan. 14 (AP)—Gen. Mark Clark, U.S. commander in the Far East, backed up Japan's blunt warning to Russia today to keep its planes from the air over Japan or they might be shot down.

Clark's headquarters said he had issued instructions to appropriate commanders to take all measures necessary to prevent further violations of Japan's security or acts which endanger U.S. forces.

Japan's warning, made with full U.S. agreement, reflected a toughening policy. U.S. planes have not hitherto fired on intruding Russian planes.

Under the U.S.-Japanese Peace Treaty, American forces are charged with the defense of Japan.

The Japanese government in an official statement said flights over Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island only six miles from the Russian-held Kuriles, "have of late become increasingly frequent."

The statement itself made no mention of Russia, but Foreign Office spokesman Mituzo Tanaka did in elaborating on the statement at a news conference.

Tanaka said planes from Russian bases have flown over Hokkaido island "at least 20 or 30 times since last summer" and added:

"We will try to force the intruders out of our air; if necessary order them to land on any airfield and sometimes, when they don't follow our orders, if necessary, shoot them down."

Joint Military Agency

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 13 (AP)—A joint Army-Navy-Air Force agency to handle all U.S. military construction in Western Europe will be established soon in Paris, it was announced here today.

McCarran Act Change Needed-HST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—President Truman aroused a new storm in Congress today by asking for early consideration of proposals to overhaul the three-week-old McCarran immigration law.

He submitted a report of a presidential commission calling for revision of the law "from beginning to end," with abolishment of the quota system of immigration and admission of 100,000 additional aliens each year.

Rep. Walter (D-Pa.), who joined with Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.) in sponsoring the law, jumped up in the House to charge that the commission was set up "for the purpose of discrediting the law."

There is nothing in the act that can be construed as "anti-anything," Walter declared, despite the claims of opponents that it is discriminatory. He urged the House not to be stampeded into changes.

"So many professionals, professional Jews, are shedding crocodile tears for no reason whatsoever," he said.

Some of the agitation for changes, Walter said, grew out of refusal of American authorities to allow some members of the French liner, Liberte, to spend Christmas in New York.

An investigation, he said, disclosed that "a finer crew of throat-slitters couldn't be found anywhere."

Under the restrictions of the new act, shore leave was denied 270 members of the Liberte's crew who refused to answer questions about their political or criminal background, if any, and two others who failed to meet the standards of the act.

Republicans Drop Morse From Two Senate Posts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—GOP senators today bumped Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon independent, off two major committees, and the Senate itself upheld the decision of an unprecedented written ballot.

The chamber rejected a plea by Morse that he be permitted to retain his seat on the powerful armed services committee. The tally was 81-7 against Morse.

Standing grim-faced before his colleagues, Morse then announced he would not press a twin appeal for his seat on another key committee, labor.

"It would be a waste of the Senate's time," he said. "The vote would be identical."

Placed on Lowliest

The vote capped two hours of lively debate in which the Oregon senator, who quit the Republican party to support Adlai Stevenson last fall, fought to hold onto his old committee assignments against the opposition of the Senate GOP conference.

The Republicans had decided earlier to bump Morse from the two key committees to two of the lowliest to prevent him from holding the whip hand in close votes involving major legislation.

Assignments Completed

It was the first time in the Senate's 163-year history that the chamber had resorted to written ballots in deciding an issue.

With the Morse case at least tentatively settled, the Senate finally completed all of its regular committee assignments by agreeing to leave Morse on the two minor committees which the Republicans had left open for him.

U.S. Aides to Visit Europe Says 'Ike'

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower will send two of his top officials to Europe soon after he takes office to study political trends there in relation to United States military and economic aid.

They are John Foster Dulles, who will be secretary of state, and Harold E. Stassen, who will direct foreign economic aid as chief of the Mutual Security Agency.

They are scheduled to leave at the end of this month for 10 days of conferences, James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, told newsmen today.

The actual departure date and the itinerary have not yet been worked out.

NATO Representative Will Remain at Post

PARIS, Jan. 13 (AP)—U.S. Ambassador William H. Draper Jr. announced today that at President-elect Eisenhower's request he will stay on several months longer as U.S. special representative on the NATO Council.

Last October, Draper informed President Truman he wanted to quit public life this January, regardless of the presidential election outcome.

Oil Companies Stall; Obtain More Time

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—American oil companies involved in government charges of world-wide monopoly today won a delay which throws the whole case into the lap of the incoming Eisenhower administration.

Defying the Truman administration to go ahead with criminal action and turning down a conditional offer to substitute a civil suit, the companies went to court on their own trying to head off the whole affair.

Federal Judge James D. Kirkland rejected their motions asking him to cancel subpoenas for company records, void various orders he has signed, and dismiss the special grand jury investigating charges of price fixing and market splitting by a great international cartel.

To Give More Time

But he put off until Jan. 28 the date for production of the papers, which had been subpoenaed for tomorrow. That is eight days after the new Republican regime will be installed in Washington.

The judge remarked that his action will give the present administration "time to make up its mind what it wants to do" and allow the new regime time "to consider if it wants to act or not."

Pleas Turned Down

Altogether some 20 U.S. oil firms were under orders to produce records and more than half of them had been resisting.

The essence of what all the companies said was that the basis for a grand jury action no longer exists since President Truman said yesterday that the national interest might be better served by a civil action. Kirkland turned all the pleas down.

The judge indicated he was irked by the classification of some documents in the case as sensitive. He remarked that one document which has been sealed contains nothing to warrant "a cloak and dagger atmosphere."

Separate Trial Denied To Alsatian Soldiers

BORDEAUX, France, Jan. 13 (AP)—A military tribunal today refused to grant a separate trial for 13 Alsatians among 21 former German soldiers accused of participating in the wartime massacre of 642 Frenchmen at Oradour-sur-Glane.

The decision was a defeat for the 1½ million inhabitants of the French province of Alsace who see the trial as a political and moral issue. Twice violently torn from France by Germany, the province is heatedly opposed to seeing its citizens judged side by side with the Germans.

Yugoslavia Adopts New Constitution

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Jan. 13 (AP)—Parliament opened the way today for the election of Premier Marshal Tito, probably tomorrow, as Yugoslavia's first president.

The Communist party will strengthen and perhaps simplify its present firm control over Yugoslav affairs through a new Constitution adopted unanimously by the lawmakers.

This Constitution sets up a system of government under which Parliament's 40-member Presidency, which has had little authority in the past, will take over executive affairs from the Cabinet.

The lawmakers are to choose the new president and Tito, who is both the chief of state and head of the Yugoslav Communist party's ruling body, has no opposition for the office. The change will make little difference in the powers he has wielded since 1944.

As members of Parliament, most of Tito's ministers probably will retain their present jobs, but under different titles.

Allies Hit Red Supply Artery

SEOUL, Wednesday, Jan. 14 (AP)—Allied air might struck the Sinsanju transport area a pulverizing blow Tuesday with a 440-plane, around-the-clock assault on that Communist supply artery for the Korean War front.

This seventh heavy attack in five days on the Northwestern Korean rail and bridge network came as U.S. Eighth Army officers disclosed that two fresh Chinese Communist armies are on the Western Front.

The 440 fighter-bombers streaked through vicious Red anti-aircraft fire for low level attacks that wreathed marshaling yards and bridges in smoke and flames.

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