

Capital Heavily Guarded

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—Extra guards were thrown around the White House and the halls of Congress today as messages poured in from all over the world expressing shock at yesterday's wild gunfire assault by Puerto Rican fanatics in the House of Representatives.

In New York, police reported they found "quantities" of Communist literature in the Brooklyn apartment of Rafael Miranda, 25, one of the four Puerto Rican gun wielders.

All four assailants, including Lolita Lebron, 34, fiery self-styled ringleader, were held in \$100,000 bail each on charges of assault with intent to kill.

Police said none of the four showed any sign of remorse.

New York authorities, announcing the discovery of a cache of Red propaganda, said they had been asked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to aid in attempts to find out whether the Capitol Hill shootings were part of a wider plot.

About 200 House members, mostly grave faced, showed up when the chamber met for its regular session at noon today. Plainclothes detectives mingled with spectators in the public galleries, and 30 extra uniformed police were posted at strategic points. FBI agents were also in evidence.

Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) urged today that Congress take steps to provide better protective measures to prevent a repetition of the shooting in House of Representatives.

Van Zandt estimated that it was "two or three minutes at least until the uniformed police arrived" after the shooting started. "A situation like that is a mistake," he said. "In this day and age and in these times of world disturbance I think we should have trained police in charge of the visitors' galleries, who would be able to act immediately in an emergency and hold the fort until help arrived."

House Speaker Joseph Martin (R-Mass.) told newsmen that Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R-Mich.), the most seriously wounded of five lawmakers cut down in the hail of bullets, needed an emergency operation.

Dr. George Crile, noted surgeon, who flew here from Cleveland for consultation, said the wealthy 35-year-old Michigan lawmaker, now serving his first term in Congress, has a "better than 50-50 chance" to live.

When the assassins opened fire, shouting "Free Puerto Rico!" and waving Puerto Rican flags, Bentley was felled by a bullet that pierced his chest, lung, diaphragm, liver, and stomach.

The four other wounded lawmakers were all reported to be doing well. They were: Reps. Kenneth A. Roberts (D-Ala.), Ben F. Jensen (R-Iowa), Clifford Davis (D-Tenn.), and George H. Fallon (D-Md.).

House leaders, shaken by the unprecedented attack, huddled this forenoon to discuss tighter security regulations. At present, spectators are warned against taking cameras into either the House or Senate, but there is no safeguard against concealed weapons.

House Group Rejects Annual Tax Cut Bill

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee voted overwhelmingly today to cancel a scheduled \$2 billion annual cut in corporation income taxes. President Dwight D. Eisenhower has strongly urged cancellation.

But members said the committee also paved the way for almost certain approval tomorrow of a proposal—opposed by the administration—slashing many excise or sales taxes in half.

Chairman Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) introduced the excise bill today, predicting it would give an immediate boost to consumer buying and thus to the nation's economy. He urged speedy action by Congress.

The bill would slice to 10 per cent all excise rates now above that level, except for liquor and tobacco. It would affect a score of items now taxed at from 25 to 15 per cent.

It was a two-edged proposition, canceling cuts scheduled April 1 in some other excises—on liquor, tobacco, gasoline, automobiles, beer, and wine.

The new excise cuts in the Reed bill would take effect April 1 and would amount to an estimated \$912 million a year.

Egypt Militia Jails 118 In Crackdown

CAIRO, Egypt, March 2 (AP)—Egypt's military regime said tonight it has jailed 118 persons in a crackdown on what it called a "conspiracy toward harming the country's high interests."

In addition, official sources confirmed the arrest of eight army officers but there were conflicting reports over why they had been taken into custody.

One source said the eight were accused of Communist activities and would be tried before the Revolutionary Council's tribunal. But another denied there was any Communist angle and said the officers, all cavalrymen, would be tried before a military court on insubordination charges.

This source said the insubordination occurred during the dramatic events which led to the restoration of Gen. Mohamed Naguib to the presidency Saturday.

The arrests were disclosed as Naguib returned to Cairo from a trip to Khartoum, capital of the Sudan.

Kremlin Boots Signer Of Stalin's Autopsy

LONDON, March 2 (AP)—The Kremlin today ousted Health Minister Andrei F. Tretyakov, chief medical official at Stalin's death bed last March and leading signer of the Soviet dictator's autopsy.

The Moscow radio heard here said Deputy Minister M. D. Kovrigina, a woman, succeeded him. The announcement was made in a brief communique from the Supreme Soviet Presidium, which did not reveal what was to become of Tretyakov.

Andrews Will Speak At Achievement Night

Stanley Andrews, director of the national project in agricultural communications, will be the guest speaker at the annual achievement night at 7 p.m. March 24 in Schwab Auditorium.

Ned Clark, seventh semester poultry husbandry major, is chairman for the event.

Red Ouster Said Blocked by FDR

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—A retired Navy officer repeated today a statement that former President Franklin D. Roosevelt blocked the ouster of Communists from the U.S. Merchant Marine in 1942.

The Senate Internal Security subcommittee heard from Rear Adm. Adolphus Staton, Ret., substantially the same story he told a news conference in October, 1950—that he was ordered not to oust Communist radio operators in that period of wartime collaboration with Russia.

Staton also quoted Adlai Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee and a wartime special assistant to the Navy secretary, as telling him that "I don't think we should be too hard on the Communies."

In Chicago, Stevenson called Staton's testimony "the same old story that was brought up during the 1952 campaign and fully explained at that time."

Stevenson said in a statement that he didn't recall all the details but "I was executing the orders of my superiors and I believe their decision was to leave the doubtful radio operators on the merchant ships at that critical time to keep the convoys moving."

"My boss," he continued, "was the secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, formerly Republican candidate for vice president and no lover of Communists and extremists of any kind."

Roosevelt's reported views were brought out both in Staton's testimony and in the purported minutes of a 1942 Navy Department meeting. The same or a similar document was distributed to newsmen during Staton's 1950 news conference, which was arranged by Hamilton A. Long of New York, a former Army combat intelligence major who was working with Staton on a pamphlet.

Chairman William E. Jenner (R-Ind) admitted the document as evidence in the committee record, subject to revision if the Navy later produces a different official version.

Price Support Slash

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—A House subcommittee today voted unanimously to modify Secretary of Agriculture Benson's recent order slashing federal price supports under butter and some other dairy products from 90 to 75 per cent of parity.

Pennsylvania Said Troubled By Red Activity

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—"A serious potential danger to the security of this nation" exists in western Pennsylvania as a result of Communist industrial activity, the Senate internal security subcommittee said today.

A subcommittee task force headed by Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Md.), which investigated "subversive influence in the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America" in the Pittsburgh and Erie areas last November, made the following comment:

"The testimony establishes that there exists in the area of Pittsburgh, Pa., a serious potential danger to the security of this nation."

"It is unthinkable that a large segment of the heavy industrial area of Pittsburgh, Pa., should be manned by a Communist-controlled organization masquerading as a labor union. All the forces of the Government of the United States must be brought to bear promptly to meet this critical situation."

The report said the independent union, known as the UE, had been expelled from the CIO because of Communist domination and "has been repeatedly exposed by various committees of the Congress as Communist-controlled," yet it still has an estimated 20,000 members in western Pennsylvania.

Tunisia to Get New 'Reforms'

TUNIS (AP)—The French named a man they threw into detention camp two years ago to be Tunisia's Premier today and promised "new reforms" soon for this North African protectorate of three million persons.

French Resident General Pierre Voizard did not say how far the reforms would go toward meeting Tunisian demands for independence, but asserted they would be "neither a miracle nor a mirage." He added they have been approved by both the French government in Paris and by the titular ruler of Tunis.

Voizard proclaimed Mohammed Salah M'Zali, 58-year-old Tunisian, as the Premier of a new Tunisian Cabinet.

Often a minister in Tunisian Cabinets, M'Zali was grabbed by police along with other members of the Cabinet of Mohammed Chenik in 1952 and confined in the southern Tunisian desert.

He was freed several months later and has been in retirement until brought out to succeed Premier Salah Eddine Baccouche.

Egyptian ladies in the days of Cleopatra painted their lower eyelids green and the upper lids, lashes, and eyebrows black.

Dean Quits Position As Negotiator

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—The State Department today announced the resignation of Arthur H. Dean, climaxing weeks of speculation he would bow out as a Korean peace negotiator.

The Wall Street attorney, a former law partner of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, tendered his resignation in a letter dated Feb. 26 and made public today.

Dean, 55, said he was forced to quit as Dulles' deputy because of a press of personal business. He said commitments to appear in court prevented him from going abroad this spring, when the Korean peace talks will be renewed at Geneva, Switzerland.

Criticism of Walkout
There was no mention in Dean's letter of the criticism or speculation which sprang up after he walked out of the preliminary peace talks at Panmunjom last Dec. 12, charging the Reds had insulted the United States.

Some State Department officials were reported to have been distressed at the walkout, feeling it to be a tactical error, although this was officially denied.

Remarks Dean made subsequently led to some criticism in the Senate. Sen. Welker (R-Ida) said in a Senate speech last Jan. 14 that Dean seemed to be spreading a type of propaganda designed to bring about the "appeasement" of Red China. Dean vehemently denied this.

No Change in Status
After the Panmunjom talks had been bypassed with the scheduling of the Geneva conference, the State Department denied there was any change in Dean's status.

However, Dean's letter of resignation said he had accepted the diplomatic job last August with the understanding he could not serve beyond March or April.

Jurors Unwilling To Convict Wable

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 2 (AP)—The State, seeking the death penalty for John Wesley Wable, accused phantom slayer of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, found it tough today getting jurors willing to return a death verdict based on circumstantial evidence.

As the murder trial of the 24-year-old native of Ohio, Pa., moved through a second day, assistant district attorneys repeatedly rejected persons who said they could not conscientiously return a first degree murder verdict carrying the death penalty.

When court adjourned for the day, only six jurors had been selected from among 106 persons.

Pope Observes Two Anniversaries

VATICAN CITY, March 2 (AP)—Pope Pius XII today quietly observed the double anniversary of his 78th birthday and the 15th of his reign. Messages from far and near arrived to express wishes for his full recovery.

The pontiff spent the day in the solitude of his Vatican palace apartment, where a stubborn abdominal ailment has confined him for the last 36 days.

No official word of his progress was issued today, following yesterday's report by L'Osservatore Romano that the Pope's general condition was "good." But Vatican sources said the slow improvement of the last four days continued.

The Pope received only a few members of his family, among them Prince Carlo Pacelli, counselor of the state of Vatican City.

Med School Tests

The next medical college Admissions tests will be held May 8 on campus. Bulletins of information and application blanks are available in 106 Buckhout.

Applications must arrive by April 24 at the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 592, Princeton, N.J.

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