

Puerto Ricans Arrested On Conspiracy Charges

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP)—Atty. Gen. Brownell today announced a sweeping roundup of 11 leaders of the Puerto Rican Nationalist party on charges of seditious conspiracy to overthrow the United States government.

It was not immediately disclosed whether the arrests were aimed at nipping a new outburst of terrorism and violence by Puerto Rican extremists, such as the bloody shooting affray in the House of Representatives last March 1.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Chief J. Edgar Hoover said the party, founded in 1922, has a history "filled with violence."

Conviction on the seditious conspiracy charge would involve possible maximum sentences of six years in prison or \$5000 fine, or both.

Six of the suspects were seized in Chicago, four in New York City, and one in San Juan, the capital of Puerto Rico.

In addition, the Justice Department clamped down "detainers" on six other Nationalists, including four held in jail here on charges of shooting five Congress members in the House last March.

Following Brownell's announcement here, U.S. Atty. J. Edward Lumbard said in New York a federal grand jury today returned indictments against the 17 arrested or detained Puerto Ricans.

Lumbard said the defendants allegedly planned to achieve their goal of independence for Puerto Rico by "The attempted assassination of officers of the United States and Puerto Rico, including the President of the United States and members of Congress."

NYC Railroad War Hits Climax Today

ALBANY, N.Y., May 26 (AP)—The bitter war for control of the vast New York Central Railroad was climaxed today as 2000 stockholders assembled in a meeting marred by disorder and confusion—but the result of the fight may not be known for days.

Until then no one will have official word on whether the management headed by William White, Central president, will remain in the saddle or whether it has been unseated by the opposition forces of Texas-born financier Robert R. Young.

Snakes Spread Terror In Flooded Iranian City
 TEHRAN, Iran, May 26 (AP)—Thousands of deadly snakes driven into the port of Khorramshahr by flood waters yesterday spread terror among refugees crowding the city's outskirts.
 Rumors swept the city that dozens of people were dead of snakebite. Iranian army authorities said the flood's only casualty so far was one soldier, drowned slipping off an embankment.

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French Bomb Own Outposts To Stop Reds

HANOI, Indochina, May 26 (AP)—French Union defenders of the Red River Delta, already menaced by an apparent Vietminh encircling advance and increased rebel attacks on key centers, today blew up two of their own posts southeast of Hanoi.

The French hurriedly reorganized their bulwarks and shortened defense lines to meet the growing threats to their vital northern Indochina stronghold.

As tanks, armored cars, and planes furnished protective cover, the French evacuated and dynamited the posts at Trannhe and Doathon, only about 60 miles southeast of Hanoi. The posts, six miles southeast of Thai Binh, a big marketing center, had been subjected to constant encircling maneuvers and night attacks.

The French said the posts were "no longer useful" for defending Thai Binh.

The garrisons of Vietnamese bumped into a rebel ambush as they were being pulled back to Hanoi. The French high command said the ambush was beaten off and 15 rebels were killed and three captured, to one wounded.

French Commander Sent to Peace Talks

GENEVA, May 26 (AP)—The French ordered a high military commander from Indochina to Geneva today as a showdown neared in the prolonged talks to end seven and one-half years of hostilities.

The French commander was called to the scene to sit down with an opposite number in the Communist-led Vietminh regime and draw cease-fire lines should the Indochina conference adopt new proposals advanced by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

This development capped a one-day pause in the Indochina debate which produced these other signs of an approaching test:

1. French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault told a four-hour Cabinet meeting in Paris the Geneva parley "should take a decisive turn in about 8 or 10 days." A Paris spokesman said the Cabinet decided that if the conference failed to produce results quickly, the negotiations would be called off.

2. The Western Big Three and the Communist bloc held separate private meetings during the day to line up strategy for tomorrow's renewal of the nine-party Indochina negotiations, now more than a month old.

Attlee Will Go To China Talks

LONDON, May 26 (AP)—The British Labor party decided today to send former Prime Minister Clement Attlee and seven other top leaders to Communist China to promote British-Chinese friendship.

Aneurin Bevan, Attlee's rival for the party leadership, was the only leftwinger among the group named for the official visit in August.

The Labor party asked the Chinese Communists last November how they would react to a Labor mission.

Party secretary Morgan Phillips said an exchange of correspondence on details followed, and an invitation from Peiping arrived last week.

Monitored Calls OK'd as Evidence

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators investigating the McCarthy-Army row decided today they would receive as evidence as soon as possible monitored telephone calls involving Secretary of the Army Stevens and principal figures in the controversy.

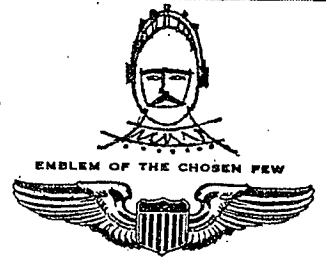
Chairman Karl E. Mundt (R-SD) announced that the record of the calls would be screened to delete any security information and to determine which calls would be relevant to the inquiry.

Then, he said, as soon as that can be done, the record of the calls would be put in evidence.



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