

French Assembly Backs Premier

PARIS, Oct. 12 (AP)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France won a vote of confidence 3-to-1 from the French National Assembly today on the London conference plan to rearm West Germany in the alliance against Communist aggression.

At the same time Assembly leaders said they want the Premier to make what he called "simultaneous and parallel" efforts to get a disarmament agreement between Moscow and the Western world.

Destructive Hurricane Hits Haiti

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 12 (AP)—Hurricane Hazel left a toll of death and destruction in Haiti today as it roared through the Windward Passage toward the Atlantic.

The storm's 115-mile winds reportedly left several persons dead and upward of 700 homeless as it thundered across Haiti's southern peninsula which juts westward from the main body of the island.

Moving forward at only seven m.p.h., the storm reportedly caused damage of \$550,000 in Haiti.

Reports of death and damage were received by President Paul E. Magloire from Julian Conde, mayor of Aux Cayes, a city of 30,000 on the southern peninsula.

Aid was moving into the peninsula from Port au Prince, the capital. Red Cross teams reported roads blocked at Grand Goave, a sugar and banana community of 1800 population 50 miles west of Port au Prince.

Winds rose to gale force in the Atlantic north of the Windward Passage as the tropical storm edged northward about 500 miles southeast of Miami. The Bahamas were warned against the approaching storm.

Cuba, on the west side of the Windward Passage, still had felt no high winds. The storm's center still approached that island's eastern tip.

GOP Candidate Refutes Speech

YORK, Pa., Oct. 12 (AP)—Atty. Frank F. Truscott, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, told a York County rally last night that his statement about subversives in the county was misrepresented.

"A few weeks ago I called attention to one of the most important issues of this campaign—the fact that the Democratic candidate for governor not only refused to vote for the Pennsylvania loyalty act but had fought against it," Truscott said in a prepared speech.

"That statement and some other remarks I made about subversive activity in York County were immediately seized upon by the supporters of my opponent and misrepresented as a criticism of the great county of York."

"There was nothing further from my thoughts."

13 Puerto Ricans Called Conspirators

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—Thirteen Puerto Rican Nationalists were convicted of seditious conspiracy against the United States tonight.

A federal jury deliberated less than four hours.

Four of the accused already had been convicted of spraying the House of Representatives with bullets last March and wounding five congressmen.

The thirteen, including two women, sat silently with heads bowed as the foreman read the verdict.

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Ind. Flood Crisis Past; Rains to End

HAMMOND, Ind., Oct. 12 (AP)—The flood crisis passed in Hammond and suburbs today, but a weekend of torrential rains built up a fast-spreading flood at Plymouth, halfway across Northern Indiana.

An end of the rains was forecast for tonight.

Yellow River, ordinarily only 3 feet deep, rose a foot to an 18-foot stage in downtown Plymouth, chasing families from their homes. Another 150 homes were flooded around Lake of the Woods northeast of Plymouth.

River Falls
The Little Calumet fell as much as a foot at Hammond, and 350 national guardsmen and 5000 volunteers turned from sandbagging work to patrols to watch for crumbling levees or looting of an estimated 2000 deserted homes.

Across the state line, winds helped dry out the sodden flood debris left by Chicago's worst rain of the century.

New dike breaks flooded 500 homes at the south edge of Hammond, though the Little Calumet had already started to drop. Earlier breaks had flooded the adjacent Schleicher section of 500 small homes, besides an estimated 1000 others in the suburbs of Highland, Munster and Dyer.

The Red Cross moved in at both Hammond and Plymouth, and a state disaster headquarters was set up in Michigan City, halfway between.

Traffic Banned
Traffic was banned in Plymouth, a city of 6700 population 25 miles south of South Bend. Only emergency telephone calls were accepted. Schools remained closed. Emergency quarters were set up for flood evacuees in an Episcopal parish house and Marshall County Democratic headquarters.

At Hammond, Mayor Vernon Anderson said he planned to confer with Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R.-Ind.), House majority leader, about getting federal emergency aid for victims.

The floods blocked U.S. 6 at the Little Calumet bridge at Hammond, at two bridges between Walkerton and Bremen, and near Hobart.

Red Atomic Plan Questioned by US

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 12 (AP)—The United States urged the UN today to take a long and inquiring look at Russia's new disarmament proposals and once more pledged itself to use atomic weapons only in defense against aggression.

In the first detailed reaction from the United States to proposals laid down in the Assembly by Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky, American Delegate James J. Wadsworth said Moscow appeared to be standing fast for a veto on decisions of the proposed International Control Commission.

He told the Assembly's political committee the Soviet proposal on operation of the international control agency was obscure and needed much clarification.

Vishinsky Replies
Vishinsky, who appears to be primed to push the disarmament debate along as rapidly as possible in contrast to previous stalling tactics, replied that Wadsworth was confusing the issue about the veto.

He said the control commission would not have authority to enforce decisions but must make reports to the Security Council where the big powers have a veto. He said on procedural points no veto would apply but provisions of the UN charter must apply on important decisions. This, in short, still means the veto always is in the background when the going gets rough.

Favors Inspection
Vishinsky said the Soviet Union favored inspection "on a permanent basis to the extent necessary to ensure the implementation of above mentioned convention by all states."

On this point, Wadsworth said: "Any control organ with powers to extent necessary to ensure the implementation of the convention must clearly have the full run of a country. Mr. Vishinsky pointed out that during the war button factories in the Soviet Union manufactured munitions."

"The International Control Commission must therefore have the right to inspect button factories in order to determine whether or not they are manufacturing munitions."

Prisoners End Riot

SIoux FALLS, S.D., Oct. 12 (AP)—Three hundred rioting prisoners of the South Dakota State Penitentiary gave up two guard hostages and returned to their cells.

Go Ahead Given

Today's vote authorized Mendes-France to go ahead with forming the Western European Union decided upon at London Oct. 3 as an enlargement of the five-nation Brussels Alliance of 1948. Britain and France are the prospective bulwarks of the new pact together with their enemies of World War II—Germany and Italy. The Netherlands, Belgium and little Luxembourg would also be members. The West Germans would join the rest in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which includes the United States and Canada among its 14 members.

Mendes-France's victory by a wide margin in was assured last night when the biggest party in Parliament, the Socialists, decided to throw its weight to his side. The Socialists control 105 of the 627 votes.

Socialists Back Premier
The Socialists, though not represented in the Cabinet, have backed Mendes-France consistently since he took office in June. However, this time they had first been expected to abstain. Then a rash of pro-government resolutions came in from strong Socialist organizations in the provinces.

Socialist Deputy Georges Guille, the party's spokesman from the rostrum today, told Mendes-France: "We ask you to continue to work for a united Europe and the organization of its safety."

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Leader Hits Job Lack Within State

LEHIGHTON, Pa., Oct. 12 (AP)—Sen. George M. Leader said tonight that the Republican administration at Washington has "saddled us with a bad foreign trade policy" which is wreaking its effect on Pennsylvania's economy.

"Unemployment in Pennsylvania has been pushed along perilously by economic failures on the national frontier," the Democratic gubernatorial candidate said in a campaign speech here.

He added: "The jobless crisis has been compounded further by the frightful inadequacies of state government in the hands of political bunglers who have no conception of the pocketbook pressures which are affecting the lives of hundreds of thousands of our people."

Leader said the national administration's foreign policy has widened the dollar gap between our country and other nations and made it increasingly harder for foreign consumers to get American dollars with which to buy our products.

The Democratic candidate said that in Pennsylvania people "have had enough of the hypocritical Republican doctrine that what is good for the Grundy-dominated Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association is good for the rest of us."

"Everywhere I go," said Leader, "people tell me they have reached the saturation point and they are apparently convinced that another four years of Republican rule will completely wreck the economy of this state."

Earlier today Leader, campaigning at Beaver Meadows, Carbon County, proposed establishment of two state cancer clinics in Pennsylvania.

"The whole purpose of these hospitals will be to help those who are unable to help themselves," he said.

Hoover Plans Trip

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover has accepted an invitation to visit German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Diplomats understand that Hoover will visit West Germany about Nov. 21. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, both admirers of Adenauer, urged Hoover to make the trip.

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