

Korean Armistice Violated—Eden

LONDON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today denounced Red China's sentencing of American airmen on espionage charges as a "direct violation" of the Korean armistice. He rejected a Laborite's designation of the Americans as "United States spies."

A Chinese military court sentenced 11 U.S. airmen and two civilians on Nov. 23 to prison terms ranging from four years to life.

Pope Pius' Condition Is Improved

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 6 (AP)—Pope Pius XII had coffee and broth today. He ate three times and managed to keep down the food in the most heartening development since his physical collapse last Thursday.

His hiccups are becoming lighter and less frequent. His brief periods of rest are growing longer and less fitful.

At 8 a.m. Msgr. Angeio Dell'Acqua, substitute prosecretary of state, announced:

"We are happy to report that just now the Holy Father's physicians have advised that his slow, gradual improvement continues."

But the 78-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church remains seriously ill. His strength is growing very slowly, although steadily.

The Pope is not enjoying the complete rest ordered by his physicians, for he insists on carrying on his pontifical mission even during this worst illness of his 16-year reign.

Today the Vatican announced that by radio from his sickbed the Pope will give his blessing "urbi et orbi"—to the city and the world—to close the Marian Year Wednesday.

States Are Powerless In Trucking Violations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—States are powerless to bar from their highways interstate truckers who violate their laws, including habitual overloading, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The 8-0 decision, written by Justice Hugo L. Black, said only the Interstate Commerce Commission can suspend or revoke a permit granted under the Federal Motor Carrier Act.

The ruling thwarted efforts of Illinois to suspend Hayes Freight Lines, of Mattoon, Ill., as a repeated violator of a state law governing the load of trucks on its highways.

U.S. to Finish in Red

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey disclosed today that the government faces another red ink year. He declined to say what the administration would recommend regarding tax cuts scheduled to go into effect next April.

"We will not be able to balance the budget in fiscal 1956," Humphrey told a news conference.

Spellman to Pass Yule in Orient

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman again this year plans to spend the Christmas season with servicemen in the Far East. His office said today he will leave about Dec. 10.



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Retired Admiral Refutes Blame For Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Thirteen years after Pearl Harbor, Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel denies any responsibility for that naval disaster and puts the full blame on high officials of the Roosevelt administration.

The retired admiral, who commanded the Pacific Fleet when it was attacked by Japan Dec. 7, 1941, says in a soon-to-be-published book he could have taken necessary precautions and fought back if Washington had not suppressed advance warnings of the surprise strike.

"The information received at Washington during the 10 days preceding the attack," Kimmel says, "clearly pointed to the fleet at Pearl Harbor as the Japanese objective, yet not one word of warning and none of this information was given to the Hawaiian commanders."

Kimmel retells the oft-told story of a last-minute warning from Gen. George C. Marshall which came too late because it was dispatched in nonpriority status.

"This lack of action on the part of both the War and Navy Departments must have been in accordance with high political direction," he said, "because the officers in both these departments repeatedly demonstrated both before and after Pearl Harbor that they were not careless, inefficient or incompetent."

Probe of Government Promised by Leader

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6 (AP)—Gov.-elect George M. Leader tonight promised "a full scale probe" of all governmental operation as soon as he is inaugurated Jan. 18.

It was the incoming governor's first pledge since his election on Nov. 2 to take a close look at how Republicans operated the state government in the last 16 years.

Reuther Raises Barriers In Merger With the AFL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (AP)—CIO President Walter Reuther today raised possible new barriers toward merger with the AFL, but pledged to do "everything possible" to achieve the amalgamation.

Reuther said in a keynote speech to the CIO's annual convention that labor unity must have a "sound" basis for continued union growth as well as adequate power to stamp out "corruption" when it appears in union affairs.

The CIO chief did not label these as outright conditions toward merger with the AFL, but spoke out so strongly on both points that it appeared inevitable he will insist upon them in new merger negotiations due early next year.

"We want an honorable, principled basis for labor unity," Reuther told the convention. "We shall be unwilling to trade our basic principles for political expediency in the struggle for labor unity."

He said a combined union set-up must not act "as a narrow economic pressure group" but must use its power with "social and moral responsibilities" to the entire country.

Saying that the autonomy or self-rule of individual unions must be preserved under a merged set-up, Reuther suggested however that this should not be so tight that the labor group would be powerless to cope with union racketeers.

"We in the CIO," he said, "are unwilling, under the cloak of autonomy, to look the other way and permit corruption to be practiced. A CIO charter is not a license that people hang on the wall so that they can do anything they please."

"The CIO is a clean labor movement and we are to keep it that way."

Accountant Named Honduras Dictator

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 6 (AP)—A mild-mannered, 60-year-old accountant today became Honduras' dictator by the law of the land.

Vice President Julio Lozano, a small, balding man who has had a successful career in business and government, became constitutional dictator at midnight because congress failed to pick a president after no party won a majority in the October national election. The change in governmental form took place quietly, with troops and police guarding strategic points.

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