

Romanians Seized By Swiss Police

BERN, Switzerland, Feb. 16 (AP)—Three militant Romanian anti-Communists abandoned a dramatic occupation of the Romanian legation late today under threat of being blasted out. Sleepy-eyed and unshaven, they surrendered quietly to Swiss authorities.

Helmeted police, troops and tank officers were on hand to stage an assault across the snow-covered grounds as the three, between 27 and 35 years old, gave up and were hustled to Bern's prison.

The handsome two-story stone structure they seized from their Communist homeland's diplomats Monday night as a blow against communism, reverted to charge d'affaires Emmeric Stoffel and his staff. Torn up Communist propaganda literature littered the floors. Otherwise, police said, the damage from the 42-hour occupation was slight.

But the three—holdouts of a band that originally numbered four or five—face trial in Switzerland for the fatal wounding of the legation chauffeur, Aurel Sedu, in the attack which strained relations between this long neutral nation and the Bucharest government.

Another member of the group was already under arrest. He was picked up as he sought to get away with arms and documents. It was believed another man may have escaped completely.

The band had vowed to hold the legation until Romania freed five imprisoned resistance leaders, including a general and a bishop, or die in the attempt. But they weakened under intercessions by Swiss authorities and a visit to the legation by a Roman Catholic priest.

Two of the party said they needed the priest to absolve them from their sworn words. They agreed to leave only after seeing the clergyman, Dr. Beat Lorenz Seckinger, vicar of Bern's Trinity church.

Though the anti-Communists face trial here for killing the chauffeur, it is understood Swiss authorities, in negotiating the band's surrender without further bloodshed, indicated they will not be extradited to Romania despite Romania's demands that they be returned.

The Socialist Press Service of Switzerland today quoted what it called reliable sources as saying the anti-Communists had found documents in the legation which "greatly compromised" the staff. The press service declared these documents showed the legation was "a spy center against the Swiss."

Pa. Migrants Cause Problem

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Feb. 16 (AP)—Jobless Pennsylvanians moving into New York State are presenting a welfare problem, although not a serious one in the state as a whole, a state official said today.

C. W. Driscoll, director of the area office of the State Social Welfare Department, said: "We do have migrants coming into the state and there are occasions when they cost us money."

Driscoll said the problem could be a serious one for localities in which the Pennsylvanians choose to settle.

Driscoll made the remarks when asked for comment on a statement by Binghamton's welfare commissioner Clarence Sackey.

Sackey said Binghamton and other communities along the New York-Pennsylvania line faced a serious relief problem imposed by movement to New York of jobless Pennsylvania residents.

Leaflets to Reach Behind Iron Curtain

LOCKPORT, N.Y., Feb. 16 (AP)—A local chemical company tonight hopes to test a new method for reaching deep inside Europe's Iron Curtain countries with leaflet-carrying "frozen" balloons.

The Dewey & Almy Chemical Company, which has been supplying the Free Europe Committee of New York City with balloons, hopes to prove that a new type balloon will travel on air currents as far as 450 miles.

One hundred balloons, made of a special synthetic rubber material, will be released between midnight and 2 a.m. if the weather is right. They are expected to spill loads of leaflets in an "impact area" extending from Coopers-town, N.Y., to Leominster, Mass., in the morning.

An official of the company said Free World agencies had trouble reaching deep into Iron Curtain countries with leaflets carried by helium-filled balloons because the balloons rose quickly to about 50,000 feet, where expansion caused them to break.

Statehood Bill OK'd By House Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—A combined Hawaii-Alaska statehood bill, compromised in a bid for presidential support, was approved 19-6 today by the House Insular Affairs Committee.

The compromise consisted of a provision authorizing the President to set aside up to 40 per cent of Northern Alaska as a defense zone.

The federal government would have exclusive jurisdiction in this zone, and no state law would apply. The idea back of this is that area would be a key one from a military standpoint in case of any war between the United States and Russia.

Excellent Chance
Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb), former chairman and senior Republican on the committee, said he felt the amendment, proposed by Delegate E. L. Bartlett (D-Alaska), would give the bill an "excellent chance" to avoid a presidential veto.

However, Miller said the committee faces a "difficult time" getting approval of the House Rules Committee to bring the legislation to a vote on the House floor.

Hawaii-Alaska
A combined Hawaii-Alaska measure passed the Senate last year but died in the House Rules Committee. The House had approved separate legislation to admit Hawaii, but this also fell before Senate insistence on joining the two together.

Political implications have long proved a stumbling block to statehood ambitions of usually Republican Hawaii and normally Democratic Alaska.

Under the latest proposal Hawaii would place two members in the House and Alaska one. Both would have two senators. The two territories now have a non-voting delegate each in the House.

'56 Convention Set For San Francisco

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—San Francisco was chosen today as the ghost city for the 1956 Republican presidential nominating convention.

The unanimous choice, by a seven-member subcommittee of the Republican National Committee, is subject to ratification by the full committee. Leaders said this was a formality. The full committee meets here tomorrow.

Chicago, already picked by the Democrats for their 1956 convention, had been in the leading spot for the Republicans also, but the Golden Gate city came up fast and won this afternoon. Philadelphia was the other main contender.

Truman, Ike Compared By Acheson

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16 (AP)—Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the foreign policies of the Truman and Eisenhower administrations are basically the same, but are not being pursued "as rigorously or effectively as formerly done."

Acheson, now in private law practice, spoke at a news conference attended by former President Harry Truman. Acheson and his wife are here for a reunion with the former president at his Independence, Mo., home.

Truman's Policy
Asked precisely what was the foreign policy of the Truman administration, Acheson replied:

"What we advocated was just what we did. In the war in Korea, we were trying to meet and throw back the force which had been used."

In reply to newsmen's questions as to how far the United States should go in defense of Formosa, Acheson quipped:

"I used to be paid for answering such questions, but now since no one is going to take my advice, I don't believe I'll answer."

Europe is Focal Point
However, the former secretary expressed belief that Europe "has been and will continue to be the focal point in our struggle with communism."

Acheson asserted the situation in Western Europe has "deteriorated very badly since Mr. Truman left office."

"There has been improvement in the Middle East," Acheson added, "but in the Far East things are not going so well."

15 American Fliers Still Held by Reds

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The problem of 15 American fliers held by Red China and 35 Chinese students detained in America is still alive, although obscured by concern over Formosa.

Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) again brought the matter of the imprisoned Americans to the floor yesterday when he told the Senate "the conscience of the United Nations should be deeply troubled" by its failure to get them freed from Red prisons.

Shortly afterward, Secretary of State Dulles—without mentioning Knowland—came to the defense of the UN. He told a meeting of the United States Committee for the United Nations that the international organization "is an almost essential buffer" between hostile nations.

Atomic Test Postponed

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 16 (AP)—Weather today forced the third straight postponement of the open shot of the 1955 Atomic test series.

High altitude winds and a lowering cloud cover forced the test organization to cancel again.

The testers said they will meet tomorrow morning to evaluate the possibility of setting off the first shot Friday. A second shot will be ready then, too.

Newman Club to Meet

"Basic Catholicism" will be the topic of discussion at the Newman Club meeting at 7:30 tonight in 304 Old Main.

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Pay Raise Approved For Federal Employees

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Members of the House voted for a 66 per cent pay raise for themselves today, passing a bill which would give them and senators \$10,000 more a year. The bill now goes to the Senate.

By a margin of better than 2-1, the House approved the legislation which would increase the combined salaries and expense allowances of Congress members from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and also distribute substantial boosts among the federal judiciary.

The roll call was 283-118. Opponents insisted that congressmen go on the record so their constituents could see where they stood.

Only a few voices were raised against the bill during a brief debate. The measure was pushed through the House by leaders of both parties with the blessing of President Eisenhower, who said the legislators deserved a raise but didn't say how much.

Former President Truman put in a lick himself, telegraphing Democratic floor leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts that all senators, representatives and U.S. judges were underpaid.

The last raise for members of Congress was voted in 1946. Senators and representatives currently receive a basic salary of \$12,500 annually plus \$2500 in taxable expense money for which they need not account.

A \$3000 income tax deduction allowed members of Congress as a business expense would remain in effect.

The Senate measure calls for a slightly smaller raise of \$7500.

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