

Jailing Without Charges Reinstated in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Communist government brought back the internment-without-trial methods of the Stalin era to Hungary today as a means of restoring the revolt-ruined economy.

A decree said "persons whose activity or behavior endangers public order, especially production," could be placed under detention for six months without trial. The prosecutor only has to issue an order on the suggestion of the police to have a person arrested. The decree said the prosecutor should investigate the case of the detained person within 30 days.

Nixon Confers With 'Everyone' About Refugees

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 20 (AP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon discussed the Hungarian refugee problem today with everyone in sight—from Austrian President Theodor Koerner to a legless youth just escaped over the border.

In the first full day of his three-day investigation trip Nixon went within two miles of the Hungarian border to a refugee center where the fugitives, from communism were sleeping on straw. His report will play a big part in deciding how many of the refugees are to be brought into the United States.

Wants More Admitted

By the end of the year 21,500 are due to get there, but Nixon wants more to be admitted. More than 70,000 of the 150,000 refugees who have fled since the revolt against Russian rule are still in little Austria.

William P. Rogers, U.S. Deputy attorney general, said after a day of talking to refugees with Nixon: "We have a tremendous job to do in the United States to see that these people who come to us are properly taken care of. It's not only the humanitarian thing to do, it's what will serve our long-range interests best."

Nixon Sees Koerner

Nixon began the day with a formal visit to 83-year-old President Koerner. He brought a letter from President Eisenhower praising Austria's care of the refugees, and an autographed photo of the President. He also saw Chancellor Julius Raab and other top Austrian officials.

Heavy Yule Traffic Clutters Highways

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (AP)—The heavy movement of holiday traffic, especially on the highways got underway in Pennsylvania today.

It is the great yearly trip back home for Christmas.

College students, vacationers from white collar jobs, factory employes on brief furlough, all who manage one way or another to be free on the timeclock for this merry interlude, set out to be with the family, to see the old folks, to try to find some of the ectoplasm of childhood.

Railroad terminals and bus stations are jammed. Shoppers, scarcely able to handle all their carrier bags and parcels, jostle against travelers loaded down with luggage.

Colored balloons on long strings finally are found to belong to children, stuffing themselves with sweets and gazing at the chattering crowds.

This was the same system that was used to intern thousands of Hungarians when Matyas Rakosi was the Communist boss. It was abolished when Imre Nagy became premier in 1953.

Sitdown Strikers Assailed
The decree gave Janos Kadar's government a powerful weapon for breaking any strike—general, sitdown or slowdown. Factory workers all over the country went on a two-day strike last week when the government began arresting members of the factory workers' councils. The two leaders of the Budapest Central Workers Council who ordered the strike are still in jail.

The Communist party newspaper, Nepszabadsag, this week strongly assailed sitdown strikers who report to their factories each day and collect wages but produce nothing.

Work Week Cut
The paper also declared the crucial problem was the coal and power shortage which prevents the wheels from turning. For weeks miners have been on strike. Thousands of them fled to the West, or vanished into the countryside, when the Oct. 23 revolt began. Now the country is estimated to be three to four months short in its coal supply. Worse, the shafts are in such bad shape from neglect that it would take 30 days to get many of them back in production if all the miners came back to work tomorrow.

Yesterday the government cut the work week in steel and machine building industries, the big users of coal, from six days to three.

Postal Workers Shook as Teeth Appear in Pear

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Philadelphia post office has had some queer ones in its time, such as the Christmas gift that resembled a head shrunken in Ecuador.

But those false choppers biting into a pear... They tumbled out of a damaged gift parcel of fruit and bottled flavorings, the teeth clamped grotesquely, on a pear. Even Harry Rose, veteran chief of the section, was shaken. "Work here long enough," he said, "and you've got to figure some of Santa Claus' helpers are off their rocker."

Rose explained he packed up the teeth, the pear and whatever else was worth keeping, and returned them—his curiosity unsatisfied.

UN Emergency Force Gets \$10 Million Grant

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 20 (AP)—The UN voted 57-8 today to make a special assessment of 10 million dollars on the 80 member nations for expenses of the UN Emergency Force in the Middle East.

The Soviet bloc nations voted against it and have said they wouldn't pay anything toward the support of the UNEF.

The shares will be based on the 1956 budget assessment rates of members. The U.S. share would be \$3,330,000; Britain's would be \$855,000; France's 623,000; Israel's \$17,000; and Egypt's \$40,000.

Sun-Telegraph Makes Claim

Oil Map Case Possibly Linked With Rubenstein

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The theft of valuable geological maps from Gulf Oil Corporation may be linked to the mysterious slaying of New York's millionaire playboy Serge Rubenstein, the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph said today.

The newspaper said New York police who worked on the Rubenstein slaying conferred yesterday with FBI agents investigating the theft. It said the police officers were interested because two of the men arrested in the Gulf Oil case were associates of Rubenstein.

Rubenstein Mystery Unsolved

The Russian-born Rubenstein, a convicted draft dodger of World War II, was found bound, gagged and strangled in the third-floor bedroom of his luxurious New York mansion in January, 1955. His slaying has never been solved. One of those arrested by the FBI was 32-year-old Emanuel Lester. He is the brother of Edward Lieberman, 30, president of

the U.S. Tackless Corporation in the Bronx, where FBI agents recovered some of the stolen maps. Lieberman also was arrested.

Three Arrested

Others arrested were Richard Seagraves, 70, a Texas oil and natural gas promoter, and John Marvin Leivia, 34, of Orange, Tex. Seagraves was Rubenstein's partner in an Oriental oil operation called the Chosen Oil Corporation, the Sun-Telegraph said.

In a court suit, Seagraves charged that Rubenstein swindled him out of half of the operation's \$7,200,000 profit. The suit was dismissed in Federal Court but was re-instituted by Seagraves in the New York State Supreme Court.

Believed Involved

At the time of his slaying, Rubenstein was heavily involved in oil operations in Canada and in Central and South America. The Sun-Telegraph said some New York authorities are stating privately that they are satisfied the slaying is tied up with the Gulf oil case.

Bipartisan Group Supports Sales Tax

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20 (AP)—A 250 million dollar tax program, centered on keeping the sales tax at three per cent, was proposed today as the bipartisan answer to the commonwealth's tax dilemma.

Gov. Leader's 12-member tax study committee—composed of state labor and industry leaders—came up with a five-part plan to balance the 1957-59 budget.

The committee said it preferred the sales tax, despite its drawbacks, to a personal income tax. Its unanimous recommendations called for:

1. Retaining the three per cent sales tax for the commonwealth's two-year fiscal period starting June 1.

Unless the Legislature acts, the rate automatically falls to two per cent on that date. The yield would be 446 millions, an additional 149 millions over the current biennium.

2. Reviving the cent a bottle tax on soft drinks and a half cent per ounce on soft drink syrup—35 millions.

Impose Further Alcohol Tax

3. Imposing the sales tax on liquor and beer sold in taprooms and clubs for on-the-premises consumption—16 millions.

4. Removing the sales tax exemption for the value of trade-in allowances—28 millions.

5. Continuing the cigarette tax at its full five-cent a pack rate instead of allowing a penny of it—encated as an emergency flood relief measure in 1955—to expire automatically June 1 (22 millions.)

Clothing Tax Suggested

The committee suggested also that if further revenue were needed, the Legislature should consider extending the sales tax to clothing. This would yield 79 million dollars.

The reaction to the program was guarded.

Gov. Leader refused to commit himself. He urged lawmakers to study the program in preparation for his budget, expected to be submitted in February or March.

Court Clears O'Connor Of Charges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Author Harvey O'Connor's contempt of Congress conviction was voided today by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The court ruled a "Communist conspiracy" question put to him by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) was "so imprecise and ambiguous" that O'Connor's refusal to answer it was not a crime.

O'Connor, 59, author of books about American multimillionaires, was convicted of contempt in U.S. District Court here in November 1955.

The case grew out of O'Connor's refusal to answer before the Senate Investigations subcommittee in 1953 the question "whether he was a member of the Communist conspiracy" when he wrote books bought by the State Department for use in U.S. information centers abroad. McCarthy, who asked the question, then was chairman of the subcommittee.

In reversing the conviction, the Appellate Court said O'Connor was not indicted "for refusing to say whether he was a member of the Communist party, or any other named or identifiable organization, or whether or not he had engaged in any particular activity."

The question of whether O'Connor was at any time during the course of many years in "the Communist conspiracy," the court said, "is lacking in definiteness."

California See Adlai As Knowland Opponent

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The San Francisco Chronicle said today "A powerful group in the Democratic party is considering Adlai E. Stevenson as a possible candidate in California for the U.S. Senate."

That would mean running the former Illinois governor against incumbent Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) in 1958.


In California one year's residence qualifies a person to seek office.

Magazine Predicts Industrial Spread

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20 (AP)—A chemical business magazine forecasts a spread of the industry—currently enjoying a "boom" period—to the Monongahela River Valley, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette said today.

Since the end of World War II the chemical industry has expanded tremendously in the Ohio River Valley, largely in West Virginia.

It is estimated that some 400 million dollars has been invested in new chemical facilities in West Virginia's Ohio Valley, from the Kanawha River northward to the tip of the Panhandle.



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