

Russia Accused Of 'War Scare'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 25 (AP)—The United States today accused the Soviet Union of raising and "artificial war scare" in the Middle East with the aim of turning the Arab nations into Soviet satellites.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge delivered a blistering indictment of the Soviet Union before the 82-nation General Assembly as support developed for a move to have Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold take a personal role in the Middle East crisis.

Gangster Shot In New York

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (AP)—Albert (Boom Boom) Anastasia, the cold-blooded executioner of the old Murder, Inc., mob, was assassinated today in a barber's chair in a midtown hotel. It was the same remorseless, gangland fate he had decreed for scores of others.

"He was taking over the mob," said a ranking police official, who asked that his name not be used. This spokesman said two masked gunmen who shot Anastasia and then escaped—apparently by subway—were professionals, hired to thwart Anastasia's lust for greater underworld power.

The source said Anastasia headed a younger element seeking to snatch crime syndicate leadership from the faltering grip of racketeer Frank Costello, himself the target of an attempted assassination last May 2.

"They knew their job well," declared the official of the two killers who murdered Anastasia. He added that police believe the pair now are well on their way elsewhere, spirited away by the group who hired their guns to erase Anastasia.

Meany Continues Cleanup of Unions

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—The AFL-CIO today cracked down on two more unions in the corruption cleanup it launched with a suspension order against the Teamsters.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council ordered the 160,000-member Bakery Workers and 44,000-member United Textile Workers unions to agree by Nov. 15 to boot out officials accused of corruption and arrange conventions to elect new officers. If the unions don't comply, they face automatic suspension.

George Meany, AFL-CIO president and steersman of the labor cleanup drive, said both unions, in addition to the 1½-million-member Teamsters, are liable to be expelled at the AFL-CIO convention in December unless they agree to ordered reforms.

Clark Says Democrats Sure of State Victory

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—Sen. Clark (D-Pa.) said today his swing around Pennsylvania in the last six weeks has convinced him that Democratic prospects of victory in the Nov. 5 local election in the state are almost uniformly bright.

Frenchmen's Strike Hits Living Costs

PARIS, Oct. 25 (AP)—Exasperated French workers walked off their jobs today to protest skyrocketing living costs and governmental shilly-shallying.

Losses to industry were estimated in the millions of dollars as factories closed and transport ground to a halt all across France. But basic utilities—gas, electricity, water and telephone—continued to operate, thus blunting the effect of the strike on the lives of ordinary Frenchmen.

With the life of the country largely paralyzed, Socialist Guy Mollet continued his efforts to form a new Cabinet and end a crisis which has left France without a government for 26 days. Whether he would succeed was anybody's guess.

The strike redoubled the sense of frustration that has gripped Frenchmen since this latest demonstration of governmental instability. This one has apparently shocked them as none of the preceding 23 postwar Cabinet crises did.

In fact, most observers felt this sense of frustration was largely responsible for the strikes, the first major ones ever during a governmental crisis.

Very few of the strikers have formulated definite wage demands and if they had they are well aware there is no government to deal with them. Consequently, the most they can hope for is a public demonstration of their deep discontent.

Ike Hints of Europe Trip To Rally Free Nations

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—President Eisenhower gave notice today he might fly to Europe to help rally free nations into a "genuine partnership" needed to protect their peoples better from Russia's threats.

The White House disclosed this prospect in a final communique summing up Eisenhower's three days of talks with Britain's Prime Minister Macmillan on moves to meet Russia's stepped-up military-scientific challenge.

The 1,500-word windup statement calls for a meeting of "special character" by representatives of the 15 North Atlantic Treaty nations in mid-December.

"The arrangements which the nations of the free world have made for collective defense and mutual help are based on the recognition that the concept of national self-sufficiency is now out of date," the Eisenhower-Macmillan statement said.

"The countries of the free world are interdependent and only in genuine partnership, by combining their resources and sharing tasks in many fields, can progress and safety be found. For our part, we have agreed that our two countries will henceforth act in accordance with this principle."

Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty and C. Peter Hope, Macmillan's press aide, issued the joint communique which followed four private talks between the leaders lasting nine hours.

Macmillan then left by plane for Ottawa. He said he was "very satisfied" with Eisenhower's promise to keep "close and fruitful collaboration" between American and British atomic scientists.

To a barrage of reporters' questions, the White House said "it would not rule out" the possibility that Eisenhower and Macmillan would both represent their governments at the forthcoming NATO Council session.

Sputnik Loses Beep; Whistle

LONDON, Oct. 25 (AP)—Sputnik has lost its beep.

Scientists tracking the Soviet baby moon said it was still zipping through outer space around the world and right on course. But radio monitors said it no longer sends out its signals. Neither the beep nor the occasional whistle is heard now.

Apparently batteries powering the radio transmission had gone dead.

"The Russians said the satellite's batteries would last for three weeks, and it is exactly three weeks to the day," said a scientist at the radio observatory at Cambridge.

"The signals have lost intensity over the last week and were a hundred times weaker last night, which probably means that the satellite will now be unobserved unless it is done by radar."

"From our measurements it is coming down by about 3½ kilometers—just over 2 miles—a day at its highest point or orbit, which is in the Southern Hemisphere, but it is more or less the same height over England."

Federal Mediators Quit In Pittsburgh Bus Strike

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25 (AP)—Federal and state mediators today stepped aside in Pittsburgh's 12-day-old transit dispute, declaring that "further negotiations were hopeless at present."

Flu Takes Toll Of 72 Pa. Lives

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS An epidemic of influenza and similar respiratory diseases has taken a toll of at least 72 lives in its sweep across Pennsylvania.

An Associated Press survey yesterday added three more victims who have died after coming down with the flu and suffering complications.

Doctors emphasized, however, that the mortality rate is low in comparison with the number of persons stricken.

Hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians have come down with flu-like ailments in the past month. Doctors say many more will catch the disease before the epidemic subsides.

Anti-Laborism Cited By Sears Official

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—A Sears Roebuck & Co. official told Senate investigators today some "inexcusable" unnecessary and disgraceful activities were undertaken in the past on behalf of the company to head off union organization.

"But 'Sears has never negotiated any 'sweetheart' contract agreements with any labor leader contrary to the interests of Sears employees," Vice President Wallace Tudor said.

At least five nations were working on such a proposal, to be submitted in the event Syria continues to refuse mediation efforts by King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, the Assembly president, adjourned the session until Monday. He pleaded with the members to regard the weekend as an opportunity for employing quiet diplomacy, reducing tension and producing harmony.

After the speech by Lodge and appeals by other speakers for Syria to accept mediation, the Syrian delegation called a news conference where a spokesman said his country does not "accept any mediation which would take this complaint out of the United Nations."

Lodge declared the United States will not be halted by Soviet threats from carrying out the purposes of the Eisenhower Doctrine to aid Middle East countries "the Soviet Union seeks to destroy."

Lodge asserted the true aim of the Soviet Union in charging that the United States is prodding Turkey to attack Syria is to "pose before the world as the savior of the Arabs."

He said the Kremlin wants to "bully Turkey with threats of extinction and frighten the rest of us into doing nothing," and "blacken the name of the United States" and destroy its historic friendship with the Middle East.

Abel Found Guilty In Espionage Trial

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (AP)—Russian Col. Rudolf I. Abel was convicted today of stealing American military and atomic secrets for Moscow. The maximum sentence is death.

The scrawny, 55-year-old master spy is the first foreign national ever to stand trial for his life on espionage charges in a civilian American courtroom. He also is the highest-ranking Soviet agent ever brought to book here.

As he has throughout his trial in Brooklyn U.S. District Court, Abel seemed only mildly interested in the verdict returned by the jury of nine men and three women. They deliberated three hours and 35 minutes.

Later, as he left the court, Abel puffed out his cheeks and exhaled in a gesture that seemed one of relief at the end of the trial.

Judge Mortimer Byers, who now holds Abel's life in his hands, scheduled sentencing for Nov. 15.

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