

Senator Urges Alert Over Crisis in Berlin

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D.-Conn.), warning that the Soviets may trigger a war over Berlin, urged yesterday an intensive 90-day program to alert the nation for any eventuality.

"I do not believe the country is prepared—that the people are prepared—that they know we are on the threshold possibly of grave disaster," Dodd told the Senate.

Mine Deaths May Trigger Prosecutions

HARRISBURG (AP)—Atty. Gen. Anne X. Alpern said yesterday criminal prosecutions may stem from the Pittston mine disaster which claimed 12 miners' lives.

"We have explored every aspect of the Pittston mine disaster as related to criminal prosecution," Miss Alpern declared.

She made the statement following a meeting with Dist. Atty. Albert Aston, of Luzerne County, and Arthur Silverblatt, first assistant district attorney.

Aston said his office will cooperate in "any criminal proceeding which might result."

"There is obvious evidence of negligence," Aston added. "The question is whether it is criminal negligence or inadvertent negligence."

Criminal negligence can result in a heavy prison sentence or fine.

The case involves a disaster in January at the Knox Coal Co. Mine near Pittston. The Susquehanna River broke through its bottom into a shaft of the mine, trapping the 12 miners. Their bodies have not been recovered.

Explosion Rocks H-Bomb Factory

ALDERMASTON, England (AP)—A violent explosion rocked Britain's big H-bomb factory here yesterday, killing two men and injuring another.

Airplanes were warned to avoid the region 45 miles west of London. But they resumed flights when officials said the blast was caused by conventional explosives and there was no radioactive danger. Traffic was permitted on nearby roads.

It was the sixth incident at the base in the past four years. Britain's Atomic Energy Authority set up a board of inquiry.

A spokesman said no radioactive materials were involved or disturbed in the Aldermaston blast.

He would not identify the explosives more precisely.

Hoffa Asked Dulles, Aides Hold Conference on Berlin To Get Out By Fla. Gov.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Gov. Leroy Collins yesterday invited Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa to get out of Florida and stay out. Hoffa retorted Collins better get busy improving living standards in his state.

"I wish Hoffa would stay out of Florida," Collins said about the president of the scandal-scarred truckers union. "The less we see of him around here the better."

Hoffa said after a meeting of the Teamsters Executive Board he thought Collins was playing politics and suggested the governor worry more about improving living conditions than criticizing Teamsters organizing plans in the state.

"If he would just raise living standards maybe the people here wouldn't be so interested in our union," Hoffa said. "Florida sunshine is free for everybody to enjoy but people ought to have something to enjoy it with."

Collins in touching off the feud said he had nothing against the Teamsters Union but felt Hoffa had been discredited as a labor leader.

Hoffa left by plane to attend a testimonial dinner in Philadelphia for that city's Teamsters chieftain Raymond Cohen.

Hoffa is due back today for further Teamsters board meetings here.

Panhel to Screen Candidates Sunday

Candidates for Panhellenic offices will be screened from 1:30 until 5 p.m. Sunday in McElwain back study lounge.

The schedule for screening is: Theta Phi Alpha candidates for the vice presidency, 1:30; candidates for corresponding secretary, 2 p.m.; candidates for recording secretary, 3 p.m.; and candidates for treasurer, 4 p.m.

Applications for offices are still available at the Hetzel Union desk. They must be returned by 4 p.m. today. Candidates must have a 2.5 All-University average, and a copy of their transcripts must be included with applications.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles called in his top aides yesterday for a hospital room conference on the Berlin crisis.

The 71-year-old secretary arranged the meeting as he completed his first week of X-ray treatment for cancer.

The State Department disclosed Dulles met for about one hour with Acting Secretary Christian A. Herter, Dep. Undersecretary Robert Murphy, Asst. Secretary Livingston T. Merchant and Joseph N. Greene Jr., special assistant.

Department press chief Lincoln White said he had no details on the conference, which was arranged at Dulles' request.

Dulles has been keeping in touch with world developments by reading newspapers, listening to radio broadcasts and conferring by telephone each day with Herter or Greene, White said.

The secretary's doctors expressed great satisfaction at his progress.

For the sixth time since last Friday, Dulles underwent exposure to the million-volt X-ray machine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. As before, he was reported to have shown no adverse effects.

His doctors also said Dulles' House.

colon inflammation or diverticulitis is much improved.

The physicians said it was still too early to predict whether Dulles will recover enough to go back to work as secretary of state.

Committee Recommends Improvement of Airports

WASHINGTON (AP)—A \$297 million program to bring airports up to jet age standards was recommended yesterday by a House committee which topped President Eisenhower's proposal by about 50 per cent.

Aid to Schools Predicted

HARRISBURG (AP)—Rep. Stephen McCann, Democratic floor leader, yesterday predicted the Legislature would act to increase the ceiling on state-aided school construction but not by the more than \$1.5 billion proposed in the House.



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