

Khrushchev to Discuss Problems with President

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nikita Khrushchev returned from his flying tour across the United States yesterday to get down to the real business of his American trip.

This is a round of intensive talks with President Eisenhower on a wide assortment of cold war problems ranging from disarmament through the Berlin crisis to fighting in Laos.

Steel Company Boss Recovers From Wound

HYANNIS, Mass. (AP) — Walter F. Munford, head of the strike-iddled U.S. Steel Corp., is recovering from an abdominal wound which a district attorney said yesterday Munford suffered accidentally while putting away a kitchen knife.

Barnstable County Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis said Munford, 51, elected to the corporation presidency only last May, had been under medical care for fatigue and nervous exhaustion.

Dinis said Munford "apparently slipped on the highly polished kitchen floor and impaled himself on the knife he was carrying."

The district attorney said Munford was carrying kitchen utensils to the sink when the accident happened.

He said Mrs. Munford told him she entered the kitchen of their big summer home at Chatham, on Cape Cod, Wednesday and found her husband "bleeding about waist-high in the abdomen."

Police showed newsmen a knife with a five-inch blade as the instrument which caused the injury.

The outcome of these secret discussions, starting late today at Eisenhower's Maryland mountain retreat, Camp David, and continuing through Sunday morning, is bound to affect the course of world events in the days and months ahead.

Khrushchev, wearing a light gray suit and carrying a blue-gray felt hat, was more than an hour behind schedule after a late leave-taking in Pittsburgh, where he spent one of the happier days of his cross-country tour.

For once, being late, the Soviet Premier made no speech on arriving at the airport. He stepped out of the U.S. Air Force jet transport that bore him from Pittsburgh to Andrews Air Force Base in 45 minutes and walked directly to the bubbletop White House limousine waiting for him.

Khrushchev, looking tired but happy, waved amiably to newsmen and remarked to one Air Force crewman: "You fly like an eagle."

In contrast to the ceremonious welcome he received at the same airport 10 days ago on his arrival from Moscow, Khrushchev was greeted more or less perfunctorily yesterday, on the theory that this was just another stop on his itinerary.

Eisenhower sent Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy out to welcome the Soviet leader back to Washington and accompany him on the automobile trip back downtown.

Israel Calls Suez Block Real Threat

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Israel accused the United Arab Republic yesterday of threatening the rights of all maritime nations by refusing passage of Israeli cargoes and ships through the Suez Canal.

Golda Meir, the Israeli foreign minister, told the 82-nation General Assembly her country was not prepared to accept continued discrimination against Israeli shipping.

She described the U.A.R. action as a "gross, arrogant and continuing breach of internationally guaranteed rights."

Farid Zeineddine, deputy foreign minister for the U.A.R., took the rostrum immediately in the Assembly hall to assert that Israel has no right to use the canal because 95 per cent of that nation belonged to the people of Palestine until it was "grabbed by Israel."

The exchange appeared to set the stage for bitter UN debate. Israel has been trying to line up as many of the maritime nations as possible in support of its stand.

Mrs. Meir noted that such shipping nations as the United States, Britain, Italy and Argentina had already referred in their policy speeches to the necessity of applying the principle of freedom of passage to the Suez Canal.

Mrs. Meir said that Israeli ships had been denied free passage and Israeli cargoes have been impeded since 1948.

She asserted the situation was aggravated this year when the U.A.R. suddenly extended restrictions to include cargoes southbound to ports in Asia and Africa.

U.S. Moon Rocket Explodes on Ground

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A towering Atlas-Able moon rocket exploded during an engine test yesterday, postponing a U.S. effort to even the moon score with the Russians and prompting a study of other space probes planned this fall.

The 100-foot rocket, scheduled to carry a 375-pound satellite to a moon orbit early next month, was destroyed when tons of exploding fuel ripped through the first two of its four stages.

The small third and fourth stages were not on the missile.

The Air Force announced the explosion occurred during a static test of the missile and that it is investigating the cause. A static firing checks all operating functions of the engines, including ignition, while the rocket is locked on its pad.

The United States was counting on the Atlas-Able to better the spectacular Soviet moon strike of Sept. 13.

It was scheduled for launching during the period of Oct. 3-6, when the moon will be at its closest point to the earth, about 221,000 miles.

A spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said in Washington that its unlikely another rocket can be readied in time for an October launch.

NASA announced that as a result of the blowup, it will make a complete study of space probes tentatively set for this fall. This would include an attempt to send a probe toward Venus in November.

Group Will Investigate Civil Liberties Arrest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania said yesterday they would investigate a charge that Pittsburgh police interfered with an Anti-Khrushchev demonstrator's freedom of speech and right of assembly.

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French Air Crash Kills 54, Injures 6

BORDEAUX, France (AP)—A French airliner crashed and burned just after taking off late last night from Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport. Early reports said 54 of 60 persons aboard were killed and six survivors were injured seriously.

An airport dispatcher said the DC7 operated by the Tailine fell back to earth after clearing the runway.

Negotiators Stall On Disagreements

NEW YORK (AP) — Second-string negotiators hashed over disagreements in the nation-wide steel strike yesterday preliminary to the next meeting of the top bargaining teams in the dispute.

But there was no report on what had been achieved beyond an agreement on what the disagreements are, and the 72-day walkout seemed no nearer to solution than before.

The chief negotiators for the industry and the striking United Steel Workers, R. Conrad Cooper and union president David J. McDonald, resume sessions today after a day's recess.

Iraq Prime Minister

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Damascus radio said today Prime Minister Abdel Karim Kassem of Iraq has heavily reinforced his bodyguards and is staying continuously in his headquarters.

The cause of the crash was a mystery.

While crash trucks and other emergency vehicles rushed to the scene, the plane caught fire and then blew apart when the gas tanks ignited.

Rescuers kept back by the flames said for a few moments before the blast they could see passengers frantically trying to get out of the plane.

The plane had taken off for French West Africa.

Those who survived were believed to have been thrown clear by the impact. They were brought to hospitals in Bordeaux.

The airport dispatcher said the scene surrounding the burning wreckage was one of great confusion.

"We could see people rushing toward the plane," he said. "It was very dark. Then the next moment the plane caught fire and then exploded."

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