

Iraqi Premier Wounded By Assassin's Bullets

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Iraq's revolutionary Premier Abdel Karim Kassem was shot by an assassin in a Baghdad street late yesterday but escaped serious injury, Baghdad radio reported.

Three shots hit the Iraqi strongman as he rode in his station wagon along Rashid Street, the main avenue in Baghdad. Earlier reports said he had been hit only once.

Tic Tac Dough Producer Fired In NBC Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Broadcasting Co. has fired the producer of a quiz show currently on the air because he would not swear there has been no coaching of contestants, House probes were told last night.

The producer was named as Howard Felsher of the television show "Tic Tac Dough."

Thomas E. Ervin, vice president and general counsel of NBC, told a House subcommittee that in a general checkup of NBC quiz programs, he asked Felsher for a sworn statement that no contestants on "Tic Tac Dough" had been given advance answers to questions.

Ervin said Felsher would not give such a statement, "So we fired him."

In New York, Felsher could not be reached for comment on Ervin's statement.

"Tic Tac Dough" is one of several quiz shows whose production was taken over by NBC after scandals involving other similar programs.

Two press agents for one of these shows, the defunct "Twenty-One," told the subcommittee their lawyer told them not to tell New York authorities the truth about whether that program was rigged by feeding correct answers to contestants beforehand.

Two contestants on "Twenty-One" gave additional testimony yesterday that the show was rigged.

A medical bulletin broadcast from the minister of health and a medical committee in Baghdad said: "Kassem was hit by three bullets in places which are not dangerous. His injuries were superficial. The state of his health does not call for any worry. He is resting."

Baghdad radio said one bullet hit the upper part of one arm and broke a bone.

Kassem was well enough to talk on the radio. He said the attack was made by traitors but did not say how many might be involved.

"I am well," he said dramatically. "We will be victorious over the traitors and criminals. Traitors wanted to get rid of me. I am pledged to God to serve this country and not to let any foreigner or greedy persons interfere."

Authorities clamped a curfew on Baghdad.

The purpose of the attack, Kassem declared, was to leave the Iraqi people divided and without leadership.

A terse dispatch from a part-time correspondent of the Associated Press in Baghdad said troops and military trucks started patrolling the streets after Kassem was taken to a hospital.

The official Baghdad radio did not say what happened to the assailant.

Whether Arab Nationalist followers of United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser had anything to do with the shooting or not they will be blamed for it by the Communists.

No attempt on his life had been reported since he came to power 15 months ago. At that time he led a military coup which overthrew the monarchy, killing King Feisal and Premier Nuri Said.

Conference On Space Seen Likely

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States and Britain yesterday welcomed a Soviet proposal for an international scientific conference on outer space. This boost from the West virtually assured that such a conference would take place.

Vasily V. Kuznetsov, Soviet deputy foreign minister, disclosed the proposal in a speech to the UN General Assembly Tuesday.

He said the Soviet Union would seek a conference under UN auspices as soon as possible. It would be along the lines of the UN conferences on peaceful uses of atomic energy—a plan advanced originally by President Eisenhower.

"We welcome this new departure in Soviet policy and hope that it means cooperation in the future work of the United Nations in the field of outer space," U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge said in a statement.

He declared the United States still supports strongly the establishment by the present assembly of a special UN space committee.

The Soviet Union boycotted a committee set up last year on the grounds Communist and neutral nations did not have sufficient representation. Kuznetsov said Tuesday the Soviet stand is unchanged.

Danger Believed Over In Encephalitis Epidemic

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—State Health Commissioner Roscoe P. Kandle said yesterday visitors to South Jersey and families there should no longer fear getting a deadly type of sleeping sickness.

He said the outbreak of eastern equine encephalitis, which is believed to have taken 19 lives and made 10 others very ill, "seems to be nearing its end if it is not, in fact, over."

Offer Tendered to Keep Senators in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former U.S. Sen. George H. Bender of Ohio says he wants to buy the Washington Senators if Calvin Griffith is willing to sell the American League club.

Bender said he would go as high as \$7 million to buy the club and keep it in Washington.

BEAT ARMY

Tories Expect Win In British Elections

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's conservatives, the odds-on betting favorites, nervously expected last night to win five more years of power in a national election today.

The Conservatives, or Tories, were just a shade more confident than Hugh Gaitskell's Laborites, who also claimed they could smell victory in the air.

In the two headquarters, campaign directors studied last-minute reports from canvassers and privately came up with these conflicting assessments:

The voters will give the Conservatives a 40-seat margin over all other parties in the new 630-seat House of Commons. This would represent a drop of 13 seats but would be ample to keep Macmillan comfortably in the saddle as prime minister.

The Laborites will win with a 20-seat edge. This would put Gaitskell in as prime minister and he would represent Britain at any summit conference.

In that event the handful of Liberals in Parliament would be able — by throwing in with one side or the other — to determine whether Britain's top executive job went to Macmillan or Gaitskell.

Both Liberal and Conservative party workers set doorbells ringing in a final effort to win support of a huge bloc of uncommitted voters. The three-week campaign closed with many signs indicating it could go either way.

But the bookmakers, whose business is legal in Britain, favored the Conservatives.

Mario Lanza Dies Suddenly Of Heart Attack

ROME (AP)—Mario Lanza, a golden voiced boy from Philadelphia's "Little Italy" who encountered undreamed of woes at the peak of his climb from rags to riches, died yesterday. He was 38.

Death was due to a heart attack at a time in life when he should have been at the top of his career. He long had been plagued by chronic overweight.

On the way up from the role of piano mover-truck driver, he made more than a million dollars in a year.

Lanza's wife, Betty, was in a state of shock at the Lanza apartment. The couple had four children. The movie star's body will lie in state today at the apartment.

His real name was Alfredo Arnold Cocozza. He made his debut as a professional singer in 1942 at the Berkshire Festival in Tanglewood, Mass.

BEAT ARMY

Taft-Hartley Court Order Will End Dock Strike

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's fact-finders worked at top speed last night to deliver to the White House a report designed to send 85,000 striking dock workers back to work under a court order.

The Justice Department officials stood ready to seek the Taft-Hartley Act injunction today in Federal District Court in New York City.

The three-man fact-finding panel zipped through a public hearing on the week-old International Longshoremen's Association strike in 1 1/4 hours. Then the panel members started to draft their report to President

Eisenhower. Under the Taft-Hartley law's emergency machinery, the fact-finders' report must precede court action.

If federal court agrees to order an 80-day cooling off period, longshore work gangs may start tomorrow to move the piled-up cargoes which have been choking Atlantic ports from Maine to Texas for the last week. The injunction requires the 80-day truce for working and negotiation.

The panel heard sharp conflicts of testimony in its high-speed inquiry during the morning. Then Chairman Guy Farmer appealed to the parties to seek an early, peaceful settlement.

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