

Cuba Labor Withdraws From Anti-Red Group

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's organized labor withdrew yesterday from the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers.

The decision to break the ties with the hemispheric confederation was voted at a meeting of the Cuban National Workers Congress.

Lawrence Balances State Budget

HARRISBURG (AP) — A balanced budget has been achieved by Gov. Lawrence with the signing of two new tax levies over \$100 million in appropriations.

One tax measure switches the 4 per cent sales tax on soft drinks from the distributors and bottlers to the consumer. It also strengthens enforcement provisions and is designed to bring in \$1.5 million in the next two years.

The other extends the 14-mill tax on gross receipts of public utilities to natural gas companies for the first time. It is expected to yield \$5.8 million.

Gov. Lawrence signed the measures and new appropriations totaling \$128,124,935 Saturday in Pittsburgh. His record budget now stands at \$1,826,700,000.

The appropriations are mainly for state-aided universities, colleges, homes, historic sites and other institutions as well as a variety of capital construction programs.

Some \$3.25 million in bonding authorizations are still in the final stages of passage through the Legislature. The largest is a \$3,125,000 boost for blind pensions.

The governor also signed a measure doubling the \$1-a-year motor vehicle operator's license fee. The action signalled the mailing of over five million license applications carrying the new \$2-price tag.

Success Expected In 14th Resolution About Hungary

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States is expected to succeed with a resolution that would have the UN General Assembly deplore the actions of Soviet and Hungarian authorities in Hungary.

Diplomatic sources said yesterday the U.S. delegation has circulated copies of the proposal in tentative form to other delegations in the hope some of them would join in sponsoring it.

Experienced observers predict it will pass in the next two weeks. If it does, it will be the 14th resolution on Hungary the Assembly has adopted since the doomed uprising against Soviet domination there in 1956.

The resolution will not be handed in to the UN Secretariat until the General Assembly puts the Hungarian question on its agenda. The 21-nation Steering Committee meets today to consider two requests that this be done.

One of the requests came from Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, UN special representative on Hungary; the other from the United States.

Prime Minister Fidel Castro had to be called to restore order at an earlier session of the congress. He compared the disorderly convention hall to a lunatic asylum.

The vote to cut loose from the regional organization, an anti-Communist group formed nearly a decade ago, came in the adoption of a resolution by the congress' International Affairs Committee.

The regional organization is a branch of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, which has headquarters in Brussels. This confederation is the free world rival of the Communist-led World Federation of Trade Unions.

The resolution charged the regional organization is under control of "American imperialism, which has consistently supported all dictators." It proposed creation of a new "revolutionary confederation of Latin-American workers" and asked that other Latin-American labor groups join.

Delegates quickly approved a series of other resolutions bristling with anti-American passages. These included:

● A protest to the U.S. government against alleged arming of planes on U.S. territory for attacks on Cuba.

● A protest to the United States against what the resolution called "the trampling, torturing and jailing of a Panamanian youth." This apparently referred to the stand of American police against an invasion of the canal zone by Panamanian rioters three weeks ago.

Hopes for Recovery Of Capsule Remain Dim

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Only faint hope remained yesterday that the Air Force would recover the ejected capsule from the Discoverer VIII satellite.

24 Die in Beirut Air Crash

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Twenty-four persons, including two Americans, died Saturday night in the crash of an Afghanistan Airways plane shortly after it took off from Beirut Airport. Three passengers survived.

The two Americans were listed as Frank William Shepherd and Gordon Hay Clark. Spokesmen at the Beirut hotel where the two had stayed said both listed their residence as Kandahar, Afghanistan.

countant and was traveling from Rome to Kabul.

In San Mateo, Calif., the wife of Dr. Gordon Hay Clark, 48, said her husband was booked to fly on the plane from Beirut to Kabul, Afghanistan. Dr. Clark was medical director in Kabul for Morrison-Knudson Co., U.S. contracting firm.

The airliner smashed into a mountainside three minutes after it took off for Kabul, Afghanistan.

They said Shepherd was an ac-

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