

Three American Pilots Get Cuban Prison Terms

HAVANA (AP) — Three American pilots were sentenced to long prison terms yesterday by two Castro military tribunals. They were charged with counter-revolutionary activities. Two got 30 years, the other 25.

Ban on A-Tests To Be Studied By Air Force

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force has embarked on a special study of how to police the temporary nuclear test ban, it was disclosed yesterday.

Known as Project Vela, it will make use of the science of earthquakes-seismology.

Dr Herbert F. York, defense director of research and engineering, said the study was launched to solve "moratorium policing problems."

The United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain now have in effect an unofficial and temporary ban or moratorium on atom tests while international experts seek a long range or permanent solution to the major problem—how to insure compliance with any nuclear test ban.

Information on the Vela project came out during a news conference called to discuss changes in the Advanced Research Projects Agency.

The choice of the name Vela was in line with the scientists' liking for astronomical or mythological tags. Vela is a subdivision of the constellation Argo.

York announced that ARPA, under its new director, Brig. Gen. Austin W. Betts, will report directly to him instead of to the secretary of defense as it has since its creation Feb. 7, 1958.

ARPA, he said, will ask for about 150 million dollars in the new defense budget for research on ballistic missile defense, solid propellants and basic research in materials.

Red Committee to Meet

MOSCOW (AP) — The Central Committee of the Communist party will meet Dec. 22 to discuss further expansion of agricultural production, Tass news agency said yesterday.

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rejected. Death was not asked for the other.

In Havana, Rafael del Pino, 33, a Cuban-born U.S. citizen whose home is Miami, Fla., was sentenced to 30 years.

Del Pino was captured last July when he landed a light plane on a highway near Havana. He was accused of trying to help anti-Castro Cubans flee the country.

The prosecution asked the death sentence but the court in Havana's La Cabana Fortress said that despite the gravity of the charges against him Del Pino had not caused any loss of life and, therefore, was given the prison sentence.

In Pinar del Rio, a two-man military tribunal spared from the firing squad Frank Austin Young, 38, also of Miami. He was sentenced to 30 years.

His American companion, Peter John Lambton, 24, London-born grandson of a British socialite, was given 25 years. The prosecution had demanded a 30-year sentence.

The court in Pinar del Rio also turned down the demand for a death sentence for Fernando Pruna Bertot, 24, a dapper Cuban underground worker who once attended Columbia University. He was ordered to prison for 30 years.

\$8 Million Nuclear Plant To Rise Near Bedford

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Public Utility Commission yesterday opened the door for construction of an \$8½ million nuclear reactor at Saxton, Bedford County.

The commission authorized Metropolitan Edison Co., Reading, and Pennsylvania Electric Co., Johnstown, to acquire stock in the newly formed Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corp., of Reading.

The firm, set up with two New Jersey electric power companies, will own and operate the reactor project.

Sayonara, Women

TOKYO (AP) — The Aizu Bus Co. unhappily reports 28 of its girl conductors will marry soon. All bridegrooms are former passengers.

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Steel Union, Can Firms Make Peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Steelworkers Union reached agreement yesterday with the American and Continental Can companies, major steel customers, and said it should have a bearing on the steel dispute.

And as the stalemated steel negotiations continued, the union gave partial endorsement to a plan by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell to let some third party recommend a labor peace pact for industry.

David J. McDonald, the union's president, announced the agreement with the can companies covering 45,000 workers. It calls for a 30-cent-per-hour raise over a three-year term retroactive to Oct. 1. Wage increases averaging over eight cents an hour provided in each year.

The agreement raises pensions and provides, for the first time, the union said in a major labor agreement, for health cost payment for retired workers.

Earnings in the can industry averaged \$2.73 an hour in September, including overtime and other pay premiums.

Shortly before industry and union negotiators met with federal mediators in the steel dispute, Mitchell told a news conference of his plan to bring in third party help.

He said he felt the time has come for both sides to submit their dispute to outsiders. The Cabinet officer then advanced three methods he said seemed to him to fall within the realm of free collective bargaining and the views of President Eisenhower.

One would be to submit the problem to fact-finders for recommendations. A second would be to agree to let the Federal Mediation Service perform the same function of making settlement proposals.

20 Hardened Cons Flee Southern Pen

IVY BLUFF, N.C. (AP) — Twenty dangerous criminals—heavily armed and at least four of them killers—broke out of the tough Ivy Bluff prison for incorrigibles yesterday.

Six guards were overpowered and left locked up. The convicts had eight rifles, eight pistols and a sub-machine gun.

Transit Strike In Pittsburgh Cripples City

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A strike of trolley and bus operators for higher pay forced some 115,000 daily patrons of Pittsburgh Railways Co. to seek other transportation yesterday.

It was the third such strike in this steel metropolis since 1954. Pittsburgh Railways, privately owned, is the largest mass transit firm serving the city and its suburbs and the only one operating on area-wide basis.

About 1700 operators struck with expiration of their two-year contract at midnight Monday night. They were out for 56 days in 1957 and 35 days in 1954.

As in previous strikes, most stranded riders turned to private autos, taxicabs, railroads and 28 independent bus lines. Other residents hitch-hiked; some just walked.

Despite the extra load of autos, traffic moved briskly except on arteries leading into the city from heavily populated suburbs to the south. There several big jams resulted.

Merchants in the main downtown business district fear the strike, if it continues long, will cut sharply into their Christmas business.

No negotiations are scheduled between the company and the union, Division 85 of the Amalgamated Assn. of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees.

Union officials rejected a last-minute compromise proposal worked out by Mayor Joseph Barr and government mediators.

Despite a huge manhunt centering in North Carolina and Virginia, only one of the convicts had been reported captured.

A posse, following a bloodhound, captured Charlie Edwards, 28, a Gastonia, N.C., Negro serving a life term, about eight miles south of the prison during the afternoon.

The FBI joined in the hunt.

With a four-hour start before the break was reported, the convicts might easily have driven beyond Charlotte or Richmond and nearly to Bristol, Tenn., Charleston, W. Va., Norfolk or Washington before roadblocks could be set up.

Ivy Bluff is in an isolated area about 65 miles northwest of Raleigh and seven miles south of the Virginia border.

Six of the escapees were serving life terms for such crimes as murder, rape and kidnaping.

Ivy Bluff, normally housing about 40 convicts, is used only for the state's worst prisoners. The state prisons director, William F. Bailey, has described the inmates as "incorrigibles, hardened criminals—the type you find in Alcatraz."

Bailey promptly fired two guards, one a 15-year man, for laxity.

Twenty-one other prisoners refused a chance to escape despite the reputation of Ivy Bluff, where many men have maimed themselves to gain a transfer.

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