

Powers' Family Shows Trust in Soviet Lawyer

MOSCOW (AP)—The family of U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers met his Soviet lawyer for the first time yesterday and expressed confidence he is competent and will do his best to help the accused flier. Powers goes on trial tomorrow on espionage charges.

"The conference with the defense attorney was most useful and we have confidence he will do all possible to help our son," said the flier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Powers, in a brief statement.

Alexander W. Parker of Richmond, Va., an attorney who accompanied the pilot's wife, Barbara, called the meeting with Soviet attorney Mikhail Ilich Griniov "highly satisfactory."

But after a defense strategy conference with Griniov that lasted more than an hour, Parker declined to discuss the trial itself or the condition of Powers. Griniov told them he had just come from a long morning conference with the flier.

Parker told a news conference: "Everybody was impressed by his (Griniov's) sincerity, his apparent ability and frankness. We were favorably impressed with him and his desire to cooperate. He has a heavy job, a great job, and he is going to give the best he has got."

"This feeling is general among all the Virginia attorneys," Griniov is a kindly faced little man with thinning, close-cropped gray hair and a tiny beard. He is said to have handled many criminal cases in the Soviet Union.

Griniov was one of the Soviet prosecutors at the Nuernberg trials of Nazi leaders. So was Powers' chief prosecutor, Roman A. Rudenko.

Barbara was accompanied by Parker and another attorney Frank W. Rogers of Roanoke.

The flier's parents were accompanied by Carl A. McAfee, an attorney from Norton, Va.

The appointment with Griniov was arranged by V. Babkin, head of the American section of Intourist, the official Soviet tourist agency. The appointment had to be made through Intourist because the Virginia lawyers are here in an unofficial capacity and will attend Powers' trial only as spectators.

Hammar skjold Seeks Security Council Advice

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—Secretary-General Dag Hammar skjold left for New York by plane last night to put difficulties newly raised by Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba before the United Nations Security Council.

In a letter to Lumumba, the Secretary-General said that he did not see the advantage of this since the Security Council would not meet before the arrival of the Congolese delegation in any case.

Hammar skjold decided to consult the Security Council after Lumumba in a bitter series of three letters announced he no longer had confidence in the Secretary-General.

Shortly before Hammar skjold left his Leopoldville apartment, vice-Premier Antoine Gizenga telephoned and asked what time his plane was going. Gizenga said the Congolese delegation wanted to go with him.

Hammar skjold was escorted to the airport by a guard of Ghana police from the U.N. Congo force.

The Secretary-General is flying by U.N. plane to Paris where he will board a commercial plane for New York. Before leaving Leopoldville, Hammar skjold sent a letter to Congo President Joseph Kasavubu expressing regrets he had been unable to see him and saying that certain misunderstandings had arisen.

Improved Missile

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP)—An improved Nike-Hercules missile "killed" another Hercules 11 miles above the desert on White Sands missile range last Friday, it was announced yesterday.

House Convened by Rayburn; Adjourned by Quorum Lack

WASHINGTON (AP)—Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) brought the House back into session yesterday but left up to the Senate the question of how long Congress will stay in town.

Rayburn said quitting time probably will be determined by how much longer the Senate takes to pass two bills the House attended to weeks or months ago—measures raising the minimum wage and providing health aid for old people.

When Congress suspended its work in July for the national party convention the House, as usual was well ahead of the Senate work schedule.

The Senate has been in renewed session for a week now, and has accomplished two things: It has ratified the Antarctic treaty and passed a four-billion-dollar public works bill.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic Senate leader and his party's vice-presidential nominee, told reporters Congress

Court Stops Hoffa

DETROIT (AP)—A U.S. District Court yesterday quashed the service of summonses on Jack Paar and Robert F. Kennedy in Teamster Union President James R. Hoffa's 2½ million-dollar libel suit.

Law Said Not Violated By U2 Flight

WASHINGTON (AP)—There the persuasive reasons for the view that U2 reconnaissance flights over the Soviet Union did not violate international law, a congressional committee lawyer said yesterday.

Giving his views in a talk prepared for a meeting of the International Astronautical Federation in Stockholm, Spencer M. Beresford said he was not discussing whether the flights may have violated Soviet domestic law, under which the pilot of a downed U2 plane is being tried in Moscow beginning Wednesday.

Beresford is special counsel to the House Space Committee. He said the opinion he expressed was personal, not official.

He said there is good reason to challenge the contention that the U2 flights were, under international law, invasions of Soviet airspace, or espionage or aggression. The question of Soviet domestic law is irrelevant, to this discussion, he argued, since there is no applicable agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union and no sovereign country is bound by the internal laws of another.

Beresford based part of his argument on the acceptance by various countries of satellite orbits in outer space above their territory.

The U2, Beresford said, while not a satellite, operates at altitudes approximating some of the conditions of space—certainly above the limits at which humans could survive without special equipment.

He said the bounds of sovereignty are sometimes set by the limits of effective control and "the Soviet Union itself appears to have accepted effective control as the limit of its three-dimensional sovereignty, by not objecting to the earlier U2 flights."

If it is true that the U2 descended into Soviet airspace unintentionally because of a flame-out or similar mishap, Beresford said, "then surely the controlling provisions are those that permit an aircraft to enter foreign territory in case of distress."

On the question of espionage, he contended the U2 flights "were not clandestine—unless something is wrong with Soviet radar. Nor were they made under false pretenses." Moreover, he said, despite domestic law, "espionage has long been tolerated under customary international law."

Laos Premiership Given to Neutralist

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP)—The premiership of Laos has been handed to Prince Souvanna Phouma, a neutralist who once made a truce with the Communist Pathet Lao guerrillas.

The rebel military command that seized this capital last Tuesday said King Savang Vathana yesterday accepted its choice of Phouma to succeed pro-Western Tiao Somsanith's government.

Repercussions were feared from the United States, which has been paying most of the kingdom's bills and training its 30,000-man royal army in jungle tactics to fight Red guerrillas.

The appointment raised the prospect of a new truce with the Pathet Lao. That would discourage any further heavy U.S. financing of the Laotian military establishment.

Phouma long has held the belief that the only way to save this Asian kingdom from the fatal embrace of neighboring Red China is to keep it neutral in the cold war.

The rebels under Kong Le, 35, paratrooper captain, proclaimed a new policy of neutralism and called for an end to government corruption in taking over this capital.

Somsanith, who was in the royal capital of Luang Prabang when this administrative capital was seized, had pledged to end corruption in becoming premier last May. Campaign charges of corruption involved mainly misuse of U.S. aid.

Somsanith had strong backing from royal army elements concerned with getting U.S. money, equipment and training, and he tied his foreign policy closely with the West. Now Kong Le is demanding that U.S. military advisers go home, and Phouma will be under pressure to see that they leave.

Another rebel demand is an end of the fighting with the Pathet Lao guerrillas. The Premier's half-brother, Prince Souvanna Vong, heads the Pathet Lao and is believed lurking somewhere in the jungles not far from Vientiane. He escaped last June from a Vientiane prison, where he was being held on treason charges.

Phouma worked out a truce with his half-brother in 1957 and brought him into a coalition government, but the coalition collapsed in 1958. Phouma returned to active political life as president of the National Assembly after elections in April.

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