

U.S. Accuses Cuba of Training Spies To Spread Communistic Revolutions

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — The United States accused Cuba yesterday of establishing training programs for spies and guerrillas to spread a Communist revolution through the Americas.

The charge was in a memorandum brought before the Organization of American States' foreign ministers as they met to consider Communist activities in the hemisphere.

Informed sources said the U.S. memorandum opened a U.S. policy approach aimed at encouraging Latin-American nations to join in a tough stand against the leftist Cuban regime of Fidel Castro.

The sources said Secretary of

State Christian A. Herter hopes to attach the nine-page memorandum to an Inter-American Peace Committee report to the ministers on Communist threats to the hemisphere.

The committee report says tensions have been "considerably intensified as a result of the growing interest of the Soviet Union in intervening more actively in inter-American matters."

The United States earlier sent a memorandum to the five-nation committee charging that Cuba is "being rapidly transformed into a dictatorial political state and also a state in which the reins of political control are being concentrated increasingly in the hands of the Communist party."

The report of the latest U.S. memorandum came amid indications many Latin-American delegations are more concerned over the growing dispute between the United States and Cuba than over the Red menace.

The sources said several ministers are seeking to get the two countries to negotiate their differences through the peace committee.

There has been speculation that Cuba actually may be seeking condemnation by the OAS. According to this theory, the Cubans want an excuse to walk out on the conference and in turn condemn the foreign ministers as lackeys of the United States.

Kennedy-Backed Bill Offered to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Kennedy-backed bill to provide medical care benefits for all aged citizens, regardless of income, was offered in the Senate yesterday.

Strongly supported by the Democratic party's nominees, Sen. John F. Kennedy for president and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson for vice president, the system would be financed by Social Security payroll taxes.

President Eisenhower and some Democrats, including Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, oppose the Social Security tax. Eisenhower calls it a form of "compulsory medicine."

Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D.-N.M.) offered the new bill as a substitute to one voted 12-4 by the Finance Committee headed by Byrd. The committee bill would provide 200 million dollars a year in federal grants, to help states provide medical care for their needy aged.

Anderson's bill would provide benefits for all in Social Security and would use the provisions of the committee bill to cover everybody else.

Following Anderson, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.-N.Y.) introduced his own health insurance plan as a substitute. This means the first test will come on Javits' bill.

Although it bore the endorsement of Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Republican presidential nominee, Javits' bill was not given much chance of adoption. Democrats control the Senate almost 2-1, and were considered unlikely to accept a Republican version on the politically potent issue.

Javits, however, told the Senate

in effect that, if senators wanted to write into law a broad program of medical care for old persons, it was his amendment or nothing.

He quoted from Eisenhower news conferences to show that the President had repeatedly said he would not accept a plan tied into the Social Security program.

The Javits plan would provide that federal funds, to be matched by an equal amount of state funds, could be used to help old persons with low or medium incomes obtain health insurance protection.

Fires Roar in Nevada Cutting off Electric Power

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Giant fires roared on yesterday after blackening 60,000 acres of dense, High Sierra forests and cutting off electric power for 90,000 persons in a 15,000-square mile area.

Reno and 14 other cities in western Nevada and northern California have been without electricity since 4:10 p.m. Sunday.

Curvaceous Marilyn Monroe, in town for a movie premier that failed to come off, had lights in the seventh-floor suite of her hotel because Hollywood studio men set up an auxiliary power unit.

The famed Lake Tahoe resort area, jammed with hundreds of vacationists, was in a state of semiparalysis.

Idled electric pumps caused a water shortage. Resorts with electric ranges couldn't cook. Refrigerators quit and a rush call was sent out for dry ice.

Many vacationists who wanted to go home couldn't. Electric-driven gasoline pumps shut down. Some enterprising operators hooked up gasdriven power lawnmower engines and doled out gasoline at the limit of \$2 worth to a customer.

Reno's always busy gambling houses kept going with auxiliary generators.

The three big fires burned out some 20 homes since Saturday in small mountain communities but no large resort centers have been affected.

Flames starting near Donner Lake in the Donner Pass area

burned more than 240,000 acres. The fire swept out of Tahoe National Forest into Toiyabe National Forest. Its front was at Dog Canyon north of Verdi, a small town 10 miles west of Reno.

The heat was so intense and the danger so great that headquarters in Toiyabe National Forest reported no men were being committed against the flames. A broadcast said there was too great risk of men being trapped in flareups back of the fire front.

That fire burned on a seven-mile wide front.

Thousands of men manned various firelines.

The U.S. 6th Army, with headquarters in San Francisco, sent 2,500 servicemen from eight Western states to the Donner Pass area and Fort Hill, 20 miles northeast of Auburn, Calif.

More than 300 airmen fought the Forest Hill blaze, flying in from Mather, McClellan, Castle, Hamilton, Travis and Stead Air Force bases in California and Nevada.

Thirty-four specialists from the U.S. Forest Service in the State of Washington were flown in from McChord AFB at Tacoma.

Defendant Pleads Innocent in Murder Of Mitchell Girl

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—Elmo Smith, 39, pleaded innocent yesterday in a clear, calm voice to the killing of Maryann Mitchell.

Smith stood at attention with his arms at his sides as Clerk Kenneth W. Johns charged him with the murder of the 16-year-old Philadelphia girl.

"How do you plead?" Johns asked.

"Not guilty, sir," Smith replied.

Maryann disappeared last Dec. 28 on her way home from a movie. Her body was found mutilated two days later in a Whitmarsh gully.

Smith, a Bridgeport handyman, was arrested Jan. 6. He has been convicted twice for sex offenses.

Nine of the 12 jurors needed to try Smith were chosen before the court was recessed.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Vincent A. Cirillo challenged several veniremen who said they had scruples against the death penalty or could not bring a first degree murder conviction on circumstantial evidence.

The nine jurors were chosen from the first 64 of a 98-member panel.

Nixon Bans Campaign Hitting 'Religious Issue'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon's press secretary said yesterday Nixon has placed a ban on his workers discussing "the religious issue" in his campaign for president.

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