

Vathana Issues Protest Against Plan for Talks To Settle Laotian Crisis

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — King Savang Vathana came out yesterday against the great powers settling the issue of peace in Laos at a conference in Geneva, Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia said.

The king wants Laotians to work out their own problems the prince added.

Space Trip Will Depend On Forecast

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. —Space experts and astronauts tried to outguess the weather last night—but clouds and winds may postpone today's expected firing of an American into space.

A midnight look at the weather by a caucus of experts will decide whether the countdown, now nearly half gone, will continue.

Today's half of the countdown is the critical part, when the rocket is fueled and the astronaut prepared and installed in the space capsule. Yesterday, mostly, the rocket's electronic systems were checked and the countdown had gone without incident.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has set weather standards well above what is required for an ordinary missile launching.

Meanwhile, two Mercury astronauts flew mock missions yesterday in a capsule like that which may take one of them into space.

No official announcement of the date or time has been made, but the space trip could come any time after 7 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, today, weather and other factors permitting.

In the few hours ahead, one of the two will be named to man the control. The other will be his "backup," or alternate. Late yesterday neither knew which would be which.

The identities of the two men were closely guarded. The world knew only that they were among the three picked from the team of seven Mercury astronauts: Marine Lt. Col. John Glenn, 39, Air Force Capt. Virgil Grisson, 35, and Navy Comdr. Alan Shepard, 37.

Disclosure of the names of the first U.S. spaceman and the backup pilot is not expected until a few hours before the launching.

The man launched possibly today will be in space only about five minutes, at the top of his 15-minute ride. It will be months before an American astronaut orbits the earth.

Indiana's Bellamy Signs With New Chicago Club

CHICAGO (AP) — Walt Bellamy, of Indiana, all-Big Ten and 1960 Olympic basketball player, yesterday was signed by David Trager, owner of Chicago's new National Basketball Association club.

"Bellamy received a good contract for one year and a bonus for signing," said Trager, who did not reveal terms of the agreement.

By making the statement, the king took a stand against his own pro-western government, headed by Premier Boun Oum.

W. Averell Harriman, roving U.S. ambassador, told reporters Boun Oum's government still favors the 14-nation conference plan after a cease-fire.

Harriman declared the United States is doing everything possible to promote the cease-fire between government and pro-Communist rebel forces and pledged anew the support of the United States for the government of Boun Oum.

He said any delay in a cease-fire is squarely up to Soviet Premier Khrushchev and he "must bear responsibility for it."

Earlier, Sihanouk also spoke to reporters and told them the Laotian king opposed the 14-nation parley. Sihanouk originally had proposed it and the Communists then insisted it must be a condition for a cease-fire.

Sihanouk said the king stressed that the factions in Laos now fighting their civil war must be allowed to reach their own solutions without illegal foreign influence.

The Cambodian leader said he disagreed with the Laotian monarch but would withdraw his sponsorship of the parley.

U.S. Man Tells Of Polish Camp

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP) — A witness from Fort Lee, N.J., Dr. Leon Weliczker Wells, testified yesterday in the trial of Adolf Eichmann that there were five main-traveled roads to death for the Jews in the Polish camp where he was held.

Prisoners had their skulls crushed, died from freezing, strangulation, disease and were killed by guards in "shooting competitions," he said.

Wells was born in Poland and was there when the Nazis attacked the Soviet Union in 1941. He was 16 at the time. He arrived in Jerusalem Sunday night to testify.

Wells was the fifth witness to come before the court yesterday and describe Gestapo atrocities in Poland.

Earlier, two telegrams signed by Eichmann ordering the execution of specific groups of Jews were put in evidence in an effort to link him directly with wartime exterminations.

Prison Camp Survivor Witnesses Nazi Horrors

JERUSALEM (AP) — A survivor of a Nazi extermination camp testified Friday she saw Jews soaked in kerosene and set afire as they prayed, small children shot down because they wept and women tied in packs and forced to march for miles in sub-zero temperatures.

Lee Captures Pulitzer Prize For Top Book

NEW YORK (AP) — Harper Lee's novel "To Kill a Mocking Bird" yesterday won the 1961 Pulitzer prize for fiction.

The award for drama went to "All the Way Home" by Tad Mosel.

In the journalism field, the Pulitzer gold medal for meritorious public service went to the Amarillo, Tex., Globe-Times, for exposing a breakdown in local law enforcement with resultant reforms and official shakeups.

Lynn Heinzerling of The Associated Press won the Pulitzer award for international reporting for his coverage of the early stages of the Congo crisis "under extraordinarily difficult conditions." He also was cited for "his keen analysis of events in other parts of Africa."

The prize for national reporting went to Edward R. Cony of the Wall Street Journal for his analysis of timber dealings which drew attention to questions of business ethics.

The awards in journalism carry a \$1,000 prize and those in arts and letters \$500 each.

The trustees of Columbia University announced that the prizes were based on recommendations of an advisory board composed mainly of newspaper executives.

The awards were set up at Columbia by the late newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer.

The music award went to "Symphony Number 7," by Walter Piston.

Sloan Installed As Pa. Treasurer

HARRISBURG (AP) — Mrs. Grace McAlmont Sloan of Clarion promised to keep a firm grip on the commonwealth pocketbook yesterday as she was installed as state treasurer.

A longtime champion of women's rights and Democratic party policy, Mrs. Sloan vowed to "See that all state tax monies are properly accounted for, prudently invested, and paid out in accordance with the law—in the interest of all taxpayers."

Mrs. Sloan is only the second woman to be installed in a statewide elective office. The other is Miss Genevieve Blatt, elected secretary of internal affairs in 1954 and re-elected to the post in 1958.

Mrs. Sloan succeeds Republican Robert F. Kent in the treasurer post.

House Plans Wage Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate-House conferees yesterday agreed on a bill which would raise the minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour by 1963 and bring an additional 3,624,000 workers under the wage-hour act.

Ikeda to Break Tradition

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda will break tradition by taking his wife along on his U.S. trip next month.

Castro Cites Future In May Day Speech

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Cubans paraded through Havana yesterday in a gigantic May Day buildup for Fidel Castro's expected major pronouncement on the future of his "socialist" regime.

Cuban television commentators said 3 million of Cuba's 6½ million people were packed into Havana's Civic Plaza.

Militiamen and civilians of all ages streamed all day before Castro, who stood smoking cigars and scanning the crowd through field glasses from a reviewing stand.

The square was a sea of men, women and children carrying flags, banners and placards. Dozens of floats and banners praised Castro's revolution or denounced "Yankee imperialism."

Castro was flanked by President Osvaldo Dorticos, military leaders, members of the Council of Ministers and foreign diplomats including the Soviet ambassador.

One thing missing from the Moscow-style demonstration was a display of military equipment. Only soldiers with rifles and one

mobile anti-aircraft gun were observed on the telecast picked up in this Florida city 90 miles from Havana.

Explaining the absence of weapons, an announcement said that while the celebration was in progress, the military would remain on the alert throughout Cuba against an invasion which Castro's propagandists said might take place.

Workers and peasants were brought into Havana for what TV announcers proclaimed the first May Day celebration anywhere in the Americas "with the working class in power."

Although it was not televised, it was announced that an effigy of U.S. President John F. Kennedy has been burned publicly on the square.



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