

U.S. Protests Action By German Police

BERLIN (AP)—The U.S. command in Berlin protested to the Soviet Union yesterday the halting of a top State Department official by East German police.

Blaming the Americans for the incident, Communist East Germany announced that henceforth all Allied personnel in civilian clothes must show identification papers to East German police upon entering East Berlin.

AFL-CIO Sued For Slander By Teamsters

DETROIT, Mich (AP) — A million-dollar libel and slander suit was brought by James R. Hoffa and his Teamsters Union yesterday against President George Meany and most of the AFL-CIO top leadership.

Hoffa, president of the Teamsters, accused Meany and 24 AFL-CIO Executive Council members of making "wicked and malicious" statements about the Teamsters in a conspiracy to raid the Teamsters' ranks of members.

However, the suit said the actual purpose of this was to make a "smoke screen" to conceal what it called the AFL-CIO's "true condition as a tottering house of labor."

The AFL-CIO "has all it can do to keep its own ranks from falling to pieces," the suit said. At Washington, Meany brushed off the suit. He called it "very amusing." That was the extent of his immediate comment.

The suit, brought the federal court with Hoffa and his international as coplaintiffs, charged that Meany and his codefendants falsely had tried to portray Hoffa as "a perpetrator of a fraud" on American labor for the purpose of causing "hatred" of the Teamsters and holding them up to "public scorn, contempt, aversion, odium and ridicule."

Named defendants were the bulk of the members of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. The suit was based in part on a statement attributed to Meany after the Oct. 10 meeting of the AFL-CIO council at which a proposal to readmit the Teamsters was overwhelmingly voted down. The AFL-CIO long ago threw out the Teamsters on charges of corruption within the union.

U.N. Hears Agreement On Secretary-General

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The Soviet Union and the United States neared agreement yesterday on installing a temporary U.N. secretary-general to replace the late Dag Hammarskjold.

Their progress came in an hour's conference of Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin and U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, who long ago agreed that U Thant of Burma should get the job.

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Soviets Develop 'Deadly Accurate' Rocket Defense

MOSCOW (AP)—Defense Minister Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky declared yesterday Russia has developed a deadly accurate defense against rockets — supposedly an anti-missile missile.

He also boasted the establishment of a new armed service branch of rocket and nuclear-armed troops "capable of inflicting a crushing defeat upon the aggressor."

"The problem of destroying rockets in flight has been successfully solved," Tass quoted Malinovsky as telling the 22nd Soviet Communist party congress in a report on anti-aircraft and anti-rocket defenses.

Informants attending the closed congress session said Malinovsky also announced that Soviet scientists had "controlled" a 50-megaton nuclear test bomb. There was no explanation of precisely what this meant.

The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington reported the Soviet Union set off two nuclear explosions Monday—one possibly as high as 50 megatons but more likely about 30 megatons, the equivalent of 30 million tons of TNT. Scientists in Sweden, France and Japan said the first explosion probably was a 50-megaton bomb.

Premier Khrushchev announced last week that Russia would test a 50-megaton bomb at the end of October.

Malinovsky reiterated a Khrushchev claim that Russia has a 10-megaton bomb.

U.S. military police began looking into Soviet military vehicles for the first time in apparent retaliation for the harassment of Allied personnel.

And West Berlin police announced their border guards are being armed with tear gas and submachine guns. This required permission of the Western Allied occupying powers.

The halting Sunday night of the car of E. Allan Lightner Jr., deputy chief of the U.S. Mission, brought tension to a high pitch.

Eight U.S. military police with fixed bayonets finally entered East Berlin to insure passage of his car. East Berlin police did not interfere. Following Allied procedure, Lightner had refused to show his identification card to East Berlin police.

The protest to the Russians was made by Maj. Gen. Albert Watson II, the U.S. commandant, to Col. Andrei I. Solovyev, the Soviet commander in East Berlin, a U.S. spokesman said. A protest also had been made on the spot to a Soviet officer when the East Germans halted Lightner's car.

The Russians are expected to reply with a protest of the U.S. military incursion into East Berlin, the first under the occupation.



Countess Venga-Prantu Borghese

IF YOU were in our studio last week you undoubtedly met this femme fatale, currently the toast of Paris, who graced us with a visit of several days. Her late husband Count Borghese was fatally injured last June, details of which seem to be obscure but the Elsa Maxwell set mentions the occurrence of some fracas with his girl friends' husband on the boudoir fire escape or something to that effect. I mention her late husband in light of my introduction to the countess. At the time I had been doing a photographic essay for LA VACA, a Parisian weekly, on the way of life of a present-day Count. Through his embarrassingly sudden demise, I had the good fortune of meeting the Countess. In a simple discussion concerning American women, I invited her to State College to observe for herself, never really believing the point would be taken seriously. You can imagine my delight of her acceptance of this chance remark.

STAYING FOR SEVERAL DAYS, and visiting five sororities, the Countess made many observations, some of which might interest you. Of course the Countess is still under a strain (this not being the vintage year for Bellefonte wines).

SHE WAS AMAZED by the success of the sorority system where the girls have graduated from togetherness to "oneness" or "same-ness." She commended on their adherence to the holy sneaker, and those adorable but practical little boy like hair cuts which promote a speculative type of sport—he? or she?

"IN EUROPE," she complained, "the male is too stubborn and much too masculine to embrace the bovine domesticity of togetherness and the woman with her foolish pride will have nothing to do with it."

WHILE THE FRENCH are the world's greatest lovers, at least you have what no other nation has—the split level, the Ivy League look, togetherness, groovology, Froth, the Lion Shrine, auto fins, your Campus Queens, planned obsolescence, panty raids and the twist."

THE COUNTESS who is presently touring American Campi promises to indulge herself in further observations. She is expected to return soon and while we would be pleased to publish these observations, the chance that we would be offending the independents is to be considered.

THAT OUR READERS may guide us, be good enough to drop us a line indicating your desires for the continuance of the Countesses' quotations.

MAY WE doff our hat to Katie Johnson, a delight to have worked with and a credit to KD. Her gray Vespa often parked at TKE indicates her being entertained at the Delt house.

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—bill coleman

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