

Weather Forecast

Mostly cloudy with a shower likely late today, high near 80. Clearing tonight, low near 45. Tomorrow mostly sunny and cooler. (Full report on Page A-2.)

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Soviet Reprisals Over Indictment Of Amtorg Seen

Five Top Officers Are Placed Under \$15,000 Bond

Indictment of Russia's famed Amtorg Trading Corp. and its top officers as unregistered foreign agents appears certain to set off new tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The indictment was returned by a Federal grand jury here and announced by Attorney General McGrath late yesterday. It charged the corporation and six officers with failure to register as agents of a foreign power in accordance with American law.

Washington officials promptly began speculating on Soviet reprisals. The Russian Embassy was reported to have lodged a formal protest with the State Department and a Moscow propaganda blast denouncing the indictment was expected almost immediately.

Held in \$15,000 Bail. Shortly after Mr. McGrath made his announcement, five of the Russians were arrested in New York and taken before a United States commissioner, who held them under \$15,000 bail each pending a hearing Wednesday on removal to Washington.

The six Amtorg officers named in the indictment are: Afeksel Vasilievich Zakharov, president; Dmitri Ivanovich Bagrov and Vasil Petruovich Rebrov, vice president; Serguei Andreevich Shevchenko, treasurer; Aleksander Aleksandrovich Ischenko, secretary; and Gennadi Nikolaevich Ogloblin, former assistant treasurer, now doing other work for Amtorg.

All were taken into custody except Bagrov. The Justice Department said he is in Russia. Attorney Isadore Needleman, appearing for the Russians, told the commissioner "there is no question" the men will be on hand for the Wednesday hearing. But a Government attorney, Edward E. Richey, argued successfully that "I prefer \$15,000 (bail) to the counsel's word."

Amtorg Warned Repeatedly. Mr. McGrath said in his announcement that since October 1, 1946, Amtorg had collected "information for and reported information to" Russia and otherwise had acted at the orders of the Russian government.

In the past three years, he asserted, Amtorg was told repeatedly to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The State Department said it had sent a note to the Soviet Embassy only six weeks ago officially calling attention to Amtorg's failure to register.

Mr. Needleman told the commissioner in New York: "There is no willfulness here. We have been discussing it with the Department of Justice for the past six months and wrote only recently and then this happened."

The Russian Embassy reportedly made known its initial reaction to the State Department during a seven-minute call which the Charge d'Affaires, Vladimir I. Bazylkin, made on Undersecretary of State Webb.

Mr. Bazylkin strode out of Mr. Webb's office with a "no comment" to waiting reporters. But American officials, while they would make no statement on his visit, strongly indicated that he had filed a protest.

Amtorg Organized in 1924. Amtorg is an American corporation, chartered by New York State, with headquarters in New York City. It was initially organized in 1924, 10 years before the United States established diplomatic relations with Communist Russia. During that time it was the only formal contact organization with Russia in this country.

Its importance decreased somewhat after a Soviet Embassy opened in Washington, but it has remained the main channel for trade between the United States and Russia.

While its functions are supposed to be purely commercial, there have been repeated charges in Congress that Amtorg acted as an espionage agency for Moscow.

Mr. McGrath's statement made (See AMTORG, Page A-3.)

Truman Polishes Up Talk For U. N. Aboard Yacht

President Truman was cruising down the Potomac today and putting the final polish on a foreign policy speech.

The presidential yacht Williamsburg anchored last night at Blackstone Island in the lower Potomac, ready to push off this morning for the mouth of the Patuxent River.

Mr. Truman's party will return to Washington tomorrow afternoon. The foreign policy speech is to be delivered Monday at the laying of the corner stone of the United Nations Building in New York.

2 of 5 Breaking Arizona Jail Are Slain, 2 Quickly Captured

At Least One of Pair Killed by Shots of Crippled Watchman

By the Associated Press

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 22.—Five Arizona desperadoes smashed out of the midtown, fifth-floor county jail early today, and two fell dead under a blast of gunfire before they could get out of the courtroom.

At least one of the prisoners was killed by a crippled night watchman whom they had disturbed reading in a ground-floor record room.

The watchman, Tom Stowe, may have shot the second, but so many sheriff's deputies were firing by that time that no one could be sure who hit him.

Two of the jailbreakers were captured on a stairway between the second and third floors. The fifth, Jack L. Tatum, 26, crawled out of a courtroom window and got away.

A deputy sheriff was shot in the mouth by one of the prisoners. Killed were two Arizona prison pals who were charged with murder not long after release from the penitentiary. They were Edward Corcoran, 33, and Edward McEwen, 32. Both were awaiting trial.

The search for Tatum turned downtown Phoenix into a furor in the early morning hours. Sheriff's deputies roped off the courthouse grounds to keep several hundred spectators out of the range of possible gunfire.

Fire trucks splashed their searchlights over the building and shadowy grounds. Road blocks were thrown up throughout the city.

The prisoners stared their breakthrough about 1:15 a. m. W. A. Millett, jailer, said Tatum asked him for aspirin. When he opened their cell door, the prisoners jumped him.

Leaving Mr. Millett locked in the cell, the prisoners picked up an automatic pistol in the jail office and entered an elevator. They got out on the second floor (See JAILBREAK, Page A-2.)

300 Priests Reported Held in Czechs' Drive To Impose Church Law

Catholic Sources Declare Unrest Has Been Created In Some Communities

By the Associated Press

PRAGUE, Oct. 22.—Church sources said today that Communist-directed police raids of the last two weeks resulted in the arrest of dozens of Catholic priests and caused unrest in some Czechoslovak communities.

These sources estimated that more than 300 priests now are in jail, most of them for opposing the government's new church-control law which makes them civil servants and gives the state control over all church appointments and financial and administrative affairs.

The police action against priests, which was stepped up to break resistance to the government's church-control schemes was separate from the widespread roundups of small businessmen which sent thousands of middle-class elements to prison and forced labor camps.

South Budejovice Hard Hit. Hardest hit in the police swoop against priests, the church sources said, were the district of Budejovice and the city of Ceske Budejovice. In Southern Bohemia, about 100 miles south of Prague.

There 9 vicars have been jailed, along with about 40 priests. This is about 10 per cent of the clergy of this diocese.

The church sources also said that the Bishop of Ceske Budejovice had been put under police surveillance similar to that kept on Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague. Permanent guards surround his residence and his auto has been reported confiscated.

Unrest developed in the Budejovice diocese when plainclothes police attempted to arrest the bishop's secretary, a priest, in the daytime. Catholics gathered in front of the bishop's palace and prevented it. The police retreated that time, but returned at night and arrested the secretary.

Arrests of priests also were reported in various other Bohemian and Moravian towns.

Fire in Parish House. At Rokycany, west of Prague, the Catholic administrator of the parish of Strazice was sentenced to two months in jail and fined 10,000 crowns (\$200) for reading a pastoral letter. A fire broke out subsequently. (See CZECH, Page A-3.)

Real Fall Weather Due To Reach D. C. Tomorrow

Washington's misplaced spring weather was due to bow out after a high today of nearly 80 degrees. Winds reaching 15 to 25 miles an hour were expected to usher out the warm weather late today with a shower likely.

The Weather Bureau forecast "more typical fall weather," beginning tomorrow. By Monday morning, the temperature was expected to drop to the 40s.

The cool air is coming out of the West and moving rapidly this way, according to the forecaster. In Baltimore the Weather Bureau predicted snow flurries in extreme Western Maryland about Wednesday.

The forecaster here, however, said there was no evidence to indicate Washington was likely to get snow flurries, although he did not bar the remote possibility that the mercury might slide low enough for a few flakes.



TOM STOWE, Fired on fleeing desperadoes. —AP Wirephoto.

Steel Settlement Collapses; Coal Outlook Bleak

ICC Orders 25% Cut In Passenger Trains Powered by Steam

By James Y. Newton

Chances of an early settlement of the three-week-old steel strike dwindled today as a plan which the Government hoped would end the deadlock over pensions and social insurance fell through.

The plan collapsed as the outlook for ending the five-week-old soft coal strike appeared even more bleak and as a fuel shortage brought an Interstate Commerce Commission order for a cut in coal-burning passenger service.

At White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Northern and Western coal operators yesterday walked out of negotiations with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers, saying that to remain would be to "fool the public."

Cutback Effective Tuesday. Dwindling coal supplies forced the Interstate Commerce Commission to order the 25 per cent reduction in passenger trains powered by steam locomotives, effective Tuesday. The order applied to lines with less than a 25-day supply of coal, and the Association of American Railroads estimated that on October 1 one-third of the Nation's carriers had less than a 30-day supply on hand.

An emergency exists requiring immediate action in all sections of the country," the ICC said. "Reserve stocks of railroad locomotive coal have reached a dangerously low level and are further decreasing."

The New York Central Railroad earlier had announced a decision to eliminate 89 steam-operated passenger trains tonight, affecting service in 11 States.

Details of the plan for ending the steel strike were a closely guarded secret, but it was understood to call for a slight compromise in the CIO United Steelworkers' demand for company-financed pensions, one which would have allowed the steel companies the opportunity to back away from their flat rejection of the union demand. The union, it was said, balked at acceptance.

Ching Continues Talks. President Truman was described as still counting on a steel settlement to set the pace for ending the coal walkout. Altogether about 1,000,000 workers are affected by the twin strikes.

Cyrus S. Ching, Federal mediation chief, was continuing his peace talks in New York with the United States Steel Corp. The conference began Wednesday.

The only sign of a break, and it was a minor one, came from Bluefield, W. Va., where Southern operators, representing about a fifth of soft coal tonnage, reported progress toward meeting Mr. Lewis' demands for increased payments into the UMW welfare and retirement fund. The Southerners scheduled another meeting with the miners for Tuesday.

The larger group of operators at White Sulphur said there was no use continuing negotiations. They had offered to renew their old contract with some changes in their favor. Mr. Lewis had offered a new contract which would increase coal production costs from 30 to 35 cents a ton.

Pressure Effort Charged. Thomas Kennedy, UMW vice president, said the operators had walked out in an effort to pressure the Government into taking over the dispute.

But there appeared to be no inclination on the part of Mr. Truman or his top advisers to be pushed into action in the coal strike.

Instead, the President was represented as leaning entirely on Mr. Ching's efforts to bring United States Steel into agreement with Philip Murray, president of the CIO and the striking steelworkers.

More than half of the steel union's million members already are on strike. Their walkout began October 1.

With the CIO convention beginning in Cleveland, October 31, Mr. Murray was said to feel that he must produce either a resounding victory or no settlement at all.

Man, 75, Found Dead in Yard With Revolver in Hand

Henry Beck, 75, of 4535 Harrison street N.W., was found dead of a bullet wound in his lower abdomen early today in the side yard of his home. A .32-caliber revolver still clutched in his hand.

Police said Mr. Beck had been in ill health and worrying over an impending operation.

The body was found about 5:45 a. m. by Homer Hall, 1530 North Longfellow street, Arlington, a route man for the Post.

Mr. Beck, a widower, lived with his daughter, Miss Helen Beck, who said she had looked into his bedroom about 2 a. m. and found him apparently asleep. He had the revolver for many years, she said.

He was pronounced dead by the family physician, Dr. T. A. Wildman.



2 Communist Forces Racing for Junction In South China Drive

Red Troops Aiming to Pin Nationalists Against Indo-China Frontier

By the Associated Press

HONG KONG, Oct. 22.—Two Communist forces driving westward in South China raced tonight toward a linkup for an assault on Kweilin.

Red Gen. Chen Keng's troops, moving northwest along the West River from Canton, raced to tie in with Gen. Lin Pao's Communist veterans who were driving on the northeast. Exact positions of the two forces were not disclosed.

Their aim seemed to be the pinning of Nationalist Gen. Pai Chungshi's armies against the French Indo-China border in the southwest corner of Kwangsi. Pai's force of 200,000 men is the best left to the Nationalists.

Commission Evacuated. In the face of the advancing Red Armies, the entire staff of the Joint Commission of Rural Reconstruction was evacuated from Kweilin, which is 250 air miles northwest of Canton. The organization went to Yungning (Nanning), where the Kwangsi provincial government already had been transplanted.

This dispatch referred to Yungning as "present Nationalist headquarters." This might indicate Kweilin's threat already was so serious that Pai had moved his command base to Yungning. It is deep in Southwestern Kwangsi.

Elsewhere in the Chinese civil war: The Communist news agency claimed the capture of Tao Hua Island only 3 miles south of Chu Shan, Nationalist air and navy blockade base in the Chusan archipelago 100 miles southeast of Shanghai.

The Communists also announced their troops had arrived at Tihwa, capital of Sinkiang Province in the far northwest. On September 29, the Red radio announced (See CHINA, Page A-2.)

London Women on Spree Of Buying to Beat Taxes

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Housewives went on a shopping spree again today after rumors spread that the government will raise purchase taxes to fight inflation.

Stores in London's fashionable West End reported the busiest morning of the year.

There was no confirmation or denial of the rumors. Prime Minister Attlee plans to announce Monday a series of economy measures necessitated by the nation's financial crisis. Details still are top secret.

Earlier this week a buying rush for clothing developed because of rumors that clothing rationing, abandoned last spring, would be restored. The government denied that it had any such intention.

It's Dollars to Doughnuts You're Confused, Too!

The troubles of the Dixie Donut Shop clerk and a film-flam artist were related in Municipal Court today.

The clerk, Miss Evelyn Glass, 307 Seventy-second place, Carmody Hills, Md., said "the gentleman" came into the shop at 606 Pennsylvania avenue S.E. yesterday and ordered a dozen doughnuts which cost 40 cents.

She said she gave her a \$20 bill in payment and she gave him \$19.60 in change. Then he gave her a dime for two more doughnuts which cost 9 cents and got a penny change.

He then took a \$5 bill and five \$1 bills, placed them on the counter, and asked her if she would give him a \$10 bill for

\$500,000 in Cash In 10 Suitcases Pays for Hotel

By the Associated Press

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 22.—A follower of Father Divine today took over affairs of the Hotel Riviera, which was paid for with \$500,000 in cash lugged from Philadelphia in 10 suitcases.

The money was brought to the Federal Trust Co. here by 10 Divine followers and it took 14 tellers 3 hours and 35 minutes to count the money in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

They carried the cash from Philadelphia headquarters Thursday without guard or guns.

The follower handling operations identified himself as "Germaine," a retired engineer and architect. He said smoking will not be permitted. One tenant who said he had paid a month's rent in advance was told he could remain. When he asked Germaine if he could smoke, he was asked: "You enjoy walking, don't you? Then you can do your smoking in the fresh air."

George V. Allen Likely Choice to Become U. S. Envoy to Yugoslavia

Acheson Aide Directed to Join Parley of Diplomats In Soviet Bloc Countries

By the Associated Press

The United States is expected to name Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen Ambassador to Yugoslavia as part of the Western campaign to stiffen Marshal Tito's resistance to Moscow.

Informed diplomatic officials said Mr. Allen is Secretary of State Acheson's choice for the key cold war post now held by the ailing Cavendish Cannon.

Mr. Allen is a former Ambassador to Iran. There he had two years of first-hand experience in a distrustful neighbor country of Soviet Russia at a time when the relations between Iran and Moscow were particularly critical.

He is now in Europe and has just been directed by Mr. Acheson to join in a conference with American envoys to Soviet-bloc countries, opening Tuesday in London.

Appointment Expected Soon. President Truman is expected to name him to the Belgrade post shortly.

This would fit in with other moves by the United States and the other Western powers to encourage Marshal Tito in his feud with the Cominform.

The next such move may be a decision by the United States and Britain to lift an existing ban on the shipment of civilian aviation equipment to Yugoslavia. Anticipating a favorable decision, the Yugoslav government already has asked permission to buy equipment from an American airline.

Officials said the State, com- (See YUGOSLAVIA, Page A-3.)

New Congress Battles Indicated on Judges' Recess Appointments

Three Actively Opposed By Senators; Six Given Bench Assignments Here

By the Associated Press

New fights in the next session of Congress over President Truman's nominations were foreshadowed today by his recess appointment of three Federal judges opposed by individual Senators from the States involved.

Carroll O. Switzer, whose nomination as Federal judge for the southern district of Iowa was blocked in the last session by Senator Gillette, Democrat, of Iowa, was one of the controversial figures given recess appointments by the President late yesterday.

He also appointed M. Neil Andrews to take over as Federal judge for the northern district of Georgia and Willis W. Ritter for Utah. Mr. Andrews has been opposed by Senator Russell, Democrat, of Georgia and Mr. Ritter by Senator Watkins, Republican, of Utah.

23 Appointments Made. In all the President announced recess appointments for 23 men he had nominated for Federal judgeships but who were not confirmed before Congress adjourned. To hold their new jobs they will have to be nominated again and confirmed by the Senate after Congress meets again in January.

The list of recess appointments included six new judges here. They are George T. Washington, David L. Bazelon and Charles Fahy for the United States Court of Appeals, and Charles F. McLaughlin, James R. Kirkland and Mrs. Burnita Matthews as District Court judges.

Also on the list was William Henry Hastie, Governor of the Virgin Islands and former dean of the Howard University Law School here, to be a judge of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. He will be the first (See JUDGES, Page A-2.)

Chungking's Poor District Hit by Fire; 3,000 Homeless

CHUNGKING, Oct. 22.—Fire raged through Chungking's poorest class Changpei district today, leaving more than 3,000 persons homeless. No casualties were reported in the city's fourth bad blaze since September 2.

Two employees of a tobacco drying shop, where the fire was believed to have started, were arrested on charges of negligence.

Lack of fire-fighting apparatus and the tardy arrival of fireboats on the Chialing River gave the fire free rein. Only fireproof tear-gas lanes limited the flames. Some 217 homes were reported destroyed.

The Chanpei district is across the river from Chungking's downtown area which was hard hit by a fire September 4 which killed 1,700 persons.

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In addition to the defense chief, the committee heard yesterday from former President Hoover and Gen. George C. Marshall, wartime Army Chief of Staff. Both emphasized that economies in service budgets are essential and that all services must share the cuts.

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Two Legislators Warn Johnson Against Purge

Short and Sasser Oppose Vengeance In Unity Dispute

Warning against any Pentagon purges as a result of the armed forces' quarrels over unification came from two House members today.

Representative Short, Republican, of Missouri said he intends to see to it that Secretary of Defense Johnson sticks to personal assurances that there will be no reprisals over airing of Navy grievances in the House Armed Services Committee hearings that wound up yesterday.

Representative Sasser, Democrat, of Maryland asserted that "we have got to be careful to keep away from any elimination or purges." He emphasized that the important thing "is to get the armed services working as a team."

Dismissals Reported Impending. The Short and Sasser statements came in the wake of spreading reports that some heads may roll in the Pentagon as an aftermath of the heated congressional hearings.

Those reports were given new impetus yesterday when Secretary Johnson said it was failure to support unification which resulted in the resignation of former Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan—a statement which Mr. Sullivan promptly denied.

Navy officers appearing at the committee hearings have indicated that their main quarrel is not with the unification law itself, but with the way it is being carried out. Nevertheless, there was speculation that Mr. Johnson had them in mind when he said he wanted no opponents of unification on his team.

"If they think they can get unification by ruthlessly eliminating opposition, they've got another think coming," Mr. Short told reporters. "Everything can be worked out all right if there is not too much vindictiveness."

Broad Integration Proposed. The hearings on defense strategy and the interservice dispute came to a close on a "where-do-we-go-from-here?" note.

One result may be a broad integration of the armed forces' Reserve training programs.

The "get-acquainted" program could be initiated without legislation and Mr. Johnson has indicated he favors it in principle.

In bringing the inquiry to a close yesterday, Chairman Vinson said the committee will not draw up any specific recommendations until Congress comes back to work in January. But he emphasized the committee is interested particularly in making certain that present programs of personnel change among the services for training be expanded.

Suggested by Durham. Chairman Vinson, Mr. Short and others on the committee had shown concern over Navy claims that the Air Force would not let Navy flyers familiarize themselves with the B-36 intercontinental bomber and over Air Force statements that they knew little about the Navy's Banshee jet fighter plane and weren't particularly interested in it.

The proposal to extend some measure of unification to the reserves came from Representative Durham, Democrat, of North Carolina. He joined Mr. Vinson in declaring the only way to make unification work is to have all services brought into intimate contact with the problems of the others.

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