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WINS BATTLE OF THE CATS—Robin Powell of New York, Cape Cod, Mass., and Coconut Grove, Fla., poses in court at New Braunfels, Tex., with two of three cats she regained possession of. In a petition filed with the court Robin's father, J. B. Powell, said that Air Force Lt. John Farrar, stationed at nearby Gary Air Force Base, had kidnapped the cats and was holding them as "ransom" to regain the affections of Robin. Powell asked that the cats be returned. Dist. Judge Fuchs ruled "it shouldn't happen to a dog," and ordered the lieutenant to return the cats to Powell. (AP Photo)

CELL AWAITS MOSSADEGH AFTER TREASON TRIAL

TEHRAN, Iran, (AP)—A solitary cell today awaited weepy, talkative old Mohammed Mossadegh following his conviction on treason charges. It was not known yet whether he would appeal the sentence given him by a military court.

The five-man tribunal convicted the former Iranian dictator yesterday on 13 counts of trying to unseat Shah Mohammed Reza Rahlevi last summer and sentenced him to three years in solitary confinement.

Mossadegh has five days to file an appeal.

His co-defendant and former army chief of staff, Brig. Paghri Riadi, was sentenced to two years and ordered dismissed from the army.

The emotional nationalist leader stood gripping the edge of a bench during the 65-minute reading of the verdict and only mocked the court when it finished.

"I thank you very much for sentencing me," he said. "The sentence has increased my historic glory."

Christmas CofC Contest Winners Named

Winners of the College Station Christmas decoration contest and a \$15 first prize were Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Andres of 1201 Munson E. Second prize of \$10 went to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garner of 209 Grove Street.

Third prize of \$5 was taken by Capt. and Mrs. Walter Heritage of 1207 Walton Drive.

The selections were announced by N. M. McGinnis, Secretary of the College Station Civic Development Board and the Chamber of Commerce.

The civic organization sponsored the contest and Mrs. Marion Pugh, president of the A&M Garden club, selected the judges. Judges were members of the Bryan Garden club.

The contest was completed last night and more than a dozen Christmas decorations were in the final consideration, McGinnis said.

Weather Today



COLD

Freezing cold predicted for tonight with temperatures between 20 and 25 degrees. Clearing weather for this afternoon and tonight. High yesterday 66, low 44. Low this morning of 35.

Mossadegh was convicted on charges growing out of his defiance of the Shah's decree dismissing him last August. An uprising led by the present Premier, Gen. Fazollah Zahedi, toppled the old man from office soon after and put him behind bars.

He could have been sentenced to death on the charges, which included illegally dissolving Parliament's lower house, the Majlis, and numerous actions against the Shah and the royal dynasty.

Formosa Like Sun; 'Shines All Around World,' Says POW

PANMUNJOM—(AP)—A smiling Chinese prisoner strolled into an explanation tent today, eyed the Communist Chinese explainers and bowed politely. He took his seat and listened quietly.

Communist interviewers talked on for more than 20 minutes. Then the prisoner broke in.

"Gentlemen, I understand what you said, but I can tell you I have already lost confidence in the Red regime," he told them. "I don't like to blame you. I know that you are employees. I just want to go to Taiwan, Formosa."

"You know how large Taiwan is?" a Red asked. "It is only a tiny island."

"Yes," the prisoner replied. "I know that. It is tiny. But have you ever seen the sun? It is also tiny as we look at it from here, but the sun, anyhow, shines all around the world and that is Taiwan today. It shines also all over the mainland—China."

Herriot and Auriol appeared the only likely figures generally considered above the party squabbles. Auriol, 69, winds up a seven-year term in the job Jan. 17.

Speculation that one or the other might be drafted mounted after Andre le Troquer, presiding officer of the electoral congress, called a meeting of leading politicians before members of Parliament met today to cast their 11th ballot.

Intervening last night when, on the 10th ballot, no candidate still could poll a majority, Le Troquer declared. "Prolongation of the present situation would endanger the functioning of democratic institutions."

In all previous presidential elections, no more than two ballots have been required.

Premier Joseph Laniel, who has led the poll throughout most of the five days of inconclusive voting, lost ground last night when the small Social and Democratic Resistance party abstained on the 10th ballot to protest continuation of the stalemate.

Grant Renewals Posted
Two renewals of grants to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station were announced recently by Director R. D. Lewis. Both were from the Agricultural Chemicals Division of the Shell Chemical Corporation of Denver, Colorado, and were made through W. E. McCauley, manager, Product and Sales Development. The original grants were from the Julius Hyman and Company Division of the Corporation.

US Will 'Move Cautiously' On Red Bid for Atom Talks

False Alarms Slow Recapture of Cons

DETROIT—(AP)—A series of false tips in this nervous city slowed cautious police efforts today to track down the two remaining fugitives from Saturday's 13-man Southern Michigan prison break.

One of the escapees still at large, was Roman Usiondek, convicted murderer and criminal psychopath, known to be dangerous. The other Robert Dowling is a convicted burglar.

A phoned, anonymous tip last night that Usiondek was in a dingy southwest section hotel, sent police through a careful but fruitless search.

Still another tip last night electrified the police network in the southwest area where yesterday three of the escapees were trapped in a small frame house and captured without a fight.

But the tip, unlike the earlier one to a Detroit newspaperman that led to the capture of the trio, was evidently groundless.

The earlier tip came through Ray Girardin, veteran reporter of the Detroit Times, who was approached by an unidentified man with the information that the three escaped convicts were hiding in the home of Joseph Rocco, an ex-convict.

Police found Daniel B. Bousha, 28, Edward J. Emrick, 45, and Virgil Lane, 27, watching television in the home. They gave up without a fight.

The three were part of the gang that crept through a sewer, and cut the grates at the open end to escape from the gigantic prison.

Police also held Rocco and Irvin Sullivan of Detroit for investigation of harboring fugitives. Rocco, paroled in 1937 from Southern Michigan Prison, said he had met Emrick while at the prison.

But all three of the escapees entered his home Sunday night. They were there, Rocco said, when he came home from work.

He added that the three refused to leave or let him, his wife or Sullivan, who was visiting the Rocco home, leave.

Usiondek has repeatedly sworn vengeance on the witness and prosecutor at the 1943 trial where Usiondek drew a life sentence for the slaying of a bar owner.

Of the original 13 that escaped, six were captured shortly after the breakout in a shooting chase with state police when their stolen car turned over. Two others were flushed from small Jackson hotels.

HAS SPIRIT, PAYS FREIGHT

GRAND PRAIRIE, Tex.—(AP)—A Grand Prairie man walked into the post office yesterday and asked Ast. Postmaster Roy Childs whether he had any Christmas cards mailed without stamps.

Sure, about 200, Childs said. The man thought a while. "Come to think of it," he said, "I believe I mailed a card myself last week and forgot to stamp it." He pulled out a \$5 bill and handed it to Childs.

"Here," he said, "I guess this ought to cover the postage for those cards and make it a merry Christmas to some people."

Allies Schedule POW Broadcasts

PANMUNJOM—(AP)—The Allies today scheduled last-minute "come home" broadcasts to the 22 American POW's who embraced communism as hope of face-to-face talks with them was all but abandoned.

Midnight Wednesday ends the 90-day period for coaxing home war prisoners who rejected repatriation.

The 28 Americans will be listed as absent without leave at that hour. Thirty days later they will be classified as deserters.

The U.N. Command announced it will make three loudspeaker broadcasts to prisoners in the Communist North Camp—one for the Americans, one for the lone Briton and a third for 77 Koreans who did not face interviewers.

At the same time, the Reds went ahead with face-to-face explanations. They won back 23 of 242 Chinese prisoners today. And they asked for 250 more Chinese tomorrow, the final day.

Texts for the Allied broadcasts were approved by the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission and a spokesman said the commission "will make the facilities available."

He noted, however, that it is up to the prisoners "to listen or not to listen."

And Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Indian chairman of the commission, predicted that the prisoners probably will "all join together and go to the other end of the compound."

Hope for interviews with the Americans all but vanished when the repatriation commission ruled that only one neutral observer team will be available tomorrow's Allied talks. The other teams will be busy watching Communist explanation sessions.

A U.N. spokesman said it would be impossible to conduct interviews unless five sites were available, but observers pointed out that if the American should offer to attend this decision could be modified.

Thimayya said one possibility would be explanations to groups of prisoners—the 22 Americans in one group, the 1 Briton alone and the 77 South Koreans in a third group.

No one, however, would predict that the interviews would be held.

FIRE LOSSES INCREASE

It is estimated fire losses in the United States were \$784,953,000 in 1952 compared with \$731,505,000 in 1951.

Dulles Regards Reply 'Hopeful'

By JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Diplomatic officials said today the United States would move cautiously in meeting Russia's professed readiness to talk about the Eisenhower proposal for a pool of atomic materials for peace.

Secretary of State Dulles, who said yesterday of Moscow's reply, "This is hopeful," had a forum to comment further in a foreign policy speech today before a National Press Club luncheon.

President Eisenhower, who broached the peaceful-uses atomic plan in a widely acclaimed United Nations speech Dec. 8, had no comment on Russia's reply.

The President had opportunity to discuss it with some of his top foreign policy, military and atomic advisers at a White House conference this morning. The conference was scheduled before Moscow made public its note yesterday.

Hopeful But Cautious

Among members of Congress remaining in Washington, the consensus was hopeful but cautious. Most lawmakers who commented said the Kremlin response was encouraging, but that this government should move with great care.

Dulles clearly foreshadowed in a formal statement yesterday a move by the United States to provide the necessary explanation" Russia requested about Eisenhower's proposal.

Whether the President and Dulles will decide this additional information should be provided secretly as part of the confidential talks suggested by Eisenhower has not yet been decided.

Explore Possibilities

The United States will, through the new channels which the Soviet Union now accepts, explore every possibility of securing agreement and bringing President Eisenhower's historic proposal into the realm of creative action," Dulles said.

At the same time, Dulles emphasized Russia "seems not to have caught the spirit of the President's proposal," as evidenced by outspoken criticism in the Soviet part of some of Eisenhower's speech.

Some officials noted the Russians at least 20 times vigorously restated their long-standing demand for pledges of an outright ban of atomic and hydrogen weapons as part of Eisenhower's plan.

Soviet Note

"It is necessary that not some part but the whole mass of atomic material be directed completely to peaceful aims," the Soviet note said at one point.

And again it said:

"As for the Soviet Union its position is quite clear. It consists in turning the great discovery of man's reason, not against civilization, but for civilization's all-sided progress, not for mass destruction of peoples but for peaceful needs, for the unbounded rise in the welfare of the peoples."

The President's U.N. speech, Moscow contended, bypassed this objective. The note said acceptance of the President's plan "would serve to lessen the vigilance of the peoples regarding the

Ag Economics

Profs Attend Meet

Three members of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, A&M College, took an active part at the meeting of the Southwestern Land Tenure committee, recently.

Dr. T. R. Timm, head of the department, was named chairman of the subcommittee on research planning; W. G. Adkins was re-named chairman of the subcommittee preparing a regional report on land values and R. L. Skrabanek continues as a member of a group working on the impacts of agricultural technology.

Representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma and from the USDA and the Farm Foundation also attended the meeting.

problems of atomic weapons but would not facilitate the lessening of the real threat of atomic war."

American officials who deal with Russia described Moscow's latest note as a skillfully written message. They noted that it reflected no basic change in Russia's seven-year-old atomic policy, except that in confidential talks about Eisenhower's proposal.

Until top officials have an opportunity to determine how these talks would affect the scheduled foreign ministers' meeting with Russia at Berlin, the tendency was to study the over-all Russian reply carefully for hidden booby traps.

Ex UN Official Blasts Soviets' 'Party Politics'

OSLO, Norway—Former U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie in a newspaper interview today blasted the Kremlin for failure to cooperate in the United Nations, and praised President Eisenhower as a "strong defender" of the principles of the world body. Lie was wary in commenting on the prospects of the proposed four-power conference in Berlin, and saw "no particular reason" to be optimistic about the outlook for peace.

But he was less reticent in his view of the Soviets. The Labor party newspaper Arbeider Bladet quoted him as saying:

"In my time as secretary general of the United Nations I never encountered a single, honest, realistic attempt on the part of the Soviet delegates to settle international differences.

"Narrow party politics, designed only for propaganda purposes in the Soviet Union and the satellite states, has been the core of their 'inflamed speeches.'"

AFL Predicts Win Over Lewis-Backed IIA in Election

NEW YORK—(AP)—The struggle between the AFL and the independent International Longshoremen's Assn., now backed by John L. Lewis, was carried to the ballot box today in a federally supervised election.

Some 22,000 waterfront workers in Manhattan and New Jersey began voting on their choice of unions. The election, conducted by the National Labor Relations Board will run through tomorrow. Announcement of results is expected Thursday.

It is expected that the other 40,000 dock workers on the East Coast, all veteran IIA members, will follow the lead of the Port of New York group.

The balloting brought to a climax the rivalry between the IIA and the AFL, which set up the new IIA-AFL a few months ago in an attempt to break the IIA's hold on East Coast longshoremen. The AFL had previously ousted the IIA for failure to purge itself of racketeering elements.

ILA President William V. Bradley, who yesterday won public support from United Mine Workers President Lewis, beamed with confidence last night, predicting a 10-1 victory for his group. Bradley, a tugboat captain, has said he knows of no racketeering in the IIA.

BINION TAKES STAND—Benny Binion takes the witness stand in district court in Dallas to plead guilty to charges of operating a million dollar policy racket in Dallas. Judge Henry Kind (right) sentenced him to four years in prison, the sentence to be served concurrently with a five-year sentence Binion received in federal court Dec. 14 for income tax evasion. (AP Photo)