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## Terrorists Offer Trade Of Colonel's Life For Convicted Red Plotter

CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI) — Terrorists offered today to exchange the life of a kidnapped American lieutenant colonel for that of a convicted Communist plotter in far-off South Viet Nam.

In Saigon, the United States asked the South Vietnamese government to delay the execution until the American officer's fate is determined.

The hostage is U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Smolen, deputy chief of the U.S. air mission in Venezuela, was kidnapped in front of his home Friday morning. His abductors were believed to be Communist supporters of Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro.

**Conduct Massive Search**  
Police were conducting a massive search for Smolen, who is believed to be held in Caracas. More than 100 suspects were rounded up for questioning and dozens of leads were checked out. But there was no trace of Smolen.

Suspected chief of the kidnapping is "Major" Maximo Canales, youthful terrorist killer who has been involved in previous Red propaganda kidnappings.

Anonymous telephone callers told newspapers and radio stations that Smolen is being held hostage for Nguyen Van Troi, a Communist terrorist sentenced to death in Viet Nam for trying to kill Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara with a bomb.

"One hour after we learn of Troi's execution, Smolen gets a bullet in the head," the callers said.

Inform sources said a public execution by firing squad had been planned for Troi by next weekend.

**Concerned About Reports**  
But when word reached Saigon about Smolen's kidnapping, it was brought directly to U.S. Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor.

## President At Texas Ranch

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI) — President Johnson took a short breather today from campaign barnstorming after giving a frank talk to a southern audience about civil rights.

The President flew to the LBJ Ranch early today from New Orleans, where he ended a three-day campaign swing in the Midwest and South. He was pleased with the results of the trip which saw him attract big crowds in several cities.

It was to be a short breather. A schedule announced Friday will take the President to Phoenix, Long Beach, San Francisco and Las Vegas on Sunday, and see him campaign in Reno and Butte, Mont., Casper, Wyo., Denver, and Boise, Idaho, on Monday before returning to Washington.

The stop in Phoenix will put Johnson in the home city of Republican presidential nominee Barry Goldwater shortly after Goldwater returns from a campaign trip of his own.

**Stop in Phoenix**  
Johnson was understood to have scheduled the stop, on the home grounds of his opponent, at the request of Sen. Carl Hayden, D-Ariz.

Hayden, president pro-tempore and seniority dean of the Senate, is supporting a former office aide, Roy Elson, against Arizona's Republican Gov. Paul Fannin, in the race for a U.S. Senate seat. Fannin is a long-time Goldwater ally, and the Senate seat at stake is the one now held by Goldwater.

The President's stop in New Orleans allowed him to rendezvous with his wife, Lady Bird, after her four-day, eight-state

A spokesman said then that "we are obviously concerned about the reports from Caracas."

Then the embassy in Saigon received a message from Washington this morning, asking it to try to delay Troi's execution until Smolen is out of his kidnapper's hands.

An official of the Saigon U.S. Embassy who went to the Vietnamese Foreign Office this afternoon, was informed that no definite date had been set for Troi's execution. The American official told the Vietnamese the United States hoped that Troi would not be executed while Smolen's life was in the balance.

The 45-year-old airman, deputy chief of the U.S. Air Mission here, was seized as he left his home with Col. Henry L. Choate, the mission chief, and a civilian driver. None of the three was armed.

One bandit thrust his submachine gun into Smolen's abdomen and the other pushed him into a waiting car.

Neither Choate, who apparently was not recognized by the kidnappers, nor the driver was molested.

In Washington, the State Department said Choate called for Smolen Friday because of "recent rumors" that the Communists were planning to kidnap an American official.

"Our embassy came to the conclusion that Col. Smolen might be one of several likely victims of a kidnapping plot," a State Department spokesman said. He did not explain why Choate and Smolen were not armed.

Kidnapping for propaganda purposes is a favorite tactic of the Communists in Venezuela. In the past 14 months, they have abducted Col. James K. Chenuant, former deputy chief of the U.S. military mission here, and Spanish soccer star Alfredo De Stefano.



**SIGN CHURCH CONTRACTS** — Contracts for construction of the new sanctuary of the First Methodist church were formally signed Wednesday. Actual construction work was started Sept. 30 by Werner, Inc., Fort Wayne, general contractor. The Haug Plumbing & Heating Co., Decatur is the contractor on heating, ventilating, plumbing and air conditioning; and Reynolds Electric, Decatur, has the electrical installation contract. Formal ground breaking services will be held Sunday morning.

Pictured are: seated, left to right—Lowell J. Smith, Fred J. Soldier, Lawrence E. Beavers, Noah R. Steury, and Arthur L. Burn, architect; standing, left to right—Merlin E. Lister, Earl Sheets, Robert G. Smith and Carl D. Gerber. — (Photo by MacLean)

### Arthur Kleinhenz Dies Last Evening

Arthur B. Kleinhenz, 71, of 317 Line street, a lifelong resident of Decatur, died at 5:45 p.m. Friday at the Adams county memorial hospital, where he had been a patient since suffering a broken hip in a fall at his home Monday evening.

Although he had been in failing health for some time, his death was unexpected.

Born in Decatur Sept. 23, 1893, he was a son of John W. and Mary Kleinhenz, and had never married. He had been an employee of the Holthouse Drug Co. for more than 50 years.

Mr. Kleinhenz was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Knights of Columbus, American Legion and the Elks lodge. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are a sister-in-law Mrs. Lawrence Kleinhenz of Decatur; three nieces, Miss Ethel and Miss Jane Kleinhenz, both of Decatur, and Mrs. Hubert Offe of Fort Wayne, and two nephews, Robert Kleinhenz of South Holland, Ill., and Arthur W. Krick of Lima, O. Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body was removed to the Gillig, Doan & Sefton funeral home, where friends may call after 12 noon Sunday. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Sunday. Pall-bearers will be Robert Holthouse, Louis Jacobs, William Gass, Joe Murphy, Harold Niblick and Charles Weber.

**NOON EDITION**  
**Robert Rock Visits  
In County Tuesday**

Dr. Harry Hebble, chairman of the Adams county Democratic central committee, received word late Friday afternoon that Robert Rock, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, will pay a visit to Adams county Tuesday evening.

Rock, a native of Anderson, is a former Democratic minority leader of the general assembly. Further details of Rock's visit will be announced later.

### Coexistence With Imperialism Out

CAIRO, U.A.R. (UPI) — The political committee of the "non-aligned" nations summit conference has adopted a resolution declaring that peaceful coexistence with imperialism is impossible, informed sources said.

The sources said the resolution sponsored by Indonesia was almost certain to be approved by the foreign ministers at the conference later in the day. Most of them were represented on the political committee which ended its work Friday night.

The Indonesian proposal was identical to the Communist Chinese view on peaceful coexistence.

The political committee action came as a surprise. Just three days ago the political subcommittee had rejected in stormy debate an Indonesian suggestion and adopted a more moderate declaration sponsored by India. The sources said the Indians had put themselves on record as expressing reservations about the resolution.

The defeat of the moderates was seen as having major significance. The debate on peaceful coexistence had been the key testing ground between the moderates and the Chinese-line supporters at this conference.

On another important issue, however, the moderate view prevailed. The political committee adopted a resolution calling for non-recognition of territorial changes brought about by the use of force.

Communist China was the unnamed target of one resolution urging "those powers which do not at present possess nuclear weapons or devices to refrain from development or production of such weapons or devices."

Aimed at the United States were resolutions against the economic blockade of Cuba, for negotiations on evacuation of the U.S. base at Guantanamo, Cuba, against outside interference in the Congo, against "colonialism" in Latin America and for "solution of the Puerto Rican question."

Other resolutions condemned British policy in Southern Rhodesia and the Arabian peninsula, Portuguese "colonialism" and South African "apartheid."

Western-leaning Premier Moise Tshombe of the Congo tried unsuccessfully to gate-crash the conference, but left after three days of virtual house arrest at Nasser's hands.

Fair to partly cloudy and not quite so cold today and tonight. Fair and a little warmer Sunday. Low tonight low 30s north, upper 30s south. High Sunday mid to upper 50s north, low to mid 60s south. Outlook for Monday: Fair to partly cloudy and a little warmer.

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Services were held at the Beams funeral home, with burial in the Fremont cemetery.

**INDIANA WEATHER**

### Pupils Check Fire Hazards In Homes

Piles of rubbish in attics and basements, frayed electrical cords, too many electrical appliances on one circuit, paints, varnishes and other flammable liquids stored in open or loosely-capped containers.

These were some of the potential fire hazards that students of the fourth grade in Decatur and the area were looking for during this national fire prevention week, which opened Monday and concludes today.

The boys and girls took part in the national junior fire marshal program, a special year-long activity sponsored by the Hartford Insurance group to teach fire prevention and safety to school children.

The first project was an inspection of their own homes for conditions that could cause a fire.

#### Make Inspections

With the help of their parents, the youngsters made inspections using a check list of common fire hazards carried in the fall issue of the Junior Fire Marshal magazine, according to Joe Rash of the Leland Smith Insurance Agency, which sponsors the program locally in cooperation with the schools and fire department officials.

Rash explained today that the inspections made by the children "were very successful" and that nearly all the children responded.

During the week some 520 students in the fourth grades of the following schools were contacted and issued inspection sheets: Lincoln school, Southeast, Northwest, St. Joseph, Pleasant Mills, Monmouth, Immanuel Lutheran, Zion Lutheran of Decatur, St. Paul's Lutheran, Friedheim Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran, St. Peter's Lutheran, the Adams Central grade school, and the Vera Cruz opportunity school.

#### Become Marshals

When the boys and girls returned to their teachers, they became fully fledged junior fire marshals and received official badges.

As another project this fall, the boys and girls will learn how to put out home fires and how to plan escape routes from their homes in case of fire.

"Many lives have been lost simply because people didn't consider ahead of time what they should do if fire broke out," local fire chief Cedric Fisher said. "Without pre-planning, people become panicky when obvious ways of escape are cut off by smoke and flames. The junior fire marshals will learn how to devise more than one way to get out of any part of their homes if the need arises," Fisher added.

During the rest of the year, the pupils will receive training in other aspects of safety in addition to fire prevention. A special project this fall, for instance, is learning safety rules for riding bicycles. Special Christmas and spring safety campaigns will also be included in the program.

Initiated by Hartford in 1947 as a public service, the program provides each child taking part with copies of the Junior Fire Marshal magazine. The schools here are among 15,000 across the country that are participating in this year's program.

#### Gives Tips

As a guide for parents who have youngsters who are riding bicycles or soon will be, chief of police Grover Odle offers some simple rules for safe riding. The rules, which are appearing in the latest issue of the Junior Fire Marshal magazine, are:

1. Check tires and brakes regularly to make sure they are in good condition. Keep sprocket, chain and other moving parts well oiled.

2. Observe local ordinances covering riding on sidewalks. Bicycles should be ridden on the right side of the road, close to the curb or shoulder. Don't ride on the left side of the road against traffic.

3. Obey traffic signals and signs just as motorists do. Never try to "jump" a traffic light.

4. Never ride two on a bicycle.

**Satellite Relays  
TV Of Olympics**

NEW YORK (UPI) — The space age today gave millions of Americans a front row seat at the Olympic games half a world away in Tokyo.

Live television on pictures of the official opening ceremonies of the 18th Olympiad were received here with crystal clarity via Syncrom III, the communications satellite hovering over the Pacific Ocean.

The National Broadcasting Co. began its telecast at 1 a.m. (EDT) just as the Greek Olympic delegation marched into a stadium packed with 72,000 persons. It was 2 p.m. Japanese time.

The pictures — and sound — were as clear as any television program originating in New York.

The program represented a combined effort by NBC, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Communications Satellite Corp., and NHK — The Japanese Broadcasting Co.

The signals were relayed by Syncrom III as it hovered near Gilbert Island at the point on earth where the international dateline and the equator meet.

The live coverage was also delivered to Mexico.

In addition to the opening ceremonies, today's early morning program included taped segments showing the Olympic village and athletes from all over the world training there.

Word of the massacre followed by two days a claim by Vietnamese military sources that a U.S. helicopter mistakenly strafed friendly Vietnamese troops on Wednesday and killed 25 of them before the survivors fired on it in despair bringing it down.

A U.S. military investigation report said the U.S. helicopter might have killed three Vietnamese soldiers by accident, not 25.

9. Don't hitch rides by hanging onto auto or trucks or other vehicles.

10. Equip bicycle with horn or bell. Never ride at night unless the bicycle has a rear reflector and a headlamp.

11. Check the state motor vehicle laws for specific regulations pertaining to bicycles.

"If parents make sure that their boys and girls learn these rules and abide by them, they will eliminate many of the common causes of bicycle accidents," Odle stated.

### REDDY FEATHER SAYS:

"TODAY'S DECATUR COMMUNITY FUND

TOTAL IS

**\$7,159.84**

The Goal Is

**\$29,834**

YOUR

Community Fund

Still Needs

**\$22,674.16**

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## World Series To New York

NEW YORK (UPI) — Back in the winning groove and their home park, the New York Yankees send bulldog Jim Bouton to the mound against the St. Louis Cardinals in today's hope to take the lead in the 1964 World Series for the first time.

All even after the first two games in St. Louis, the Cardinals countered with veteran left-hander Curt Simmons, who will be making the first start of his career in series competition. Simmons was a member of the National League pennant-winning Philadelphia Phillies in 1950 but was in the Army when the World Series was played.

The weather was expected to be clear and warm and the crowd was expected to be about 69,000, including Lynda Bird Johnson, daughter of the President.

Although many teams have seen their World Series hopes disappear because of the problems created by playing in Yankee Stadium, Manager Johnny Keane likes the more expansive playing area than Busch Stadium afforded.

A former \$65,000 bonus speedballer, Simmons was regarded as washed up in 1960 when he was unconditionally released by the Phillies. He was given a chance by the Cardinals, however, and in the last four and a half seasons has won 59 games.

Now 35, Simmons has lost the fast ball of his youth and has substituted curves, sliders, changeups and razor-edge control. He won 18 games and lost nine this season.

Second-base Julian Javier's bruised left hip creates the only doubtful starter in either lineup.

### Claim 16,000 Defect To Viet Nam

SAIGON, Viet Nam (UPI) — More than 16,000 Communist Viet Cong guerrillas have deserted to the Vietnamese government in the past 20 months, the government announced today.