

Around-the-World—

4 Pastors Given Life Terms in Sofia Spy Trial

9 Others Get Sentences Ranging From 5 to 15 Years; 2 Paroled

Four Protestant pastors were sentenced to life imprisonment for espionage today, nine others were given prison terms ranging from five to 15 years, and two were released on parole.

The Sofia District Court where the 15 ministers had been on trial since Feb. 25 on charges of treason, espionage and black marketing did not invoke the death penalty in any case.

Judge Constantine Undjiev, presiding justice of the three-man court, after reading the sentences, commented that all countries have the death penalty for espionage, but the court was lenient because of "your sincere confessions."

All the defendants announced that they were satisfied with the verdicts and the sentences. The prosecution also expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the mass trial.

Under Bulgarian law the sentences went into effect at once.

4 Get Life Terms
The heaviest sentences went to the four pastors labeled by the prosecution as the leading defendants. Their composite sentences, allowing for overlapping and duplications, were life imprisonment, fines of one million leva (\$3500), and loss of civil rights forever.

These four were Vassil Georgiev Zypakov, 48; Congregationalist Yanko Nikolov Ivanov, 48; Methodist Nikola Mikailov Naumov, 49; Baptist, and Georgi Nikolov Chernov, 46, Pentecost.

The other sentences were: Lambri Marinov Mishkov, 41, Congregationalist, 15 years; George Nicolov Vassev, 48, Baptist, 15 years; Iva Angelo Stankulov, 44, Baptist, 10 years; Zahari Spasov Raychev, 50, Baptist, 10 years; Mitko Matev Dimitrov, 39, Church of Christ, six years and eight months; Maralan Ivanov, 41, Pentecost, 15 years; Ladin Ivanov Popov, 38, Pentecost, five years; Fravko Ivanov Bezlov, 28, Methodist, 15 years; Yoncho Nicolov Bryanov, 41, Pentecost, 10 years; Alexander Georgiev Dinev, 40, Pentecost, released on parole.

Other world developments:
Berlin
The former Jewish liaison representative with the American Military Government said today that some 16,000 Jews from Eastern Europe have settled in Germany since the war.

Rabbi Simon G. Kramer added that only one-fifth to one-third of the American zone's 20,000 Jews were residents of Germany before the Nazi regime.

China
Acting President Li Tsung-jen started a search today for a new Chinese premier who would help push the Nationalist search for peace with the Communists.

Former Premier Sun Fo and his entire cabinet resigned this morning in a verbal statement before the legislative Yuan, which had

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Hints Link In Cases of Conlon, Hiss

Rep. Walter Explains FBI Identifications Of Spy Suspects

By TONY SMITH
Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8—Rep. Francis E. Walter (D. Pa.), liaison chairman for the House spy hunters with the Justice Department, said today there might be a connection between the Judith Coplon case and that of Alger Hiss, former State Department official.

Mr. Walter mentioned that possibility in explaining that the FBI took pains to identify all associates of the 27-year-old Justice Department employee accused of conspiring with a Russian attaché of the United Nations to steal U. S. government secrets.

He indicated that the FBI had complete information on the intermediary believed to have engineered the plan which drew the former Barnard College honor student into the alleged espionage conspiracy.

Others Watched
Mr. Hiss is under indictment for perjury in connection with Whittaker Chambers' charge that he turned over secret government papers for delivery to a Russian agent in 1937-39. Mr. Hiss has denied that he worked for a Communist espionage ring within the government or that he ever delivered official information to Mr. Chambers.

Mr. Walters also indicated that many more federal jobholders are being watched as a result of Miss Coplon's arrest. He commended the Justice Department for not "bouncing the girl" when she first came to official notice as many people there suggested, he said.

There was nothing in Mr. Walter's remark to indicate whether the possible connection of the Hiss and Coplon cases might involve Mr. Hiss himself or one of the names named by him in the Chambers allegations. Mr. Chambers told the House Un-American Committee of efforts to recruit additional workers for the Soviet spy ring.

Should a link be established, Mr. Walter said, it might bring the 10-year-old Hiss-Chambers case up to date by showing a continuing conspiracy. That would make possible charges carrying much heavier penalties than perjury.

Atlantic Pact
The eight nations working on the North Atlantic security pact have reached agreement on a draft treaty which provides for use of armed force to repel aggression, diplomatic quarters disclosed today.

These quarters emphasized that the agreement is not final. They said tentative drafts of the treaty have been sent to the governments of Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Norway for study.

Tokyo
American headquarters foreign trade officials today disclosed that Japan's 1948 exports doubled, Japan's 1948 exports this year as a major contribution to the American-subsidized drive for Japanese self sufficiency.

Officials said export contracts were running well above 1948 levels and there was a "good chance of reaching a tentative and informal export goal of \$300 million during 1949. Last year Japan imported \$483 million worth of goods and services and exported only about \$276 million worth.

Moscow
The Soviet press said editorially today that Soviet women enjoyed much greater freedom and equality than the women of the capitalist countries, especially the United States.

The statements were made in connection with International Women's Day.
"Especially acute in the United States is the problem of wages for equal labor," the Communist newspaper Pravda said. "Millions of toiling women get 30 to 40 percent less pay for the same work as men."

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Expecting



Dorothy Lamour
Miss Lamour revealed at Hollywood today that she and her husband, William Ross Howard III, were expecting their second child in September.

Outlines GOP Party Platform

Schortemeier Plays Socialism Trend

A Republican Party favoring free enterprise against socialism was outlined by Frederick E. Schortemeier, former Secretary of State, before the newly organized GOP Citizens Advisory Committee at a luncheon meeting here today.

"The first thing our people must learn is that every time the government does something for them, they are thereby losing a portion of their independence to govern themselves," he said.

It is a strange thing that our forefathers fought the Revolutionary War solely because their government was taking away too many of their rights and now they are yielding their rights voluntarily to the government. Individual liberty is more valuable than government subsidy."

Mr. Schortemeier told the committee, formed to advise the party on future policies, that GOP leaders "should not be afraid to tell the workers and the farmers that encouraging business is to their advantage."

He warned that "socialistic grabbing of all wealth by the government makes everybody pauper."

The advisory committee, headed by Joe Rand Beckett, was organized two months ago to "determine what's wrong with the Republican Party and make recommendations to correct those errors."

Bonus an Ugly Duckling Once It Cracks Its Shell
The soldiers' bonus became the ugly duckling of the 86th General Assembly once it burst out of its shell of campaign promises.

A number of legislators would have liked to abandon it when they saw what a job it would be to raise that bird. But they couldn't disown it. It was their baby.

Battle of financing the bonus produced one of the critical state issues of the legislature. Sales tax versus increased gross income tax as a source of new revenue.

It was a battle administration Democrats, who had entrenched themselves against any GOP move to bring the sales tax into Indiana for any purpose, won with an ultimatum. The ultimatum was the bonus would either be financed by the gross income tax, or there would be no bonus.

Republicans bowed to that, but not without protest.
Most Painless
In the House, Rep. Joseph Klein (D. Gary) reported the conference committee acceptance of increased gross income tax in a brief little speech.

He said this method of financing the bonus was the most painless that could be found, short of the miracle of finding the money in the street.

"Rich and poor, Democrats and Republicans," he said, "all of us are making this bonus possible for the 400,000 men and women of Indiana who dedicated themselves to the service of their country. This is a gift from the hearts of the people of Indiana."

Rep. Byron T. Somers (R. Ft. Wayne), second House negotiator

Under Protest
Rep. W. O. Hughes (Ft. Wayne):
"The administration has said it was going to be the gross income tax or else. We are going along with that. I believe it is inequitable to small business and to the veteran in small business."

"In some cases the veteran will pay his entire bonus in taxes. This we deplore. The administration must accept the full responsibility for the type of tax imposed."

Rep. Russell I. Richardson, Lebanon:
"I can't believe the House of Representatives is doing a favor for the veterans of the state of Indiana. I speak for the veterans who prefer no bonus at all rather than the gross income tax way of financing it."

Democrat James S. Hunter (E. Chicago) rose as the argument over financing continued after the vote had been counted. He said: "Those widows with orphaned children you want to help. They'd have to pay less under gross income than if you put a sales tax on them."

Called Travesty
In the Senate, the voting machine broke down when the vote on the bill was recorded. Sen. William C. Bates (R. New Albany) quipped:
"Even the machine won't stand for paying the bonus with the gross income tax."

Other GOP Senators said: Milford E. Anness (Metamora): "This is not a vote against the bonus. I'm thinking of my war buddies who don't want an increase in the gross income tax. It is a travesty on justice."

Charles M. Maddox (Otterbein): "The method of paying this bonus will be known as the White Hat Tax."

D. Russell Bontrager (Elkhart): "I protest the method, but vote aye."

As in the House, the argument raged after the vote was taken. Democrats not to be outdone said: Edmund E. Makowski (E. Chicago): "How soon we forget. I was willing to pay a bonus with any method of financing it."

Leo J. Steime (Jasper): "This is a sound tax."

Walter Vermillion (Anderson): "I helped write the gross income tax. It is the lesser evil."

Thug Slashes Victim After Taking Wallet

Rips Stomach After Mugger Frees Their Man

A knife-waving bandit and his "strongarm" companion slashed and struck their holdup victim after he willingly surrendered his wallet in a sidewalk stickup early today.

Ten victim, William A. Brown, 28, of 1804 Ingram St., was walking near 18th St. and Roosevelt Ave. shortly after midnight when two men stepped out of an alley and halted him.

One man, he told police, grabbed him from behind. The second man flipped open a knife and held it against the victim's stomach, demanding he "hand over the money."

Take Billfold
They took Mr. Brown's billfold, which contained \$55. Then, just as the "strongarm" bandit released his hold on the victim, the second bandit slashed across his victim's stomach with the knife.

Mr. Brown kicked at the man in front of him, he told police, and turned to run to the street. The other bandit struck at him and followed him into the street, then turned and ran back into the alley.

Mr. Brown was treated at General Hospital for the knife wound.

Purse Snatched
A home burglary, a store break-in and a purse snatching also were reported to police today.

John Stewart, 1105 N. Tremont Ave., told police he returned home at 11 p. m. yesterday to find the house had been entered. A strong box containing \$460 was missing.

Watches valued at \$121 and lighters worth \$30 were taken from the display window of Grace's Jewelry & Gift Shop, 3905 E. 10th St., early this morning. A large chunk of concrete was used to smash the window, police said.

Mrs. Alene Cobb, 670 E. St. Clair St., told police a man who darted from a doorway at Massachusetts Ave. and St. Clair at 2 a. m. today grabbed her purse, containing \$12 and two rings, and a shopping bag containing \$5 worth of purchases.

Louis Johnson Quits As Aircraft Director
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Mar. 8 (UP)—Louis A. Johnson, newly-appointed defense secretary, has resigned from the board of directors of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.

His telegraphed resignation was accepted at a board meeting here yesterday, Chairman Floyd B. Odium said.

Cold Grips Berlin
BERLIN, Mar. 8 (UP)—Blocked Berlin suffered the winter's coldest weather today. Last night's low of 12 degrees, Fahrenheit, was the coldest of the winter, but the mercury was expected to drop to about 10 degrees tomorrow night. A new snowstorm was predicted late today.

Now Is Time to Write WISH For Amateur Hour Audition

Times and Radio Station Bringing Ted Mack Show to Indianapolis Apr. 6 for Charity

By ART WRIGHT
If you want to entertain on the coast-to-coast broadcast of the Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour Apr. 6, now is the time to send in your letter for an audition.

All requests for auditions must be mailed to Radio Station WISH, Board of Trade Bldg., stating your name, address, telephone number and type of entertainment. You will be notified when to appear for an audition.

The Times and WISH are bringing the 15-year-old amateur broadcast to Indianapolis to raise money for charity.

The show will be broadcast from the State Fairgrounds Coliseum starting with a 15-minute "warmup" at 6:45 p. m. Following the one-hour broadcast to 12 million listeners over 173 ABC stations, top amateur-hour acts will provide an additional show lasting 1½ hours.

Net proceeds from the popular admission prices paid by the public to see the actual broadcast will be turned over to a local charity which will be named within a few days.

Mr. Mack's successor to the late Maj. Bowes, will be here in person to emcee the show.

Applicants for auditions have until noon Mar. 18 to get their letters to WISH. A special staff has been organized to audition the talent seeking places on the show.

There are no charges of any kind to enter the talent search and amateur entertainers of all ages are eligible. Vocalists and instrumentalists may perform in five, blues, popular, semiclassical, opera or any type of novelty acts also are eligible.

Announcement of where tickets may be purchased by the public will be made in The Times within a few days.

Singer's Dander Drops As Solo Strike Flops
SAN FRANCISCO, March 8 (UP)—Linda Carlson of Reno, Nev., staged a one-woman strike on the counter of the California Central Airline office here for two hours but lost her cause.

The 21-year-old singer arrived here yesterday by United Airlines but lacked money enough for a ticket to Hollywood so she tried to transfer to the cheaper California Central.

California Central couldn't take her for 24 hours because of a regulation against interstate airlines carrying inter-state passengers.

She leaped on the counter, declaring she would not come down "until I get a ticket." But after two hours she calmed down. She waited the required time.

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Bandit Victim Dies in Hospital

Lloyd Abbett, 50, a Franklin liquor store clerk who was shot by a bandit last week, died late yesterday in Robert Long Hospital.

Mr. Abbett died at 5:50 p. m. He was in critical condition since a gunman shot him in the leg and abdomen during a hold-up in downtown Franklin at 9:30 p. m. the night of Mar. 2.

Mr. Abbett told police the gunman was one of a pair that invaded his store. One of the men shot without warning after ordering a bottle of whisky and asking Mr. Abbett for money.

The bandits raced away in an automobile and escaped state police blockades.

Fears Repercussions
Roscoe Turner, who runs an aeronautical company at Weir Cook Airport, predicted that most of the airlines would fly right over the town if the property tax idea were to be put into effect.

"The airlines do business here, and we want them to pay their share," said Mr. Hollar. "And we're trying to find a just and suitable way."

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