

# U. S. to Hurl Lie at Czech Spy Charges

## May Demand Quick Release of One Accused Embassy Worker

The United States today planned a blistering denial of Czechoslovak charges that five Americans ran a spy ring from the United States embassy in Prague.

The United States also was expected to demand the immediate release of one of the accused men, Samuel Meryn of New York, who was arrested by Czech police.

A long Czech note to the United States said Mr. Meryn, three other American men and Louise Schaffner of Lancaster, Pa.—described as "unusually attractive"—organized a spy network that reached far across Czechoslovakia.

U. S. Scoffs at Charge

The note said Czech members of the ring were equipped with radios, presumably to relay reports from distant parts of Czechoslovakia, which contains the largest known uranium deposits in the Communist world.

American officials, scoffing at the charges, linked the latest cry of "spies" with a growing purge of Czech and Polish government officials.

In addition to Miss Schaffner and Mr. Meryn, the other Americans involved were Walter Birge, St. Louis; Isaac Patch, Gloucester, Mass.; and Spencer L. Taggart, all except Taggart were regular embassy employees.

Czechoslovakia diplomatic sources charged today that the arrest of a U. S. embassy employee and expulsion of another American on spy charges was a reprisal for the failure of Czechoslovakia to win a United Nations Security Council seat.

Commentators recalled that Communist officials and the press had attributed the Czech defeat in the United Nations to behind-the-scenes manipulation by the United States. The American vote went to Yugoslavia.

Other world developments:

**Prague**

Outbursts of violence, mass arrests of priests and intellectuals by Communist officials in the south Bohemian diocese of Budějovice were reported today in a Catholic Church document.

The document, one of a series in which the church has expressed itself regarding its struggle with the Communist government, called the Budějovice situation one of "sharpened terror."

**Fairbanks**

Gold fever hit Alaska again today as prospectors reported finding nuggets "the size of peas" in the territory's biggest strike since the Klondike rush of 50 years ago.

The claim, kept secret until the news leaked out yesterday, was discovered this week in the Yukon river a bare nine miles south of the Arctic Circle.

**Hong Kong**

Reports from Kuming in southwest China said today that Burma Road was being repaired to supply Nationalist troops for a last stand along the Indo-China and Burmese borders.

Reliable reports here said that French authorities in Indo-China were negotiating with the Nationalists to form an anti-Communist buffer area in southwest China.

**Sofia**

The Communist government has created a special seven-man court for a mass spy trial which would include many cabinet ministers and high government officials.

Recent releases by the government press office indicated the trial would follow the same pattern as the one in Hungary in which László Rajk, No. 2 Hungarian Communist, was condemned to death.

**London**

British Navy rescue vessels off the Welsh coast sent up a ring of flares and other signals around the abandoned and sinking British freighter Cydonia today to prevent other ships from colliding with the wreck.

The 3500-ton Cydonia struck a mine last night in Cardigan Bay.

# Pilot Crashes, Cuts Thumb On Fence

## Barbed Wire Causes Injury on Return to Wreck for Parachute

BROOKVILLE, Oct. 22 (UP)—An Air Force captain surveyed a well-banded and a slightly throbbing cut thumb today and vowed to be more careful climbing a barbed wire fence the next time he crash-lands a plane.

Capt. Joseph Gillis, about 35, cracked up his P-6 trainer when a low gas supply, plus rain and fog forced him to seek a landing in a corn field about two miles south of here yesterday. He was on a flight from Romulus Field, Mich., to Cincinnati.

He walked away from the crash, which caused only minor damage, then cut his thumb climbing the fence on his way back to the plane to get his parachute.

BRAZIL, Oct. 22 (UP)—Services were planned today for John J. Jones, 75, former coal miner who served two terms as mayor of Brazil. He died here yesterday.

Mr. Jones worked in nearby mines when only 14, later took up bricklaying and became a contractor, served two terms as city councilman and later was elected mayor. He was survived by his widow and one son.

Employees of the Frank Foundries of Muncie were notified today that they cannot collect unemployment compensation because the company shut down.

An Indiana appellate court ruling reversed a finding of the State Employment Security Division's board of review that the workers were eligible for benefits.

The high court ruled that a labor dispute was responsible for the plant closing a year ago last spring, and that the law denies jobless pay in such cases.

FT. WAYNE, Oct. 22 (UP)—Donald L. Helfrich, 31, was under \$4000 bond today pending arraignment on a charge of misappropriating more than \$2500 in funds from the Columbia City post office.

Federal authorities charged that Helfrich made fictitious debit entries in the money order cash book over a seven-month period this year. He was indicted Oct. 14 by a federal grand jury in South Bend.

TERRE HAUTE, Oct. 22 (UP)—Armand J. Trail, 44, was considered himself lucky today. He fell beneath a moving freight train last night at a street crossing. But his only injuries, according to Union Hospital attendants, were three mangled fingers on his left hand.

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., Oct. 22 (UP)—Coroner Sam Rotman of Greene County has returned a verdict of suicide in the poison death of Jesse E. Roberts, 43, prominent resident of Bloomfield.

Mr. Roberts was found dead in his cabin along Richland Creek Thursday night by Sheriff William Branstetter, who had been asked by relatives to look for Roberts. He had been missing more than eight hours.

MUNCIE, Oct. 22 (UP)—The Indiana Sheriff's Association will institute court proceedings to get a ruling on Indiana Attorney General McManamon's ruling specifying that sheriffs be elected to four-year terms in all Indiana counties next year.

The Delaware County Sheriff W. Pete Anthony, president of the Association, said Friday that the test case will be that of Edwin Kirkpatrick of Greenfield, Hancock County sheriff. Sheriff Kirkpatrick is serving the first year of a two-year term.

The Association has set aside \$5000 to get a court test and plans to take the matter to the Indiana Supreme Court. An attempt will be made to get a ruling on every possible situation involving Indiana's sheriffs, and there are several of them.

The Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission announced today that the beer wholesaler permit of the City Beverage Co., Inc., Logansport, had been renewed.

The permit expired last May 1. The ABC said it had been renewed "following a lengthy investigation and hearing."

The commission said there was "evidence of violations of the alcoholic beverage act (but) such violations were not serious enough to deny the permit."

However, the announcement said, "the commission . . . felt that the business of the applicant was operated very loosely in the past."

The permit was issued to Howard Schmidt, owner of the company.

SEEK PLANE WRECKAGE

WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz., Oct. 22 (UP)—A rescue party today pulled up a 6000-foot mountain today toward two burned-out wrecks, believed to be two of three Navy fighter planes that disappeared four days ago.



Model Shirley Modell flits from boudoir to beach without switching a stitch, thanks to a new one-piece sleep-and-swim outfit. Having frolicked in the surf, all Shirley needs to do is dry off and she's ready for bed again. At Miami, Fla., Shirley shows off the amphibious nightwear to good advantage. Nice weather in Miami, 45 degrees here this morning.

# In Indianapolis

Annual Indianapolis Community Fund Drive—Through Monday.

Omega Psi Phi Sorority National Convention—Through Monday.

Indian Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Auxiliary Convention—Through Monday.

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs—Through Monday.

Indiana Department of Social Services—Through Monday.

Indiana Department of Public Safety—Through Monday.

Indiana Department of Health—Through Monday.

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# Drop Hint of Extra Session

## Predict Schricker Plans Meeting to Avert Financial Crisis

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ

Top Indiana Democratic leaders today predicted Gov. Schricker would call a special session of the legislature to avert a state financial crisis.

The Governor, however, denied he was contemplating such action "at this time."

But several Democrats and Republican leaders agreed that the Governor's chief executive was polling state officials and putting out feelers before making a final decision.

Democratic state Senators Von A. Eichhorn (Uniondale), Louis Baldoni (South Bend) and Edmund J. Makowski (East Chicago) made the special legislative session prediction after visiting with Gov. Schricker yesterday at the Statehouse.

Sounding Out

State Sen. Roy Conrad, Republican restaurateur and farmer of Monticello, said the Governor apparently was trying to get reaction to the state's financial situation in his address before the Indiana Municipal League here last week. The Governor told a large delegation of Hoosier city officials that the state was spending more money than it had anticipated.

State treasury figures show Indiana's cash balance has been dropping regularly since May. Deputy Treasurer William Allen said biggest cut in state's cash balance came when a \$56 million appropriation was made to local school units. It was the largest appropriation made to school units in state's history, Mr. Allen said.

Viewed With Alarm

State officials also viewed with alarm the industry-rippling steel and coal strikes and their effect on Gross Income Tax Revenue.

Conn. Sterling, director of the state department of revenue, said gross income taxes are bound to drop considerably if the strikes continue.

"That would doubtless play havoc with the state's financial condition," Mr. Sterling asserted. "While we are sitting pretty now, a strike of any length will cut state's income."

Bradley Reveals Defense Concept

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (UP)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley believes the nation must strike a "delicate balance" between military preparedness which would deter any aggressor and arms spending which could "sap our national strength."

Gen. Bradley summed up his defense concept, based upon "reasonable security," in testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee on the \$1,314,010,000 arms bill pending today. The hearings have just been made public.

Release of the testimony also disclosed that Defense Secretary Louis Johnson assured the committee that the U. S. government would never give away secret U. S. information to any Communist, even if he is in the cabinet of a recipient nation.

Dog Passengers OK'd On Municipal Railway

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The municipal railway management announces that dogs may ride the city's buses and trolley coaches.

Owners will have to pay the same dime a ride fare that humans are charged, and it won't make any difference whether the found is a great dane or a pekingese.

Surplus Bomber Becomes House Trailer

BAY CITY, Mich. (UP)—Hubert Hine is moving his family from Manitoba to Ontario in a Canadian Anson bomber converted into a house trailer.

He bought the surplus plane for \$100. The wings were cut off except for a narrow strip left for fenders. The fuselage was shortened. Landing gear and wheels were replaced with regular auto wheels.

Inside, the bomber-trailer has a wooden floor and is equipped as a de luxe house on wheels.

Find Woman Injured

Mrs. Callie Richardson, 79, of 333 W. 31st St., was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in serious condition today after neighbors found her unconscious in her home with a head injury. Police said she may have fallen while performing household duties.

N. Y. Faces 'AIR RAID'

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 (UP)—The nation's largest city was today hit by a "war" when American and Canadian fighter planes join to defend New York from a mock "enemy" bombing raid.

REAL FREEDOM CAPSULE

VALLEY FORGE, Pa., Oct. 22 (UP)—A "freedom capsule" containing the front and editorial pages of 200 American newspapers and copies of important national documents was sealed today for 100 years by the Free-dom Foundation, Inc.

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A. E. Code Is the Bride

The St. Thomas Catholic Church was the wedding of Miss S. Is Mar and Addison E. Code at 10:30 a. m. today.

The Rev. Fr. E. the Immaculate Catholic Church ring vows.

Mrs. George M. was her sister's Bridesmaids were Coddington, the bride, and Mrs. R. Sheridan.

The bride wore a white fitted bodice with effect bouffant, accented by bouffant, hooped, floor length cascades of pomp.

Karen Lee Davine, niece, was flower girl, a white net dress. Mr. Davidson, Ushers included Robert White, J. Forrest Graham.

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