

World Report—

Czechs Permit U. S. Clerk to See His Boss

Embassy Employee Held in Spy Case Granted Brief Interview

By United Press

WITH CZECH officials standing attentively by, an imprisoned U. S. embassy clerk, Samuel Mervin, spoke today for the first time since his arrest on spy charges with an embassy representative who said he looked fit and well.

The interview was limited to 15 minutes, and the discussion to purely personal matters. The Czech officials ordered every word except "criminals" would be repatriated from Russia by the end of this year.

Carroll Parry, chief of the embassy consular section, said Mr. Mervin beamed and threw out his arms to greet his visitor. Mr. Mervin had been held incommunicado since he was seized by Czech police nine days ago.

Mr. Parry said Mr. Mervin showed no signs of any mistreatment. He said the prisoner wanted food and clothing, especially a clean shirt, and asked for a blanket "because he said last night he had been cold."

Expenses Visit of Wife The Czechs allowed Mr. Parry to leave a bundle of clothes and food for the prisoner. Mr. Parry said he asked permission for Mervin's Austrian-born wife to visit him in Pankrac prison, and it was indicated that a visit would be arranged.

Mr. Parry said Mr. Mervin was under investigation by the state prosecutor's office to see if evidence against him warranted his being tried on spy charges.

He said Mr. Mervin would be permitted to select his defense lawyer from a list which would be submitted to him if he is tried other world developments.

Jury Votes Death in Iowa Slaying

Worker to Hang for Killing Housewife

WATERLOO, Iowa, Oct. 29 (UPI)—A district court jury today

found Edward J. (Buddy) Beckwith guilty of the mutilation slaying of a pretty Morrison, Iowa, housewife and recommended that he be sentenced to the death.

The paper said Bulgaria was carrying out "mass purge" of Communist Party members and officials who disapproved of the government's pro-Kremlin policy.

Another 25 were killed in similar fighting at Vilanavea, also in Valle Province, the reports said.

Confirmation on the latest reports of casualties would bring the number of those killed in recent weeks to more than 400.

The fighting is an outgrowth of political passions raised in campaigning for the Nov. 27 election.

Prague President Klement Gottwald has freed 127 Catholic priests from prison after they pledged their loyalty to the Communist regime and requested pardons, the official news agency reported today.

The freeing of the priests was reported four days after the Catholic board of bishops announced that it had authorized priests to take a qualified oath of allegiance to the government and to accept the higher salaries it offered them.

In an official statement by the council, made public Tuesday, the bishops announced their willingness to resume negotiations with the state on their months-long struggle.

Rome A high Yugoslav official said today that Georgi Dimitrov, Bulgarian premier who died in Moscow of a lingering illness early this year, was a strong supporter of Marshal Tito's anti-Kremlin views.

The official is Josip Vidmar, president of the People's Council of the Federal Assembly (parliament) of Yugoslavia and chief Yugoslav delegate to the world committee of the partisans of peace. The committee is meeting in Rome.

Asked whether Dimitrov died of natural causes in the hands of the Russians, Mr. Vidmar said ironically: "He was indeed a very sick man."

Tokyo Officials of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission revealed today that they reserve the right to "review and confirm" information in dispatches by Allied correspondents on the commission's work.

The commission is working on data for the atom bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Hong Kong The former gay Nationalist capital of Canton has turned into an austere city with night life and western dress virtually banned after two weeks of Communist rule, a traveler arriving here reported today.

The informant said the city has returned to peace and order but there are undercurrents of discontent with the new regime.

The Cantonese, he said, are indignant at both the Nationalists and the Communists, although they do not express it publicly.

The Nationalists' destruction of Pearl River Bridge in which hundreds were killed and the overnight evacuation of the city are the causes of Cantonese resentment, he said.

Lake Success An Israeli spokesman said today that the Tel Aviv government sees no reason to continue negotiations with the Arabs through the United Nations' Palestine Conciliation Commission.

The statement appeared to take the problem of peace in Palestine out of the United Nations' hands.

The spokesman said the Israeli government felt that indirect negotiations through the United Nations commission during the past several months in Lausanne, Switzerland and New York had proved largely fruitless.

Berlin Wilhelm Pieck, president of the Soviet Zone republic, said today that all German prisoners of war

Navy Chief Holds Firm on Denfeld Action

Secretary Denies Ousting Is Reprisal in Unification Row

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (UPI)—Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews today rejected suggestions that he back down on his decision to oust Adm. Louis E. Denfeld as chief of naval operations.

Despite snowballing congressional protests, Mr. Matthews told newsmen he is standing pat on the ouster move.

"I intend to go through with this," he said. "That's why I asked the President for the authority to do it. I don't ask for things just for the sake of asking."

The Navy secretary joined Defense Secretary Louis Johnson in denying that Adm. Denfeld's removal was in reprisal for the four-star admiral's congressional testimony, attacking unification as now administered.

Denies Vinson Charge

Mr. Matthews said the action was "not in the slightest" a reprisal, as has been charged by Chairman Carl Vinson (D. Ga.), of the House Armed Services Committee and other Congressmen.

Adm. Denfeld's testimony before Mr. Vinson's committee, Mr. Matthews said, was "not the deciding factor" in the ouster.

Mr. Matthews said a new chief of naval operations will be recommended to President Truman as soon as possible. But he said there was little chance of a recommendation coming over the weekend.

Mr. Johnson will not be back in the capital until Monday and Mr. Matthews is going to clear his choice for the post through the Defense Secretary.

Sherman Favored

Although Mr. Matthews would not discuss the matter of a successor to Adm. Denfeld, Vice Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, commander of the Sixth Task Fleet in the Mediterranean, was known to have the inside track.

Mr. Matthews did say that he talked to Adm. Sherman "several times" when the three-star admiral was here earlier this month during the House committee's investigation of unification and the Navy-Air Force war. Adm. Sherman, who has favored unification in the past, did not testify.

The three-star admiral reached Beirut, Lebanon, aboard the cruiser Des Moines, yesterday but had only "no comment, no press conference" in answer to reporters' queries.

An aide said that Adm. Denfeld himself believed Adm. Sherman is to be his successor.

Adm. Denfeld was given the weekend to consider whether he would step out of the Navy or take one of the undisclosed four-star "important" posts offered by Mr. Matthews.

It was speculated that command of all naval forces of the Atlantic Pact was among the posts offered Adm. Denfeld.

Maio Ponders 'Leaf' Equipment

Brochures on leaf pick-up equipment are the latest interest of Street Commissioner Tony Maio. Some pieces, using suction hoses to pull leaves from gutters into trucks, are designed to be operated with two men only.

Current methods require five men per crew, to handle truck, sprinkler and sweeping equipment. Trucks are loaded by hand with shovels. Twenty-five trucks delegated to the job are running as high as 200 loads of leaves a day. About 2000 loads have been taken from the north side alone.

But the big problem facing the commissioner is money. The city cannot afford the suction equipment.

Public Service Co. Announces Dividend

A trophy for house decorations at 331 W. Hampton Drive. Honor mentions were awarded to Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at 183 W. 46th St. and Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority at 825 W. Hampton Drive.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority took top honors also in the float contest.

Three Honors Won By Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu, Butler University social fraternity, today held three honors in Homecoming contests at the university.

Judges chose the fraternity house at 655 N. Hampton Drive as the best-decorated. Sigma Nu also received trophies for the best fraternity float in the parade yesterday and wood-gathering at the bonfire last night.

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Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars Fall Festival—Confidence Through Antlers, 10 a. m. Indiana.

Under auspices of Ecumenical and Service Committees, Church Federation—Catholic—Final day, First Baptist Church Choir Program of Sacred Music—7:30 p. m., church.

Catholic Theater Guild of Indianapolis Organization Meeting—2:30 p. m. World Veterans of Foreign Wars Fall Harvest Conference—Final day, Antlers Indiana Section, American Federation of

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