

news in brief

World

Say GI's selling arms in Philippines

MANILA (AP) — The Foreign Office asked the U.S. Embassy today to investigate reports that high-powered firearms are being sold in the Philippines black market by American enlisted men from nearby Clark Air Force Base.

In a note to the U.S. embassy, the Foreign Office said, "It would be appreciated if the matter could be investigated in order that appropriate measures might be taken in case the information is found to be correct."

The Foreign Office referred to a Manila Times report last week which said a congressional committee was told by a witness during a hearing that "firearms are being sold by American enlisted men from Clark Air Force Base" in the black market at low prices.

The hearings were conducted by the committee looking into reports that illegal possession of firearms and gun-running have been mainly responsible for much of the country's violence and disorder.

3 hostages, 10 kidnapers killed

ISTANBUL (AP) — Several explosions occurred in Istanbul during the night in the wake of the death of ten leftist kidnapers. Reports said the blasts were set off by the Dev Genç Revolutionary Youth Organization, a Marxist group which sympathizes with the Turkish Peoples Liberation Army.

Ten members of the Liberation Army were gunned down by 800 troops Thursday in the village of Kizildere after they had killed three hostage NATO technicians—two Britons and a Canadian.

One of today's explosions broke the windows of Istanbul's biggest store—Vakko.

Another was aimed against army stores several blocks away from the Istanbul Hilton. Other explosions were reported in more remote areas of the city.

Russia wants E. Germany at parley

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The Soviet Union says it will boycott the Stockholm conference on human environment in June unless East Germany is invited to full participation.

Angered by a General Assembly decision last fall to exclude from voting participation countries that are not members of the United Nations or its specialized agencies, Moscow has been hinting for months that it will stay away from the conference. Most of Eastern Europe is expected to follow the Russian example.

Ambassador Jacob A. Malik, who called a rare news conference Thursday to make the Soviet position official, said there was still a possibility of a solution being found during President Nixon's visit to Moscow in May.

National

Guard's recruiting of blacks lagging

WASHINGTON (AP) — A drive to double black strength in the National Guard is lagging badly at midpoint.

The National Guard Bureau reports that the recruiting campaign which began last fall netted a gain of only 961 black Guardsmen through February.

This means the Army Guard and the Air Guard must attract an additional 5,000 blacks before next September to reach the announced goal of about 11,800 black Guardsmen.

Guard officials said an \$80,000 advertising campaign designed to appeal to black youths did not get fully geared up until recently. These officials are banking on this campaign, featuring TV and radio commercials, to boost recruiting momentum.

The Guard believes, too, that a new Pentagon-proposed enlistment bonus of \$600 would help spur recruiting of both white and black youths, if Congress passes the legislation.

Agency to handle needs of elderly asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House Conference on Aging has urged creation of a special agency within the executive office of the President to coordinate planning and push for needs of the elderly.

"The Administration on Aging should be retained within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare but it should be raised to the status of an independent agency within the department, reporting directly to the secretary," said a conference report released Thursday.

The conference recommended that parallel agencies be set up at the state level.

"In order to allow maximum flexibility at the state and local levels for innovation," the report said, "federal funds in the form of block grants without restriction should be set aside for long-term planning in aging."

People

Says eCone confirmed action in Chile

NEW YORK (AP) — Business Week magazine says former CIA Director John A. McCone has confirmed that executives of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. discussed possible moves to prevent Salvador Allende from taking office as president of Chile in 1970.

McCone, a member of the ITT Board of Directors since 1966 and a member of its executive committee, disclosed that he was consulted and that ITT told the U.S. government, "If you have a plan, we'll help with it," Business Week said Thursday.

Columnist Jack Anderson published some alleged ITT internal memos on March 21 that suggested ITT officials and top government and CIA officials tried unsuccessfully to promote a military coup to prevent Allende's taking office.

State

Want Con Ed fined \$1.6 million

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The state Environmental Conservation Department said Thursday night it would ask Atty. Gen. Louis J. Lefkowitz to seek fines of up to \$1.6 million against Consolidated Edison for fish kills at its Indian Point No. 2 nuclear power plant.

But Commissioner Henry L. Diamond also announced that his department will allow operations at the facility in the Hudson River valley to resume on a limited basis.

The department said more than 160,000 fish were killed when testing at the plant began in February. Testimony at an ECD hearing earlier this month indicated the fish were killed when crushed against grids covering intake pipes.

Con Ed will be allowed to resume plant tests with the water intake system cut back to 60 per cent of capacity, Diamond said.

Merger of teachers' unions held near

NEW YORK (AP) — A merger of the 105,000-member New York State Teachers Association and the rival 85,000-member United Teachers of New York State is expected to be announced Saturday.

Merger talks between the two groups have been going on for the past 10 months. Combined they would represent nearly two-thirds of the state's 300,000 public, private and parochial schoolteachers.

Nixon warns rail unions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has threatened to impose a mandatory 60-day cooling-off period if he concludes that two unions will begin strikes at midnight tonight, tying up the nation's rail service.

Neither the United Transportation Union nor the Sheet Metal Workers Union has made a formal strike threat. But the White House said Thursday the situation is being treated as a threatened strike.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Thursday Nixon believes the country could not tolerate a nationwide shutdown of rail service.

Under the Railway Labor Act, Nixon can sign executive orders creating presidential boards to look into UTU's dispute with the Penn Central Railroad and the Sheet Metal Workers' dispute with the Association of American Railroads. Creation of a board would make any strike illegal for 60 days.

UTU said Thursday it will strike Penn Central if the money-strapped railroad cuts the size of train crews. Penn Central reaffirmed Thursday it plans to phase out, beginning Saturday, over 6,000 crew assignments it believes are unnecessary.

The Sheet Metal Workers, however, said Thursday it had no plans to strike. Union President Edward J. Carrough said in a statement Ziegler's suggestion the union would strike was "completely false and misleading."

"The administration is fully aware of the fact that we had no present intention of striking the nation's railroads," Carrough said.

The Sheet Metal Workers have sought more money and tighter work rules in a new nationwide contract covering 6,000 workers.

Meetings with the National Mediation Board broke off Wednesday with no progress reported in either dispute. No new meetings have been scheduled.

In his news conference, Ziegler plugged the administration's long-proposed legislation banning "crippling strikes."

Ziegler said if the bill had been enacted, there would be no need to discuss the possibility of a Nixon order to temporarily block a strike.



CMDR. ANDREW JENSEN

Final pleas in chaplain case slated

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Final arguments are scheduled today in the court-martial of Cmdr. Andrew F. Jensen, a Navy chaplain accused of misconduct by adultery.

The case, the first involving a general court-martial of a chaplain in U.S. Navy history, is then to go to the six-officer jury.

The tall, 43-year-old American Baptist clergyman faces a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a dishonorable discharge.

Two Navy wives at nearby Cecil Field Naval Air Station testified that Jensen had sexual intercourse with them a total of 21 times.

Jensen maintained his innocence of wrongdoing with either Lora Gudbranson, 38, or Mary Ann Curran, 24.

Through two days on the witness stand, he testified he was not with Mrs. Curran on any of the 17 occasions of sexual relations she detailed nor with Mrs. Gudbranson on the four she cited.

Jensen's denomination, the American Baptist Convention, has said it will not supply any more military chaplains because of the charges lodged against him.

L. Joseph L. Curran Jr., the husband of one of the accusers, testified Thursday he made the decision that he and his wife quit attending Cecil Field Chapel functions in late April 1971.

Jensen, senior chaplain at Cecil, had testified Mrs. Curran grew hostile and angry with him when he advised her to stop an affair with another man. She had been chairman of the Women of the Chapel but quit attending functions at the time of her hostility, the chaplain testified.

Pittsburgh lists major crime drop

By WILLIAM RINGLE Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON — Why is Pittsburgh the nation's only big city that has recorded declines in serious crimes for three years running?

Preliminary figures released Friday by the Department of Justice show that Pittsburgh last year recorded a 6.8 per cent decrease from 1970 in the seven "index crimes" — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft of articles worth \$50 or more and auto theft. Last year, there were 53 cities listing such declines. There were 223 the previous year and 17 in 1969. Pittsburgh was always among them.

Pittsburgh's assistant superintendent in charge of the operations branch (uniformed policemen), Ralph Yovetich, readily acknowledges it isn't all the policemen's doing.

Pittsburgh's number of policemen per 1,000 population is 2.5, which is about average. Yovetich believes the city's relatively stable population is a big factor. (Business is Pittsburgh wasn't too brisk in the years after World War II, he says, so newcomers from other areas weren't attracted there).

He also says that policemen in recent years have been able to devote more time to crime and have not been needed in large numbers at the schools (the board of education has taken over that security function) or to protect demonstrators from the public or vice versa. (The demonstrations have abated and never were too widespread).

A tactical force once detailed to that task has been working on burglary protection, one authority said. At one time as many as 200 policemen might have been detailed to school protection.

He also noted that the department's homicide force has an extraordinary record of clearing up murders. No more than eight to 12 per cent remain unsolved.



SEEKING POST — Elizabeth Holtzman, 30-year-old Democratic State Committeewoman, has announced that she will run in the primaries against Emanuel Celler, the 83-year-old chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. She said "Half a century ago Emanuel Celler ran for Congress for the first time. He said it was time for a change. After 50 long years, it is again time for a change." — AP Wirephoto.

BBC bans excess violence on TV

LONDON (AP) — The British Broadcasting Corp. has ordered producers to show less violence and bloodletting in television programs, including the news.

David Attenborough, television programs director for its own sake must be checked.

It "ought not to be presented in ways which might glorify it or present it as a proper solution to interpersonal conflicts," his new code said.

Color television was said to have increased the impact of violence by the sight of red blood.

\$99 million request hit

Legislators rap Army plan to hire civilians for KP

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's plan to do away with KP in "the new volunteer Army" by hiring civilians for the job has run into fire from some key congressmen. They say the money could be better spent elsewhere.

A House Appropriations Committee spokesman says several members have expressed doubts over the Army's request for \$99 million in next year's budget to make permanent its experiment of replacing soldiers with civilian kitchen policemen, or KPs.

This has been one of the Army's key selling points in its campaign to recruit an all-volunteer force.

The committee spokesman said some members feel "that's a lot of money and a big departure from the way the Army has always done business."

In hearings with top Army leaders over the past several weeks, the spokesman said, some committee members questioned whether the money could be spent "on cancer research or even a new tank."

Other members, some of whom pulled KP in their Army days, suggested the troops might be better off keeping busy by peeling potatoes and washing dishes "than smoking marijuana," the spokesman said.

IRS office 'handcuffed'

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Handcuffs were used to lock the main entrance of the Internal Revenue Service office during an anti-war demonstration Thursday.

Police said about a dozen persons calling themselves the Rochester War Tax Resistance gathered in front of the downtown office at noon and distributed leaflets. Handcuffs were clamped shut on the office door handles, blocking the entrance for about 30 minutes.

Police removed the "cuffs" with wire cutters and arrested one of the protestors.

Officers said Robert H. Staley, 21, of Rochester, was carried from the sidewalk and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Easter concert set

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — The touring Harvard Glee Club, the oldest college chorus in the nation, will present a concert of sacred music in Ithaca College's Walter Ford Hall at 8:15 p.m., Easter Sunday, April 2.

GOP asked to support woman for court post

ALBANY — A group of prominent women Democrats — including Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem — are urging the Republican State Committee to nominate Assemblyman Constance E. Cook as candidate for the Court of Appeals.

Telegrams signed by Friedan, Steinem and 11 other well known women activists are being dispatched to the GOP officials this weekend, it was learned.

They promise "widespread support by Democratic women at the polls" for the Republican assemblyman from Ithaca if she is nominated for the court.

Mrs. Cook is one of nine candidates — the only woman — selected by GOP officials for review by the State Bar Association as possible nominees for the state's highest court. Nomination will be made April 3.

There are three vacancies on the court that will be filled by election this November. There has never been a woman judge in the Court of Appeals.

The Judiciary Committee of the bar association Thursday was screening the nine GOP candidates and a larger number of Democratic candidates who submitted their own names.

Mrs. Cook, a Republican who heads the Assembly Education Committee, is a former Wall Street attorney and former confidential law assistant to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Support for her nomination has been coming in to the GOP state committee and Republican leaders from a wide range of women's groups.

The New York State Federation of Women's Republican Clubs passed a resolution endorsing Mrs. Cook's nomination, while Women Law Students Organizations are sending in petitions to the GOP urging her nomination.

Backing has come from local chapters of the Women's Political Caucus and from former U.S. Customs Court Judge Mary Donlon, among others.

Beside Friedan and Steinem, who are both prominent in the women's liberation movement, the signers include Kitty Carlisle Hart, the former television panelist; Shana Alexander of Life Magazine; Jacqueline Ceballos, president of the NY chapter of the National Organization of Women; Dorothy Height of the National Council of Negro Women; Rona Feit of the national policy council of the National Women's Political Caucus; Beulah Saunders, a black civil rights activist; Eleanor Gugenheimer, active in many women's causes including day care projects; Carol Bellamy of the New Democratic Coalition; Eleanor Clark French and Muriel Fox.

Gov. Rockefeller has urged that a woman be nominated for the Court of Appeals. He has called for cross-endorsement by the Democratic Party and GOP of a female candidate, but Democrats haven't agreed to the cross-endorsement.

Among the top contenders for the Democratic nomination are Bernard S. Meyer, Supreme Court Justice from Nassau County; and Francis T. Murphy, Justice of the Appellate Division, first Department in the Bronx. These two downstater are considered likely nominees for two of the three vacancies, while the third spot, slated for an upstater, is likely to go to one of these three: Supreme Court Justice Lawrence H. Cooke of Monticello; Supreme Court Justice Harold E. Coreman of Albany; and Dist. Atty. Michael Dillon of Buffalo.

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