

Board Demands Book Inventory

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—A district-wide inventory of unused textbooks was called for yesterday by the president of the State Board of Education.

Louis Holtzen of San Francisco made the demand during a lengthy board discussion of what to do with 214,950 books, mostly textbooks, currently sitting in state warehouses.

He said the board ought to know how big were local stockpiles before adopting additional texts for use in California schools and that there "ought to be persuasive, educational reasons why we should go ahead with adoption if there's a surplus."

Holtzen indicated that the board may not adopt new texts immediately in a large number of schools but that it would like to see a study of the surplus books, which have changed much, like history and music.

Redstone Set for Astronaut Testing Series

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—The modified Redstone rocket expected to be used by the United States to send an astronaut into space was placed on a launching pad yesterday for several weeks of tests.

If the pre-flight checks go according to schedule, the slender missile will be launched next month with a U.S. astronaut in a space capsule on its nose.

The shot will be "sub-orbital," aimed at sending the astronaut about 115 miles up and 200 miles over the Atlantic Ocean from the U.S. Missile Test Center, Redstone was selected for the job because of its longtime reliability in military tests.

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past with no complaints from either side.

The General Assembly was scheduled to resume its 16th session this afternoon with delegates of Hungary, Greece, Belgium, Tunisia, New Zealand, Italy and Iraq scheduled to speak.

Hammarskjold said yesterday he could not see the Gen. Ass. passing without replying to continuing Soviet criticism of his action in the U.N. operation there and the Kremlin demand for its replacement by a three-man presidential committee to run the United Nations, each with veto power.

He closed the assembly for not endorsing that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's charge that the Russians prevent the Gen. Ass. from acting against him.



BOBBY DRISCOLL AND FRIEND ARRESTED

Police Accuse Driscoll in \$450 Office Burglary

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Police said they would seek from the district attorney's office today a formal indictment on conspiracy charges against former child star Bobby Driscoll and his girl friend.

Driscoll, 24, now a construction laborer, was arrested yesterday with waitress Suzanne Stanbury, 21, on charges of stealing \$450 in cash and checks from a veterinarian's office.

Police said they traced the couple through an auto license plate number supplied by a passerby at the theft scene.

Driscoll and Miss Stanbury were picked up at Miss Stanbury's Malibu home. Police failed to find any of the loot, and both



CARDINAL CUSHING SPEAKS—Richard Cardinal Cushing, head of the Roman Catholic diocese of Boston, adjuts his collar as he expressed his views on Robert Welch, founder of ultra-rightist John Birch Society. In his talk the prelate called Welch "worthy of support as a dedicated foe of communism."

Archbishop Cushing Praises John Birch Society Founder

NORTH EASTON, Mass. (UPI)—Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, last night praised the leader of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society as a "capable and fearless" man who has made great sacrifices for his faith.

The prelate added, however, that anyone who charged that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower had Communist leanings was "speaking absurdities."

Eisenhower Accused
Robert Welch, the retired candy manufacturer, who founded the John Birch Society two years ago, once charged Eisenhower had been "contaminated" by communism.

Cushing said at a dinner at Stoughton College here that he had known Welch for many years.

"Any man who is fighting communism today on a top-flight level and who knows the methods of teaching of communism, that man is to be treasured," the Cardinal said.

Changes Made
He said that recently Communists had directed a full-scale attack on all anti-Communist groups. Welch made his statements regarding Eisenhower in a private letter.

FINCH

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after receiving orders from judge David Coleman that there were only two alternatives—the club chamber or life.

Finch, smiling broadly, said he had touched her right arm and said, "We'll fight it, darling. We're still alive."

Carole recovered her composure quickly and walked freely from the courtroom. But Finch, smiling broadly, put his hands palm down on the table, lunging his head and wept for nearly three minutes.

There were pools of tears on the table when he left.

Finch was removed to life on lock, his conviction for life on lock, his conviction for life on lock, his conviction for life on lock.

Penalty Meaningless
She also was convicted of second-degree murder, but the judge told the jury to ignore its associate penalty of five years to life since the conspiracy sentence made it meaningless.

"We'll go as high as the supreme court if necessary," Brinkhoff said. He said he "choked Goff" the jury had spared Carole.

"We will free this girl and prove her innocence to the world. If she is granted a new trial, it will be the beginning of a long hard fight."

Brinkhoff said Carole was placed in the care of the county jail physician after the sentencing and that she was "obviously shaken" and "highly disturbed."

Finch's lawyer, Maxwell Keith, said the accused left "nearly twice" by the life term. He said he thought the sentence was "wonderful" and that "justice had been served."

Maxwell Keith, Clifton Clark, who had demanded the death penalty, said, "I'd be the last person to quarrel with a duly-appointed jury. We certainly will accept the verdict."

Algerians Blamed for Breakdown

PARIS (UPI)—The French government today blamed the Algerian nationalists for collapse of attempts to begin peace talks Thursday, but maintained a willingness to negotiate.

A communique issued after President Charles de Gaulle met with his Cabinet gave no concession to rebel demands, dashing hopes the talks might yet begin at Evian-les-Bains, France, on schedule.

Clarification Asked
The Algerian National Liberation Front (FLN) Tunis, was equally rigid in its refusal to talk with the French unless De Gaulle recognizes the FLN as Algeria's primary political force.

The FLN announced last week the talks would not open unless the French clarified their decision to hold simultaneous talks with the largely discredited Algerian National Movement (MNA), the FLN regards the MNA as a French stooge.

Talks Still Possible
The rebels and the French have made it clear present diplomatic maneuverings do not mean a complete end to negotiations. Both sides have reaffirmed the desire to negotiate an end to the almost seven-year-old Algerian rebellion.

President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia, a prime mover in getting the French back to the table to meet, told the Tunisian National Assembly today: "We hope that the French Cabinet will decide to pursue the negotiations and abandon maneuvering. The Algerians, for their part, should also decide between what is essential and what is secondary."

Unconfirmed Reports
There were unconfirmed reports the French had made diplomatic contacts with the rebels, though the French Embassy in Tunis to assure them that France had no idea of putting the MNA on an equal footing with the FLN, which talks carried on the fighting in Algeria.

Disabled Veteran Plans to Move to Soviet Union

UNION, N.J. (UPI)—A disabled World War II veteran who wants to move to the Soviet Union because he is dissatisfied with his pension said today he was contacted by a Russian general to get him there.

Martin Eibensch, 42, announced he will be forced out of his apartment in less than a month because he cannot pay the rent. He said he has written three letters to the Russian Embassy in Washington asking that they pay the passage for him and his partially-blind fourth wife, Frances.

The veteran, an unemployed Army veteran who suffers from chronic pleuritis (vein inflammation), announced Tuesday his decision to forsake the United States. He claimed the Veterans Administration was short-changing him out of a full pension.

Although he has yet to hear from any Soviet officials, Eibensch said he felt "certain the Russians will provide me with the money I need."

When his condition has affected both his legs and permits him to walk only two or three hours a day, he blames the condition on "nasty surgery" in May, 1942 at Ft. Stevens, Ore.

The VA, which grants Eibensch a partial pension of \$100 a month, has denied his plea for a pension raise on grounds his condition is not the result of wartime service.

Oral Vaccine to Be Tested on 200,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UPI)—The fourth major test of oral vaccine in the nation gets under way here today with Robert M. Grab, his wife, and 15 of their children first in line.

Four thousand doses of the colorless Sabin vaccine will be available to more than 200,000 persons in a two-county area in a mass attempt to show the effectiveness of the colorless liquid in protecting against deadly polio.

The Grab children, ranging in age from 11 to one year, will be the first to receive the vaccine. The youngest, Edward, will get the shot first, followed by a dropper.

Three-year-old twins David and Lucy will receive their dosages from spoons.

'Right to Know' Bills Supported

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The Los Angeles chapter of a nationwide society of professional accountants has given its support to two bills in the State Legislature designed to impose penalties on officials who conduct public business in secret.

A resolution, passed yesterday by the local chapter of the Sigma Delta Chi, urged adoption of Assembly Bills 127 and 265 which impose such penalties. It said the provisions would assure good government by strengthening the people's right to know how public affairs are being conducted.

Teeth For Laws
In recent years, the Legislature has adopted a series of acts outlawing secret meetings of public agencies but providing no penalties for violations.

The new bills, if passed, will put "teeth" into the state anti-secrecy laws relative to meetings of legislative bodies.

The resolution, prepared by Ted Hardy and Jim Karay, chairman of the chapter's Freedom of Information Committee, was forwarded to Stephen P. Teale, chairman of the Senate Committee on Local Government.

The resolution is part stated: "The membership is, in the majority, closely concerned with the media of communications and vitally interested in the people's right to know."

"Realizing the State of California has made great strides in contrast to many states in the nation to make freedom of information a reality by legislative process, the chapter believes amendments provided by AB127 and AB265 are necessary."

The resolution concluded with commendations for the authors of the proposed amendments, Assemblymen Frank Lovell, Sheridan N. Heggland, James H. Mills, Jack Schrader, John A. Hester and Ralph M. Brown and their continued and diligent efforts on behalf of good government."



HENRY S. CANBY

Bomb Scare Blamed on Fear of Plane Crash

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—A San Mateo, Calif., attorney whose bomb warning forced a jet airliner to land here Wednesday, says he was "horrified and afraid the plane was going to crash."

"I wanted to get down," Alan Henry Strauss, 28, told U.S. Commissioner Gilbert Swink at a hearing Wednesday night.

The Braniff Airlines 707 with 16 passengers and a crew of 9 was forced to make an unscheduled landing at the Norfolk Naval Air Station.

Strang had told the crew of the New York-to-Miami plane there was going to be an explosion aboard. A check by the FBI and Navy explosives experts produced nothing.

Swink advised Strauss held for grand jury action May 1 and set his bond at \$1,000. It was provided by a professional bondsman.

The other passengers and the crew left about 2 1/2 hours after the landing aboard the 44th plane.

He said he was in a pale and sweating voice, "I was afraid the plane was going to crash" before making another flight a week ago.

Strauss said he had asked his father before Wednesday's flight, "Dad, is it safe? Should I go?" "Dad, is it safe? Should I go?" Strauss described how his fears began to build before and during the flight. He had wanted to transfer to a plane leaving 15 minutes later, he said.

Box Found
"But they told me it was all booked up. When I got aboard this flight, there were only four people. If the other plane was so crowded, why was this an empty?"

The young attorney said "I became terrified. I was hysterical when I got off."

Crew members said Strauss seemed to use words derogatory to after the plane took off from New York's Idlewild Airport at 11:30 a.m.

The explosive experts checked a box which crew members traced to Strauss, but it found to contain a radio amplifier.

Kenny Foundation Chief Sentenced for Larceny

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP)—Kline to appeal his conviction to the State Supreme Court.

Under the 16-year sentence imposed, Kline would serve 6 years, 13 months, and 18 days with time for good behavior. He could be freed any time by parole board order.

Civil Suit Filed
Kline testified that Robert D. Olan, foundation treasurer, had signed the letter raising his pay.

Olan testified the chief was not signing the letter though admitting the signature was his.

Kline, with Fred Padell, Minneapolis, ousted Kenny president. The court that Kline told the truth during his trial.

Judge Hall granted a stay of sentence until May 22 to permit

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