

Russian Urges New Attack on Religion

MOSCOW (UPI)—A Communist party official called Thursday for new assaults on the battered but lively remnants of Russian religion.

"You cannot say that religion is harmless in our day," V. Drugov said. "It is not about to die. It is our serious ideological adversary, and the struggle against it cannot be relaxed."

Believers, he said, must be converted through "heart-to-heart chats" and party assistance in their everyday life.

The call appeared in Pravda, the official party newspaper, three days before Russian Easter.

Drugov, party leader in the provincial Vologda region, said the 800 churches which prospered in his area at the time of the 1917 revolution have been trimmed to 17.

Another cause for alarm, he said, was the continuing identification of religion with popular customs and rituals, such as weddings and harvest festivals. He indicated young people may be especially affected by this.

TV Light Kills Epileptic Boy

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—A 7-year-old boy was killed by a flickering light from his television set, a Manchester coroner ruled Wednesday.

The boy, Carl Renfrew, died while watching the set at his parents' home in Middleton, Northern England.

A pathologist testified that Carl was suffering from a rare type of epilepsy which became a fatal seizure when his brain patterns were affected by flickering light.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Margaret Renfrew, said that Carl occasionally had seizures while watching TV but that she would put him to bed where he would recover completely.

Clifford Meets NATO Allies in A-Strategy Talks

THE HAGUE (AP)—Clark Clifford, the new U.S. defense secretary, met with cabinet ministers from six allied nations for the first time Thursday to plan the use of NATO's nuclear arsenal against any threat from the Soviet Union.

Police were out in unusual numbers in case of demonstrations against the Vietnam war or nuclear weapons as the ministers arrived for the two-day meeting in the Princess Juliana Barracks.

Attending with Clifford are Defense Ministers Denis Healey of Britain, Gerhard Schroeder of West Germany, Leo Cardieux of Canada, Roberto Temelloni of Italy, Willem Den Toon of Holland, and Foreign Minister Panayotis Pipinellis of Greece.

Clifford, on his first visit to Europe as defense secretary, said on his arrival that there is general understanding that a massive antiballistic missile defense would not be effective in Western Europe. Europeans dismiss the project as too costly and not capable of doing the job.

They are more concerned with the 7,000 tactical nuclear weapons the United States has placed on the continent and how to keep them from being used in a way that would bring Soviet retaliation against Western Europe.

Main topics before the meeting are antiballistic missiles, the use of tactical nuclear weapons and the use of atomic land mines.

Diplomatic End to D.C. Protest

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A veteran German diplomat turned a noisy student demonstration into a polite discussion that ended with friendly handshakes all around in Washington Wednesday.

About a dozen members of Students for a Democratic Society demonstrated on the West German embassy grounds, protesting the assassination attempt against leftist German student leader Rudi Dutschke last week.

The students burned some German newspapers on the embassy lawn and shouted "Long live Dutschke."

Police arrived as German Minister Georg Von Lilienfeld was talking with some of the protesters.

Lilienfeld seemed annoyed when told that an embassy official had called the police. He said he would like to discuss the grievances.

When one of the policemen pointed out that under District of Columbia regulations demonstrators must keep a distance of 500 feet from all embassies, Lilienfeld said he was willing to invite some of the youths into his office.

One policeman pointed out that under existing regulations, only one spokesman for the demonstrators was allowed to present a petition at the embassy.

Lilienfeld inquired whether the police really had any objections if he invited four U.S. citizens into his office for a discussion. The policeman said nothing.

The discussion in Lilienfeld's office lasted about an hour.

Riot Death In Germany

MUNICH, Germany (AP)—A 27-year-old Munich student has died of injuries received in Easter weekend demonstrations, police announced Thursday.

It was the second death resulting from violence during a student protest march against the Springer Newspaper Printing Plant in Munich. Associated Press photographer Klaus Frings died from a head injury after being struck by a cobblestone.

The second victim was identified as Ruediger Schreck, who told police after his injury that he had been a bystander.

Police said Schreck was apparently hit on the head by a stone.



Defense Secretary Clark Clifford speaks into microphones as newsmen question him on his arrival in the Netherlands for NATO nuclear meeting at The Hague. (AP Radiophoto)

Intruder Murders Coed, Wounds Pair in Miami

MIAMI (UPI)—A stylish intruder in a turtleneck sweater broke into the bedroom of an apartment shared by three girls Wednesday, shot a pretty coed to death and wounded her date and a roommate.

Another couple watched the bloody scene from an alcove off the living room out of sight of the killer.

Police said the victim was Iris Regina Kahn, 20, of Livingston, N.J., an education major at Miami-Dade Junior College North.

Police said the killer entered the second floor apartment from a balcony and climbed over Miss Davidia Tobias' bed in front of a sliding glass window. In the dark he apparently didn't see her until she awoke. She struggled briefly with him, then ran to the living room door.

As she flung it open, he started firing. Miss Tobias was hit in the right arm.

The gunman ran into the living room where Miss Kahn was sitting on the couch with her date, William Washburn, 25. He opened fire, killing Miss Kahn and wounding Washburn in the arm.

Another couple, whom the police declined to identify because the killer was still loose, watched from an alcove.

"Apparently the killer never saw them, but they saw him," a police spokesman said.

Report Coup In Africa

LONDON (UPI) — Mutinous Sierra Leone troops, led by their noncommissioned officers, claimed Thursday they had overthrown the military government set up by their senior officers after they seized power less than 13 months ago.

Diplomatic reports reaching here backed up claims broadcast by the rebels over Free-town Radio, heard in neighboring Monrovia, Abidjan and Dakar, that they had ousted the military government of Col. Andrew Juxon-Smith.

Rebuilding for War: Nasser

MANSOUR, Egypt (UPI) — President Gamal Abdel Nasser said Thursday night Egyptian armed forces were preparing for a "realization of victory" against Israel.

But he told a farmer's rally in this Nile delta city that the forces were not yet ready to recapture land taken by Israel in last June's Mideast war.

"We are working to progress from our firm stance toward repelling aggression and finally to realization of victory," he said.

Nasser appealed to Arabs to be "patient," warning that the "road to victory is strewn not with flowers but with blood."

The speech was broadcast throughout the Arab world by

The sentences ranged from six months to three years, according to one version. But some sources said the leader of the group, Vyacheslav Platonov, a 27-year-old orientalist, drew seven years.

The defendants were all professional persons — philologists, literary and art historians and economists. There were at least 12, according to the conflicting accounts.

It was a highly conspiratorial group which called itself "The All-Russian Christian Democratic Society for the Salvation of the People," the report said.

Their trial reportedly ended April 5.

Specifics of the charges and pleas were vague and unconfirmed.

Cairo Radio.

Nasser announced he was dismissing the leadership of the country's only political organization and that their replacements would be chosen by election.