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ICAO Meet Elects Pakistani Chairman

Badruddin Ahmad of Pakistan was unanimously elected Chairman of the International Civil Aviation Organization Joint Middle East-South East Asia Air Navigation Conference which opened Wednesday in Rome.

The meeting, is expected to last one month and has been called to discuss matters connected with air navigation.

One of the most important aspects of the debate will be the effect of jet airliners on air traffic. The last meeting of this type was held in Melbourne eight years ago.

27 Countries Represented

Twenty-seven countries are presently represented in the meeting and more expected to send delegations within the next few days.

Ahmad, Director of the Civil Aviation of Pakistan where he has gained wide experience in the problems of civil aviation, was nominated by the President of the Council of ICAO, Walter Binagi of Argentina.



AIR NAVIGATION MEETING OPENS — Walter Binaghi, President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, at the opening session of the Organization's regional meeting on air navigation. Session, to last about four weeks, is being held at FAO headquarters. With Binaghi at the opening session is B. R. Sen, FAO's Director-General.

Nik's Aide Reported As Poison Suicide

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (AP) — A West Berlin tabloid said today Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's male secretary has committed suicide by swallowing poison.

The Nacht-Depesche identified the secretary as Alexander V. Usov, 39. It said information about his suicide came from unidentified Communist party sources.

Grotewohl Leaves Syria For Baghdad

DAMASCUS, Jan. 8 (AP)—East German Premier Otto Grotewohl left Damascus by air for Baghdad today, winding up a four-day visit to the United Arab Republic.

The East German leader will have talks with Iraq Premier Abdul Karim Kassem before leaving for the Far East on the second stage of his Orient tour.

New U.S. Carrier Fully Equipped -- Even Has Several 'Powder' Rooms

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP) — The big new U.S. aircraft carrier Independence has everything — including ladies' powder rooms.

Several of these have been installed in strategic locations about the giant and powerful vessel, to be commissioned Saturday at the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard.

This doesn't mean that there are going to be any women manning the carrier, but just that the U.S. Navy tries to think of everything.

The powder rooms are for the comfort of the women who visit the ship whenever it is in port.

The lads who'll serve aboard the world's biggest and most powerful aircraft carrier are going to have practically all the comforts of home.

Pastel Green

There are walls of pastel green and pleasing hues of floor coloring in the sleeping quarters, large bunk and individual fluorescent lamps for each crew member, air conditioning, television, porcelain washstands instead of the standard stainles steel and foam rubber mattresses.

The 60,000 ton warship will be commissioned on Saturday from top to bottom she is as tall as a 25-story building, and it'll take a crew of 3,500 to operate her.

She will carry 100 supersonic aircraft capable of delivering atomic bombs.

What's Going On In Rome

MUSIC

TEATRO DELL'OPERA — Opera season: "Carmen," by Bizet; Gabriele Santini, conductor; tomorrow night at 9.

AUDITORIO, 4 Via della Conciliazione — Symphony concert by the Santa Cecilia Academy Orchestra; Carlo Franci, conductor; soloist: Leonide Kogan, violinist (works of Tchaikovsky, Webern, De Falla); Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

SALA ACCADEMICA, 17 Via dei Greci — Recital by Leonide Kogan, violinist (works of Locatelli, Bach, Prokofieff, Saint-Saëns, Sarazade); this afternoon at 5:30.

AULA MAGNA, Rome University — Recital by Wilhelm Kempff, pianist (final concert of Beethoven sonata cycle); tomorrow afternoon at 5:30.

EXHIBITS

PALAZZO PRIMOLI, 1 Via Zanardelli — "Homage to 'Commerce'"; review of Princess Marguerite Caetani's patronage of the fine arts. Hours: 10-6 daily. Through Jan. 30.

PALAZZO DELLE ESPOSIZIONI, Via Nazionale — "Treasures of Japanese Art." Hours: 10-1:30, 3:30-8 daily, including Sundays. Through Feb. 1.

PALAZZO BARBERINI, Via Quattro Fontane — Paintings, sculpture, xilographs and prints by Georges Braque. Hours: 10-1, 4-7:30 daily, including Sundays.

PALAZZO ANTICI-MATTEI — Contemporary Indian Art of the U.S. Hours: 9-1, 4-7:30 weekdays; 8-1 Saturdays. Through Jan. 24.

PALAZZETTO VENEZIA, Piazza Venezia — Michael Sweerts and the "Bamboccianti." Through February.

SCHNEIDER GALLERY, 10 Rampa Mignanelli — New pastels and bronzes by Mirko. Hours: 10:30-1, 4:30-8; closed Sundays.

OBELISCO GALLERY, 146 Via Sistina — Paintings for the Kitchen (Picasso, Morandi, Buffet, Shahn, Caruso, Vespignani, etc.).

LA FELUCA, 38 Via Frattina — Flower paintings by Wilma Giaccaglia-Gottardi. Hours: 11-1, 6-8 weekdays.

APPIA ANTICA GALLERY, 20 Via Appia Antica — Paintings by Peruvian artist Victor Pimentel.

LA BARCACCIA, 9 Piazza di Spagna — Paintings by Ottone Rosai.

LA FONTANELLA, 194 Via del Babuino — Paintings by Pio Santini. Hours: 10-1, 4-12 midsnight, daily. Thsrough Jan. 26.

LA MEDUSA, 124 Via del Babuino — Paintings by L. Romanelli. Hours: 10:30-1, 4:30-7:30; closed Sundays.

RUSSO GALLERY, 1/a Piazza di Spagna —Paintings by Amedeo Ruggiero. Hours: 10-1, 4-7:30 weekdays; 10-1 Sundays and holidays.

LA SALITA, 16/c Salita San Sebastianello — Works by Carla Accardi, Gastone Novelli and Toti Scialoja. Hours: 10-1, 4-8; closed Sundays.

FILMS

In Italian:

ADRIANO, Piazza Cavour — "La Tempesta" (also at the Supercinema, New York).

ARISTON, 15 Via Cicerone — "Mogli Pericolose" (also at the Moderno, Paris).

BARBERINI, Piazza Barberini — "Cinderella."

CAPITOL, Via Pastrengo — "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" (also at the Metropolitan).

CORSO, 41 Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina — "The Naked Maja."

EUROPA, 107 Corso d'Italian — "Me and the Colonel" (also at the Capranica, Roxy).

FIAMMA, Via Bissolati — "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

IMPERIALE, 148 Via del Corso — "Le Tentazioni del Signor Smith" (also at the Mignon).

QUATTRO FONTANE, Via Quattro Fontane — "Il Vizio e la Notte."

RIVOLI, 23 Via Lombardia — "La Ragazza Rosemarie."

SATURNINO, 16 Via Volsinio — Showings of classic films by the Associazione Italiana Cultura Cinematografica: next program Jan. 13

SPLENDORE, 84 Via del Tritone — "The Vikings" (also at the Maestoso).

In Other Cities

In Milan:

TEATRO ALLA SCALA — Opera season: "La Bohème," by Puccini; Antonino Votto, conductor; tomorrow at 9.

In Rivisondoli:

'THE LIVE CRIB,' Abruzzi folklore performance; tomorrow at 6:15 p.m.

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French Hostesses For TWA Takes Shorter-Skirt Stand

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UPI) — "Skirts that reach below the knees are old-fashioned," a young French air hostess declared firmly today. "The longer they are, the more old-fashioned they become," she added.

Dark-eyed Marie Therese Bonnet was voicing the current convictions of Parisian air line hostesses, if a sample poll taken here was any guide.

The intercontinental debate about hemlines going on in the world of international air travel now was the pretext for taking the pulse of opinion among the good-looking hostesses.

The poll was carried out among French hostesses flying out of Paris for Americas Trans World Airline (TWA).

TWA management does not agree with Mlle Bonnet and her flying sisters from France.

Directive

From Kansas City, Mo., where policy on such matters is decided, comes a directive stating that hostess skirts must be exactly 14 inches (35.5 cm.) off the floor.

Bordering on mutiny, Mlle Ghislaine Depreaux, another TWA hostess, blames cultural lag for the American directive.

Yves Saint Laurent, star designer for the top Paris style house Christian Dior, says skirts should be 16 1/2 inches (42 cm) off the floor this winter. Ghislaine points out. Other couturiers go even higher, she says.

"I do not believe most of our passengers would object to the new hemline," said hostess Rosemarie Bansillon.

At the airlines overseas headquarters here, company officials caught between two worlds, would not comment.

China-Russia Accord Wanes, Sources Claim

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UPI) — Authoritative diplomatic sources reported today on ominous cooling off in Sino-Russian relations.

Tension was said to have been caused by Peiping's growing insistence on the ideological leadership of the Communist camp.

Soviet Premier and Party Leader Nikita Khrushchev apparently decided to call a halt to these aspirations and to reassert Moscow's leadership of the Communist world.

Khrushchev's current moves for a summit conference with President Eisenhower and possibly other Western leaders was held one of the immediate results of this development.

A few months ago Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung vetoed a summit meeting to which Khrushchev had already committed himself. Now he was authoritatively reported ready and anxious for a "summit" with the West, and to "go it alone," even against Red China's wish.

The broad outlines of these developments emerged from recent talks between Khrushchev and satellite leaders in Moscow.

The Communist scene was said to have changed considerably since Khrushchev's precipitate dash to Peiping late last summer for a secret meeting with Mao.

The immediate outcome at the time was the Soviet withdrawal from a summit conference within the framework of the security council in New York which Moscow had in effect accepted a few days earlier.

What has happened since has so far remained one of the best kept secrets. One major event was abandonment of the political chairmanship of the Peiping regime by Mao Tse-tung.

Bonn Ignores E. German Note

BONN, Jan. 8 (UPI) — The Bonn government today ignored Communist East Germany's note to the Soviet Union.

Government officials emphasized that, as before, the East German regime is not recognized in any way by West Germany and therefore whatever arguments the so-called German democratic republic may bring up do not count.

East Germany in its note to Moscow blasted the West for its policy on the Berlin question and said the recent Bonn note to the Soviet Union was full of lies and distortions.

West Germany called in its note for negotiations of the German problem as a whole, including the Berlin question.

Belgium Reports About 15 Europeans Severely Injured In Congo Rioting

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8 (AP) — A spokesman for the Ministry of the Congo said today about 15 Europeans have been severely injured in the riots in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, but none has been reported killed.

He denied news reports, attributed to eyewitnesses, that nuns were raped by Africans and a priest burned alive.

Africans rioted last Sunday and Monday, attacking European buildings and missions and shouting for independence.

Reports telephoned from Leopoldville said emergency regulations and a curfew are still in force. Military and police patrols challenge everyone after dark and are under orders to shoot at any serious provocation.

Empty Shells

The reports said schools, shops, Catholic missions and the restaurant in Leopoldville zoo are empty shells after looting, and the remains of about 30 burned-out cars and trucks strew the road from the European city to the African district of Matete.

The Belgian House of Representatives was due to meet in emergency session today to hear a statement on the situation by Congo Minister Maurice van Hemelrijck.

The government is expected to announce political reforms for the Belgian Congo next week.

Leopoldville authorities announced that 42 persons — all Africans — were killed in the riots. They said 208 Africans and 49 Europeans were injured, of whom 108 Africans and 15 Europeans are still in hospital.

Uncustomary

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UPI) — The Longmans Publishing Co. today noted against the book "Contraband Cargoes" on its spring list: "Special appeal to smugglers."

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