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Czech Anti-Russian Students Riot in Prague

PRAGUE (UPI) - Thousands of jeering, shouting, whistling young people destroyed Russian flags in the streets of Prague and Bratislava yesterday. They clashed with police in both cities as they carried their demonstrations against the Soviet bloc occupation into the second day.

"Russians go home! Russians go home!" the youths shouted. Only a few Russian jeeps appeared in both cities. The Red army soldiers took no action against the demonstrators. When one Russian jeep wheeled into Wenceslas Square in Prague, it met with a roar of jeers.

In both cities, demonstrators ripped to shreds or burned Russian flags which had been posted to mark the 51st anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, Nov. 7, 1917. In Prague, at least two small flags were chewed and eaten by demonstrators.

An estimated 300 Prague police clashed violently with the rampaging youths. Police tried to restore order with water hoses and billy clubs.

In Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, 10,000 youths lined the streets, stopping traffic and shouting anti-Soviet slogans. Police and Czechoslovak soldiers tried to defend the crimson Soviet banners with water hoses and mild use of billy clubs, but youngsters kept climbing up flagpoles or into buildings to yank down the flags.

Demonstrators jeered when Soviet jeeps raced through the streets of the Slovak city. The soldiers made no move to stop the disorder.

An undefined number of demonstrators were arrested in both Prague and Bratislava. There were no reports of serious injuries.

The day also saw two pro-Soviet demonstrations in Prague. Some 500 sympathizers grouped around the heavily guarded Soviet embassy to present a resolution. At Olbram Cemetery a crowd of 500 pro-Soviet Czechoslovaks cheered Soviet soldiers and defiantly chanted "Long live the Soviet Union" directly into the faces of czechoslovak leaders. Some tugged and yanked at Communist party leader Alexander Dubcek, whose liberalization drive led the alarmed Soviet Union to launch its invasion Aug. 20.

Dubcek and other Czechoslovak leaders attended a reception to mark the anniversary given by Soviet Ambassador Stéphane Chervenkov. With Dubcek was Josef Smrkovsky, president of Czechoslovakia's National Assembly.

The anti-Soviet demonstrations in Prague were conducted by mobs of high school age boys and another crowd of university students. They swarmed separately through the capital during the afternoon and evening.

Militants Bomb, Set Fire to San Francisco State

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) - Militants exploded a bomb and set several fires yesterday as violence flared for the second straight day at strife torn San Francisco State College.

Despite the chaos and confusion, classes—which were canceled Wednesday afternoon—resumed under the watchful eye of campus policemen and plainclothes officers from the San Francisco police department.

Police arrested a suspect in the bombing. He was Paul Okpokom, 28, a boarded drama student from Nigeria, who was apprehended while carrying a package tightly wrapped in masking tape with a fuse attached.

At each entrance to the campus and classroom buildings, circulars were distributed urging students to join a boycott called by the Black Students Union to protest, among other things, the firing of an instructor who is a Black Panther.

"The strike will continue until our demands are met," read a mimeographed sheet distributed by Students for a Democratic Society. SDS is supporting the demands of the Black Student Union.

All classes were cancelled Wednesday afternoon and the campus put under heavy police threatend and ejected anyone who protested. 

On the campus, a news service photographer was assaulted and his film confiscated, windows were smashed in several buildings, a typewriter was thrown out a first floor window into a bed of hydrangeas, fire alarms were set off campus wide and at least two minor fires were set by antonists.

A task force made up of about 19 members of the police tactical squad and about 20 other policemen locked up the buildings and guard when an estimated 150 negro students and off campus sympathizers invaded classrooms, ordering teaching to halt immediately and physically evict the professor.

Richard Nixon's narrow victory in the race for the Presidency produced jubilation among campus Republicans and somber reflection among those who supported Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Yesterday morning, as Nixon's victory became a certainty, the Notre Dame Young Democrats issued a statement on the results. While wishing the President-elect "every success in the next four years," the YD's strongly contended "This is still our country and we're not about to give up on it." In an obvious reflection on Nixon's running mate, the statement concluded with the words: "We shall all pray fervently for Mr. Nixon's continued good health during the next four years."

Mike Kelly, President of the Notre Dame Young Republicans and a former Romney and Rockefeller supporter, expressed gratification at the results, saying "Dick Nixon is the first President in over 30 years to be elected on Republican principles. I'm also extremely pleased with the large number of new Republican Senators and Congressmen." 

The narrowness of the Presidential contest plust the razor-thin margins in several large states prompted considerable speculation on what might have happened has the Democratic Party nominated someone other than Humphrey for the White House. While on the GOP side, Arky saw Rockefeller as a bigger winner than Nixon, Nau took the position that the late Robert Kennedy could have swept the election. Nau continued "I think it's obvious now considering the incredible closeness of the vote in such states as California, Ohio, and Illinois that Senator Kennedy would have swept to a necessarily clearcut victory and I think as much as I can tell now that Nixon may well have a dismal four years, perhaps as dismal as Johnson's."
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Having established in the courts in recent weeks that the write-in vote is legal in the State of Indiana, on Tuesday (November 8) the New Politics Party made spot-checks in precincts around the state to test compliance with the law. (In three cases—Marion, Monroe and Shelby—the election boards had agreed beforehand to make provision for write-ins.)

Attempts to write in were made in more than a dozen precincts in St. Joseph County. In over half of the test-cases, precinct voters were told they would not be able to cast write-in ballots. Some precinct officials simply refused to unlock the write-in apparatus on the voting machines; others claimed either that the write-in apparatus was not in working order or that the machines were not equipped with the necessary roll of paper. In all cases, the officials refused to provide ballot papers, even though each precinct had a supply to be used in case the machines broke down (and at least some of the machines had broken down). Write-in vote reports were not (as concerned—by the officials’ own admission). One precinct official went so far as to say that paper ballot papers were available in his precinct.

In most of the precincts where the write-in effort was denied, the would-be voters encountered hostility; in one or two cases they were even threatened with arrest, although they were merely trying to exercise a right guaranteed by law. In several instances officials argued, presumably out of ignorance, that write-in votes are illegal in Indiana. Precinct officials almost invariably refused to identify themselves; some who claimed to be officials were not even wearing badges.

But voters did succeed in casting write-in votes in machines at least five precincts in St. Joseph County, including the polling place in the Notre Dame Fieldhouse. These votes were cast in accordance with the law as established by the Indiana Election Code. (The proper procedure for writing in is to affix a gummed label, on which is printed the candidate’s name, onto the roll of paper at the top of the voting machine.)

These votes were not recorded by election officials, despite the fact that s29-510 of Burns Indiana Statutes (1949 Replacement) specifically directs the officials to record them—and presumably have been the center of a great civilization; i.e. Atlantis.

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One popular belief about Atlantis is that it was located in the Atlantic Ocean, not the Aegean Sea. However Mavor explained that this belief stems from Plato’s work, and that the name Atlantis is not even given in the works of ancient history researchers. Underground ruins could be searched for only by the Greek government will not allow scuba diving in their waters.

The lecture itself was presented by SUAC, and Chairman John Moe said he was pleased with the turnout, but expressed hope that more students would take advantage of future educational lectures.

Oceanographer Tells of Lost City of Atlantis

Over 150 students were in the engineering auditorium last evening to hear James W. Mavor, leading researcher for the Oceanographic Institute in Woods Hole, Mass., present his excavation work done on the Aegean Sea island which he believes is the long sought island of Atlantis.

Mavor led two expeditions to the Aegean Sea—first to Thera, located directly north of Crete. This volcanic island has undergone many eruptions, one dated around the 16th century B.C., which is the supposed time of the disappearance of a high island civilization described by Plato and by Greek mythology. On the basis of his evidence, Mavor believes this to have been the most catastrophic event in the history of mankind.

Mavor, who is the author of the forthcoming “Voyage to Atlantis”, organized his first expedition to the Aegean area in 1966. At this time he amply investigated past history and did oceanography, but the land excavation for his second expedition in 1967. The program was presented by Mavor in two main sections, the first being slides showing maps and oceanographic charts, and archeological discoveries—which all gave various forms of evidence of an ancient developed civilization. Many of the ancient works are of depicted scenes which coincided with those described in Plato’s works. Mavor said that much of the surviving pottery was found in the 300 chapels which are scattered throughout the island.

A 30 minute film was then run which showed the excavation work done on the 1967 trip, plus various scenes of the Aegean Sea area as it is today. Mavor explained that the major town of Thera has a population of only 7,500 today, but that at the time of Atlantis it was probably the home of 20,000 people. It was pointed out that at the time of the 15,000 B.C. eruption the population was undoubtedly much greater than the agriculture could support. The film showed the group’s work at three major excavation sites, one of them being what Mavor thinks is the remains of an elaborate ancient castle.

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Working in the courts in recent weeks that the write-in vote is legal in the State of Indiana, on Tuesday (November 8) the New Politics Party made spot-checks in precincts around the state to test compliance with the law. (In three cases—Marion, Monroe and Shelby—the election boards had agreed beforehand to make provision for write-ins.)

Attempts to write in were made in more than a dozen precincts in St. Joseph County. In over half of the test-cases, precinct voters were told they would not be able to cast write-in ballots. Some precinct officials simply refused to unlock the write-in apparatus on the voting machines; others claimed either that the write-in apparatus was not in working order or that the machines were not equipped with the necessary roll of paper. In all cases, the officials refused to provide ballot papers, even though each precinct had a supply to be used in case the machines broke down (and at least some of the machines had broken down). Write-in vote reports were not (as concerned—by the officials’ own admission). One precinct official went so far as to say that paper ballot papers were available in his precinct.

In most of the precincts where the write-in effort was denied, the would-be voters encountered hostility; in one or two cases they were even threatened with arrest, although they were merely trying to exercise a right guaranteed by law. In several instances officials argued, presumably out of ignorance, that write-in votes are illegal in Indiana. Precinct officials almost invariably refused to identify themselves; some who claimed to be officials were not even wearing badges.

But voters did succeed in casting write-in votes in machines at least five precincts in St. Joseph County, including the polling place in the Notre Dame Fieldhouse. These votes were cast in accordance with the law as established by the Indiana Election Code. (The proper procedure for writing in is to affix a gummed label, on which is printed the candidate’s name, onto the roll of paper at the top of the voting machine.)

These votes were not recorded by election officials, despite the fact that s29-510 of Burns Indiana Statutes (1949 Replacement) specifically directs the officials to record them—and presumably have been the center of a great civilization; i.e. Atlantis.

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