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## 2 U. N. News Men Freed as U. S. Halts Hearings

Ellis Island Gets Order From Washington After Lie Submits 2 Protests

By M. Jay Racusin

Nicolas Kyriazidis, of Greece, and Syed S. Hasan, of India, the two correspondents accredited to the United Nations who were arrested by U. S. immigration authorities some days ago for possible deportation to their respective countries, were released yesterday following protests against their seizure by Trygve Lie, U. N. Secretary General.

Mr. Kyriazidis, detained at Ellis Island since last Wednesday, had undergone a day's questioning at a hearing at Immigration and Naturalization headquarters at 70 Columbus Avenue when a telephone call came at 3:55 p. m. from Watson B. Miller, Immigration Commissioner in Washington, ordering the Greek correspondent's release on his own recognition. The hearing was put off immediately.

Mr. Hasan, who had been held at Ellis Island since Friday, was released under \$5,000 bond pending a hearing at an indefinite date.

### Lie Cited Agreement

Mr. Lie, after being apprised of the Greek correspondent's arrest, had sent a communication on Monday to Warren R. Austin, chief of the American U. N. delegation, citing the headquarters agreement between the U. N. and the United States, ratified on Nov. 26, in which the United States agreed "not to impose any impediment" upon accredited correspondents "to transit to or from headquarters district."

He also pointed out that the agreement provided that if there was any abuse of privileges by the correspondents, "procedure has been set up under Section 13 according to which no proceedings can be instituted to require such persons to leave the United States except with prior approval of the Secretary of State and after consultation with the Secretary General of the United Nations."

The note, according to observers, left a clear implication that the arrests disregarded the required formalities under the agreement.

### Second Protest Sent

While there was no reported formal reply to his first communica-

tion being received by the Secretary General, Mr. Lie sent a second protest yesterday to the American delegation in behalf of Mr. Hasan in which he said:

"Have the honor to inform you that I have received the following telegram: 'Arrested by U. S. authorities. Am accredited newspaper correspondent from India at U. N. Please intervene against infringement of my press rights.' signed, 'Syed S. Hasan.'"

"Mr. Syed S. Hasan was accredited by United Nations as correspondent for Calcutta 'Swadhinata' daily on 24 April, 1947. The accreditation lapsed July 15, 1947. Was re-accredited on 15 September, 1947, until 1 January, 1948, as correspondent for 'The People's Age,' of Bombay."

"I wish to point out that press correspondents accredited by United Nations are covered by Article IV of headquarters agreement and would appreciate prompt consideration in conformity with headquarters agreement."

"TRYGVE LIE, Secretary General of United Nations."

It appeared yesterday that the immigration hearing on the Greek correspondent's case scheduled for 9:30 a. m. yesterday was to have been called off pending interpretation of the terms of the headquarters agreement. American delegation representatives had so indicated the night before. A Department of Justice subordinate, however, it was explained, had failed to notify the immigration authorities of the understanding.

### Authority Questioned

Isidor Englander and Lee Epstein, counsel for Mr. Kyriazidis, immediately questioned the authority of the immigration examiners to conduct the hearing, arguing that the correspondent was covered by the headquarters agreement. Gilbert Zimmerman, chief examiner, insisted on his right to determine the correspondent's deportable status.

It was brought out that Mr. Kyriazidis came to the United States on June 9 and had been accredited shortly thereafter to three Greek newspapers, two of which went out of existence in mid-October.

It was brought out that he became affiliated with "Demokratis," a Communist organ of Nicosia, Cyprus, about two months ago and received his accreditation on Oct. 23. Mr. Kyriazidis refused to say what his exact status with the papers was.

After the hearing Mr. Englander disclosed that he had applied earlier for a writ of habeas corpus to have the matter placed in the Federal courts. The writ was issued by Judge Simon H. Rif-

kind, of the United States District Court, but Mr. Englander, after his client's release, decided to withhold it.

Mr. Englander indicated that the question of jurisdiction would probably be decided now by the United Nations and the United States government and that the immigration hearings would probably never be resumed.

### Plans to Resume Duties

Upon his release, Mr. Kyriazidis said he would immediately resume his correspondent's duties and would probably be present at the meeting of the U. N. correspondents' committee which is considering his case at 3 p. m. Friday.

"I believe," he said, "that my arrest as well as that of my colleague, Mr. Hasan, shows that there was some intention of intimidating foreign correspondents who have certain political opinions and to discriminate against United Nations journalists."

Mr. Hasan, who came to the United States on March 22, 1946, on a student's visa, was charged with failing to maintain his status as a student and therefore held deportable under immigration regulations. He was to have studied at Columbia University.

At a press conference yesterday under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, 23 West Twenty-sixth Street, Mr. Hasan said that he had taken a course on international affairs at Columbia between September, 1946, and May, 1947, and had been working since on a thesis.

He added that he had booked tourist-class passage on the Queen Elizabeth for Jan. 9 to return of his own volition. He said that the two publications for which he worked were Communist organs.

He asserted he had made an agreement with immigration authorities to meet and discuss his status with them last Friday but that they served him with a warrant of arrest at 9:30 a. m. that day.

He said he would consult with Secretary General Lie on his situation and would also take up his case with the Indian Embassy. "I think my arrest was based on political considerations and that it was a violation of certain press rights which we in the U. N. enjoy," he said.

**Farrington Resigns U. S. Posts**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—Carl C. Farrington resigned today as assistant administrator of the Agriculture Department's Production and Marketing Administration and vice-president of the Commodity Credit Corporation. Friends said he plans to join a flaxseed concern at Minneapolis.

persons earning more than 750,000 francs (\$8,250) a year. The Assembly cut the ceiling to 450,000 francs (\$3,750). It broadened the super-tax base but forced through a number of exemptions.

Throughout the debate, the Schuman administration was subjected to a crossfire from Communists and followers of General Charles de Gaulle. In the middle was a sort of floating vote of Deputies who favored one measure and opposed another.

It was obvious that the Schuman administration was having a difficult time. At no point could it summon a large majority. It was defeated on some proposals and won by a narrow margin on others. The honeymoon for the Schuman Cabinet was over as opposition came from the Right as well as the Left. In the beginning—when there were strikes in France—Premier Schuman could count on Gaullist help.

The government now plans a

budget for 1948 amounting to 800,000,000,000 francs, something under \$7,000,000,000. In addition there is the reconstruction fund, 800,000,000 of which will come from the super-tax or special non-negotiable loan. The rest, more than \$1,000,000,000 will come from the United States.

The loan really is a vote of confidence in the government which subscribe if they want to escape the super-tax.

The bonds, however, which bear 3 per cent interest, are non-negotiable. In the sixth year, lots will be drawn and 20 per cent of the holders will get their money back. Lots will be drawn each year thereafter, with payment going to 20 per cent each year.

The government's intention is to use this money, together with interim aid from the United States, for reconstruction and the purchase of new mechanical equipment. It agreed late this evening to spend two-thirds of the amount for reconstruction.

## Bowles Renews Fight in U. N. for Child Assembly

He Believes the Committee Misunderstood Plan to Transport Children Here

By Virginia Clemmer

LAKE SUCCESS, L. I., Dec. 23.—The United Nations plan to convene a "Children's Assembly," composed of youngsters brought here from all over the world, may be revived, it was learned today, despite its rejection yesterday by a seven-country advisory committee of the Economic and Social Council.

The plan, which has received enthusiastic support by child welfare experts, New York City officials and United Nations executives, was devised by Chester Bowles, international chairman of the U. N. Appeal for Children, to give children who will some day be responsible for maintaining world peace a chance to outline their problems.

It was turned down by the committee, after two short meetings, on the ground that it was too elaborate, might create the impression of extravagance, and could be regarded as an exploitation of the children concerned.

However, today Mr. Bowles, opening a single-handed battle, appealed to the committee to reconsider it in the light of what it would mean to the 200,000,000 who now face starvation in such countries as Italy, China, France and India.

The committee, which is composed of representatives of New Zealand, China, France, the United States, Canada, Czechoslovakia and Chile, is scheduled to meet again during the first week in January, and Mr. Bowles said today that he hopes, meanwhile, to convince the representatives' home governments of the importance of the plan.

Mr. Bowles argued that the representatives must have misunderstood or misinterpreted the motives behind the project, which envisions bringing two teen-agers from each U. N. country to the United States under a free-transportation arrangement with the world's air lines.

The youngsters, who would be housed in selected private homes—probably on Long Island—during their stay in New York, would be convened as a "children's assembly" in the Assembly Hall at Flushing Meadow Park in Queens.

He declared that the children who would take part in the program "constitute a major part of the entire coming generation," adding that "we are to give them the best of our problems on the basis of the outlook for world peace, world understanding and long-range world rehabilitation is very dark indeed."

Mr. Bowles pointed out that "these are the children with whom our children must grow up in a world constantly growing smaller."

"This project," he said, "is an opportunity never given children before. It is a kind of bold, imaginative concept, which is essential if we are to really tackle the problem of the new generation effectively. In dealing with a job like this, we must use the same degree of imagination that we were so ready to use in time of

## The U. N. Yesterday

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1947

Philippines Names Senator Francisco to the Palestine Commission; Only Bolivia Remains to Nominate

PALESTINE—The Philippines named Senator Vincente Francisco, majority floor leader of the Senate and a leading criminal and corporate lawyer, as its member of the five-nation U. N. Palestine Commission. He will have five advisers. The Czechoslovak delegation reported Karel Lisicky, former member of the U. N. Investigating Commission, would definitely serve as its member. Since Panama has named Eduardo Morgan and Denmark has appointed Per Federspiel earlier, only Bolivia remains to be heard from.

In the Holy Land, Christian Arabs of Bethlehem and Jerusalem were reported planning to forego elaborate Christmas celebrations as a sign of mourning for the U. N.'s decision to partition Palestine. Story on page 3.

**BETHLEHEM**—The little town of Bethlehem where Christ was born will come under U. N. trust with its 6,600 present-day inhabitants, mostly Christian Arabs, under the special international regime being drafted for the Jerusalem district. Story on page 3.

**CHILDREN**—The United Nations plan to convene a "Children's Assembly" composed of youngsters brought to the United States from all parts of the world may be revived, despite its rejection on Monday by a seven-country advisory committee of the Economic and Social Council. Chester Bowles, who devised the plan and is international chairman of the U. N. Appeal for Children, appealed to the committee to reconsider the project at a meeting in January. Story on this page.

**HEALTH**—A mission to demonstrate new techniques in brain and thoracic surgery in the Philippines will be recommended by the U. N. World Health Organization interim commission's fifth session in Geneva here next month, the Philippine U. N. delegation disclosed. The plan

grows out of the interest of Dr. Baldomero Roxas, Manila's leading obstetrician, who had read about a similar mission to European nations by the Unitarian Service Committee and the W. H. O. last summer, and asked the delegation to seek a like team for the Philippines. The plan would also provide four W. H. O. fellowships during 1948 for Filipino doctors to study new developments abroad, and three Philippine fellows will arrive here shortly to train in American hospitals under 1947 fellowships.

**INDONESIA**—Under a plan formulated by the U. N.'s Australian-Belgian-American good offices commission to settle the Dutch-Indonesian conflict, both the Dutch and Indonesians are to submit proposals to the commission for a demilitarized zone in Java to give effect to the U. N.'s cease-fire order. The Associated Press reported from Batavia. Story on page 3.

**CORRESPONDENTS**—Two foreign correspondents accredited to the U. N.—Nicolas Kyriazidis, of Greece, and Syed S. Hasan, of India—were released by United States immigration authorities in New York following protests by Secretary-General Trygve Lie. Story on page 4.

**CAROLS**—A program of Christmas carols, featuring the Branscombe Choral Group, was put on in the U. N. Economic and Social Council chamber at Lake Success, L. I., for members of the U. N. staff. The program was one of a series of events which have been arranged by the Staff Activities Committee for the entertainment of U. N. employees during the holiday season.

### Three Added to A. E. C. Staff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—The Atomic Energy Commission announced today appointment of three principal staff members to the commission's new division of raw materials. They are Jesse

Johnson, of Seattle, assistant director responsible for plant operations and purchase of ore; Dr. Philip L. Merritt, of New York, assistant director in charge of exploration and development activities; and Frank McQuistan, of Nevada City, Calif., metallurgical consultant to the division of raw materials.

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