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East, West Communists meet to repair split

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VIENNA — East and West European Communist Parties are meeting in East Berlin today in a major effort to save their projected international conference from virtual breakdown before it is ready to start.

A deep split has occurred over the draft of a main document. It is opposed by at least six liberal parties, two of which are ruling parties and one a member of the Soviet bloc. According to a top West European communist source, the six will withdraw from further preparatory work unless the draft is withdrawn. They would not then take part in the final conference.

The dissenting parties are the Yugoslav, Romanian (the bloc member), Italian, Spanish, Swedish, and British, with the Belgium party apparently also expected to fall in line with them.

The offending draft was produced during a series of preparatory meetings since late last year to thrash out the agreed terms of reference for the final summit conference of party chiefs. It was largely the work of the East German party, one of the ideologically most rigidly conformist members of the bloc.

Open objection to it came from the executive secretary of the independent, nonblock Yugoslav party, Stane Dolanc, who implied in an interview two weeks ago that the draft was unacceptable because it included a program for obligatory joint actions and tasks.

ANY ATTEMPTS to coordinate Communist Party activities, he said, was impossible under contemporary conditions because all parties are operating under different national circumstances.

The Romanians and Italian parties also have consistently objected to any conference resolution or other steps tending to establish one party — i.e., the Soviet — as a leading center for the movement as a whole.



Murder suspect

Louis Alicea, 27, of 927 Parker St., Roxbury, center, was charged with homicide yesterday by Lowell police in connection with the shooting death of Sylvia Cormier, 17, of 78 Chippewa St. Supt. of Police Leonard O. MacPhail, right, and criminal bureau inspectors worked around the clock over the weekend investigating two murders that resulted during a weekend of violence. Police Officer Emory Ouellette stands at left in above photo.

U. S. Supreme court lets Garrity ruling stand

By W. DALE NELSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today refused to review a lower-court decision which led to a violence-plagued program of school busing in Boston.

The court let stand a Dec. 19 decision of the U.S. circuit court in Boston that the city's school officials had denied equal education to black children.

The circuit court's ruling upheld a finding last June 21 by U.S. District Judge W. Arthur Garrity that the Boston School Committee had deliberately operated a segregated school system.

Garrity's ruling brought about court-ordered school busing in the city's schools.

Violence erupted in several racially tense Boston schools after the busing began, prompting the closure for one month of South Boston High School.

Another outbreak occurred May 8, when state and local police broke up a demonstration by 500 white students and local residents at South Boston High while black students were arriving in buses for their morning classes.

The Supreme Court's rejection of the Boston school case came in a routine order without comment.

In Boston, meanwhile, Mayor Kevin H. White said a final plan to integrate Boston's public schools next September "has virtually guaranteed a continuation of the present level of hostility and tension throughout the city."

The proposal would increase the number of students who must take buses to get to their assigned schools from 17,000 to 21,000. It would require for the first time the busing of about 12,000 pupils in elementary grades.

The plan was announced over the weekend by Garrity.

THE BOSTON school committee and Mayor White sought Supreme Court review of the circuit panel's decision, which they said placed an almost impossible burden on school officials.

The circuit court ruled on a 1973 Supreme

Court ruling that school officials may be required to prove that segregated schooling "is not...the result of intentionally segregative acts."

The circuit court said proving this would require "little short of a positive showing that defendants acted with integrative intent."

City attorneys representing White told the Supreme Court this test is "almost impossible to meet in any real situation, and especially in a large city such as Boston with its many ethnic neighborhoods."

Both Garrity and the circuit court found that the school committee engaged in such practices as directing blacks into three-year high schools and whites into four-year high schools, refusing to transfer whites out of overcrowded schools into empty seats in black schools, and

allowing hardship transfers for whites out of schools that became black.

The school committee told the Supreme Court that the criticized policies amounted in almost all cases to inaction or resistance to certain proposals.

School committee members said they were "faulted...not for doing something bad, but for not doing enough good."

In a separate case, the court also let stand a lower-court decision ordering a plan for achieving racial balance in Kalamazoo, Mich., public schools to overcome "a purposeful pattern of segregation."

AND THE court agreed to rule on the power of federal courts to require the establishment of public housing in white suburbs in an effort to break up black ghettos. The court agreed

to hear an appeal from an order of the U.S. circuit court in Chicago requiring a "comprehensive metropolitan area plan" for public housing in Chicago and its suburbs.

The circuit court ruling came in a suit by black residents of Chicago charging that the Department of Housing and Urban Development had assisted "in the carrying on of a racially discriminatory public housing system within the City of Chicago."

In the Kalamazoo case, the Kalamazoo Board of Education asked the Supreme Court to review a decision by the U.S. circuit court in Cincinnati which the school board said made "the mere existence of racially disproportionate schools" a violation of the Constitution. The Supreme Court declined to review the circuit court ruling.



Russian destroyer in Boston harbor

One of the two Russian destroyers pass Castle Island as they entered Boston inner

Harbor and were welcomed with a gun salute by the U.S. Army today. The Russian

war ships are the first from that country since the end of World War II. The Russians are here for a week long visit.

Soviet destroyers steam into Boston in first visit to U.S. since World War II

By NICK CARAGANIS
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BOSTON — Like explorers entering unfamiliar regions, two Soviet guided missile destroyers steamed into Boston Harbor today — the first entry into a U.S. harbor by Soviet warships since World War II.

As the two ships sailed past Fort Independence on Castle Island, where Soviet and American flags flew side by side, 21 gun salutes with 105-millimeter howitzers were fired by National Guardsmen.

Then, with an escort of fire boats and U.S. Coast Guard Cutters, the Boyki, flagship of Rear Admiral A. M. Kalinin, and the Zhguchiy headed toward Commonwealth Pier where Anatoly F. Dobrynin, Soviet Ambassador to the United States and other dignitaries, including Governor Michael Dukakis, greeted them as the ships and their crews began a five day stay.

THE LAST TIME TWO Russian warships entered the port of Boston was in 1938.

A team of United States Navy warships was expected to visit Leningrad today in an exchange commemorating the end of World War II in Europe.

The United States Navy's host for the occasion in Boston was Vice Admiral Stansfield Turner, who told reporters yesterday that the United States policy of détente with the Soviet Union played a major role in the exchange.

At a short press conference this morning, Adm. Turner welcomed the Soviet ships and expressed his views regarding the end of a major war in which the United States and the Soviet Union worked side by side.

Soviet sailors lined the decks of the guided missile destroyers and exchanged smiles, greetings and an occasional pack of cigarettes with American Seabees and visitors.

THE SOVIET SHIPS will be open to the public during certain periods while they are in Boston.

A Navy officer on board one of the Soviet vessels this morning, along with a gathering of VIPs and reporters, said that it is expected that Soviet citizens would be allowed to board this country's ships Leahy and Tattnell in Leningrad.

During the visit to Boston, the more than 800 men and officers from the Soviet ships plan to go ashore and one of their first stops this morning at 11:30 was to visit the U.S. Constitution. They are also expected to tour various bi-centennial exhibits, museums, universities and, according to an interpreter, "are looking forward to seeing a baseball game."

Vice Admiral Turner said Soviet and American sailors will exchange visits aboard one another's ships.

Police probe weekend murders

By PATRICIA WAGNER
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LOWELL — A Roxbury man has been charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of a 17-year-old Lowell girl during an outbreak of racial violence at the Julian D. Steele housing project, commonly known as Shaughnessy Terrace, Saturday night.

Louis Alicea, 27, of 927 Parker St., Roxbury is charged with homicide and unlawful possession of a firearm in connection with the shooting death of Sylvia Cormier of 78 Chippewa St.

Alicea was remanded to the Billerica House of Correction this morning following his arraignment before Judge Elliot T. Cowdrey in Lowell District Court. Cowdrey ordered Alicea held without bail and continued the case to May 21.

Police are also seeking another murder suspect in connection with the stabbing death of Richard Martin, 27, of 84 Bridge St., whose body was found lying in a pool of blood in front of the apartment building at 296 Liberty St. The two murders, police say, are unrelated.

The Cormier girl and Martin died early Sunday morning after a night of violence that erupted in the city Saturday night.

Supt. of Police Leonard O. MacPhail and criminal bureau inspectors have been working around the clock since violence broke out at the Shaughnessy Terrace housing project between whites and the Spanish-speaking population.

IN THE WAKE of the racial strife, Mac-

Phail has assigned two police officers to work 24 hours a day at the project.

Alicea was initially arrested by Officers Dennis Sargentelli and William Shea at 2 a.m. Sunday and charged with unlawful possession of a 22 caliber revolver. Some 12 hours later, Supt. MacPhail, Sgt. Robert E. Liston head of the criminal bureau and Insps. Peter Gickas and John Sullivan lodged the murder charges, against Alicea.

The Cormier girl died in front of 88 Shaughnessy Terrace after being shot in the head. She was the mother of a one-year-old child.

According to Supt. MacPhail, the investigation led police to a location off Meadowcroft Street on property owned by the Prince Macaroni Corp., where police found the gun they believe the Cormier girl was shot with buried near the railroad tracks. The 22 caliber revolver with a white pearl handle was buried in a bed of rocks.

Police said Alicea was apparently in Lowell visiting friends and relatives.

According to Supt. MacPhail the tension between the whites and Spanish-speaking residents had apparently been brewing all day. During one incident, adults began fighting after their children got into a scuffle over a ball.

Another feud occurred when a girl and boy walking along Shaughnessy Terrace, was allegedly attacked by three Spanish-speaking American, police said.

According to Officer Shea, Clifford Ford of 67 Nelson Ave., and Sherry Archer of Keene

Street, were assaulted by three men armed with a board. Police said that several other area youths came to their rescue and chased off the assailants.

In the early part of Saturday night police were summoned to the housing project following reports of shooting. Police said that blank bullets fired from a rifle and shotgun had been fired into a crowd.

THE NEXT OUTBREAK of trouble came at 11 p.m. when men in a car sped by shooting real bullets in the area from 88 to 94 Shaughnessy Terrace.

It was during the last incident, some two hours later, that the Cormier girl died. According to police a total of eight shots were fired from a passing car, one of the bullets hit the girl, while another hit Brian Murphy, 17, of 167 Shaughnessy Terrace in the leg. He was treated at St. John's Hospital.

Troubles between the Spanish-speaking residents and whites have been going on over the last few weeks, according to area residents. MacPhail, who hopes this will not be the beginning of a long hot summer filled with violence, contends that an intensive watch of the area has started. "In addition to two policemen at all times, I have instructed cruisers and sergeants to make frequent checks of the area. I have been up there a number of times myself over the weekend," he said.

In addition to the arrest of Alicea, two others were scheduled to appear in Lowell

District Court today. William C. Smith, 17, of 44 Seneca St., is charged with assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, a shotgun, and unlawful possession of a firearm, a charge that now carries a minimum jail sentence of one year. Daniel Grimes Jr., 17, of 20 Ecklund Terrace, will be arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct. Both were arrested shortly before midnight at Shaughnessy Terrace by Officers Edward Lyman, Dennis Janowicz, William Byrd, and Wilfred Dow.

IN THE MARTIN stabbing, although no arrests have been made, police have a suspect. Martin, who was stabbed in the chest, was found on the sidewalk in front of 296 Liberty St., at 2:22 a.m. Sunday by Scott Weigman and Debbie Lafferty who live on the third floor of the apartment building.

According to Officers Shea and Daniel Duffy, when they arrived Martin had a very slight pulse. He was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

According to police, approximately an hour before Martin was found dead, witnesses reported that he had an argument with another man who was carrying a large object in both hands.

The charges against Alicea and Smith on the illegal possession of firearms charge marked the first arrests in Greater-Lowell area since the new gun law went into effect April 1.

Unlawful possession of a firearm now means a mandatory one year jail term.