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Poland Believes Allies Should End Relations With Franco's Regime

CONVENES TUESDAY

U. S. Seeks To Break Deadlock Blocking Five European Peace Pacts

NEW YORK, April 6.—(AP)—The Spanish issue raised unexpectedly by Poland, seemed likely tonight to be the next problem to plague the United Security Council just when the infant peace agency hoped for a quiet period to put its rules in order.

The Polish embassy in London announced this morning that the Warsaw government had instructed Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate to the security council, to lay before the council the Polish view that the United Nations should break off relations with the government of Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

The decision of the Polish government was taken in view of the fact that the present regime in Spain endangers international peace and that peace is indivisible, the embassy announcement said.

No Official Notice Hours after the London announcement, members of the Polish delegation here said Dr. Lange had not received official notice of his government's decision. Jerzy Michalowski, Dr. Lange's advisor, said that in any event there would be no statement before Monday.

Thus it was not determined whether Dr. Lange would dump the Spanish question on the council table Tuesday when it convenes at 3 p. m. E. S. T., or would wait until the council has adopted the rules of procedure scheduled to be taken up at that time.

The council's group of experts has virtually completed a draft of rules. There is a disposition in some council circles to delay all other matters until the vital rules of procedure have been agreed upon.

The Polish action caught United Nations authorities here by surprise.

There has been no hint in the two weeks that the council has been in New York that Poland would bring up the question of Franco.

For a time it seemed likely that Franco would do just that. But the

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POLLOCK FUNERAL RITES SCHEDULED

City Councilman, Prominent in Building Trades, Dies At His Home

Funeral services for City Councilman Ray Pollock, who died at his home early yesterday morning, will be conducted from the Andrews mortuary at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Burial will be in Oakdale cemetery, with the Wilmington Elks lodge in charge of the graveside services.

Active pallbearers will be Leon Thomas, Edwin Thomas, Graham Russ, John Hughes Pollock, Oscar Flowers, Jr., and J. O. Flowers.

Members of the Elks lodge will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Pollock's death followed an illness of about one month, during which time he was confined to his home at 116 South Carolina Beach road.

He took office as Sunset Park representative on the city council on Jan. 1 of this year, following

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SEA Host To News Party On 700-Mile State Trip

Nineteen newspapermen rode 700 North Carolina miles yesterday as the guests of the Teague brothers in a "pre-inaugural" flight of the new 27-passenger DC-3 plane of the South East Airlines.

Appointed



Paul Franklin Bell, formerly a lieutenant in the Navy, has been selected to serve as assistant in the local Chamber of Commerce office. He starts his new duties early in the week.

EX-NAVY OFFICER TAKES POST HERE

Will Serve As Assistant To Chamber Of Commerce Secretary

Paul Franklin Bell will assume the duties of assistant to John H. Farrell, secretary, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, early this week, it was announced yesterday.

The newly-appointed assistant is on terminal leave as a naval reserve lieutenant.

Bell, well-known locally, is a graduate of Southwestern university, Lafayette and Rice Institute, Houston, Tex.

Prior to entering the armed services, he served with the Venezuela branch, Standard Oil company of New Jersey. His last service duty was at the Navy Torpedo station, Newport, R. I. He spent 18 months in the Pacific area.

He is the son of the Rev. Charles B. Bell, deceased and Mrs. Bell, formerly of Fayetteville, Ind.

Bell was married March 23 to Elizabeth Louise Moyer, Rumford, R. I. He is the nephew of the Misses Mary and Gertrude Bell, Oleander.

BALTIMORE MAN TO HEAD SOCIETY

Bartlett F. Johnston Elected President Of Cincinnati At Meet Here

Bartlett F. Johnston of Baltimore, Md., was elected president of the Society of the Cincinnati in a general meeting of the organization, yesterday at Orton plantation.

C. McD. Davis, president of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company, and J. Lawrence Sprunt, who acted as host to the group at Orton, were elected to the standing committee of the general society.

The society, which is comprised only of the "first son" descendants of Gen. George Washington's top officers in the Continental army, climaxed its meeting here yesterday with a banquet last night at 8 o'clock in the Cape Fear club. Yesterday's meeting marked the fifth consecutive year in which the society has met in Wilmington.

President-General of the society, Col. Bruce Metcalf of New York City, attended yesterday's meeting and spoke at the banquet last night. He was accompanied to the meeting by the assistant general secretary of the society, William M. Beall, Washington, D. C.

Other Officers Filled Other officers elected yesterday at the meeting at Orton plantation were Ernest Matthew Green, Raleigh, president emeritus; Paul Ayers Rockwell, Asheville, vice-president; John G. Dawson, Kinston, secretary; Bryan G. Dancy, Baltimore, a s i s t a n t secretary;

er, Earl L. (Buck) Teague, the line's secretary-treasurer, were the following: Stewart Adkins, Gastonia Gazette, and Mrs. Adkins; Miss Zoe Brockman, Gastonia Gazette; Ennis Adkins, Gastonia Gazette photographer; Norman Young, station WAYS, Charlotte; J. A. Sharpe, Jr., Robesonian, Lumberton; John Sikes, Wilmington Morning Star; J. H. McEwen, Jr., Twin City Daily Times, Morehead City; Fred Pendleton, Washington News; Chester A. Walsh, Greenville

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Senator Bailey Shows 'Further Improvement'

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His personal physician, Dr. Walter A. Bloedorn, said that, although Bailey "is still suffering lots of pain", his condition in general is considerably improved.

Bloedorn said that the Senator will be confined to the hospital for at least two weeks. Relatives are at his bedside

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Truman Sees Poll Tax Issue

New States Appear To Be Peace Offering To Southern Democrats

SPEAKS UNEXPECTEDLY

Express Hope That All Dixie States Will Eventually Repeal Levy

CHICAGO, April 6.—(AP)—In what appeared to be a peace offering to militant Southern Democrats in Congress, President Truman today disclosed the view that repeal of the poll tax, must be left up to the states.

His pronouncement concerning one of the most controversial issues ever tackled by Congress came unexpectedly at a News conference he held for Chicago high school journalists.

The question was raised by a nervous, shy little girl, whose query escaped most of the reporters regularly assigned to cover the President.

Has Pointed to Record Mr. Truman, a proponent of Federal repeal of the tax levied in a number of Southern states as a prerequisite for voting, while a member of the Senate, has on several occasions pointed to his Senate record, when asked about his attitude.

"Do you see any immediate solutions of the poll tax in the South?" came the question.

No, he did not, the President replied. That is a matter they will have to work out for themselves.

There are a number of Southern states, the President went on, that have repealed the poll tax.

He expressed hope they all will eventually. But that is a matter for them to work out for themselves, Mr. Truman continued.

He added that it also was a matter for Education. Southern Democrats have been critical of the Truman administration's stand for a permanent F. E. P. C. and other "New Deal" objectives. Efforts have been under way in party circles to ease the tension created by a bitter debate on some of these issues.

The President also told the wide-eyed, thrilled youngsters that he favored extending voting rights to 18 years old because youth, by its war service, had proved its ability to handle the highest duties of citizenship.

Answering one young reporter's question, Mr. Truman said a uni-

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DAVIS TAKES POST IN HOSPITAL DRIVE

Head Of ACL Legal Department Endorses Holy Family Project Here

Thomas W. Davis, general solicitor of the Legal department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has accepted the chairmanship of the Special Gift division of the Catholic Hospital fund drive.

In announcing the appointment of Davis, Harris Newman, drive chairman said "It gives me great pleasure to announce Davis has agreed to accept this important position."

Newman explained the newly-appointed chairman has always been active in leadership of all things benefiting the community. The special gifts committee, he pointed out, is one of the more important committees of the entire campaign as it solicits about one-half the money raised in the drive.

"I have no doubt," said Newman, "the success of the committee is assured under Davis' leadership and we are indeed fortunate to secure him for this post."

In accepting the appointment, Davis and he was glad to

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TRUMAN CALLS FOR STRONG MILITARY FORCES TO UPHOLD PEACE OF WORLD; COUNTRY NOTES COLORFUL ARMY DAY

WAR CHIEFS URGE MIGHTY AMERICA

Secretary Patterson Calls For Power To Back Up Nation's Policies

(By The Associated Press) The leaders who helped guide this nation's military forces to victory over her enemies urged yesterday that she remain strong until future peace is assured.

As America displayed her armed might in Army Day observances throughout the United States and in many parts of the world, leading speakers stressed the theme that strength was needed to win and preserve the peace.

Flanked by Secretary of War Patterson and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army chief of staff in Chicago, President Truman told the thousands jammed into huge Soldier Field that the nation's "universal foreign policy was aimed at stopping "coercion and penetration" of the weak.

Secretary Patterson said America's ability to make its views on peace felt throughout the world "depends on the power we may possess to back up fully the policies we support."

Must Continue Research Gen. Eisenhower said the Army must continue research on weapons and maintain its strength as an interim force, in support of the United Nations, until the future peacetime army can be formed. He pledged the Army would make every effort to develop national security "as a cornerstone of the peace structure that must be built in the world."

The president, war secretary and Army chief of staff witnessed a brief but impressive display of Army strength before speaking in Soldier Field. As Army planes of all variety roared overhead, they reviewed a parade of 14,000 troops of the famous Fifth (Red Diamond) Division on Michigan avenue. A crowd estimated by park police at 1,000,000 crowded along the parade route as the troops passed by on foot, in tanks and in jeeps.

Also included in the president's retinue were Gen. Carl Spaatz, air forces commander; Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ground forces commander and Lt. Gen. Leroy Lutes, head of the service forces.

At Caserta, Italy, Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, deputy supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean

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DISTRICT FESTIVAL WINNERS SELECTED

Youthful Musicians Will Compete In State - Wide Contest April 23-26

Contestants to take part in the State Music festival in Greensboro, April 23-26, were selected yesterday at the Southeastern district finals held in the New Hanover High School auditorium.

Three students from New Hanover High were among the winners. They were Sara Ann Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Eaton, 71 Lee drive, Lake Forest; Bobby Melton, son of Mrs. Janie Farrington, 114 N. Fourth street who rendered vocal solos. Patty Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones, 1904 Ann street played a piano solo.

Alice Green Sylvester, pianist from Richland High school, and

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Eastern N. C. Publishers End Two-Day Conference

JACKSONVILLE, April 6.—Highlighted by two important discussions featuring the economic well-being of the state, the first semi-annual meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Press association ended a two-day session here tonight.

Upwards of 80 newspaper editors and publishers attended the gathering, conducted under the direction of the association president, O. O. Phillips of the Wallace Enterprise, and with Billy Arthur, Jacksonville publisher, in the role of host.

Of wide-spread general interest was the half-hour broadcast over a network of radio stations featuring two authorities in their respective fields: R. B. Page, publisher of the Wilmington Star-News and chairman of the State Ports authority, and James V. Whitfield of Burgaw, president of the Pendleton County Farm bureau and a member of the national fruit and vegetable committee of the National Farm Bureau.

Both spoke on subjects closely relating to the economy of the state; Page telling of the work of the ports authority, and Whit-

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ROTC Drill Excellence Recognized



T. T. Hamilton, Jr., principal of New Hanover High school and honorary colonel in the ROTC, is shown as he presented a ribbon denoting excellence in drills, parades and inspection to Company D of the NHHS ROTC unit. The presentation was made yesterday as a part of the unit's Army Day parade. Standing immediately behind Hamilton is Lt. Col. Harry Wellott, cadet battalion commander. At the extreme right is Capt. Graham Barefoot, of Company D, and on Hamilton's left is Capt. John Symmes, of Company B.

Army Day Speaker Warns Against Insecure Peace

BIG JAP TREASURE HOARD UNCOVERED

Two Billions In Gold, Silver And Platinum Found In Tokyo Bay

TOKYO, April 6.—(AP)—A long-sought Japanese hoard of precious metals—\$2,000,000,000 in gold, silver and platinum—has been found on the muddy bottom of Tokyo bay where it was hidden by a Japanese army officer nine months ago, American military government authorities announced today.

Discovery of the treasure was verified by exploratory diving that brought up a bar of metal identified as platinum and valued at \$7,000.

American salvage crews will begin work Monday to bring up the remainder of the bullion, which information given to American intelligence agents said includes two truckloads of precious ingots.

Location of the treasure, in shallow water beneath a dock on Tokyo Bay, was revealed to American authorities by Japanese informers.

Orders for hiding the treasure were issued in the latter part of July, 1945, and were traced to a Japanese Army officer, who directed the operation. The officer's name was not disclosed.

The hunt for Japan's precious metals and millions of dollars worth of gold, silver and platinum looted from occupied countries was one of the first tasks undertaken by American troops after they had solidified their occupation of defeated Japan.

The searches, however, uncovered only a fraction of the metals Japan was known to have possessed, and the newly found treasure was believed to be the missing loot from many countries of southeast Asia.

The story told to American authorities indicated that the treasure was hidden only a few days before Japan surrendered.

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WANTS RESERVES

Ft. Bragg Officer, In Address Over Radio, Calls Upon 'Alert' Nation

"The Army is proud of its record and it is grateful that the nation realizes today, as it failed to understand after the first World War, that the job is never done and that the true meaning of victory lies in the constant struggle for peace and security," said Lt. Col. Harold G. Osborne in the main Army Day address delivered here yesterday.

Speaking over radio station WMFD in a feature of the local celebration, the Fort Bragg officer emphasized that American stature in the eyes of the rest of the world depends upon our strength in the armed forces, charged with maintaining peace.

"The American people understand now what they should have known between the years 1933 and 1940: That a strong Army, both in being and in reserves, is the surest way to discourage possible aggressors in the future," Lt. Colonel Osborne said.

"This nation neither needs nor desires a large professional army," he said. "In the past we have seen that job armies dominated the countries which maintain them, lower their standards of living and fail to serve the people. Such an army would be against all

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CHINESE FORCES NEAR CHANGCHUN

New First Army Smashes Through Communist Lines After Two-Day Battle

MUKDEN, April 6.—(AP)—China's new First Army, breaking through Chinese Communist lines after a two-day battle, have driven within 70 miles of Changchun, Manchuria's capital, pro-government reports here said today.

These accounts said the U. S. equipped government army of 40,000 men had reached the outskirts of Szeepingkai, key railway city which the Communists seized last month after overwhelming a small government garrison.

There was no indication of the resistance to be expected at Szeepingkai which the battle-hardened First Army must hurdle quickly if it expects to reach Changchun before the scheduled departure of the Russians April 14.

Delayed dispatches said, however, that the first real battle between the rival government and Communist forces in Manchuria

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FARM PARITY PLAN SHOWDOWN SLATED

Dixie Democrats, Farm State Republicans Ready For Clash With Truman

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Southern Democrats and Farm State Republicans headed tonight toward a showdown with President Truman over a higher farm parity formula.

The Senate last night passed legislation to raise the statutory minimum wage from 40 to 65 cents an hour. The bill, however, contains a provision which would compel the government to include labor costs in computing farm parity prices.

Parity is the price formula designed to tell the farmer what he should receive for his produce to give him a return equal to his income in a certain base year—usually 1926. At present, government officials do not consider labor costs in computing parity.

President Truman notified Senate leaders that he would veto the minimum wage bill if it came to him with the parity "rider" attached. Administration leaders said the provision would increase the average family's food bill \$125 a year.

House farm leaders, however, said they are not only going to fight to keep the provision in the minimum wage bill, but that they are considering tacking it on the price control extension bill as well.

They said Mr. Truman would not dare to veto the OPA measure—the top bill in his list of legislative "musts"—even if it does contain a higher parity provision.

The OPA bill, approved last night by the House Banking committee, is slated to come up for House action before the end of the month. It would extend the act for another year beyond its present June 30 expiration date.

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U. S. Steel, AFL Reject Offers To Re-Open Mines

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—The U. S. Steel Corp., and the United Mine Workers (AFL) disclosed tonight that each had rejected a proposal from the other for re-opening strike-bound captive mines in order to keep the nation's biggest steel producer running full blast.

Each side said its offer still stood but further developments appeared unlikely before the soft coal joint wage conference resumes at 2:30 p. m. next Tuesday.

The captive mine proposals were revealed at a press conference by UMW president John L.

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ADVOCATES DRAFT SETUP EXTENSION

Declares 'Nobody Should Play Politics With The National Safety'

By ERNEST B. VACCARO CHICAGO, April 6.—(AP)—President Truman, proclaiming a new "universal" foreign policy designed to oppose aggression the world over, called today for strong military forces to back it up.

Speaking before a crowd of 70,000 persons, the President, standing bare-headed in the wind-swept Soldier Field, declared America must remain strong to preserve the peace and protect the weak from outside "coercion or penetration."

Mr. Truman called for passage of legislation extending the selective service act another year. Armed forces unification and universal training, which have stout opposition in congress, and then departing from his prepared text, declared:

"Nobody should play politics with the national safety," he did not elaborate.

Praises Roosevelt The president was cheered when he concluded his talk and interrupted by applause on other occasions, once when he paid tribute to Franklin D. Roosevelt, his predecessor.

Following the Soldier Field ceremony, the president and his party of high Army officers and their wives departed by special train for Washington at 5:03 p. m. (CST).

Mr. Truman reserved for the United States the right to project itself into any situation where outside rivalries might endanger the security of any nation and endanger the peace of all.

The crowd estimate was made by Park Police Lieut. Jasper Freeman, who said the field provided seats for 85,000. Other estimates by reporters were somewhat lower.

Reviews Parade Earlier, Mr. Truman reviewed an Army Day parade witnessed by an estimated 1,000,000 persons. Later he went to Soldier Field, where he spoke with General of The Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of staff, and Secretary of War Robert D. Patterson.

In the strongest language he has ever used as Franklin D. Roosevelt's successor as democracy's spokesman, the gray-haired Missourian told thousands in Chicago's Soldier Field:

"We cannot one day proclaim our intention to prevent unjust aggression and oppression in the world and the next day call for immediate scrapping of our military might.

He saw some of that might earlier when 14,000 troops of the famous Fifth (Red Diamond) Infantry passed by a Michigan avenue reviewing stand in which he stood with Gov. Dwight H. Green, Mayor Edward J. Kelly, Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) and his commander, Major General Albert E. Brown.

Naming names, he declared that the United States could expect Great Britain, Soviet Russia and other countries to pursue peaceful objectives in the Orient in return for United States recognition of their "important" economic interests in that area.

The United States will have to be dealt in the Orient, he emphasized.

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