

Bevin Flatly Rejects U.S. Treaty Plans British Minister Injects First Anglo-American Clash Into Parley MARSHALL WORRIED Secretary Tells Ministers Ensnarments Endangering Meet Progress

MOSCOW, March 26.—(AP)—British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today rejected U.S. proposals that the German government be spared the responsibility of signing a peace treaty.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall, confronted by this British support of Russian objections to his plans, said the question was not urgent and need not be decided now.

But after this conciliatory gesture, the American secretary of state, disgusted by hours of wrangling over points of procedure, warned his Big Four colleagues that they were jeopardizing the entire conference by getting tangled in minor disputes.

“Frankly,” Marshall said, “it seems to me that we are ensnaring ourselves in a series of complications which are not in themselves of such great importance but which are making the possibility of reasonable progress of these negotiations unfortunately remote.”

At the four hour and 45-minute meeting, the longest of the conference, the Big Four ministers argued without result over German peace treaty procedure.

Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov, stubbornly refusing to permit China, which is a member of the Big Five Council of Foreign ministers, to be one of the sponsor powers for the German peace conference.

TEN PERSONS HELD IN HUGE CAR THEFT RING, FBI DECLARES NEWARK, N. J., March 26.—(AP)—S. K. McKee, FBI chief for New Jersey, announced tonight that a car theft ring operating between Newark and Bishopville, S. C., had been smashed with the arrest of ten persons, and warrants have been issued for two fugitives.

McKee said the ring was first uncovered when the Chief of Police in Bishopville, spotted men removing license plates from autos stolen in New Jersey. Twelve autos have been recovered, he said, and additional recoveries and arrests are expected.

Charged with auto theft and transportation of stolen cars in Interstate Commerce, the FBI said, are Jesse James Gilcrest of Raleigh, N. C., held at Bishopville, and Eugene Finkler of Newark, held here, in \$5,000 bail each; and Charles Morgan of Newark, held by Newark municipal police.

Held in Bishopville on charges of receiving stolen cars: Ira B. Newsom, Jay Lee McCaskill, Kemp Charles Nash, Loria E. Hyatt, Leo George Radcliff, Ollie Moore and Mamie Thomas Williams.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—Radio technicians on three major networks agreed tonight to cooperate with telephone workers if the latter strike April 7. Union officials called it a “serious” threat to radio broadcasting.

A mutual assistance pact between the National Association of Broadcast Engineers and Technicians (NABET) and the National Federation of Telephone Workers which has called for a cross-country strike the day after Easter, was disclosed by the telephone union.

NABET has a contract with the National, American, and Mutual Broadcasting chains, but not with Columbia Broadcasting system, whose workers of similar skill are members of the AFL Brotherhood of electricians.

Martin W. O'Donoghue, Washington attorney for NABET, said his organization also has contracts with 57 local stations.

Radio Groups To Cooperate On Work Of Engineers, Technicians Of 3 Major Networks May Join Phone Workers RECOGNIZE PACT Possibility Looms That Programs Will Be Off Air Easter Monday



The 22,424-ton monarch of Bermuda, one-time British luxury liner in the New York-Bermuda passenger service, burns in drydock at Hebburn-on-Tyne, England, where she was being re-fitted for passenger trade. The big ship was used as a troop ship during the war. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London).

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—FBI Chief Hoover says Party Dangerous To United States

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—In a thunderous scene a Congressional committee ejected the general secretary of the Communist party from a hearing today and later heard FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover denounce the Communists as a “fifth column.”

Eugene Dennis was ousted by the House committee on Un-American Activities because he refused to give any other name but Eugene Dennis. He also refused to tell where or when he was born.

Both Hoover and Robert E. Stripling, the committee's chief investigator, said Dennis was born as Francis Eugene Waldron and has used many aliases.

Stripling said the aliases have been used in getting “fraudulent passports.”

Hoover testified: 1. That the Communists are directed “from Paris with a very definite pipeline into Moscow” and that they are a present danger to this country in the event of war with a Communist nation.

Liner In Flames Irate Dairymen Hold Up Trains, Fire On Trucks; Mine Death Toll Grows

SEVENTEEN BODIES ALREADY RECOVERED; SENATE ORDERS PROBE OF BLAST

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 26.—(AP)—A rescue squads probed the labyrinth of a gas-filled, explosion-torn coal mine today, virtually resigned that the death toll of trapped miners would reach 121. The U. S. Senate voted an investigation of the blast.

The Senate, by a voice vote, adopted a resolution by Senator Brooks (R-Ill) calling for an inquiry by the Senate Public Lands committee to determine whether any federal official was negligent. The Senate acted within an hour after the resolution was introduced.

As the 24th hour after the mine explosion passed, relatives of the blast victims who had maintained a hopeful vigil at the mine, began showing the strain of the ordeal. Old hands at rescue work shook their heads and opined there “wasn't a chance” any more of the trapped men were alive.

W. P. Young, vice president in charge of operations for the Centralia Coal company, the mine owners, said 17 bodies had been found so far in the mine, 50 men had been brought out alive and that 104 others were unaccounted for. Bodies of most of the dead still were underground.

Many Violations Senator Brooks told the Senate the mine was “under operation of the federal government under the Secretary of Interior” and charged those had been “many violations” of safety rules of both the federal and state governments.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines, meanwhile, said a number of violations of the federal safety code were found in an inspection of the mine last November and a recent report of the Illinois State Mine inspector recommended several changes at the mine.

BILL WOULD PUT MARTIN IN LINE House Rules Committee Approves Presidential Succession Measure

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—Voting on strict party lines, the Republican-dominated Senate Rules committee today approved a bill putting House Speaker Joseph Martin (R-Mass.) as first in line of succession to the presidency.

Six Republicans voted for the measure. Five Democrats voted against it. Two Republicans were absent.

Martin, 62-year-old North Attleboro, Mass., publisher and representative to Congress since 1924, became speaker of the House last January in the wake of the Republican election victory in November.

President Truman first asked Congress to change the 60-year-old law of succession June 19, 1945, urging that the House Speaker be named the No. 1 replacement for the White House when the president dies.

He renewed the appeal Feb. 5, declaring that “so far as possible, the office of the President should be filled by an elective officer.”

LEADERS NAMED IN CHURCH DRIVE Grace Methodist Chairman Picks Captains For Solicitations

The appointment of 20 team captains to serve in Sunday afternoon's every-member canvass of Grace Methodist church members for contributions to help restore the heavily fire-damaged church structure was announced last night by M. H. Lander, general chairman of the restoration undertaking.

Lander, also chairman of the church board of stewards, yesterday appointed Lenox G. Cooper and E. C. Craft, Jr., as co-chairmen of the men's solicitation division.

The men's division team captains were named last night as follows: Harry Doshier, Clayton C. Holmes, W. A. McGirt, Bruce Yandle, Raymond Crow, George Pritchard, J. Utley King, Herbert Davis, N. A. Avera and Bate Mauney.

The following team captains for the women's division were appointed: Mesdames A. S. Trundle, Jr., E. Moody, E. T. Crow, Leon Walsh, Levi McMillan, E. T. Walker, J. E. McCarty, S. D. Hurst, Jr., Martin King, and Miss Lillian Davis.

Chairman Lander yesterday named as his advisory committee in the fund raising campaign Albert Trundle, Mrs. J. Frank Collier and E. C. Craft, Jr., announcing at the same time that still another member remains to be selected.

SNOW FLURRIES PAY VISIT HERE Weatherman Says Area Can Expect Warmer Temperatures Today

The poets, if there are any poets in Wilmington, had their hey-day yesterday when the city was visited by four snow flurries—that is if by the poets like to versify their nature.

Paul Hess, the weatherman down in the Custom's Building who likes to deal in facts and arithmetic, looked back through his records and came up with some figures that may be interesting to statisticians.

The general weatherman said shucks, yesterday's snow flurries were nothing—that is, speaking of the lateness in the season. His books reveal that in 1915—on April 3—the city had a snow flurry.

SCOUT EXECUTIVE QUILTS POST HERE Courtland Baker To Head Palmetto Council At Spartanburg, S. C.

Courtland W. Baker, Boy Scout executive of the Cape Fear Council for the past four years, has been appointed executive secretary of the Palmetto Council in Spartanburg, S. C., it was learned here last night.

The scout executive who has guided the activities of the Cape Fear Council which covers nine counties will assume his new duties on May 1. He will remain scout executive here until that time.

Mrs. Baker and their two children will remain here until the close of school and then will join him in Spartanburg.

Entering Boy Scout work in 1938 as field executive and assistant scout executive in Ashland, Kentucky, Baker was previously connected with State Recreation work.

Baker, coming to Wilmington as Scout Executive in January of 1943, has aided the development of the scouting program of the Cape Fear area from the 78 units that were active on his arrival to the present 160 units with about 3,000 members. Only two staff members were employed by the council at that time and now seven are required to handle the work.

NOBLE TO SERVE AS HEAD OF VFW Newly Elected Officers To Be Installed Here On April 4

Ken R. Noble was last night elected commander of the James F. Manly post Number 2573, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in a meeting of that organization held in the VFW hall.

Other officers elected last night to serve for the coming year are: A. J. Brunjes, senior vice-commander; S. C. Zatkiewicz, junior vice-commander; Tommy Long, quartermaster; Frank Shepard, chaplain; H. L. O'Steen, judge advocate; and C. W. Fulmer, J. J. Ray, and William Zimmer, trustees.

The public installation service will be held on April 4, it was announced. The place of the service has not yet been decided, but a dinner-dance will be held at the same time.

Members of the VFW last night also passed two resolutions, the first of which is that a request be taken to remove the bombing ranges at Albemarle Sound and Myrtle Beach which are delaying the installation of a very high frequency range here and thereby interfering with the possibility of additional commercial air service into Wilmington.

The organization also went on record favoring and endorsing the reorganization of Company I of the 30th Division of the North Carolina National Guard here, and pledged assistance in bringing about the formation of the group. It was brought out at the meeting that Company I is traditionally Wilmington and a part of the 30th Division which made outstanding records in two wars.

Former Chief Justice Spends Night In City And So To Bed

STEELMAN STUDIES OFFER FOR YARDS Delegation Assured Of Full Review At White House Parley

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—Senator Hoey (D-NC) said today a delegation was assured by Presidential Assistant John E. Steelman of a further investigation of uses of the North Carolina Ship Building yards at Wilmington before he makes recommendations to President Truman on disposal of the yards.

Hoey said the group requested a check independent of proposals by the U. S. Maritime commission to lease the yards and by the North Carolina State Ports authority to buy them.

Rep. Clark (D-NC) told reporters the commission and authority presented statements to Steelman regarding uses each would make of the property. He added “Steelman is considering the question of whether the property may consistently be made to serve both uses.”

Among those who attended today's White House conference here: Senators Hoey and Umstead (D-NC), Rep. Clark; Ports Authority Chairman R. E. Page of Wilmington; and W. C. Park, formerly with the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co.

It was while dining at the St. John's that he made the observation regarding Mr. Wilson.

Despite his 85 years, Mr. Hughes was as lively as a man much younger. He wore a Florida sun tan that undoubtedly had invigorated him and accentuated his stately bearing.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS Sis MELISSA'S GAL CAIN' DO NOTHIN' RIGHT — DAT CHILE JES' AIN' GOT NO KNOT IN HER TREAD!!



Illustration by Alley

British Scientists Make Warmest Panties To Date LONDON, March 26.—(AP)—British scientists claimed today they have developed from a coal derivative a fabric which will make possible the warmest panties in the history of lingerie.

A research technician of Imperial Chemical industries said the new fabric, Terylene, was invented last year and now is being subjected to exhaustive tests which have shown that it is equal to nylon in many ways. It was described as almost run-proof and indefinitely moth-proof.

Along The Cape Fear VALUABLE RECORDS—Thanks to Mr. R. L. Benson, popular town clerk of Wrightsville Beach, Along The Cape Fear is able to bring you some interesting items on the Grace Methodist Church, the famous edifice here which was recently seriously damaged by fire.

As a member of the church records committee, Mr. Benson along with Mr. A. E. Love assembled in 1936 much data about the church's history.

Great fire of 1886. The edifice was rebuilt at the new and present location, Fourth and Mulberry streets. It was named Grace Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Later the name of the street was changed from Mulberry to Grace Street in honor of the church which was one of the finest buildings in the Port City. With the union of the North and South branches of Methodist, together with the Methodist Protestant and other small branches assuming the name of Methodist Church, the correct name of the church here became the Grace Methodist Church.