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Big Four May End Session

Ministers See Little Hope For Treaties Unless Soviets Concede

MOSCOW, April 22.—(AP)—The United States, British and French Foreign Ministers waited tonight for Soviet Russia either to make concessions on the Austrian treaty and German question or shut the door on the Moscow conference.

Following another inconclusive secret session devoted to the Austrian treaty today, the four foreign ministers decided to turn tomorrow to final consideration of stalemated German questions.

Several sources said three secret meetings of Austria had not definitely ended hope that agreement on a treaty might be reached, but at the same time had failed to break the deadlock on vital issues.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has not met Western views on these questions, it was reported, but at the same time has not completely rejected them, leaving the deliberations hanging in the air.

Up To Molotov If any settlement is to be reached on Austria Molotov will have to take the initiative with concrete proposals, the informants added.

About the best that was hoped from the German discussions was that there would be sufficient basis of agreement to keep the foreign ministers deputies working between this council meeting and the next. Even this modest hope was not too robust, since the deputies on German questions have made virtually no progress since their session last winter in London.

The foreign ministers have not even agreed on the procedure for writing the German treaty, and the deputies cannot do much constructive until they know what nations are entitled to be represented on advisory committees and what powers these committees are to exercise.

The Russians still insist on a limited participation in the treaty making, but on the inclusion of Albania. The United States and Britain have remained firm on full participation by 18 nations, plus the big four, and the exclusion of Albania, U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall even has proposed that the treaty making be opened to 50 nations.

The whole session was summed up by one delegate without diplomatic trimmings. He said, "this conference is a mess."

FBI FINDS CACHE OF STOLEN GUNS

Army Weapons Found On Maryland Estate When G-Men Raid Place

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 22.—(AP)—The FBI announced tonight the recovery of 21 stolen army machine-guns in a raid on an estate near Ellicott City, Md., and named three men as the thieves.

The machine-guns were the bulk of 25 such weapons stolen from the Bush Field Air Corps supply depot near Augusta, Ga., April 14, Agent D. K. Brown of the Savannah FBI office announced.

G-men swooped down on the 400-acre Maryland estate last night, Brown said, and found 20 .50-caliber machine-guns and one of .30-caliber identified as those stolen from the Augusta depot. Four 50-caliber guns still were missing.

Three Men Named The estate was owned by Carl John Eisenhardt, Brown said, and Eisenhardt was charged with the theft of the guns along with J. Meredith Russell and Edward Browder. The three men were identified by name only and no further information about them was released, except that they have not been arrested.

In addition to the 21 stolen guns, the FBI found in the arsenal on Eisenhardt's estate a case of ammunition for the .30-caliber gun, a case of small arms ammunition and extra barrels and parts for the larger weapons, Brown said.

The FBI agent said the guns "undoubtedly" were flown to Ellicott City near Baltimore, in a former Army airplane which had been bought at a surplus sale at Bush Field. The guns had been stripped from war planes for separate sale.

The Weather

FORECAST: South and North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness and continued cool Wednesday. Thursday mostly cloudy and warmer, followed by scattered showers west portion. (Eastern Standard Time) By U. S. Weather Bureau. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. TEMPERATURES: 1:30 a. m. 54; 7:30 a. m. 45; 1:30 p. m. 54; 7:30 p. m. 51; Maximum 56; Minimum 48; Mer. 52. HUMIDITY: 1:30 a. m. 91; 7:30 a. m. 85; 1:30 p. m. 66; 7:30 p. m. 81. PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month 1.72 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY: (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) HIGH LOW Wilmington 11:23 a. m. 6:15 p. m. Masonboro 9:11 a. m. 3:17 p. m. Sunrise 5:31; Sunset 6:49; Moonset 7:17a; Moonrise 9:57p. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 1 p. m. Tuesday 14.6 feet. More Weather On Page Two

Grand Jury Report Hits School Plants

Numerous Physical Deficiencies Listed Including Unprotected Furnaces, Open Ditch, Leaking Roof

Numerous deficiencies in the physical plants of the county school system were revealed in a report of the New Hanover county grand jury yesterday.

The report, which was signed by J. C. Roe, foreman, recommended that the deficiencies be corrected. Judge Clawson L. Williams ordered a copy of the report be delivered to the board of education.

Deficiencies found were: Tilleston school: The wiring has not been inspected for some time, and "in our opinion this should be done immediately." The furnace in the old building should be enclosed with fire-proof material. The playgrounds should

Extremists Blow Up Train, Taking Toll Of 10 Lives

Nearly Two-Score Injured In Wreckage Of Fast Express Coaches

JERUSALEM, Palestine, April 22 (AP)—At least 10 persons, including 39 British soldiers were killed and six injured early today when Jewish extremists blew up 10 cars of the Egypt-Palestine express southeast of Tel Aviv.

Rescuers cutting through the twisted steel of the coaches, carrying both military and civilian passengers to Palestine, identified the bodies of six soldiers, two civilians and a three-year-old child. Parts of other bodies were hurled for yards on all sides of the right of way.

The soldiers and seven civilians were seriously injured. Another 20 soldiers and 10 civilians were less critically hurt. More victims still were trapped in the wreckage up to mid-afternoon and the casualty list was expected to lengthen.

Hidden in Grove Extremists hiding in an orange grove near the citrus center of Rehovot set off the blast with an electric cable after a squad of gunmen stopped the train with small arms fire. The explosives, laid in the track bed, ripped through the bottom of the cars. Three coaches burned after the blast.

Troops immediately began an intensive hunt. Dogs following the attackers' scent led them from the orange grove to the Yemelite community of Rehovot. The community was surrounded and all inhabitants screened and questioned.

The attack was believed carried out by a mixed group of Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern gang extremists who have sworn to avenge the execution of four of their members by a 10 to one toll. Previous attacks on highways and army camps have killed three Britons and wounded more than a dozen others.

Ship Halted Meanwhile British sailors boarded a Jewish illegal immigrant ship carrying some 800 refugees which was intercepted off Haifa. A British warship towed the refugee ship toward Haifa.

Bodies of two condemned extremists who cheated the gallows last night by blowing themselves up with smuggled explosives in their death cell were buried at 9 a. m. today in a single grave in an old cemetery on the Mount of Olives near Absalom's tomb.

Only 12 persons, including their

Father, Children Die When Fire Destroys Home Near Charleston

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 22.—(AP)—Murrett Joseph Brown, three of his daughters and a two-year-old son lost their lives in a pre-dawn fire which destroyed their home near Summerville this morning.

The fire was discovered by Brown who aroused the family and with some of the children escaped by jumping from the roof of a porch. However, the father dashed back into the burning house in an attempt to rescue the others and the five were trapped when the roof caved in.

Mrs. Brown carried the youngest child, an infant, to safety.

The dead are: Brown, 50, crane operator at the Charleston Navy yard. Ernestine, 21, employed in North Charleston. Jeaennette, 17, and Vernelle, 16, students at Berkeley High school, Moncks Corner.

Bailiff Unable To Wake Man From Dead; Case Off

Among other things, here's what sort of cases highlighted the second and final day of criminal proceedings in Judge Don Gilliam's Federal district court yesterday.

Sam Ballard, a Negro about to be called before the bar of justice found his case dropped when it was found he had been dead for four years. In the same case, however, Albert W. Formey, also a Negro, was given a 12-month sentence at Petersburg and a \$500 fine.

Allotment checks illegally received by Alma L. Hughes, 103 1-2 Princess street, from her soldier part-time husband, combined

be graded and filled in. Sewer water spouts should be repaired. New Sunset Park school pairs to the streets at this school are necessary. There is an open ditch at this school which is a hazard to the children. Chestnut High school rear of this school should be graded and filled in. Sewer water spouts should be repaired.

Lights Needed Castle Hayne school: Lights should be provided. Acorn Branch school: Lights should be provided. The building also needs extensive repairs. (Continued on Page Two, Col. 4)

SENATE BY 67 TO 23 VOTE, STAMPS APPROVAL ON GREEK-TURKISH LOAN; LITTLE CHANGE IN FOOD PRICES HERE

Survey Shows Fair Market Comparisons Indicate Small Increase On Some Items, Drop On Others

BY EARL HOWARD Star Staff Writer

Test of an Associated Press dispatch from New York received in Wilmington last night: "Prices came down today on such diverse things as butter and steel scrap, hogs and brass ingots, flour and women's blouses."

Price quotations on onions in a Wilmington retail food store last week—5 1-2 cents per pound; price quotations on the same type of onions in the same Wilmington retail food store in December 1946—3 1-2 cents per pound.

Associated Press from Washington last night—"Hogs flooded the Chicago market and prices dropped 75 cents to \$1.50 per hundredweight. Cattle, however, were up 25 cents and sheep 50 cents."

Statement of President Truman on October 14, 1946, upon announcing that price controls on meat were being lifted: "For many months representatives of the livestock and meat industries have insistently demanded the lifting of controls from their products. They have made the definite promise that the lifting of controls on livestock and meat would bring to market the meat which our people want at reasonable prices."

Meat Quotations Quotations on sirloin steak in a Wilmington retail food store last week—69 cents per pound; price quotations on sirloin steak, same grade, in the same Wilmington retail food store in December, 1946—65 cents per pound.

Statement of President Truman Monday, April 21, 1947: "Prices increases have been felt by every American family. No one needs to tell them how much the cost of living has gone up. Food—up 54 per cent above the 1945 average."

Quotation from Wilmington food store in July, 1945—Fresh carrots, two bunches, 17 cents; December, 1946—fresh carrots, two bunches, 19 cents. (Continued on Page Two, Col. 2)

REP. CLARK URGES CHANNEL REVIEW

Stabilization Of Banks Waterway To Ocean Via Masonboro Inlet Asked

Stabilization of Banks channel to the ocean by way of Masonboro inlet was requested yesterday in a resolution introduced in Congress by Rep. J. Bayard Clark.

Clark's resolution, presented to the House's public works committee, asked the committee to request a review of the channel by the board of engineers for rivers and harbors.

The review would be made, it was pointed out, to determine if it is advisable at this time to stabilize the waterway.

Clark said that Banks channel and also Masonboro inlet, were filling up to such an extent that fishing ships were hampered in plying back and forth through the channel.

Clark's resolution requested that an outlet be provided from the inland waterway by the way of Masonboro inlet.

He said that he was "very hopeful" that the committee would act favorably on the resolution and "authorize the board of engineers to go ahead with the review."

The resolution also called for deepening of the inland waterway from Beaufort to the Cape Fear river including the water to Jacksonville, N. C. (Continued on Page Two, Col. 4)



OUTSIDE THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY main building in Detroit, members of the police riot squad battle pickets to quell a riot which erupted when strikers attempted to stop an employee from entering the building. Women pickets (rear) scream as the cops wield their clubs on the heads of the strikers. One person was injured and a score of the pickets were arrested. (International Soundphoto.)

J. J. FARRAR CASE ENDS IN MISTRIAL

Jury After Lengthy Debate, Informs Judge No Agreement Possible

Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford, presiding jurist at the April special criminal term of Superior court here, declared a mistrial last night in the case of J. J. Farrar who was charged the influence of intoxicants.

The jury, which had returned at 3:45 p. m. yesterday after a 9 o'clock to announce that it could not agree upon a verdict.

When court reconvenes at 9:30 a. m. today the state will resume its case against Lavenia Nelson and George Porter, local Negroes, charged with the murder of their child.

According to the state's witnesses Lavenia and Porter were the parents of the month-and-a-half-old boy who died of malnutrition in the Community hospital on March 30 of this year.

Lesser Charge Clifton L. Moore of Burgaw, solicitor, told the court that he (Continued on Page Two, Col. 4)

Jews At Odds Over Palestine Session

GETS NEW HOME Jewish Agency, Hebrew Group Both Seek To Represent Race

JAMESTOWN, N. D., April 22.—(AP)—Teddy, hungry-striking Collie, today was on a new start in life on a farm "somewhere in North Dakota" after completing his rabies "parole" period successfully.

The dog, under torment, bit an eleven year old boy April 12. Police jailed Teddy for a 10 day period, but he refused to eat, until paroled to his original owners.

Having passed the rabies test, Teddy, who received a stack of mail offering him a home, today was turned over to a farmer, whose address remained a secret in order to give the dog a "fresh start in life."

ROUTINE MEETING WORRIES NEWSMEN

University Board Of Trustees Holds Session Behind Closed Doors

RALEIGH, April 22.—(AP)—A routine meeting of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina in Governor Cherry's office here today aroused intense speculation simply because the committee elected to hold its session behind closed doors.

Most guesses were that the committee was considering the situation at Chapel Hill where the arrest of four persons in connection with the state's laws requiring the segregation of white and colored passengers on buses and (Continued on Page Two, Col. 1)

HOUSE, SENATE PASS BILL EXTENDING FARM LABOR SUPPLY BILL

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—Compromise legislation extending the farm labor supply program for six more months, until December 31, was passed today by the House and Senate and sent to the President.

The program was started during the war-time labor shortage. It brought in foreign workers, largely from Mexico and Jamaica, to work on United States farms.

The house originally had voted to require liquidation of the program by the end of this year. The compromise grants an additional 30 days after the end of 1947 to close out the books.

Along The Cape Fear

OLD BADGE—A prized possession of Fire Chief J. Ludie Croom is a 70-year-old badge which goes back to the days of the Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of the Port City.

A. David was captain of the company in those days, according to Wilmington's No. 1 firefighter. And now you may ask, how did the badge come into the possession of the present chief of the fire department?

All, the badge, which is really a sight to see, was presented to Chief Croom by Lew Stein. According to Chief Croom the badge was originally an award for David's record in attending fire drills and other activities required of the members of the old hook and ladder company.

The badge is embossed with a bucket, ladder, wrecking tool or hook, and an ax.

SEARCH NEEDED—Mrs. Louis Shrier of 1509 Grace Street was thoughtful enough to drop by the office to leave us a clue to what may prove to be a mystery in our midst.

Military Aid Is Approved

Vandenberg Leads GOP-Controlled Chamber In Defeating Opposition

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—The Senate stamped approval, 67 to 23, today on a momentous new departure in U. S. foreign policy by voting a \$400,000,000 fund to stiffen Greece and Turkey against Communism.

The bill, which provides financial and limited military assistance to these two strategic nations, now goes to the House, where the Foreign affairs committee has approved a similar measure.

Before the Senate vote, Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) sought in vain to strike out a provision that President Truman may send military missions to Greece, and Turkey to instruct their armies in the use of military equipment to be furnished. The vote against him was 68 to 22.

Led by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), the GOP-controlled Senate bowed over vocal but numerically weak opposition to the new policy laid down by President Truman in a March 12 address to Congress.

Through five hours of torrid debate before voting began on amendments late in the afternoon, opponents assailed the Truman plan as one which would "destroy" the United Nations, invite retaliation by Russia and roll up tremendous expenditures which might bankrupt this nation.

"Green Light" Replying, Vandenberg told his colleagues that if Congress fails to act "aggression gets the green light and the rest of the world, including America, gets the red light."

Vandenberg called "inflammable" statements by Senator Johnson that the program can lead only to war with Russia.

"That statement, which has been made repeatedly by the Senator from Colorado, is an invitation to the precise disaster that this bill (Continued on Page Two, Col. 3)

AFL WILL FIGHT LAWS WITH ADS

President Green Announces \$1,500,000 Campaign In Newspapers

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—The AFL tonight launched a \$1,500,000 advertising campaign to combat what it called "repressive and restrictive" labor legislation.

A five-man committee was appointed to assess the 7,500,000 members of the AFL at least 15 cents each to finance the campaign. Full page advertisements will be run in newspapers generally throughout the nation, AFL President William Green told a news conference.

Green said the campaign would be intensified as the Congress works out a compromise between the House-approved Hartley bill and the measure committee. Senate debate begins tomorrow.

The AFL executive council, meeting here this week, issued a lengthy statement attacking the proposed legislation aimed at curbing labor union activities.

Invasion Of Liberty "The provisions in the pending legislation which would restore government by injunction constitute a direct invasion of fundamental American liberties," the executive council said.

"The black history of the abuses of the labor injunction by the courts in the past should serve as a bar against its future employment. To make kings of judges, as a recent decree—more royalistic than judicial—permitted, is repugnant to a free America."

Green told his news conference this reference was to the recent injunction issued at the government's request by Judge T. Alan Goldsborough against John L. Lewis' United Mine workers when they walked out last Nov. 21.

Gorilla Mauls Keeper In Movie Horror Style

PHILADELPHIA, April 22.—(AP)—The Philadelphia zoo's 400-pound, 21-year-old gorilla—Bamboo—broke out of his cage today, mauled a keeper in movie horror fashion and then fled back behind the bars as a stream of water was sprayed on his face.

The keeper, Ralph Davis, suffered lacerations of the scalp and injuries to the body after Bamboo, slipped through an open tunnel door leading to the outside cage the keeper was cleaning, picked him up and carried him to indoor cell.

And So To Bed

Yesterday afternoon a couple of newspapermen, visiting in a nearby community, wandered into a cafe for lunch.

After taking a table the men talked for nearly an hour, but the waitress seemed to ignore the customers. She was too busy playing the piccolo.

Finally the members of the fourth estate gave up and as they passed the cash register each took a toothpick. "Thank you gentlemen," the waitress said, "Come back again soon."

The men still are puzzled as to why they were not served. . . . and both were clean shaven too.