

Future Of UN In "Balance"

Fight Between Russia, U. S., Over Balkans Nears Crucial Test

LAKE SUCCESS, July 27.—(AP)—A week-long fight between Russia and the United States over the Balkan problem neared an end today with the future of the United Nations possibly hanging on the outcome.

A showdown test on the ability of the U. N. Security Council to act effectively in the peaceful settlement of disputes which might threaten world peace is expected to come Tuesday or not later than Thursday.

At that time the council will vote on a Russian-opposed U. S. proposal for establishing a semi-permanent border watch over the Balkans. The American plan was introduced after a U. N. inquiry commission found Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania primarily responsible in supporting guerrilla warfare in Greece.

U. N. delegates made no attempt to minimize the seriousness of the situation and some expressed the opinion that a defeat of the U. S. proposal would have grave effects on the world organization.

All delegates looked to Russia for the answer. They agreed that the Soviet alone holds the power to strengthen or weaken the council's position in world affairs.

Delegates were divided on whether Russia would veto the commission plan or abstain from voting and permit the creation of a border watch. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko may express his disapproval by abstention, because of the consequences a veto might bring. This idea gained among certain delegates after he and Russia's three satellites argued last week that even if the commission were established, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania would not be bound to cooperate with it.

Decisions Binding

This argument involves an interpretation of the U. N. charter and is expected to be threshed out further tomorrow. The majority of council members agree with the U. S. interpretation that decisions taken by the Security Council are binding on all parties.

In answering Gromyko and the three Soviet satellites, U. S. Deputy Delegate Herschel V. Johnson warned them that if they ignored a decision of the council they would lay themselves open to the strongest enforcement measures.



FULL-BLOODED Blackfoot Indian from Montana, Boy Scout Earl Old Person enjoys some milk as he waits to board the U. S. Army transport General C. H. Muir at Staten Island, N. Y. Earl along with over 1,000 other American Scouts, is en route to the Boy Scout World Jamboree being held at Moisson, France. (International)

DE GAULLE HITS AT COMMUNISTS

French Leader Blames Moscow For "Alarming" World Situation

RENNES, France, July 27.—(AP)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle said today that Russia was responsible for the "alarming" world situation and charged French Communists with "exclusively" serving Moscow's orders.

Russia, he said in an address here, dominates a bloc of 400,000,000 people bordering on Sweden, Turkey and Italy and whose frontier is only 500 kilometers (300 from ours).

"Combining her military and economic pressure with the interior action of men who are entirely submissive to her," De Gaulle said, "Soviet Russia has already established, or is trying to establish by intermediaries, a regime of totalitarian dictatorship, which is only the dependence and emanation of its own, on certain allied nations—Poland, Yugoslavia, Albania—or on certain defeated countries—Prussia, Saxony, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria."

He added that Russia "holds at her discretion Czechoslovakia, Finland, Romania and Poland."

De Gaulle accused French Communists of sponsoring strikes and playing class against class in France and her empire, "while our future is engaged in a very dangerous international duel and by force an enormous Eastern bloc is forming in Europe."

He declared that the French Communist party was made up of men "who have taken a vow of obedience to the orders of a foreign enterprise of domination."

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POLICE USE GAS TO CAPTURE MAN

Retired Jeweler Locks Self In Home After Shooting Up Household

MAPLEWOOD, N. J., July 27.—A 76-year-old man, who barricaded himself in the cellar of his home after shooting his son to death and critically wounding his wife and daughter-in-law, was captured today in a gun and tear gas battle. Police Captain Harold Dowd said.

Dowd said Frederick F. Dieter, Sr., retired jeweler, in a signed statement to police, described how he attempted to kill his entire family and planned to take his own life after brooding over the construction of an apartment building on his 30-year-old home at 22 Meadowbrook Place.

Dowd said no charges had been filed.

Dieter, Sr., was held under police guard at Irvington General Hospital, with bullet wounds in the head and right hand. Dowd said pending further police investigation.

Dowd said the son, Frederick, Jr., 59, was shot in the head while the sister, Dieter, Sr.'s wife, Lena, 66, was shot in the neck, and Frederick, Jr.'s wife, Mary, 47, also was wounded in the neck. The women were at Irvington General hospital.

Dog Wound

The family's 14-year-old Collie dog, Peggy, also was wounded by a shot in the head.

A neighbor who heard the screams of Mrs. Dieter, Sr., ran next door and roused Police Lieutenant Charles Buechele, home on vacation. He summoned radio cars.

Police Captain George Gitt and radio squad arrived. Dowd said Gitt called for Dieter to come out of the house. Dieter opened

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FARMERS INCOME AT WARTIME PEAK

Food Prices Could Come Down Eight Per Cent To Hit Support Levels

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—The Commerce department said today that if farm prices were to fall the limit allowed by the government's support program, the price of food to the housewife would drop an average of six to eight percent.

It also said the farmers would still be assured of cash income equal to high wartime levels—about \$20,000,000,000 a year.

Actually, a department analysis said the record prices now being obtained for farm products will swell this year's farm income above even the record \$25,000,000,000 the farmers collected last year.

These high prices make it largely unnecessary for the government to do much under its support program. The Commerce department estimated the general farm price level would have to drop about 25 percent to reach the price support level.

The support level is determined by taking into account not only the prices of what the farmers sell but also prices of things they buy.

Honeymooners Praise Their Beloved Lizzie

MINNEAPOLIS, July 27.—(AP)—An 81-year-old couple who drove here from Seattle, Wash., in a red model 1921 Ford, were remarried today at their 56th wedding anniversary party in Minneapolis.

More than 400 relatives and friends from the West and Midwest were at the park when spym, smiling Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hiescher chugged up in their beloved Lizzie.

They insisted that the car, "the most valuable part of our household," be parked nearby during the simple wedding ceremony.

"It is part of our household," Hiescher said. "The Ford Motor company offered us a brand new model in exchange for our car, but we wouldn't part with it for anything."

Mrs. Hiescher smiled and squeezed her husband's arm.

"It has given us so much fun, we've never had time to quarrel," she said. "We think almost as much of it as we do of our family."

The Ford is the only car the Hieschers have owned or driven.

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Truman Pays Complimentary Visit

to Casket Of His Beloved Mother

GRANDVIEW, Mo., July 27.—(AP)—President Truman today paid a last, long visit to his well-loved mother before her funeral tomorrow.

Mrs. Martha Ellen Truman, whose 94-year-old heart quietly stopped beating yesterday, lay in a gray casket in the old-fashioned sitting-room of her small cottage here.

A few "very close friends" were admitted to pay neighborly respects to Mrs. Truman, who was clothed for her last journey in a blue dress ornamented with a dicker in a fashion decades-old.

Putting aside the affairs of state completely, the son, whose mother "never thought he would be President, but he'll be a good one," gave himself over to sorrow and strict seclusion at the summer White House in Independence last night and this morning.

Then at 9:45 a. m. (CST)—very late for the President to be getting about—the White House limousine rolled away for the 25-mile trip through rolling farm country to Grandview.

In the rear seat with the grave-faced Chief Executive was his daughter Margaret. They were followed by a single Secret Service car.

Reporters, halted two blocks away, did not see the President enter his mother's house, the house to which he flew from Washington yesterday because "she sat up with me many times when I needed her."

Mrs. Truman died of heart failure shortly before noon yesterday when her distinguished son was hardly an hour aloft. Her funeral service will be read—for the family only—by the Rev. Welborn Bowman of the near-by Grandview Baptist church at 3 p. m. tomorrow. Burial, by her request, will be beside her husband, John A. Truman, in Kansas City's Forest Hill cemetery.

By Mrs. Truman's wish there will be no flowers. She said they should go to "people who were alive to appreciate them." Neither will Washington's officialdom be on hand, for even friends will not be present at tomorrow's private sorrow of the Truman clan.

But hundreds upon hundreds of messages of condolence for the President poured into the summer White House at Independence and the Muehlebach hotel where Mr. Truman's staff is housed in Kansas City. They came from foreign rulers, from cabinet officers and from humble friends.

Day Of Mourning

W. H. Little, the mayor of Grandview, population 1,200 declared tomorrow a "day of mourning" and declared that stores and business places remain closed. Flags throughout the community were flown at half mast in respect to its most famous citizen.

But for two blocks in every direction from the little house

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Union Plans Destruction Of Acreages

Plantation Workers Set To Make "Fire Ocean" Of Acreages

BATAVIA, Java, July 27.—(AP)—The Indonesians threatened tonight to transform the rich plantations of western Java into "roaring oceans of fire," as the Dutch announced that Netherlands troops with tank and plane support had sealed off that end of the island.

Members of the Plantation Workers union resolve to fire 500 rubber, quinine, tea and coffee plantations in Western Java if the Dutch moved against these estates, the Indonesian news agency Antara said.

Soeparno, a union official, was quoted as saying if these estates were set afire the Dutch would have to send more than 500,000 laborers from the Netherlands and work for more than 10 years to restore production. He added: "Let no Dutchman nurse the illusion he will ever find his plantations and estates in an undamaged condition."

While the Dutch tightened their grip on the Western end of the island, other units quickly expanded their bridgehead on the Northern coast by occupying Tegall, 175 miles Southeast of Batavia, a Dutch communiqué said. In this operation, Dutch Marines went ashore and joined with Army units which had thrust overland from the West.

But the Indonesians implied the

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UNIONISTS UNITE TO BEAT PRICES

CIO, 6,000,000 Strong, Joins AFL To Form Co- operative Stores

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—The CIO tonight joined the AFL in a united labor drive to force down prices by organizing consumer cooperative stores.

It told its 6,000,000 members in a pamphlet prepared by the organization's research department that their ownership of retail stores that distribute goods, as well as the plants that make them, "means a chance to wipe out monopolies and production restrictions."

"The dollars we now spend with private corporations often go to support people who oppose labor's program at every point," it said. "Cooperative ownership turns that support in our direction and can put the power of big industry on our side instead of on the side of reaction."

The Labor department reported last week that consumer living costs reached a new high of 18 per cent above a year ago.

The CIO noted that it already has several cooperatives operating as going concerns. At the same time, an AFL official said that members of that body are forming new co-ops in response to its advice of two weeks ago.

It advised the stores to throw their doors open "to anyone in the community who believes in what the workers are doing, whether he belongs to the union or not." Otherwise, it said, in the event of a strike the co-op may dissipate its funds and go broke.

The CIO said Labor department statistics show that consumer cooperatives in 1945 did a business of \$657,500,000. T. A. Tenhune, general manager of National Cooperatives, Inc., said in New York last week that estimated retail sales in 1946 were \$698,520,633.

GENERAL MOTORS WILL RECALL MEN

Return Of 115,000 Workers One Bright Spot In Labor Picture

DETROIT, July 27.—(AP)—General Motors corporation will recall 115,000 production workers tomorrow after a week's layoff because of a critical steel shortage, but that was the only bright spot in the turbulent auto labor scene tonight.

Nearly 20,000 other workers were idle in strikes and related shut-downs and GM officials said another 85,000 workers faced one-week layoffs in feeder plants outside Michigan in the next three weeks.

A five-day strike of 7,500 members of the CIO Auto Workers union at Murray Corporation of America brought a threat of steadily widening shutdowns at Ford Motor company, where Lincoln and Mercury operations were suspended "indefinitely" Friday and 4,500 workers laid off. Ford buys 70 per cent of Murray auto parts output.

A cumulative walkout of the CIO United Rubber workers at the United States Rubber company came to a climax yesterday with 7,500 workers on strike.

The Murray walkout, though a comparatively minor one in number of workers affected, loomed as the opening battle in a fight against the UAW against clauses of the Taft-Hartley law making unions responsible for wild-cat strikes.

Along The Cape Fear

BACK AGAIN—A. P. Reader is back with us again. This time he has discarded his name of A. P. Reader and is signing his messages, "A Subscriber."

How does Along the Cape Fear know A. P. Reader and A. Subscriber are one and the same? By his stationery, of course.

Each time he writes, two things are similar. First, he always calls attention to an alleged error in the column and second, he always writes as if he has pasted some lined notepaper the exact size of the card.

The printing is the same, too.

LAST TIME—The last time he invested a penny and wrote to the column he claimed that C. D. Maffitt was wrong and that the Cape Fear River never froze over hard enough for a man to walk across it.

This time his reference is to a recent story about a man who died and was buried in Oakdale cemetery. The story tells of how the man, a victim of delirium tremens, requested that snakes be carved on his tombstone. The snakes were to represent the rep-

He saw so often in his d. t. nightmares.

Now comes A. Subscriber or A. P. Reader, it doesn't make any difference, and contends that ATCF does not stoop to corrections.

But we'll show him. We are going to run his entire message.

HERE IT IS—"Chalk up just another erroneous statement for your column of misinformation," he writes. "A few minutes for a visit to Oakdale cemetery would have shown you that the name of the man buried there was not the 'Lassiter'. No use to give you the correct family name or the real facts responsible for the monument. Corrections represent a virtue foreign to your column. Since people clip your paragraphs for scrapbooks, it is inconceivable why you mislead them almost daily. A Subscriber."

SELFISH—Now, Mr. Subscriber is a selfish person indeed. He is known the real facts surrounding the story and yet he prefers to keep them himself, all the while

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Angry Political Debate Features Closing Hours Of Senate Session; Indonesians Threaten "Fire" Orgy

Adjourment Comes Sunday

Lawmakers In Upper Chamber Toil Until Wee Morning Hours

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—The 80th Congress closed its first session today in the heat of an angry Senate political battle over President Truman's nomination that left six of them unconfirmed.

Plans for the Saturday adjournment flew out the window and Congress worked on Sunday for the first time in the memory of veteran Capitol officials. It was 3:49 a. m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) and the Senate had been sitting more than 16 hours when the final gavel fell.

The House had gone home soon after midnight. Its members, too, should partisan charges and counter-charges at other, principally on the economy issue. Rep. Taber (R-N.Y.) put the savings engineered by the GOP-controlled Congress at \$4,995,000,000. Rep. Rayburn (D-Tex.) said they came to \$1,000,000,000, and other Republicans and Democrats mentioned varying sums in between.

But in the final hours the House gave itself over to back-slapping, hand-shaking and song. Three of waiting for the Senate to wind up, the members finally adopted their adjournment resolution and departed.

Recesses Congress

The resolution, passed later in the Senate too, recesses Congress until Jan. 2 and empowers the Republican leadership to call a special session if "in their opinion legislative expediency shall warrant it." On Jan. 2, a Friday, the session will be formally adjourned, and the new session will open the following Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Senate confirmed James V. Forrestal as the first secretary of defense under the armed forces unification act, Philip B. Paulson of Baltimore as solicitor general, and a batch of postmasters.

But it did not act on these: Abe Murdock, former Democratic Senator from Utah, and J. Copeland Gray of New York as members of the National Labor Relations board.

Robert N. Denham of Washington as general counsel of the board.

Burton B. Hulhing of Washington as a member of the Federal Power commission.

Charles M. Eldridge as United States Marshal for Rhode Island. James Boyd of Colorado as director of the Federal Bureau of Mines. Boyd was opposed by John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers.

Mr. Truman can give them appointments enabling them to serve during the recess and submit their names again for confirmation next session.

The heated political fight over

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Derby Racers Will Weigh-In Today; Inspection To Follow

Bank Depositors Issue \$201,000,000 In Checks

Today is weighing-in and inspection day for upwards of 40 boys between the ages of 11 and 15 years who will compete Wednesday afternoon in the second annual Wilmington All-American Soap Box Derby over the 650-foot Derby Downs course on South 13th street.

From 9:00 o'clock this morning until 9:00 o'clock this afternoon, the Toledo Scale company office at the corner of 10th and Princess street will be a busy spot as Official Weighmaster Edward S. checks the weights of boys and cars. Cars will be placed on the scales first, then boy and car will be weighed together to see that they do not exceed the official allowable poundage which has been set at 250 by national headquarters.

As fast as cars have been weighed and driver's licenses attached to them, they will be taken by truck tonight by the official inspection committee. Driver's license will be issued to the boy drivers as they report for weighing in at the Toledo Scale company office.

Entrants Excluded

Inspection will get underway promptly at 7:30 behind closed doors and only a few Derby officials will be admitted to the proceedings. All cars will be in charge of the Soap Box Derby official board from the time they pass the weighmaster until one hour before parade time on Wednesday morning.

Parents of boys will be excluded, as will the entrants from the inspection hall, but all contestants

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IN DISTRESS

HARWICH, England, July 27.—(AP)—Maritime authorities said tonight the Dutch ship Meelberg was in trouble off the East coast of England with several hundred passengers aboard.

The nature of the ship's difficulty was not determined immediately. A tug went to its assistance from Harwich.

The Meelberg is a 2,907-ton, twin-screw vessel. Its home port is Flushing, The Netherlands.

PRESS HEADLINES CRISIS WARNINGS

British Speakers Paint Doleful Picture Of Economic Situation

LONDON, July 27.—(AP)—Crisis warnings by leaders of all political parties were headlined in the British press today as Prime Minister Attlee prepared to give an account of his stewardship to Labor members of Parliament.

Weekend speeches by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, Deputy Conservative leader Anthony Eden, Liberal Lord Beveridge and Arthur Horner, Communist general secretary of the National Union of Mine Workers, added up to a dark picture.

Britons—Already short of food, fuel, houses and other necessities, to say nothing of most luxuries—will have to pull their belts considerably tighter next winter and in years to come unless the near-miraculous happens; and—

Britain—Already pulling out of India, Burma and Greece—will have to reduce its armed forces and overseas commitments much further unless the home front stiffens to a degree not in sight.

Labor M. P.'s who want the Prime Minister to bring this picture before the public in "blood

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BASEMENT DRIPS REAL HARD CASH

Coins Dated Before Emper- or Hadrian Seep Into Cellar Of Old Castle

ROME, July 27.—(AP)—Dr. Gail K. Meadows has a leak in the basement of his summer home. It's dripping money.

But Dr. Meadows professor of romance languages at Amherst College, Mass., who is spending the summer in a sixth century palace at Piazza Della Pigna, must turn the money over to the government under Italian law.

Experts say the seepage into his cellar comes from the Fountain of Trevi, a half mile away. Tourists toss coins into it because legend says that is the way to insure one's return to Rome.

There's another little catch, though. The fountain was built in the seventeenth century and the coins which drip into Dr. Meadows' basement date from the time of Emperor Hadrian, centuries before that.

SENATOR UMSTEAD PUTS BILL OVER

North Carolinian Gets Credit For Cape Fear Dredging Approval

North Carolina Representative J. Bayard Clark said last night that the Rivers and Harbors Appropriations bill passed by Congress Saturday night was chiefly due to the work of Senator William B. Umstead.

The full budget request of \$300,000 to continue widening and deepening the Cape Fear river at aid below Wilmington cleared both houses after traveling back and forth several times, he said.

Senator Umstead had the bill for \$200,000 passed in the Senate.

Representative Clark had the House of Representatives to pass the \$100,000 appropriations bill for the present project to make a total of \$300,000 for continuation of the deepening and widening the river.

Navy Corpsmen Render Aid To Wreck Victims

And So To Bed

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 25.—(AP)—The 15 sailors had only a first-aid kit. But they set up a field hospital in an abandoned sawmill beside the road. They made splints from scraps of boards found on the mill. They ripped off their own shirts for bandages and slings.

"I never saw anything like it for speed, even in the war," said Carroll Burke, a Savannah plunger who witnessed the rescue operations. Burke gave the sailors his own shirt for bandage.

As soon as the victims were trussed up in splints, the sailors carried them into the sawmill to

The west holds the claim for producing the tallest man. A little known as the Amazon holding the claim of producing the tallest woman—but Mrs. J. F. Reed of Greenville, S. C. can hold the present day claim for the largest cucumber.

The cucumber in question weighed 2 1/2 pounds and was a little over a foot in length. It was planted in a hedgerow, and when the finished cucumber was found, it was growing in a tree.

There's an old saying that money doesn't grow on trees, but on occasions, an orchard, you can't say the same thing about cucumbers.

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The Weather

FORECAST:
North Carolina and South Carolina—Partly cloudy and continued warm Monday and Tuesday, with a few widely scattered afternoon or evening thundershowers.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday:

Temperatures
8:30 a. m., 74; 7:30 a. m., 72; 1:30 p. m., 78; 7:30 p. m., 78

Humidity
8:30 a. m., 95; 7:30 a. m., 96; 1:30 p. m., 78

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches.

Tides for Today
From the Tide Tables Published by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

High Low
Wilmington 6:50a 1:02a
Newport 6:47a 1:11a
Manteo 6:44a 1:14a
Wrightsville 6:41a 1:17a
Sunset 7:15; Moonset 12:44.

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