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Reds To Pick New Head Of Government

New 5-Year Plan Given Approval; Atom Work Tops

Moscow, March 19.—(AP)—The Supreme Soviet, the Russian parliament in a final session tonight was expected to elect a head of the government of the USSR, which now has enthroned officially upon a new five year plan.

Throughout the war, Generalissimo Joseph Stalin as chairman of the council of peoples commissars has been head of the government. Earlier in this session the Supreme Soviet decided to change the title of the head of the government to chairman of the council of ministers but the nature of the job is unchanged. Stalin became chairman of the council of peoples commissars May 6, 1941 by decree of the presidium. Previous to his nomination, M. V. Molotov had held the post along with that of commissar of foreign affairs.

To Boost Production.

The new five year plan is designed to place Russia in the forefront among the users of atomic energy and to boost industrial production to one and a half times the pre-war level by 1950.

The plan, which was presented last Friday to the supreme Soviet by the head of the state planning department was adopted unanimously by both houses of the Russian parliament.

Under the measure, annual iron production would be increased to 19,000,000 tons; steel, 25,000,000 tons; coal 250,000,000 tons; oil 55,000,000 tons; and electric power, 35,000,000 kilowatt hours. Expenditures for education would be hiked to the equivalent of about \$13,333,000,000.

Hershey Doesn't Want Time Limit On Draft Measure

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Extension of the draft law for an indefinite period, with service of inductees limited to 18 months, was recommended today to the House Military Committee by selective service.

The recommendations were made in a letter to Chairman May (D) of Kentucky from Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service.

Immediately after its receipt the committee voted to start hearings. Thursday on legislation to extend the draft law. Army officials will be the first witnesses, at the hearings which will not be open to the public.

Officials said Hershey recommended that the extension should be for an indefinite period subject to cancellation by the President or Congress.

Locke Appointed Truman Assistant

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—President Truman has appointed Edwin A. Locke, Jr., as a special presidential assistant.

The White House announced today that Locke, 35-year-old native of Boston, will work with the President on governmental reorganization, among other duties.

Locke, a former executive assistant to Donald M. Nelson, both when the latter was War Production Board chairman and later when he was the President's personal representative on economic problems of China, will also be available for assignment in that theatre.

Dispute Over E.C.T.C. Head Viewed As Hurting Institution

BY LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, March 19.—Pitt county visitors in Raleigh Monday reported a good bit of disappointment around Greenville over failure of the East Carolina Teachers College trustees to settle the matter of a president. Dr. L. E. Spikes, superintendent of schools at Burlington, was elected to the post last week, contingent upon salary adjustment and action of the Burlington school board in releasing Spikes from a contract with more than a year to run.

What the Greenville folks dislike most is emphasis placed on the money angle. The presidency carries a salary of \$8,000, plus a home and other perquisites to make the equivalent of \$7,500 salary. Spikes is said to be getting through local tax supplements and private contributions. The figure of \$10,000 has been mentioned in connection with the ECTC

WHEN A FELINE NEEDS A FRIEND



AS LONG AS THEY HAVE "JUDY," the English bulldog, this mother cat and her three kittens will never need another friend. "Judy," owned by Mrs. Frances Gray, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has adopted the feline family and shows her formidable teeth when strangers attempt to approach. She helps give them their daily bath. (International Soundphoto)

Senate Leaders Debate Shelving Wage Measure

Agency Told Two Nations' Famine Tale

Atlantic City, N. J., March 19.—(AP)—Spokesmen for China and Greece told today the story of starvation and suffering in their lands and appealed for continued aid to prevent the present crisis from becoming an even greater calamity.

China's Tsingtao F. Tsang reported to delegates from 41 nations at UNRRA's council meeting that "famine and starvation actually has begun" in his country—acute in some areas that people are eating grass.

"The actual state of affairs is far worse than had been estimated," he said. "Food will have to be supplied for another season. But let us all realize, we can not meet more than one half the need."

The Greek delegate, Kyriacos Varvaresos, said that only a small proportion of the Greek needs have been met, and said that people have been dropping in the streets from hunger, children starving from lack of food.

Two Large Unions, U. S. Chamber Back Loan For Britain

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—The United States Chamber of Commerce, the CIO and AFL giving similar reasons, urged Congress today to approve the proposed \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain.

President Eric Johnston, endorsing the credit on behalf of the chamber, said:

"We believe that this agreement with the United Kingdom will assist in expanding markets, thereby providing jobs for Americans and because these expanding markets lead to friendship and avoid the frictions which lead to war."

Truman Reaffirms Nation's Support Of UNO Charter

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—President Truman told Congress today the United States must seek to perfect the United Nations charter or "betray the trust" of those who fought for lasting peace.

In a report on the activities of the United States delegation to the recent UNO meeting in London, he said:

"The United States supports the charter. The United States supports the fullest implementation of the principles of the charter. The United States seeks to achieve the purposes of the charter. And the United States seek to perfect the charter as experience lights the way.

"To do less than our utmost in this essential effort of peace loving nations, whatever may be the difficulties, would be a betrayal of the trust of those who fought to win the opportunity to have a world at least with peace and security, and well be to give new and full expression to the meaning of 'America' to the world."

Labor Idle In Country At New Low

558,000 Are Out Due To Disputes; More Going Back

(By The Associated Press.)
The nation's idle because of labor disputes was today at the lowest figure in more than two months, 558,000, with further drops indicated, possibly to below 400,000.

A threatened coal strike of 400,000 miners on April 1 was the darkest cloud on the labor scene. Although John L. Lewis, president of the AFL-Union Mine Workers has filed a strike notice on behalf of the workers, union officials and soft coal operators neared actual contract negotiations.

The ranks of the idle, which in January hit a near record high of a million and a half, were further reduced today as a few of the 175,000 General Motors strikers went back to work after 119 days of idleness.

Plants Are Prepared.

With ratification of the settlement by the CIO United Auto Workers unofficially assured, maintenance and foundry employees in the G. M. plants in Saginaw, Mich., were called back to prepare the plants for the forthcoming back to work call.

However, employees in at least 18 plants remained on strike over unsettled local issues, and in Flint, Mich., a mass picket line was ordered set up around the huge Buick division, the company's largest plant.

Endorse Settlement.

Forty nine of the 96 G. M. locals have endorsed by a heavy vote the national settlement reached in Detroit last week as additional locals voted today on the terms which included an 11.5 cents an hour wage increase. A Baltimore, Md., local was the only dissenter thus far.

Employees in 31 plants awaited management's call to go back to their jobs.

In Washington, there was no immediate indication when Lewis would begin the closed door negotiations with the operators to discuss his nine general demands and the four counter proposals of the producers.

Elsewhere along the labor front, no major developments were reported.

Pact Approved By Auto Union

Detroit, March 19.—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers today announced ratification of the national agreement with General Motors which followed the 133-day nationwide strike against G. M. plants.

Vice President Walter Reuther, head of the union's G. M. department, and strike leader, made the announcement to Vice President Harry Anderson of G. M. in a letter.

Sufficient approval votes already had been cast by UAW-CIO locals to assure overwhelming acceptance of the national agreement.

WILMINGTON WOMAN GIVEN FIVE YEARS

Wilmington, March 18.—(AP)—Judge R. Hunt Parker today sentenced Mrs. Corene Graham Collins to serve three to five years in prison for the knife slaying of her neighbor, Mrs. Edward F. Bordeau, last Feb. 10.

FRIENDLY SONS 'ADOPT' TRUMAN



PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN became the first President since George Washington to be "adopted" as an honorary member of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at its annual dinner in Washington. Here the Chief Executive is shown shaking hands with James E. Collier, president of the Friendly Sons, after he received the gold lifeline, president of the society, a facsimile of the one presented to Washington in Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 18, 1781. (International Soundphoto)

Held in Slaying



MUCH-DECORATED Army veteran Leo J. Mleczo is shown in the Dunkirk, N. Y., jail, following his arrest in the death of Mrs. Lydia C. Warner, 47, mother of three children. Mleczo was pointed out by Mrs. Warner, before she died of her injuries, as the man who attacked her at the lonely railroad tower, where she had taken over the job of her invalid husband. (International)

Fast Senate Approval Of Baruch Seen

Senators Pleased By Appointment Of Old Friend

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Pleased senators today forecast speedy approval of President Truman's appointment of Bernard Baruch—an old friend who has their confidence—as American representative on the United Nations atomic energy commission.

At the same time, the President was reported to have sent word that interested legislators are going to be kept fully informed of progress in the attempt to set up international atomic controls.

This question has been worrying some senators who have insisted that the United States must not share the atomic bomb secret until air tight methods are found to prevent its secret manufacture by a potential aggressor.

Chairman Connally (D) of Texas said the Foreign Relations Committee will act Wednesday on the nomination of Baruch who he said will take "no pre-disposed views" into his new job.

Baruch, 75-year-old park bench statesman announced in New York "I will accept."

CHINESE AT DAIREN REBUFFED BY REDS

Chungking, March 19.—(AP)—A new attempt to secure Chinese access to the Manchurian port of Dairen—designed a free port by the Soviet treaty—has been rebuffed by the Russians.

The ranking Chinese officer at Chungking raised the question of unloading relief supplies for Manchuria at Dairen but was told by the chief of staff for the Russian commander that this question should be given to Moscow.

New Protest Against Russia Filed By Iran With U.N.O. Council

Secretary General, Now In Washington, Receives Complaint

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Iran has filed a new protest with the United Nations security council against continued presence of Russian troops in that country, an Iranian embassy official said today.

Gholam Abbas Aram, first secretary of the embassy told a reporter that Ambassador Hussein Ala delivered the protest to Tevye Lie, UNO secretary general who is now in Washington.

Ala acted on instructions from Premier Ahmed Qavam-Es-Sultanaeh in Tehran, Aram declared.

Russian troops, sent into Iran during the war to establish a supply route from the Persian Gulf area, had been scheduled to leave Iran by March 2. Instead they remained there and more troops are reported entering the small Middle East country daily.

The United States Government has received word from its representative in Iran that Russian officials in Tehran were attempting to dissuade Qavam from making the protest to the security council.

King States Russia Made Canada Base

Ottawa, March 19.—(AP)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King told parliament last night that his government was gravely concerned over Russian espionage activities which he said had extended through the Dominion into the U. S. and Britain but he frowned on the idea of an open break between Canada and Russia.

Voicing his belief that Generalissimo Stalin was ignorant of the spy activities, King emphasized Canada's desire for "only the best of relations with the Russians."

A tense house heard the 90 minute address in which the prime minister reviewed the course of his government's investigation into an alleged Russian spy plot, the first inkling of which was given by King himself last Feb. 15 in a public statement that caused a sensation in Britain and the U. S. as well as Canada.

He told the house that documents seized by the espionage investigation "disclosed among other things that Canada was being made a base to secure information on matters of very great and grave concern to the United States and also to Britain."

State's Leaf Average Last Year \$44.01

Raleigh, March 19.—(AP)—State department of Agriculture records today noted sales last season of 787,617,355 pounds of blue-cured and burley tobacco by North Carolina farmers for a total of \$346,668,313 for an average of \$44.01 a pound.

The season saw new records in both poundage and total income. The average price was the best since 1919, when it was \$49.20 a pound for a 20,683,000-pound crop.

Paris Told Again U. S. Opposes UNO Hearing On Spain

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Secretary of State James Byrnes said today the United States is notifying France again of its opposition to putting the Franco government on trial before the United Nations security council.

France last week asked this nation to reconsider.

France and Russia favor a council hearing on the present regime in Spain. The United States and Britain oppose it.

Lint Futures Up Slight At Noon

New York, March 19.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale lower to ten cents higher. Noon prices were 10 to 45 cents a bale higher. May 26.67, July 26.81, October 26.69.

	Pv. Close	Open
May	26.75	26.74
July	26.79	26.73
October	26.64	26.63
December	26.61	26.61
March (1947)	26.58	26.60
May (1947)	26.50	26.51

Stripping on Log



THERE'S NO TRICK to taking off your clothes. But try doing it while rolling a log as Marietta Terrill is doing here at the Outdoors Show in Philadelphia's Convention Hall. Marietta does a neat, if modified strip tease, while balancing on the slippery log. (International)

New Fight Flares In Manchuria

Marines Expect To Fly More Troops To Trouble Zone

Chungking, March 19.—(AP)—Chinese communists have broken through government defenses at the rail junction town of Szepingkat, 100 miles north of Mukden, and street fighting is occurring, the Central Daily News reported today.

A semi-official dispatch from Changchung reported the chief of staff to Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky, Russian commander in Manchuria, had told the Chinese that Russian forces would be responsible for protecting Chinese Government officials only in areas garrisoned by the Russians. The Chinese commander had requested protection for those assigned to administer Manchuria.

The Daily News said the Communists retreated into Szepingkat after strong attacks against the small government garrison there. It charged the weak government position was due to Russian withdrawal Saturday without notice.

(Associated Press Correspondent Olen Clements radioed from Tientsin that U. S. marines there expected their planes would be utilized to fly more Chinese government troops to Manchuria.)

(Clements also said dispatches to the newspaper Ta Kung Pao reported that Chinese Communists are seizing Changtso, Tieling and Kaiyuan.)

Madrid Declares America Sought To Invade Spain

Madrid, March 19.—(AP)—The Spanish Government in a meeting charge with counter charge, declared today that the United States planned an invasion of the Iberian peninsula in 1943 and carried on espionage in Spanish North Africa in 1943.

The foreign ministry, in a 5,000-word reply to the U. S. State Department white's book of March, accusing Spain of co-operating with the axis during the war, flatly denied the charges and added:

"The conduct of Spain toward the United States during the war and post-war years has been irreproachable."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy and little temperature change tonight. Occasional rain east portion. Wednesday partly cloudy and slightly warmer.