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Outlook For UN Success Is Brighter

Assessment Payment Seen As Indication Of Red Cooperation

New York, April 1.—(AP)—Russia's payment of her dues to the United Nations gave a boost today to hopes that the security council soon would be running on full term basis.

It has been one man short since Wednesday when Russian Delegate Andrei Gromyko walked out in protest against the council's refusal to defer the Iranian question until April 10.

Members of the other 10 delegations could count three developments in favor of their hope Russia might and what one official called a temporary absence, and resume its place on the council when that body reconvenes Wednesday. These were:

1. The news from Moscow that Russia had paid in full her \$1,723,000 assessment for the United Nations working capital. She was the first member power to do so.

2. Boris Stein, alternate Russian delegate, has been working steadily—and most conveniently, other members said—on the council committee which is drafting rules for the conduct of business.

3. Similarly, the Russians have taken part in meetings of the military staff committee which is working on plans for an international force to keep the peace.

RUSSIAN INTENTION TO STAY EMPHASIZED.

Moscow, April 1.—(AP)—Russia's explicit intention to remain a working member in the United Nations is being reaffirmed in many quarters in Moscow every day.

Two foreign representatives in diplomatic posts said today they had received strong though unofficial reassurances within the last three days. Russian spokesmen, press commentators and lecturers are taking an active interest in this question. "The Soviet Union's primary great attention is to the U. N.," declared the well-known lecturer on world affairs Alexander Leontiev, in an address at the Hall of Columns. "The Soviet Union considers it a serious instrument for preserving international peace and security."

Benton Will Meet With AP's Board

New York, April 1.—(AP)—William B. Benton, assistant secretary of State, said today he had been invited to meet April 17 with the board of directors of The Associated Press, which recently decided to discontinue furnishing news to the Government for foreign broadcasts.

In withdrawing AP service, the board held "that Government can not engage in newscasting without creating the fear of propaganda which necessarily would reflect upon the objectivity of the news services from which such newscasts are prepared."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Clear to partly cloudy and slightly warmer this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday.

Russians Making Ostensible Plans To Leave Tabriz

Teheran, April 1.—(AP)—A United States embassy spokesman said today reports from Tabriz indicated that Russian troops were making "ostensible" preparations to evacuate that city, capital of the semi-autonomous Iranian province of Azerbaijan.

The spokesman said no actual movement of troops or materials had been reported in Tabriz, but that "equipment and vehicles are being concentrated, apparently in preparation for evacuation."

An official Iranian source said the Russians had evacuated all highway check posts between Teheran and points immediately south of Tabriz, but that the self-proclaimed government of Azerbaijan had opened a new control station at Fehrsabad, south of its previous frontier post of Khorramdarah.

Ribbentrop Tells Secret Pact Details

Nuernberg, April 1.—(AP)—Joachim von Ribbentrop, former German foreign minister, testified today before the international military tribunal that Premier Joseph Stalin agreed in Moscow in August, 1939, that he "would never accuse Germany of aggression because of her actions in Poland."

The agreement was that "if aggression were spoken of, both parties would be guilty," Ribbentrop said.

The accord, Ribbentrop continued, was reached August 21, 1939—less than two weeks before the Nazis marched into Poland—in the course of negotiations for a Russo-German non-aggression pact and a secret protocol for partitioning Poland and the Baltic nations.

The testimony was given after R. A. Dudenko, Soviet prosecutor, protested against admission of an affidavit by Friedrich Gaus, former Nazi foreign office attache, relating to the secret pact.

China Asks Reds To Give Notice Of Withdrawal

Chungking, April 1.—(AP)—China has requested Russia to give previous notice of Russian withdrawal from various points in Manchuria, and to permit government troops to enter them beforehand to assure a smooth transfer of garrison duties, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said today.

At the same time, he blamed the Communists for the Manchurian situation. Chiang said no Communist troops were in the territory before Japan surrendered, but entered the country after the Japanese collapse.

LANDIS TO HEAD CAA.

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—President Truman has chosen James M. Landis, former chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, effective June 8, Landis, dean of the Harvard Law school, and once director of the Office of Civilian Defense, will replace L. Welch Pogue.

U.S. Army In China To Be Deactivated

May 1 Deadline Set For Removal; 5,000 To Remain

Shanghai, April 1.—(AP)—Deactivation of the United States Army in the China theater May 1 was announced today by Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer upon instructions from the joint chiefs of staff in Washington.

This will leave 3,000 to 4,000 United States army personnel in China to carry on with the military advisory group headed by General George C. Marshall and to serve on the cease fire truce teams and aid with repatriation.

Wedemeyer is scheduled to leave for the United States Thursday, but whether he will return to China was not disclosed.

65,000 At Peak. Wedemeyer told newsmen that the army strength in China, which was 65,000 at its peak, would be reduced to 3,000 to 4,000 men.

The 45,000 marines in north China will revert from Wedemeyer's control to the navy, he said.

Wedemeyer did not indicate when the marines would leave China.

The presence of American troops in China has been pointed out repeatedly by Russia in recent discussions concerning withdrawal of Soviet forces from Manchuria.

Coverage Of Wage-Hour Act Debated

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Whether to bring 3,500,000 more workers under the wage-hour act puzzled senators today as they returned to work on the veto-threatened minimum wage bill.

The 3,500,000 are employees of industries "affecting" interstate commerce. Their addition would bring about 23,500,000 of the nation's 49,000,000 workers under the law, the Senate Labor Committee reported in recommending their inclusion.

Senator Carl Hatch (D) of New Mexico has moved to strike out the broadening section on the ground that there would be confusion as to who goes in and who stays out. Senator Claude Pepper (D) of Florida denied this, saying that similar language had been used in the National Labor Relations Act.

GEO. STEPHENS, 73, CIVIC LEADER, DIES

Asheville, April 1.—(AP)—George Stephens, 73, long prominently connected with the business and civic life of Charlotte and Asheville, died here today.

Stephens was a "prime mover in the development of Myers Park, fashionable residential district in Charlotte. He was a co-founder of the American Trust Co., Charlotte bank, and his widespread interest included newspaper publishing. He was part owner of The Charlotte Observer for a time.

No. 1 Brunette



SCREEN STAR Marguerite Chapman (above) has been selected by the Coiffure Creation Council in New York as America's number one brunette of the year. Rita Hayworth was named number one red head and Adele Jergens took top honors for blondes. (International)

U.S. Socialist Wants Draft Act To Die

Thomas Certain We Are Not On Eve Of Red War

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Socialist Leader Norman Thomas called a Congress today to let the draft not die May 15, saying: "While I fear the future as matters now drift, I am sure that we are not on the eve of war with Russia."

In testimony before the Senate Military Committee hearings on the subject of extending selective service, Thomas cited a previous assertion by War Secretary Robert Patterson that without the draft the army might fall 170,000 short of its needs by July 1, 1947.

Thomas said that a bewildered administration is not merely trying to stampede Congress and the public for the sake of 170,000 men. It is trying to cover over its own lack of a proper foreign policy or of an interior military policy during the period of transition toward a peaceful world, he said.

Merchant Vessel Severally Damaged

San Francisco, April 1.—(AP)—The merchant ship Oneida Victory was severely damaged in a collision with the tanker W. L. R. Emmet off the California coast early today, but the navy expressed the belief the vessel might be towed to safety.

A spokesman for the Western Sea Frontier Command said it was believed the victory ship, which once reported she was sinking and was towed to Port Hueneme, Calif., "if towed to Port Hueneme, Calif., 'if nothing unforeseen happens.'"

400,000 Miners Strike

Violence In N. C. Takes Eleven Lives

Traffic Accidents Take Five Lives Over The Weekend

By The Associated Press

Violence in various forms caused at least 11 deaths in North Carolina during the week-end, five resulting from traffic accidents.

Weeks' old injuries in auto crashes accounted for three of the deaths.

Near Concord, the body of Murray Long, 37, was found Saturday with a slit neck and Assistant Coroner Guy Isehour pronounced death due to suicide.

At Roanoke, a negro man was knifed to death and authorities reported they were holding a negro woman.

Infant Burned. A five months old infant was fatally burned in a fire which destroyed a farm house in Charlotte Sunday.

At Charlotte, officers reported that James Jackson, negro, apparently had been shot two days before his body was found Saturday.

In Charlotte also, Jessie A. Brunette, was killed Saturday when a Japanese army rifle, brought to this country as a souvenir was accidentally discharged.

Cavalry Will Be Dropped By Army, Washington Hears

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Military men heard with sentimentality today that the war department has decided to abolish the cavalry as separate branch of the army.

There was no official confirmation, but service publications report that a general army reorganization proposal awaiting President Truman's approval calls for merging the horse outfits with the armored force.

20 Killed In Greek Riots

Athens, April 1.—(AP)—An overwhelming defeat for Communists and their left wing parties was indicated today on the basis of unofficial returns from Sunday's parliamentary elections, which paved the way for the possible return of King George II to the Greek throne.

Clashes between Communists and government forces resulted in 20 deaths, most of which occurred Friday and Saturday. Order prevailed in most sections of the country during the actual voting.

WARREN IS NAMED TO REFUGEE BOARD

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—President Truman today appointed George L. Warren as United States representative on a special committee on refugees and displaced persons, operating under the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Traditional UMW Policy Carried Out

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—The White House said today that President Truman has no plans for intervening in the soft coal mine work stoppage. Press Secretary Charles Ross, said at a news conference: "That is in the hands of Secretary of Labor Schwelbentbach."

Pittsburgh, April 1.—(AP)—A work stoppage by the nation's soft coal miners, backing up the "traditional contract, no work" policy of the AFL United Mine Workers, began today for 400,000 workers, whose collective bargaining contract expired at midnight.

Calm settled over the coal fields. President John L. Lewis of the UMW said there would be no picketing.

Rationing of coal was started on Government orders to insure supplies for urgent uses. The stoppage in production, if prolonged, threatened to disrupt the country's power conversion program. Already, one major steel company announced it would have to bank 20 blast furnaces.

A Holiday Anyway. The beginning of the work stoppage found members of the union ready for a holiday anyway—their annual celebration of April 1 is in honor of John Mitchell, one of the union's earliest presidents and to commemorate the 48th anniversary of the 8-hour work day. Actually the effect of the strike therefore will not be felt until Tuesday.

Lewis' principle demand from the coal industry is the establishment of a health and welfare fund for miners, to be created from an assessment on each ton of coal produced and to be administered by the union.

The operators balked. The National Coal Association said such a "royalty payment" levied for the benefit of the union would make Lewis "a dictator more powerful than any America has ever known."

Lewis refused to discuss other major issues of wages and hours until the welfare fund question is settled.

New Transit Strike Felt By Detroit

Transportation For 2,000,000 Cut Off As Drivers Strike

Detroit, April 1.—(AP)—A strike cutting off public transportation to nearly 2,000,000 Detroiters began at 4 a. m. today, the time set by 5,200 RFL motor men and coach operators.

An official of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electrical Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America reported the strike underway after the union's last minute negotiations failed to effect an agreement with the Detroit Street Railway Department on a wage increase demand.

Coaches and trolleys on the streets at 4 a. m. were to complete their runs but all other vehicles were to be kept in the barns, according to the union plan. Andrew Sayer, business agent of local 26, estimated there would be no public transportation available by 5 a. m.

Hitler Youth Supporters Rounded-Up

Frankfurt, April 1.—(AP)—American intelligence officers said today that several Nazi subversive movements still were plotting against the Allies in Germany and that Sunday's roundup of almost 1,000 Hitler youth conspirators was only the beginning.

The officers said counter-espionage agents were working "day and night" to break up the last vestiges of Nazi resistance which came into the open with the week-end sweep on followers of captured Arthur Axmann, former head of the Hitler youth movement.

The operations against the group is still going on, it was said, although only remnants of the group remain.

Rome Spy Mystery Is Quickly Solved

Rome, April 1.—(AP)—A spy mystery involving a tiny radio dropped by parachute was solved on this April Fool's day before Roman's could work up a real case of excitement.

The "spy" was the weather man. Newspapers were asked to announce that the Italian weather service is using American stratosphere balloon recording equipment—and will anyone finding tiny radios "spy" them in at the nearest police station.

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS.

Brussels, April 1.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Allen Kirk presented his credentials today to Prince Rogent Charles at the palace.

Historic Highlights Of First Week's United Nations' Council Meeting



MON. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes is shown as he greets the delegates of eleven nations at the opening session of the United Nations Security Council at Hunter College in the Bronx, New York.



TUES. Russian Ambassador Andrei Gromyko glumly looks on as the Council rejected his proposal that the Iranian-Russian dispute be dropped from the agenda. Poland supported Soviet Russia.



WED. This empty chair in the United Nations Security Council chamber is more eloquent than words. It is here that Russian Ambassador Andrei Gromyko sat before his famous historic walkout...



...The next dramatic moment came when Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala after two dramatic days of debate, was allowed to tell the Security Council and the world his story about Russian demands on his country.



THURS. Ambassador Gromyko is shown leaving the Russian Consulate, supposedly on his way to a closed session meeting of the U. N. Council. Instead, Gromyko drove past the meeting place.



FRI. Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate, speaks for the suggestion from Secretary Byrnes that both Iran and Russia be asked for their reports on the status of their dispute. It asked for replies by April third.