

Innocent Bystander



THIS GERMAN CHILD looks at a policeman with appealing eyes and wonders as some 2,000 Berlin residents were rounded up in a black market raid. The child was with his mother when the civilians were questioned. (International)

Reds Claim Capture Of Changchun

Fate Of Americans In City Unknown; No Radio Contact

(By The Associated Press)

An official Chinese Communist broadcast from Yanan, party headquarters, today reported the capture of Changchun, capital of the province of Manchuria. The broadcast was received by The Associated Press in San Francisco.

The broadcast, in the form of a New China News Agency (Communist) news dispatch from Changchun, reported:

"The city of Changchun has been completely cleared of Japanese and puppet troops and bandits (this presumably referred to Chinese Government troops), after Communist-led popular forces—a democratic front army—entered the city to establish peace and order.

Proud of Award



EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Joan Dewey Mackay, who received the Purple Heart Medal for her father, Sgt. Everett Douglas Mackay, before his death in a Jap prison camp. The child's pleading letter to Gen. MacArthur to "try to find" her dad's medal brought about the presentation. (International Soundphoto)

Rail Strike Threat Still In Offing

Walkout Depends Upon Acceptance Of Board Findings

Washington, April 19.—(AP)—The threat of a nation-wide railroad strike hinges today on finding board's wage boost recommendation for more than 200,000 locomotive engineers and trainmen.

The government board suggested a 16 cent hourly boost, with certain changes in working conditions, but the findings can be either accepted or turned down by the carriers or the two unions involved.

The Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen had postponed a scheduled March 11 strike pending the board's study. Under the Railroad Labor Act, the strike now is barred until May 18. Most such fact-finding reports in past disputes have led to settlements without strikes.

The two unions called a meeting next Wednesday at Cleveland to determine their stand. Alvanley Johnson, head of the engineers, told reporters at Cleveland the board's recommendations were "not as much as we asked for." A. F. Whitney, trainmen's president, declined comment.

SCHWELENBACH PLANS NEW COAL PARLEY

Washington, April 19.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Schweilenbach said today he would talk with John L. Lewis and the soft coal operators separately again next week in an effort to end a strike of 400,000 miners.

Schweilenbach told White House reporters that he wanted to talk with Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers and his group in one conference and hold another conference with the operators Monday or Tuesday.

The operators announced yesterday they were going to their home cities after waiting eight days for a resumption of the contract negotiations.

Soft coal management representatives left Washington, telling the labor secretary that they would return immediately on his call that it could be "possible to negotiate a contract." As the strike entered its 19th day, additional workers in related industries were made idle and production slumped in steel mills and automobile plants.

One of the bright spots on the labor front was the settlement of the 10-day strike of 3,500 CIO copper miners at Butte, Mont., who approved a contract calling for a 40-hour week of 18 1/2 cents and retroactive pay of 9 1/4 cents an hour from last October.

The same terms were agreed upon by 3,500 other copper workers at Anaconda Copper Mining Co. mills and smelters at Great Falls, and Anaconda, Mont.

The nation's idle because of labor disputes remained about 740,000.

Iran Denies Censorship

Teheran, April 19.—(AP)—Prince Mozaffar Ebrooz, minister of state and director of propaganda, categorically denied today that the recent suppression of two dispatches by the London Times correspondent constituted an Iranian censorship.

He denied that "any censorship whatsoever has been imposed." (An official U. S. State Department announcement Wednesday said: "The American embassy in Teheran has informed the Department of State and foreign correspondents in Iran that they have been notified officially by the Iranian ministry of posts and telegraphs that it henceforth will exercise censorship of dispatches filed by foreign correspondents here.")

Ebrooz said the ministry of posts and telegraphs refused to transmit the telegrams to the London Times "in accordance with the provisions of article 26 of the international posts and telegraphic convention to which both British and Persia (Iran) are signatories."

He said the telegrams "contained contents against the throne and other fantastic stories and rumors, the circulation of which in this country is contrary to law and can at any time be followed up by public prosecution."

RUSSIA WILL GET COAL FROM POLAND

Warsaw, April 18.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Foreign trade experts say Soviet Russia probably will get virtually all of Poland's coal exports for the next year. Under a new commercial agreement signed recently in Moscow, Russia and Poland have agreed to exchange equivalents to \$100,000,000 from April 1, 1946 to April 1, 1947. A hard coal is the principle product which Poland at present is able to export.

IT'S NO JOKE, SON!—NEW CARS ARE ON THEIR WAY



ABOARD A NEWLY-DESIGNED FREIGHTER, with a top deck patterned after aircraft carriers, a cargo of new 1946 Plymouth, Dodge, Chrysler and Buick cars are shown about to leave Detroit. They were being shipped to Cleveland and Buffalo—the first to be delivered on one of the new type steamers. Ice in the Great Lakes has prevented the vessels from going into service until recently. (International Soundphoto)

Aussie Proposal On Spain Gains Support From Council

Congressmen Head Home, With Many Tasks Undone

Washington, April 19.—(AP)—Administration leaders reportedly trimmed their legislative sails today to five "must" subjects in an effort to get an irritated and often rebellious Congress out of Washington by early July.

The unofficial decision appeared likely to direct major efforts toward salvaging OPA and the draft, passing regular appropriation bills and getting approval for the \$3,750,000,000 British loan and a long-range housing program.

If this program is followed, legislation to merge the armed forces, increase the minimum wage rate, broaden social security, curtail labor disputes, set up a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission and abolish state poll taxes would go by the boards until the next session in January.

Russia Is Urged To Start Talks For Loan Shortly

Washington, April 19.—(AP)—The United States has suggested that Russia begin negotiations within two months for a \$1,000,000,000 loan from the Export-Import Bank.

An official who preferred not to have his name used, said the discussion also would concern Soviet-Balkan trade pacts to which the United States had objected and the question of whether Russia will join the United Nations' international trade organization.

Jap Premier Won't Quit

Tokyo, April 19.—(AP)—Premier Shidehara flatly refused tonight to accede to demands of four political parties that he resign.

He gave his answer only a few hours after Welfare Minister Titonus Ashida turned in his portfolio in support of the liberal party's move to oust the Shidehara government. Ashida is a liberal.

The liberal party demand for the cabinet's resignation was supported by the social democrats, and two minor parties, the cooperate and communists. Although the liberals led in the number of seats won with 139, no party obtained a minority of the 466-seat diet at the recent election.

Shidehara said he would increase his efforts to form a coalition government for the May diet session. Other cabinet resignations for party reasons were anticipated.

Arthur Chevrolet, Pioneer Maker Of Autos, Kills Self

Slide, La., April 18.—(AP)—Arthur Chevrolet, one of the founders of the Chevrolet Motor Co. committed suicide by hanging himself in his home late last night, acting coroner H. E. Gautreaux of St. Tammany parish reported today.

The automotive pioneer, who had been despondent, was a native of Switzerland.

5-Man Committee Would Be Named To Make Inquiry

New York, April 19.—(AP)—A compromise proposal by Australia gained support among delegates of the United Nations Security Council today as a possible solution to the controversial Spanish question.

The proposal, submitted by Australian Delegate W. R. Hodgson shortly before the council adjourned yesterday for the Easter holidays, calls for the appointment of a five man sub-committee which would investigate the Spanish situation and report back by May 17.

Most of the delegates were reluctant to commit themselves on the Australian suggestion immediately, but they generally expressed interest and it was conceded by some to have a good chance of being approved.

Iran Case First

Before the council resumes its discussion of the Spanish question, however, it will tackle again the Iranian case which was interrupted Tuesday after Secretary-General Trygve Lie submitted a surprise opinion that there was some doubt as to whether the Iranian case could legally be kept on the agenda.

This will be the first thing on the council's docket when it reconvenes Tuesday.

The way was opened for a new floor fight on the Iranian question when the council's committee of experts on rules and procedure reported that it had split 3 to 3, with the majority holding that the council has full authority to keep a case on the agenda as long as it thinks necessary.

May Accept Ruling

The council, which previously had been divided 8 to 3 on the question of keeping jurisdiction of the case, was expected to accept the opinion of the majority and then vote to keep the question on the agenda until May 6, the date by which Russia is supposed to have all Red army troops out of Iran.

The three members of the committee of experts voting in the minority were the representatives of Russia, France and Poland, the three powers which had favored dropping the Iranian case.

The council was expected to come back to the Spanish case by Wednesday or Thursday at the latest. It was generally agreed that the Polish proposal for a world-wide rupture of diplomatic relations with the Franco regime had little chance of success if brought to a vote now.

Solons Uncertain How Homefolks To Take Vote On OPA

Washington, April 19.—(AP)—House members crossed their fingers and headed homeward today for a short Easter recess that could change the picture of the ultimate fate of draft and OPA legislation.

A number of departing lawmakers intimated they are not exactly sure whether they voted right on those two burning issues but that they hoped to find out when they got back among the "grass roots" of their home districts.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair this afternoon, tonight and Saturday. Little temperature change except slightly warmer in the west portion tonight and in the south and west portions this afternoon. Sunday, partly cloudy and mild.

U.S. Building Big Air Force In Europe

71,000 Men Will Be In Organization; B-29's To Be Used

Berlin, April 19.—(AP)—A new U. S. air force of 71,000 men is being built up virtually from scratch in Europe under orders, which well qualified sources say, came directly from General Carl Spaatz, commander in chief of the USAF.

B-29 Superfortresses, appearing for the first time in Europe, will serve as the basis of the new force which is expected to be in full operation before the end of the summer. Two hundred Superfortresses already have been shipped to the United Kingdom and 300 more are on the way or on order. Four fields for them are being built in France and two more in Germany are completed.

A-26 attack bombers and P-49 fighters, the new super-speedy jet craft developed toward the end of the war, will also play an important part in the force.

Dr. Walter Dandy, Famous Surgeon, Dies In Baltimore

Baltimore, April 19.—(AP)—Dr. Walter E. Dandy, internationally known brain surgeon, died this morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital where he had performed his greatest work. He was 69.

Dr. Dandy's brain work astounded the world of medicine and brought him international honors. In 1918, he announced the discovery and development of a method of locating and operating on brain tumors and other intracranial lesions. This method, known as craniotomy, reduced that difficult operation to almost an exact science. By 1940, Dr. Dandy's fame was such that when Leon Trotsky lay dying in Mexico City, of an assassin's hammer blows, the Hopkins surgeon was flown to Mexico in a chartered plane in a desperate attempt to save Trotsky.

Pilgrims Flock Into Jerusalem

Jerusalem, April 19.—(AP)—Vast throngs of pilgrims, some carrying crosses, walked along the Via Dolorosa from Pilate's Palace to Mt. Calvary today as the Holy Land held Good Friday services commemorating the last hours and crucifixion of Christ.

Despite tension caused by a paralyzing strike of 50,000 civil workers and the prolonged conflict between Jews and Arabs, one of the largest crowds in recent years pressed through the dimly, cobblestoned streets of Jerusalem's old city.

CHURCH GROUP TO STUDY EDUCATION

Miss Ethelene Sampley, director of religious education at Centenary Methodist church, Winston-Salem, and chairman of the North Carolina Council of Churches' committee on visual religious education announced today the completion of plans for the most complete visual religious exhibit yet held in North Carolina. This exhibit and three-day demonstration of the latest visual materials and equipment for church use will be a part of the statewide convocation of churches opening at the First Methodist church here Tuesday morning, April 23. Dr. E. L. Hillman, president of the North Carolina Council of Churches, will be one of the principal speakers on the opening day.

CHUNGKING EXPECTS HEAVY CASUALTIES

Chungking, April 19.—(AP)—China's Government expected word momentarily today of the fall of Changchun—with heavy casualties—before an overwhelming Chinese Communist attack. Seven Americans were in Changchun but no reports have been received concerning their safety.

One official Central News Agency dispatch from Mukden asserted—without confirmation—that four or five medium tanks driven and gunned by "officers of a certain country" led the attack on the Manchurian capital. "It is obvious," the dispatch added, "that these tanks were furnished by that certain country."

Hold Two Buildings

Government dispatches from Chungking pictured the outnumbered isolated national garrison as holding only two buildings in artillery-battered Changchun yesterday, and unable to hold out longer than morning today.

There has been no reported radio contact with Changchun since yesterday.

News of the Americans—five correspondents and two military personnel—have been lacking since the U. S. State Department reported them "safe and sound" up to Wednesday. The fighting began on Sunday.

The battle spread a fiery background for General Marshall's renewed efforts to bring peace and unity to China. As he began a series of truce conferences in Chungking, news from the north told of a barrage of incendiary and high explosive shells blasting one by one the few remaining strong points of Changchun's defenders.

LIKES ONE AS WELL AS THE OTHER



WHEN TWO-YEAR-OLD William Francis Hineser went to the Children's Zoo in Bronx Park, New York, he couldn't quite make up his mind whether to give his attention to a baby pig or a pink-eared rabbit. He compromised by dividing his affection between the two and everyone was happy including the zoo keepers. (International)

Ukrainian Bands Terrorizing Peasants In Southeast Poland

By LARRY ALLEN.

Warsaw, April 19.—(AP)—Strozyly armed bands of Ukrainian nationalists are terrorizing southeastern Poland, crossing the demarcation line from the Russian side of the frontier and burning villages, carting off livestock and leaving thousands of Polish peasants homeless. Bands whose strength sometimes numbers upwards of 1,000 men are estimated to have burned 700 villages within the last few months, seeking peasants' homes and then clinging to the straw-thatched roofs.

The wave of terror, extending southeast of Rzeszow along the San river, is being fought by several divisions of Polish militia and security corps men.

The bands sweeping across the frontier, usually about midnight, are believed to be acting in retaliation for their transfer from Poland to the Russian zone under a Polish-Soviet agreement. These Ukrainians have insisted upon their right to remain on Polish soil and also have demanded that the Ukraine be made an independent state. Many of the Poles attacked are living in homes once occupied by Ukrainians.

The destruction of a dozen villages along the San is also to almost nightly occurrence. The terror has struck so deeply that the peasants no longer address when they go to bed. The villages have improvised alarm systems.