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Action Seen In Express Agency Row

Truman May Name Board To Conduct Strike Hearings

(By The Associated Press.)

Labor and management, in a threatened nationwide strike of 65,000 AFL railway express agency employes, looked to the White House today for possible intervention before the 12:01 a. m. Friday deadline.

Meanwhile, business at the Detroit railway express terminal was tied up for the third day as 1,000 employes failed to report for work while in New York about 12,000 workers were scheduled to leave their jobs at 12:01 a. m. Thursday, 24 hours ahead of the strike call.

A delay of the scheduled walkout for at least 30 days, however, is regarded as probable with the intervention of President Truman in making a fact finding board to investigate the reasons and settle in a wage dispute.

10 Cent Rise Sought.

In Detroit, the employes started their strike Monday to demand a union meeting to consider the company's offer of a wage boost of 10 cents an hour. The proposal was rejected by the union members, who have demanded a hike of 16 cents an hour.

With no apparent indication of resumption of negotiations in the soft coal dispute, which for 24 days has kept idle 400,000 AFL miners, President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers moved to a new front today. Lewis was in Hazleton, Pa., meeting with 300 delegates representing 76,000 Pennsylvania anthracite miners. The session was called to discuss what some AFL-UMW leaders described as the same demand which resulted in the strike by soft coal miners.

Lewis declined comment prior to the opening of the three day tripartite scale convention comprising local leaders from the three largest districts in the country's hard coal region.

Including the 400,000 miners the nation's total idle was about 725,000, including from 60,000 to 100,000 forced to leave their jobs because of the coal dispute.

Many Stocks Fall In Today's Mart

New York, April 24.—(AP)—A wide list of pivotal stocks tended irregularly lower in today's market although a special situation prompted individual issues.

Under major moves of the session were Bethlehem, Western Union, A. S. Neill, Railways, Kennecott, American Smelting, Goodyear and Sears Roebuck.

TAFT OPPOSES LOAN, ASKS GIFT INSTEAD

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—Senator Taft (R) of Ohio said today the United States is buying "fifty years of friction" with Britain by offering a \$37,750,000 loan.

He suggested instead a \$1,250,000,000 gift.

Opposing passage of loan authorization legislation, Taft told the Senate that every time the British pay the \$111,000,000 annual interest on the loan, "they will grow heavier and of the press will recall what they consider harsh treatment to an ally in the war."

"It is likely that in many cases the interest will be forgiven," the Ohio Senator said, "and then everyone in the United States who doesn't like the British will rise up and denounce them for failing to pay interest and imposing additional charges on the American people."

27,000,000 JAPS VOTED.

Tokyo, April 24.—(AP)—More than 27,000,000 people or 73 per cent of the entire electorate voted in Japan's April 10 election, General MacArthur said today.

Threat Against Defendant At Nuernberg Is Revealed

Nuernberg, April 24.—(AP)—Justice Robert Jackson told the international military tribunal today that threats had been "uttered in this court room this morning" against Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former Reich bank president, and a Gestapo officer who was about to testify.

The American prosecutor's assertion threw the court room into turmoil, but as the Gestapo officer, Hans Bernd Gisevius, attempted to testify.

The witness barely had started to mention a conversation he had overheard between Otto Stahmer, attorney for Hermann Goering, and Rudolf Dix, counsel for Schacht, when Stahmer leaped to his feet protesting.

He objected to testimony concerning a "private conversation," but

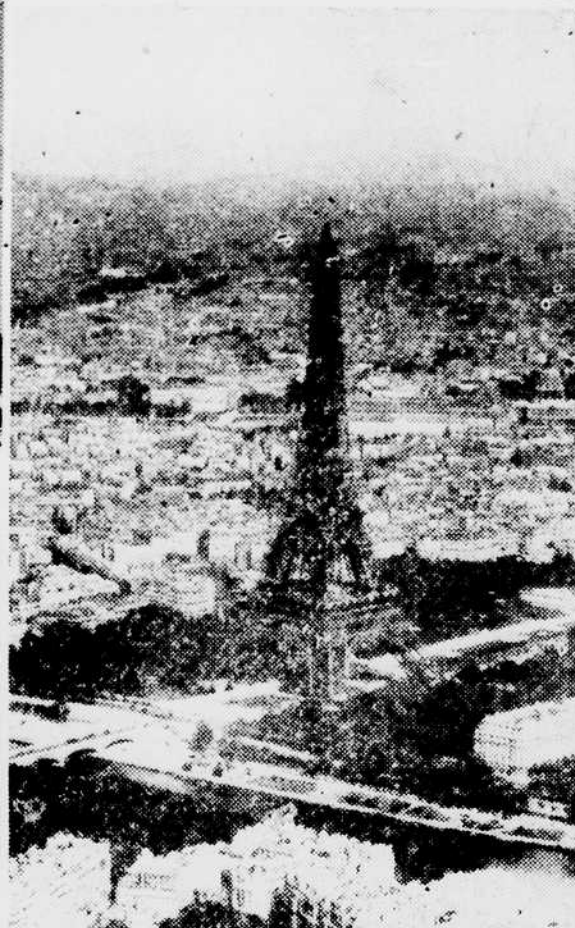
BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS TO MEET IN PARIS



Bevin



Bidault



Byrnes



Molotov

THEIR EYES ON PARIS, above, Big Four foreign ministers are preparing to meet there April 25 in an effort to avert postponement of the 21-nation peace conference scheduled to open in Paris not later than May 1, under terms of the Moscow Big Three communique of last December. The meeting was proposed by U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes and has the approval of other participants, Britain's Ernest Bevin, France's Georges Bidault, and Russia's V. M. Molotov. (International)

Sen. Mitchell Raps NAM For Expensive Anti-O.P.A. Drive

McNarney Cracks Down On Soldiers

Discipline Will Be More Strict; Orders Issued

Frankfort, Germany, April 24.—(AP)—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney today ordered a disciplinary crackdown on all American troops in Europe because "discipline in certain localities and commands in this theater has deteriorated to the point of discrediting the fine performance of our troops in general."

"This," he said, "becomes their most important immediate function."

General McNarney's written order said, "Due to rapid demobilization and frequent changes of station of units and assignments of enlisted men and officers, firm ties of unit pride have been weakened. The traditional constant concern of officers for the welfare of their men and subsequent mutual loyalties have been difficult to maintain during this transition period."

Fletcher Given Veterans Post

Raleigh, April 24.—(AP)—Col. A. L. Fletcher, has resigned as chairman of the North Carolina unemployment compensation commission effective April 30, to become 1946-47 adjustment allowance agent in North Carolina for the veterans administration, Governor Cherry announced yesterday.

Robert Fuller Martin, now director of the unemployment compensation commission, will become a ting chairman.

Fletcher will succeed Cale K. Burgess, who is resigning from the V. A. post to resume the practice of law in Raleigh.

Jackson intervened to say: "This incident was reported to me and I think it important that the tribunal know of a threat against Gisevius made in this court room this morning—against him and the defendant, Schacht."

Stahmer then told the court he had discussed Gisevius' impending appearance at the trial with Goering last night and that Goering had told him he was intent on keeping out of the testimony any reference to the late Field Marshal Werner von Blomberg's marriage.

"Goering said Schacht was expected to speak about this thing," Stahmer declared. "He said then he would drop any consideration for Schacht. That is what I told Dr. Dix. I did not even know Gisevius was present."

Organization Has Spent \$395,850 To Remove Agency

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—Senator Mitchell (D) of Washington, took the National Association of Manufacturers to task today for spending \$395,850 in its anti-O.P.A. campaign. He called such spending "out of line."

Mitchell was one of a group of Democratic senators who tangled with Robert Watson, president of the NAM, when Watson disclosed the association's anti-O.P.A. drive had cost.

"The average consumer who wants prices held down couldn't hope to duplicate that amount," Mitchell said.

Watson testified at hearings yesterday on legislation to extend O.P.A. a year beyond June 30. In the course of the hearing Chairman Wagner (D) of New York mentioned he had received 1,650 telegrams for continuance of O.P.A. with no restrictive amendments such as the House lacked on.

Wagner said there were 26 telegrams against continuance. "Propaganda machine," exploded Watson. Later the NAM head quoted Rep. Burchell (R) of Illinois as having said the O.P.A. has thousands of employees indulging in propaganda at an annual cost of \$13,000,000.

This assertion was challenged by Zenus L. Potter, of O.P.A., who said the price control agency spends nothing on propaganda, and that the \$13,000,000 figure included such things as the cost of printing ration books for every person in the country.

Additional witnesses were called to testify on the O.P.A. extension today, including representatives of the American Mining Congress, zinc and lead interests, the American Petroleum Institute and Mrs. James Reed, president of the Donnelly Garment Co., of Missouri.

OPA NOT WORRIED BY SUIT THREAT.

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—OPA showed little concern today over the contentions of a clothing industry spokesman that unless O.P.A. price regulations are revised, shipments of men's suits will be halted after May 1.

The spokesman said in New York that suit delivery will have to stop because O.P.A. has not revised its maximum average price regulations to take into account a change in suit price ceilings, ordered March 11.

BRITAIN PLANNING TO BUILD TOWNS

London, April 24.—(AP)—Britain today launched a social experiment of planning the building of entire towns of 50,000 population.

A "new town bill" made public today would set aside 200 million dollars as a start towards building a still undetermined number of communities at an estimated cost of 25 million dollars each. Government development corporations would be set up to handle the construction after which they would be turned over to local authorities for administration, rental and payment of building costs.

Stettinius Backs Plan Of Aussies

Agreeable To Probe Of Franco Regime Recess Is Taken

New York, April 24.—(AP)—Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., U. S. delegate to the United States Security Council, was reliably reported today to have indicated he would support the Australian proposal for a thorough investigation of Franco Spain.

Sources close to Stettinius said he might ask Australian Delegate W. R. Hodgson to clarify the scope of the inquiry but that he was prepared to go along with the growing list of delegates who have lined up behind the proposal.

This came as the council took a one day recess after yesterday's stormy session in which Soviet Russia lost her battle to have the council drop the Iranian case and announced she would boycott any further discussion of the case.

Britain Agreeable.

Six Alexander Cadogan, British delegate, also was reported to have received instructions to back the Australian proposal. Mexico and Poland previously had indicated they would support the measure, and it was believed Russia and France were ready to go along.

The other delegates, while reluctant to commit themselves, in advance were expected to follow the lead of the big powers, which for once seem to be in agreement.

It thus appeared that the Spanish question was finally headed toward a harmonious solution when the council meets at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Some delegates predicted there might be a lengthy discussion—possibly delaying a vote for another day—but there was general agreement that approval of the proposal was assured.

Such action would avert a shutdown on Franco's move for a world wide diplomatic break with the Franco regime for at least four weeks—the time allotted for the inquiry by the five man committee.

Passenger Auto Tire Production May Top Record

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—Good news for motorists: The rubber industry bids fair to surpass its towering production goal of 66,000,000 new passenger car tires this year.

Civilian production officials made this encouraging forecast today saying the record output drive is being helped by new cotton yarn contracts protecting the cord supplies.

The industry's goal is 14,000,000 tires more than the estimated 52,000,000 passenger casings produced in the previous banner year of 1941.

More Butter To Be Purchased By Government

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—The government plans to reenter the butter market about May 1 to buy sixty million pounds to supply the armed services and military hospitals during the next 12 months.

To assure itself of this quantity, the government probably will require manufacturers to set aside a portion of their output during May and June.

Believe Compromise Near In China War

National Assembly Meeting Postponed; To Set Date Later

Chungking, April 24.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today postponed the convocation of the National Assembly as the Communists had demanded as a result of a compromise was near in the Chinese civil war and other problems.

The generalissimo said the Government would set a date later for the assembly, which had been scheduled to meet May 5 at Nanking to consider China's new constitution.

The Communist party had insisted on a delay in the constitutional convention and with the democratic leaders and other minority parties had refused to participate until the causes of China's civil strife were solved.

At A Tea Party.

The generalissimo made his announcement at a tea party he gave for leaders of other parties.

Compromise was in the air. A Kuomintang (National Party) spokesman said one was in the talking stage.

It was likewise known that General George Marshall, special United States envoy was exerting heavy pressure on both the Generalissimo and General Chou En-lai, communist leader, for a compromise settlement.

Farm Loan Measure Now Seems Dead

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—House-approved legislation to divorce all federal farm credit agencies from the Agriculture Department seemed to be headed today for a Senate Agriculture Committee pigeon hole.

Chairman Thomas (D) of Oklahoma, announced that hearings on the measure will be resumed in two weeks but told reporters, "as matters now stand, I don't know of any support for it in the committee."

Senator Aiken (R) of Vermont, said he would support the bill as a step toward "putting farmers back at the mercy of private lending interests." He added:

"The Production Credit Corporation, the land banks, the Farm Security Administration and the Rural Electrification Administration have done more to lift the farmer to a higher standard of living than anything else in this generation."

The proposal has the backing of the National Grange and the American Farm Bureau Federation, but it is opposed by the Agriculture Department. It calls for putting all farm lending agencies under a seven member board.

Wife Of Soldier, Father Of Quads, Granted Divorce

Pittsburgh, April 24.—(AP)—Mrs. William Thompson, 27 year-old beauty operator, asked a divorce today from her ex-GI husband who fathered quadruplets by an English WAAF, and after the ten-minute hearing Judge Thomas M. Marshall said he would grant her uncontested plea "right away."

10,000th GI Bride



WHEN THE LINER Queen Mary docked in New York she ferried in the 10,000th British war bride. She's Mrs. Lonnie Warren Perry of London and she's shown getting a welcoming kiss from her husband, Lt. Perry of Albemarle, N. C. The bouquet of flowers they're holding was given to the GI bride by the transport's skipper. (International)

Word From N. C. Seaman Is Awaited

Asheville Couple Lost Two Sons During Conflict

Asheville, April 24.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith, of Asheville, who lost two sons during the war, today awaited further information from the navy on the reported killing of nine navy men aboard a LST in the Yangtze River in China by a seaman who ran amuck with carbine, pistol and knife.

The navy identified the seaman alleged to have done the slaying as L. B. Smith of 29 Colonial Place, Asheville, but at the home it was said his correct name was William V. Smith, age 19.

TAR HEEL YOUTH IS GIVEN A 50-50 CHANCE OF LIFE

Shanghai, April 24.—(AP)—Navy investigators hopes of getting Seaman William Smith's own story of why he went berserk suddenly aboard an LST and killed nine shipmates before severely injuring himself rested today on the skill of navy doctors.

Smith was given a 50-50 chance of surviving many self-inflicted wounds.

About 3 a. m. yesterday Smith entered the sleeping quarters of 30 shipmates and opened fire with a carbine and a pistol. Two sailors subdued him.

Japan's Struggle To Form A New Regime Stalled

Tokyo, April 24.—(AP)—The Japanese struggle to establish a new government was stalled today by a social democratic demand for the premiership and other important posts as the cry for cooperation in a coalition cabinet spread.

Leaders of the social democratic party conferred throughout the day with liberal chieftains and with outgoing Premier Shidehara, and president of the progressives.

But at night fall, all that Shidehara could tell an emissary of the emperor, who asked for a progress report, was that meetings had been held and more were planned in an effort to reach an agreement.

Showdown Asked With Reds Now

Atlantic City, April 24.—(AP)—Emil Rieve, president of the CIO Textile Workers Union, said today Russia was "playing a game of international poker" and added, "I think her bluff must be called."

In a speech before the opening of the union's convention, he said Russia doesn't want war, but was "rattling the sword" and "throwing her weight around" because the other nations don't want war either and Russia believes they will make concessions in order to keep the peace."

FIVE SULLIVAN BROTHERS WHO CAME BACK



UNLIKE THE FIVE SULLIVAN BROTHERS of Waterloo, Iowa, who were killed in action, these five Minneapolis, Minn., Sullivans, who were also in the heat of battle, are now at home to tell about it. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Sullivan of Minneapolis. They came through a total of 15 years in service without suffering a scratch. Here Mrs. Sullivan takes down the five-star service flag as her boys look on. They are (back, l. to r.): Donald, 21, William, 28, and James, 31. In front are Edward, 23, and Arthur, 25. (International)