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COMMANDER IN CHIEF WATCHES FLEET MANEUVERS



DRESSED IN A LEATHER JACKET and wearing a cap, President Harry S. Truman watches through glasses from the bridge of the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt at the fleet maneuvers during war games off the Virginia Capes. Fifteen ships took part during the two-day operations of



the task force that staged the games in honor of the Chief Executive. At right, the President in another cap, speaks to his Chief of Staff, Admiral William D. Leahy (left) on the bridge of the giant flat top while Admiral Marc A. Mitscher (right), looks on. (International Soundphoto)

Council Delays Vote On Spanish Probe

New Resolution Is Presented By Aussie Delegate

New York, April 26.—(AP)—The United Nations Security Council today received a new proposal from Australia that a five-man sub-committee be named to inquire into the Spanish question and then defer further consideration of the case until 3 p. m. EST, Monday.

The council then adjourned at 11:23 a. m. Immediately after Lt. Col. W. R. Hodgson, of Australia, presented his new draft of a resolution calling for a five-man sub-committee. Rafael De La Colina, Mexican delegate, suggested that a vote be delayed until Monday to permit time to study the proposal and allow the delegates to get new instructions.

Hodgson told the council he had been successful in his attempts to find a compromise with the French delegate, Henri Bonnet, and the Polish delegate, Oscar Lange.

No Recommendations.

The resolution states that it was the duty of the council and not the sub-committee to decide what should be done about Franco again.

Hodgson pointed out, however, that the proposal gave the sub-committee wide powers to decide when and how the inquiry is to be made.

The new Hodgson proposal began by saying that the council noted the "moral condemnation" of Franco Spain made in the security council debate here, at the United Nations meetings in San Francisco and at the General Assembly meeting in London.

As the delegates met at 11:06 a. m. EST, to try to find a common ground to act on the Spanish question, the council chamber was more than half empty.

Red Troops Presumably In Harbin

Nanking, April 26.—(AP)—Communist forces presumably occupied Harbin, important north Manchurian railroad center today, but a breakdown in communications obscured the situation.

The Government's Central News Agency said that destruction of communications between Mukden and Harbin made it impossible to ascertain whether the last Soviet units had left Harbin, as scheduled.

However, earlier reports to the Nanking newspaper Takung Pao said the Soviets had begun withdrawal of their rear guard yesterday, the same date that the Russian Far East commander quit the city.

The newspaper speculated that Communists had cut communications outlets as a preliminary to taking Harbin in the wake of the Soviet withdrawal.

SELECTIVE DEMAND PUSHES MARKET UP

New York, April 26.—(AP)—Selective demand continued to bolster parts of today's stock market although most steels, motors, rails and industrial leaders backed into further losing ground.

United Biscuit jumped over three points to a new high of \$51. Third Avenue common pushed up on refinancing talk. Improved were National Distillers, Standard Oil (N. J.) and North American.

Truman Praises United Nations On Anniversary

New York, April 26.—(AP)—The United Nations started its second year of existence today, assured by President Truman that its first year was one of noteworthy achievement.

The President declared: "The spirit of dedication which has brought us so far so fast must carry on through the work remaining to be done. Today, even more than a year ago today, the aspirations of all mankind are based on the charter of the United Nations."

CIO Claims Drive Won't Be Fast One

Long Range Plans Are Being Drafted, Official Discloses

Atlantic City, April 26.—(AP)—The CIO organizing campaign in the South will not be a whirlwind drive of short duration but a long range movement lasting a year and maybe longer.

George Balaban, an assistant director of the CIO drive, disclosed in an interview today, that he had arranged to drop all his duties as executive vice president of the CIO Textile Workers Union for at least a year to live in the South. In this connection, Van A. Bittner, director of the drive, has been instructed to give his growing staff of organizers to prepare to devote all their time to the organizing campaign until the job is done. No time limit is being set.

S. H. Dalrymple, secretary for the CIO's organizing drive in the South, said in Birmingham, that he was seeking office space there for campaign headquarters but added that similar quests were underway in several other southern cities.

Sanford Crash Is Fatal To 1

Sanford, April 26.—(AP)—Elliott McCants of Columbia, S. C. was killed, and James A. Tomlinson, also of Columbia, was injured when their light civilian plane crashed at the airport here today in an attempted landing.

New York Cotton

New York, April 26.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale lower to ten cents higher. Noon prices were five to 29 cents a bale lower.

	Pv. Close	Open
May	27.85	27.30
July	27.92	27.91
Sept.	27.94	27.94
Oct.	27.94	27.96
Nov.	28.00	27.99
Dec.	28.00	27.99
May (1947)	27.97	27.99

Federal Action Seen As Only Chance Of Averting Rail Strike

Fact Finding Board's Report Vetoed; Nation-Wide Walkout Set For May 18

Cleveland, April 26.—(AP)—Except for the possibility of further government action—for which there were wary little chances to hear off a nationwide walkout of nearly 2,000,000 trainmen and engineers on May 18, halting rail traffic all over the country.

Originally set to begin March 11, the strike was re-scheduled yesterday as the two brotherhoods turned down the report of a presidential fact finding board.

It could be forestalled if the nation's carriers made concessions in conferences which are to open in Chicago Monday. But labor observers here, pending word on the carriers' attitude toward the fact finding report itself, doubted that this development was likely.

Further Government action could take two courses: either seizure and operation of the roads by Federal

authority, or a resumption of fact finding effort, through appointment of a new board or reconvening the old.

It was recalled that in December, 1943, and January 1944, when all the rail unions scheduled strikes and rejected fact finding reports, the War Department took over the roads by presidential order. President Roosevelt as sole arbiter settled the case of the trainmen and engineers. The engineer men and crewmen, the conductors, and the switchmen declined to accept a similar settlement, but finally cancelled their strike call and signed an agreement with the carriers. The President convened a special board to settle the case of 15 non-operating brotherhoods.

A. E. Whitney, president of the trainmen, said "if the Government calls us to Washington, we'll go, but the strike order won't be called off until a satisfactory settlement is reached."

Farm Groups Students From Against OPA Aycock Tops Continuance With Cherry

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—President Ed O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation said today that the whittled down price control bill passed by the House "goes too far."

At the same time, he told the Senate Banking Committee, the OPA has not used good judgment in handling price controls.

"There is certainly a mere reasonable middle ground approach that can be found, which will be in the best interests of all the citizens of the nation," he said.

He made these recommendations to the committee, which is considering legislation to extend price control a year beyond Jan. 30:

1. "The new price control legislation should contain provisions for de-controlling prices.
2. "Price ceilings should be maintained on items on short supply, and price ceilings must be adjusted in order to bring forth needed production.
3. "Consumer subsidies must be eliminated in the price control program.
4. "We must take steps to correct the basic causes of inflation through federal trade budgetary, and credit policies so that in the near future detailed controls will not be necessary."

Hatcher To Ask Larger Patrol

Durham, April 26.—(AP)—The 1947 General Assembly will be asked to double the size of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. Col. H. J. Hatcher, patrol commander, said here today.

Students From Aycock Tops With Cherry

Raleigh, April 25.—(AP)—The approximately 200 children who toured Capitol Hill today got an examination in civics from Governor Cherry.

Some of them flunked terribly even though Correspondent Tom Post of the Greensboro Daily News tutored them on the fly before they entered the executive office.

Of the four groups who went in, the highest grades were won by the eighth grade of Aycock School in Vance county.

Other groups were from Winceoff High School in Concord, Wrightsboro School of Wilmington, and Fairview high school of Monroe. The Wilmington group had the advantage of Post's tutoring, but in the excitement they apparently forgot the answers.

The children's weakest point seemed to be in modern North Carolina history. None could answer all the questions relating to public office holders.

Spain-Bulgaria Break Relations

Sofia, April 26.—(AP)—Bulgaria broke off political relations today with Spain. Spaniards in charge of the legation in Sofia were asked to leave Bulgaria.

Considerable cloudiness, windy and cooler followed by clear and cooler tonight with scattered showers northwest portion. Saturday fair and warm.

Russia Will Block Talk On Austria

Soviet Minister Against Placing Case On Agenda

Paris, April 26.—(AP)—The big four foreign ministers met again this afternoon to seek agreement on European peace treaties amid reports Russia would block any American effort to secure discussions of the Austrian situation.

An American informant confirmed that the Russians yesterday opposed placing Austria on the agenda. The Russians, however, raised no objections to discussion of French demand for detachment of the Ruhr and Rhineland from Germany, the source said.

Secretary of State James Byrnes conferred with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin more than an hour before the second day of the talks started.

Realize Seriousness.

A source of conference circles said that Russia told the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain and France that they realized the seriousness of the Austrian situation and felt it needed careful study before being discussed and that they did not believe such a study could be completed in time for discussion at the present conference.

Both Bevin and Byrnes declined comment as they emerged from their conference in the American hotel to attend a luncheon given for the four ministers by French President Felix Gouin.

Russia's decision to allow France to participate in discussions of Balkan treaties created a fresh atmosphere of optimism as the four minister buckled down to their task of writing a new peace for Europe.

Italy Heads Agenda.

Discussions of the Italian peace treaty headed the agenda of the second day of the ministers of the U. S., Britain, Russia and France.

The deputy foreign ministers met earlier today to prepare the ground work on this pact.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, unexpectedly reversing a decision he had announced last year at the London foreign ministers' conference, said he had no objection to French observers attending discussions of treaties with the Balkan states and Finland.

The United States also will sit in without a vote on the discussion on Finland, which originally were restricted to Britain and Russia.

Delegates to the meeting, most of whom had come to Paris with new optimistic hopes, said that Molotov's action might indicate that Moscow would prove to be more conciliatory on other issues.

Value Of 1945 Cotton Crop Is \$1,195,638,000

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department estimated today that the 1945 cotton crop had a total value of \$1,195,638,000 or about \$330,000,000 under the 1944 crop value of \$1,526,000,020.

In its final review of last year's cotton production, the department said the value of the total harvest in lint, calculated at the season average price through March 31, this year, was \$1,009,612,000 compared with \$1,267,357,000 in 1944.

The value of the 1945 cotton seed output was placed at \$186,026,000 compared with \$258,163,000 for 1944. The final estimate put the 1945 production of lint cotton at 9,015,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, compared with 12,230,000 bales in 1944.

The average cultivation on July 1, the acreage harvested, the yield per acre and the production in bales for the 1945 crop, by states, included:

North Carolina: 566,000,000, 555,000,000; 369 and 428,000.

Engineer Is Charged With Manslaughter In Railroad Wreck

OPA 'Fan' Mail



SENATOR Alben W. Barkley (D) of Kentucky, and a Senate secretary, Dorothy Kleinkauf, look over some of the mail urging the continuation of the OPA which has been flooding the Washington office of the Democratic leader of the Upper House. (International)

Gisevius Was War Spy For U. S. Agency

Witness Discloses His Actions At Nuernberg Trial

Nuernberg, April 26.—(AP)—Hans Bernard Gisevius, a mystery defense witness who proved a boomerang on the stand, testified today that he had "been in contact during the war" with the American intelligence services.

Many among the 22 German leaders on trial as war criminals appeared shocked as if understanding at last why his testimony had been among the most amazing offered against them during the five months of proceedings before the international military tribunal.

Outside the court room, a qualified American informant said Gisevius had been in the service of the U. S. office of Strategic Services in Switzerland and Germany since 1943.

Dramatic Disclosure.

The disclosure of his dealings with the Americans came dramatically near the end of his third day of testimony. Until then, he had been identified only as a veteran conspirator against Hitler and a participant in the bomb plot against the teacher in July, 1944.

A member of the American prosecution staff said in an interview that during the last two years of the war, Gisevius was one of the American intelligence services' most valuable men.

The Americans got in contact with him after he had been placed by Army Walter Wilhelm Canaris in an intelligence position in the German consulate in Zurich. After the Hitler bomb attempt, Gisevius was stripped of his civil service job, but the Swiss allowed him to remain. During his years in Switzerland, he made frequent trips to Berlin and other parts of Germany to deal with other plotters he related.

Patterson Mentioned More For New Chief Justice

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—A boom for the appointment of Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson as Chief Justice of the United States is underway in Capitol Hill today with some Democratic and Republican support.

But reporters accompanying President Truman on his vacation cruise interrupted yesterday to permit the Chief Executive to attend funeral services for Harlan F. Stone, said they had been told by White House aides that Mr. Truman thus far has given no consideration to a successor.

Most speculation has centered around the idea Mr. Truman might elevate a sitting justice to the post.

Two Burlington Flyers Collide; 44 Persons Dead

Newark, Ill., April 26.—(AP)—At least 44 persons were killed, possibly 50, when the Burlington railroad's fast Exposition Flyer, racing through Chicago's western suburbs at better than a mile a minute clip, ripped into the road's Advance Flyer yesterday.

Thirty-one of the 125 persons injured remained in hospitals. Some were in critical condition. All but ten of the dead have been identified.

The crash of two steel car, diesel powered trains occurred just 31 minutes after they left Chicago's Union Station. The Advance Flyer, carrying 150 to 200 passengers in nine coaches, was bound for Omaha, and Lincoln, Neb.

Had 11 Coaches.

The Exposition Flyer, made up of 11 coaches and carrying 175 to 200 persons, was headed for San Francisco.

Two minutes after the Advance Flyer made an unscheduled stop in this village of 5,287, a terrific crash roared through the countryside as the Exposition Flyer ploughed into the rear of the stalled train.

A moment of tragic silence was broken by screams and cries for help from the dying and injured.

At first there was complete confusion. Huge, shining passenger coaches were strewn across torn tracks, some in tangled wreckage.

From Rear Car.

The cries of the dying came mostly from the rear coach of the Advance Flyer, where passengers were trapped. Others grouped in bewilderment for escape from the mass of steel wreckage.

Eleven coaches were overturned or left the rails, six on the Advance Flyer and five on the Exposition Flyer.

Through the night, hours after the accident, search continued for additional bodies.

Workers attempted to remove the debris and restore travel on the main line. An emergency line, however, was set up to allow through traffic.

Warrant Issued.

As Burlington officials pursued their investigation of the worst accident in its history and also the most tragic in the Chicago area, State's Attorney Lee Daniels of DuPage County said a warrant charging manslaughter had been issued for W. W. Blaine, 63, Galesburg, Ill., engineer of the Exposition Flyer.

Daniels said the action was taken to insure Blaine's appearance at an inquest into the deaths. Daniels said he had interviewed members of the train crews and found no evidence of laxity.

Daniels said that Blaine, for more than 43 years a railroad man, told him that just before the collision, Fireman E. H. Crayton, warned him he was going to strike the Advance Flyer. He said Crayton apparently jumped before the crash and was killed.

Blaine, however, stayed at his throttle as his train sped toward the stalled Advance Flyer. The Exposition Flyer's silver nose ploughed into the rear coach, for a fleeting moment appeared to stagger in the air, tear through the roof, then plunge with terrific force upon the floor and trucks of the car. Its force was not spent, and it continued on through three-quarters of the length of the rear coach, ripping its top, spreading it wide, and inflicting death and injury to most of its occupants.

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Roxas' Lead Is Greater

Manila, April 26.—(AP)—Sergio Osmena's headquarters today virtually conceded his defeat for the Philippine presidency with a charge that the election is being "stolen and apparently nothing can be done about it."

A highly placed source at Osmena's palace, who declined use of his name said the chances of President Osmena's defeating Senate Leader Manuel Roxas "are very slender."

The Associated Press' tabulation of votes at 6 p. m. from 4,748 of the Commonwealth's 14,233 precincts, gave Roxas 478,543; Osmena, 391,121.

Spain Won't Let Investigators Of U. N. Council In

Madrid, April 26.—(AP)—The controlled Spanish press, commenting on a proposal before the United Nations Security Council to send an investigating commission to Spain, said today that representatives of "enemy" nations would not be allowed to enter the country.