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Reds Block Action Upon Peace Parley

Russians Insist Procedure Rules Be Drafted Now

Paris, July 6.—(AP)—British-American opposition to a Russian demand that the big four prescribe rules of procedure for a general European peace conference this summer blocked efforts of the foreign ministers council today to convene the 21 nation conference on July 29, the date already fixed.

Both Secretary of State James Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin contended throughout a stormy four-hour session last night that adoption of the Russian proposal would reduce the peace parley to "rubber stamp" status but Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov maintained his position.

Veto Shadow Clouds Efforts

With the shadow of the big power veto clouding their efforts the ministers convened again today for renewed discussion of the problem in another effort to prepare and transmit the necessary invitations for the peace conference to the 17 other nations.

Conversations with members of the American delegation convinced observers that the basic motivation for U. S. policy was a desire to throw international problems into an arena where the big power veto could not be exercised.

Bidault Seeks Compromise

These sources said that without the votes to beat Russian on any conflict and Molotov realizes this, which is the reason for his insistence that the council—where he has veto power—dictate the rules for the peace conference—where he does not.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, in his customary role as compromiser, sought to break last night's deadlock by suggesting that France as the host country merely "inform" the other nations that a peace conference was scheduled to begin July 29 and that invitations would be sent later, but Molotov said this would only serve to confuse.

Truman Hopeful Of Peace Pacts

Gettysburg, Penn., July 6.—(AP)—President Truman expressed high hope today for the success of the coming treaty conference in deciding the nation's policy on the search for "eternal peace in a world united."

Standing on ground hallowed by the blood of countless heroes of a country which found strength and unity after four years of war and sacrifice, the President said he hoped for similar unity among nations of the world.

Reading the inscription, "Peace eternal in a nation united" at the base of the Gettysburg peace monument, Mr. Truman solemnly told reporters that if it were changed to substitute "world" for "nation," it would be ideal.

It looks very much like we are going to get a peace treaty, he told reporters who met him there. He made this comment about his trans-Atlantic telephone conversation yesterday with Secretary of State Byrnes. They talked a few hours after the four power foreign ministers conference agreed to a general peace conference July 29.

He gave the newsmen an account of the battles of Gettysburg and of Pickett's famous charge and said the nation could thank God the later didn't succeed or it would have been the end of the nation.

Mrs. Truman accompanied the President to the famous battle grounds. They returned to their Catactin mountain hideaway, "shangri-la" near Thurmont, Md., in time for lunch.

Eight-Year-old Boy Blamed For Polish Violence

Warsaw, July 6.—(AP)—An eight-year-old boy, who said "someone" told him to start a story that Jews had held him for several days in a cellar, was blamed by investigators today for touching off Poland's bloodiest post-war pogrom, which killed at least 38 and injured 50 others in the city of Kielce.

A special commission of inquiry said the boy told the story to militiamen, adding that his life had been threatened and that he had seen at least a dozen bodies of Christian children in his prison.

BEER TAX YIELD SETS NEW RECORD

Raleigh, July 6.—Beer taxes yielded the state of North Carolina an all-time high of \$3,715,206.72 for the 1945-46 fiscal year ended June 30, according to the North Carolina Committee-United States Brewers Foundation. Collections totaled \$2,870,573 for the 1944-45 fiscal year and \$2,828,863.37 for 1943-44.

New Envoy to U.S.



First Ambassador to the U. S. from the new Philippine Republic will be Joaquin Miguel Elizalde (above). Appointed by President Roxas, Elizalde was for many years resident Commissioner of the Philippines in Washington. He will arrive shortly. (International)

Reds Seize Nazi Goods In Austria

Property Classed By Russians As 'German Assets'

Vienna, July 6.—(AP)—The Soviet command in Austria, in a sudden unilateral move today, announced that \$22,000,000 worth of industrial property in eastern Austria has passed into Soviet ownership along with all other "German external assets" in the Soviet zone of occupation.

Chancellor Leopold Figl called his cabinet into a special meeting and General Mark Clark, commander of American forces in Austria, immediately moved into action with messages to both the Austrian Government and Russian officials.

Taking Over Property.

The Russians for several months have been taking over control of properties in eastern Austria, which they classified as German assets subject to seizure or reparations under the Potsdam agreement.

The order published today an order signed by Col. Gen. Kurasov as commander in chief of Soviet occupation forces in Austria, apparently was intended to legalize all these previous seizures and pave the way for complete confiscation of properties which they claim under their interpretation of the Potsdam pact.

The United States has disputed this interpretation as in the Allied Council, asserting that property taken forcibly by the Germans after the 1938 annexation of Austria could not be classed as German. The Russians have refused to discuss the question in the council.

High Winds Hit Carolina Beach

Wilmington, July 6.—(AP)—Occasional squalls of winds of 60 miles per hour hit Carolina and Wrightsville beaches early today, but no injuries were reported there or in Wilmington, where the maximum velocity was 30 MPH. Some limbs were blown from trees but no other damage was reported.

SURROUNDED BY OPA PROBLEM



SURROUNDED by letters and telegrams from his constituents regarding the OPA, Senator Robert F. Wagner (D) of New York, ponders what to do. Of the 900 telegrams he received in Washington, 950 were in favor of the OPA and 30 against. Practically every member of Congress has been swamped by messages from citizens. (International Soundphoto)

Nation Sees Prices Reach New Record

Spectacular Climb On Many Items Is Outstanding Feature

New York, July 6.—(AP)—A sharp and sometimes spectacular upswing in a number of basic commodity prices stood out today as a salient feature of the nation's first OPA-less week since early 1942.

A survey of what actually has happened since price controls lapsed at midnight last Sunday showed that while retail prices in many lines held fairly steady—meats, butter and milk being frequent exceptions—these developments spotlighted the wholesale commodity market. Flour at Minneapolis jumped from \$3.34 to \$4.80 per hundred pounds. Cattle at Chicago soared from a standing start of \$18.00 per hundredweight to an all time record high of \$22.50 before sliding back to \$22.25 under a flood of receipts.

Hog Prices Set Record.

Hog prices at Chicago broke all records since 1919, by advancing from \$14.85 a hundredweight a week ago to \$18.50. At the closing yesterday prices were back to \$16.00 as hog receipts leaped from 2,500 one Friday to 30,000 the next.

Cotton at New York jumped more than \$4.00 a bale in immediate response to the elimination of OPA but slid back quickly. It closed last week at 31.65 cents a pound, went to a historic peak of 32.15 on Monday and was back at 31.73 at the close yesterday.

Butter in the Chicago wholesale market rose to 70.75 cents a pound from 56 cents under OPA. Corn jumped from \$1.44 to \$2.25 a bushel and oats from 29 cents to \$1.04.

Pearl Harbor Report Being Written Now

Washington, July 6.—(AP)—Only four days before its final report is due, the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee grappled today with where to lay the blame for the surprise element of Japan's 1941 attack.

The full ten member Senate-House group was called into session to check on progress by a sub-committee of five appointed to draft the report. Members of the sub-committee said they had reached the issue of responsibility and this was a matter for full committee consideration.

Ferguson Writes Own Version.

Senator Ferguson (R) of Michigan, a sub-committee member, is writing his own version of a proposed report which aides said he will place before the full committee.

The question of why United States forces were caught napping when the Japanese raided Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 is the major issue for the investigators.

A committee headed by then Supreme Court Justice Owen Roberts made an inquiry in 1942 and laid the blame on Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, and Adm. Husband Kimmel, army and navy commanders in Hawaii.

A later board of inquiry concluded that Short was remiss, and also criticized General George C. Marshall, then army chief of staff and other top ranking Washington officers for not sending him more information.

'Off With Meat Ceilings' Drive Is Begun In Senate

FAMED NISEI REGIMENT GIVEN A ROYAL WELCOME



HER RAILS CROWDED with members of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the first Japanese-American unit in the U. S., the troopship Wilson Victory is greeted in New York by a group of native Hawaiian dancers who are pictured tossing leis at the men aboard. The regiment saw action from the start of the North African invasion to the battles for France and Italy. They are en route to Hawaii. (International)

Youths Get Life Terms In Raleigh

Raleigh, July 6.—(AP)—Five youths who pleaded guilty to Wake superior court here yesterday to being accessories before and after the fact of murder in the robbery-slaying of W. Dallis Carroll on May 2 were sentenced today by Judge Clawson L. Williams to life imprisonment.

The five defendants are: Clairborne McKee, and Charlie Clemmer, both 26, of Durham, Albert C. Hudson, 24, of Portsmouth, Va., and Leo E. Tiller, 26, of Durham and Raleigh, and Roy O'Dell White, 32, of Winston-Salem.

Judge Williams ordered that a transcript be forwarded to the state's parole commission and said that he would accompany it with a recommendation that none of the five ever be considered for commutation of sentence or a parole.

Atom Bomb Did Big Damage To Ships' Interiors

Aboard The U. S. S. Appalachian, July 6.—(AP)—Had the first atomic bomb test July 1 been combat action, the power of the fleet struck would have been wiped out, Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, AAF commanding officer of Task Force One, said today in an exclusive interview.

The test fleet consisted of 30 combat ships, 30 supporting ships and 13 other floating targets. The general amplified his statement by pointing out that 16 ships representing all types in the target array were completely eliminated from combat and 25 to 30 others were damaged to a lesser degree. Five ships sank; 11 others suffered bad damage to their boilers.

With boiler casings ripped and useless, power to maneuver was gone. Unable to fight, they would be mere sitting ducks waiting to be sunk without difficulty in whatever manner attackers chose. It would require three weeks to repair boilers.

Baby With Lone Head, Two Faces Reported Born

Tokyo, July 6.—(AP)—Kyodo news agency reported today the birth of a girl with two faces and two bodies joined above the hips with four legs.

Both the mother and father, Naganu Prefecture farmers, are normal persons, the news agency said. It reported the birth was the second of its type known, the first having been recorded in Germany.

In a later story, Kyodo said the child, which had a single head with two faces, double torso joined at the hips and four legs, was born alive, but died immediately afterwards.

PRE-ENGINEERING COURSE

Greenville, July 6.—Indications are that a pre-engineering course will be offered at East Carolina Teachers College when the 1946-47 school year opens in September, according to Dr. R. J. Slay, dean of the college.

Senator Mitchell Demands May Be Heard In Probe

Group Learns An Andrew J. May Advanced \$48,634 By Lumber Company

Washington, July 6.—(AP)—Senator Mitchell (D) of Washington demanded today that Rep. Andrew J. May (D) of Kentucky, chairman of the House Military Committee, be brought before the Senate War Investigating Committee.

The group had just heard testimony that a munitions company, whose war profits are under investigation, advanced \$48,634 to a lumber company whose agent was Andrew J. May of Prestonsburg, Ky.

This May was not otherwise identified in the record. Prestonsburg is the representative's home town.

Bribe Is Alleged

Mitchell told newsmen that a man purporting to represent the Eric Basin Metal Products Co.—one of the combine—had attempted to "bribe" him last fall. The man, he said, came to him last October or early November and presented a card on which were engraved his own name and that of King Farouk of Egypt.

Mitchell said he soon learned that his caller wanted to discuss the Eric Basin company which even then was under investigation by the committee. The Senator related that the man contended that the investigation was a persecution of the company and unfair and he wanted Mitchell to intercede with the committee on behalf of the company.

"Up to that time his conversation was okay," Mitchell remarked.

\$5,000 Contribution

Then, the senator continued, the man stated that his "principal" wanted to make a contribution of \$5,000 to Senator Mitchell's campaign fund.

"It was nothing but a bribe," Mitchell said. In 14 years in Washington that is the first time that has happened to me."

Mitchell told the committee in connection with the testimony of the lumber company that the "integrity of Congress" demanded that Rep. May be called upon to testify. He proposed that the legislative machinery toward that end be investigated.

The committee also called Brig. Gen. Roswell Hardy of army ordinance to explain why he suggested in 1944 that Batavia Metal Products Company be given a big order for the manufacture of 8 inch shells.

Earlier testimony indicated that Batavia—one of 19 closely linked concerns whose complicated operations and high profits are under study—got the order within a half hour after the suggestion and without competitive bidding.

Committee members said Hardy will be asked whether the suggestion was advanced at the request of Rep. Andrew May (D) of Kentucky, chairman of the powerful army ordinance officer asserted yesterday that they put "pressure" on them in the interest of Batavia.

One of these officers, Col. John Sical, also linked May to a "highly unusual" army-navy efficiency award granted to Batavia only after Secretary of War Patterson—then undersecretary—asked for speedy consideration.

New Efforts Might Crack Revival Bill

Washington, July 6.—(AP)—OPA's senatorial critics courted today on a powerful "off the meat ceilings" drive to crack open the compromise bill to revive price and rent controls.

Spearheaded by Republican Senators Taft of Ohio, and Wherry of Nebraska, this fresh attempt to the down OPA, even if it wins new life, gained influential support of Democratic Senator George of Georgia.

George told reporters he favors leaving meats off the list because he thinks most of it would go back into the black market the minute controls were restored.

Meat Shortage Forecast.

"We are going to have a meat shortage," he declared, "but it is better to get rid of controls and the black market that goes with them than to attempt to set prices."

With the Senate in recess until Monday when it will take up the disputed revival bill which Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky forced out the Banking Committee, OPA opponents maneuvered to force the first test vote on the meat issue. Taft said he felt confident enough Democrats would go along with Republicans to write the meat exemption into the bill despite objections by administration leaders that such a move might cause another presidential veto.

Porter Criticizes Terms.

Wherry told a reporter it is his judgment that if the Senate refuses to kill meat controls, it won't accept any other amendments to the bill on which Barkley is stalling firm despite the criticism of some of its terms by OPA Administrator Paul Porter.

Barkley and Chairman Wagner (D) of New York of the Banking Committee expressed hope that the Senate will stick by the committee approved measure. But they obviously had doubts about their ability to beat off the meat amendment, offered in different forms by Wherry and Senator McCarran (D) of Nevada.

Canada Acts To Combat Threat Of U. S. Prices

Ottawa, July 6.—(AP)—The Canadian government, in a four-point program designed to combat the threat of rising prices in the United States and to ease the pressures of inflation, has pegged the Canadian dollar at par United States dollar and strengthened Canada's price structure.

Finance Minister J. L. Halsey, who outlined the program in the House of Commons in a surprise announcement in which he referred to the recent abandonment of price controls in the United States, said he hoped the new measure would "go a long way toward insulating Canada against unfavorable external conditions and easing the inflationary pressures which now are so strong."

Furniture Workers Get New Leader

Thomasville, July 6.—(AP)—Charles C. Causey of Thomasville announced yesterday that he had accepted appointments as international representative of the United Furniture Workers of America (C.I.O.) in the Fifth District, which includes Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Georgia.

The appointment was made by Ernest Marsh of New York, C.I.O. organizer.

Causey succeeds Bernard Hiatt of Thomasville, who resigned Monday because, he said, of the "Communist" influence of the international's leaders.

In making the appointment, Marsh, whose temporary headquarters are in Greensboro, said Hiatt had used his resignation to create disruption and confusion among union members. Marsh charged that Hiatt, in conducting a meeting Tuesday at which he resigned, had "dictatorial and undemocratic," and that the meeting was contrary to the union's constitution.

"Despite a few disruptions in its ranks," Marsh said, "the U. F. W. A. will continue to cooperate with the C. I. O. in building strong democratic unions in the South, improving wages, working conditions and living standards of the workers."

TO SPEAK AT MEET

Raleigh, July 6.—(AP)—Magdalene Brummitt, will be one of the principal speakers at an annual meeting of the Association of Official Seed Analysts of America to be held in Lansing, Mich., July 12-19.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy and warmer south and west portions, cloudy and mild with moderate to heavy rains and fresh gusty winds northeast portion tonight. Warmer Sunday.

FAMILY SLEEPS ON CITY HALL LAWN



REFUSED A TWO-ROOM HOME in the Rodgers Young Memorial Village in Los Angeles because his family was "too large," ex-Navy cook James A. Nelson slept with his homeless family on the lawn in front of the City Hall. The veteran intends to make his home on the City Hall lawn until allowed to live at Memorial Village. (International Soundphoto)