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UNION POLITICS

CIO leaders are organizing to make their weight felt in the Democratic national convention next year, Labor Columnist Victor Riesel tells the story in his column today. You'll find it on the back page.

GREEK ARMY PLANES LASH GUERRILLAS

Marshall Urges Admission Of 400,000 Refugees

Legislation Asked By 3 Members Of Cabinet

Texan Says U.S. Has Alien Share

WASHINGTON— (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall, urging the admission of 400,000 European war refugees, was interrupted in his testimony today by the suggestion that the United States already has absorbed its share of aliens.

Marshall retorted: "That's the significance of the Statue of Liberty."

Rep. Gossett, Democrat, Texas, made the observation that brought the reply as Marshall, Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of Commerce Harriman asked a House Judiciary Subcommittee to approve legislation permitting the entry of displaced persons.

WOULD LOWER FIGURE

Marshall testified he would be willing to see Congress pass this year a measure to admit only 100,000 refugees — the proposed legislation would provide for entry of 100,000 a year for four years.

"It would be better than nothing," Marshall said, adding that admission of a "substantial number" would partly remove a source of "conflict and friction" with Russia.

Marshall said that to accede to repeated Russian demands and forcable repatriate these allies of ours to their prewar homes would violate both American tradition and principles adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

But as long as they remain in Germany and until they can strike new roots elsewhere in friendly soil, the displaced persons will remain a "constant source of international friction," Marshall said.

Marshall called for "prompt decision and action" by Congress to show that "we practice what we preach" to other countries about opening their doors.

BACKS UP TRUMAN PLEA

The Cabinet officer thus reinforced the plea voiced by President Truman last week in a special message which declared "our plain duty requires that we join with other nations in solving this tragic problem."

Patterson contended the United States should take the leadership in resettling these displaced persons. He said their admission would be an economy to the taxpayers, since the cost to the Army and contribution to the International Refugee Organization this fiscal year will total 173,000,000.

Patterson said resettlement would put their energies and skills to productive use and enable them to provide means for their own support.

"MORAL OBLIGATION"

Harriman said in a statement that the United States has a "moral obligation" to aid these people and "to do it now."

In another statement, the Catholic Association for International Peace said that "these people have fought or suffered for their ideals and continue to suffer. They have a right of refuge—a right that has been recognized as sacrosanct in the history and culture of the United States."

Wanton Destruction

Myers Park Home Marred By Vandals

Another case of wanton destruction at a Myers Park residence was today under investigation of City police.

M. R. Marsh, Charlotte architect, reported to police that upon his family's return from a two-week vacation he found his house at 1642 Hertford Road had been entered and the place damaged.

The house was entered apparently by judging from hand prints on the walls, and all rooms ransacked. After climbing to the porch roof the invaders went through an unlocked window.

The place was thoroughly ransacked, furniture was cut and scratched, mud and blind prints were smeared on the walls, doors were scratched with an ice pick and water was poured on chairs.

Nothing was missed and the intruders were evidently content with damaging and destroying the furnishings.

A few years back, several Myers Park homes were broken into and subjected to wanton acts of vandalism but the Marsh home was the first that has been so damaged recently.

Argues With Taft

Henderson Says Buying Power Cut

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Leon Henderson, former OPA Administrator, said today that price increases have trimmed consumer purchasing power dangerously, but Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, declared: "I see no basis for that argument."

Henderson told the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report, which Taft heads, that price hikes have outstripped wage boosts, and that this has cut buying power to a point where a price collapse such as followed World War I is threatened.

In a brisk exchange with the former price chief, Taft said:

"I question whether there has been any real reduction of purchasing power. . . . I suggest there is no imbalance of prices and wages. I suggest that on the whole wages have gone up more than prices."

PROGRAM OUTLINED

Henderson outlined a program for economic stability advocated by the organization Americans for Democratic Action. He appeared with these other ADA members: Paul Porter, also a former Price Administrator; Robert M. Nathan, former Deputy Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion; and Richard V. Gilbert, one-time OPA chief economist.

On at least two points Henderson and Taft agreed.

Henderson urged reduction of excise taxes—levied on such items as jewelry, liquor and luggage—by $2,000,000,000 a year. Taft said excise taxes should be removed as soon as income taxes have been reduced.

Henderson urged a Congressional investigation of the housing situation, calling it "one of our stinking shames." Taft said he supports pending legislation which would authorize such an inquiry.

In a statement to the Committee, Henderson said he saw "little immediate danger of a major depression but that prices may collapse disastrously as they did after World War I.

"While that collapse (of 1920-21) cannot be compared with the grinding depression of 1929-33, it was no picnic," he said.

"Today, just as in 1929, prices have been permitted to get out of hand," Henderson declared. "Once again, the price structure is shot through with distortions and imbalances."

Henderson, now chief economist of the Research Institute of America, a private business survey enterprise, made no mention in his statement of yesterday's testimony to the committee by the National Association of Manufacturers. But the ADA views he set forth clashed sharply with those enunciated by NAM President Earl Bunting.

For example, Henderson said:

"The fruits of our stabilisa-

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British Talk Labor Draft

LONDON —(AP)— Britain's Labor Government was confronted today with a controversy-provoking proposal for a peacetime draft of so-called "non-productive" workers to fill the manpower gaps in industry which are slowing the nation's economic recovery.

The explosive suggestion was advanced by Arthur Deakin, genteel secretary of the powerful Transport and General Workers Union, in a speech directly counter to long-standing union opposition to labor conscription and piece work pay.

"There are thousands of people who ought to be put into productive industry and at once," Deakin declared, after asserting that organized labor "must of necessity expect a limited measure of direction."

Many observers believed that Deakin's speech was merely a trial balloon released with the approval of a cautious Government seeking the reaction of trade union members, on which its political strength is based.

The Daily Herald, Labor Party organ, reported that "the Ministers concerned are watching closely the reaction of the trade unions" to Deakin's revolutionary proposals.

"If there is an overwhelming demand from the trade unions for 'a limited policy' of direction of labor, the Government would consider taking such action," the newspaper added.

The Government as well as the unions heretofore has been opposed to peacetime conscription of workers, repeatedly taking public stands against it — the last only a month or two ago.

The country's economic plight, however, has been pictured by Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison as likely to reach crisis in the Autumn, and the dire threat of hunger obviously may be activating a change in labor's attitude.

The new developments lent strength to revived rumors that Ernest Bevin might give up his portfolio as Foreign Secretary to become Britain's economic czar.

Bevin is a former boss of the TGWU — which, with 1,300,000 members claims to be the largest union in the world. As wartime Minister of Labor he mobilized British workers under broad powers to draft them for whatever jobs they were needed.

Case Of Panic

Mama Mink Loses Head In Air Raid

WASHINGTON— (AP) —A mama mink, it seems, can't tell friendly aircraft from the other kind and has, besides, some mighty screwy ideas about building an air raid shelter.

This may cost the Government $2,070 in damages payable to A. J. Sproutfake of Roy, Wash.

Sproutfake owned a mink farm a mile and a half from Fort Lewis, Wash., where Army airplanes did a lot of low level flying during maneuvers in 1939.

As each wave of aircraft appeared, Sproutfake said, the mink mothers dashed over and covered their young with a layer of straw. When they finally ran out of straw, they threw themselves on top of the pile.

Sproutfake said he had 62 litters totaling 379 kits when all this started. When the airplanes finished roaring around his premises, all but 48 had smothered.

The House approved his damage claim yesterday and sent it along to the Senate.

Continue To Skyrocket

Cotton Prices Hit New Seasonal High

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Cotton futures continued to skyrocket here today in heavy trading and at the end of the first half-hour of trading spot prices were $2.50 to $4.75 a bale higher. Profit taking reduced the gains but closing prices were $1.35 to $2.80 a bale higher than the previous close.

Much of the demand, which put prices to new highs for the season, resulted from indications of short supplies and predictions of heavy domestic consumption and exports next season.

Some observers said there were indications that large spot interests were doing much of the buying. At the close today, the New Orleans futures were up $1.35 a bale for October; $2.50 a bale for December and $2.80 a bale for March, the previous close, October 35.00; December 34.40, and March 34.07.

(On the New York market prices were up $3.10 to $5.25 a bale toward the finish.)

At the opening on July 8, just before the Government's acreage estimate was issued, the October future was quoted at 31.85 cents a pound, which was 340 points, or $10 per bale, under the market today.

Independent Greek Vigil Considered

May Act If U.N. Efforts Fail

LAKE SUCCESS—(AP)—An authoritative source said today some United Nations delegates were considering the possibility of setting up a Greek border watch outside the world organization if Russia blocks Security Council action on the Balkans.

The source said this was one possible step should the Security Council turn down a U. S. proposal for establishing a United Nations semi-permanent commission to watch over the Balkan border areas.

If Russia vetoes the U S Commission plan, this informant said, Greece could invite other members of the United Nations to form an independent commission which could make its headquarters on Greek soil and watch over the border area.

COULD GATHER INFORMATION

Such a Commission, he explained, would have no powers but could gather information. The members, through their Governments, could place the information at the disposal of the United Nations when the General Assembly meets in September.

There also were suggestions in some quarters that if the Security Council failed to act in the Balkan case then the U. S. or Britain might bring the case before the General Assembly.

Such a complaint before the 55-member Assembly would be bolstered by a report from an independent border commission, some observers felt.

It appeared, however, that both Britain and America would exhaust all other means before joining in an independent watch over the Balkan borders from Greek soil. Informed quarters suggested that if Russia used her power of veto to block action now, serious consideration would be given to the possibility of submitting a new complaint to the Security Council.

Some sources said that a new complaint might be submitted under Chapter Seven of the Charter in which Russia threats to the peace and breaches of the peace.

Under this chapter the Council would be asked to consider measures involving armed forces which could be employed against accused nations.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

The Council could call upon member nations to apply such measures as economic sanctions and the severance of diplomatic relations. But here again the veto could be used just as it can be used in the present case.

The only alternative left inside the United Nations that event would be to bring a complaint to the General Assembly and ask that body to establish a commission such as the Palestine Inquiry Commission.

In urging delegates to act now on the Balkan problem, U S. Deputy Delegate Herschel V. Johnson told the Security Council yesterday that the situation in Greece "might burst into an explosion any day."

Pineapple Strike Ends

HONOLULU—(AP)—The strike in Hawaii's $65,000,000 pineapple industry ended as abruptly as it began six days ago.

Federal Labor Conciliator Nathan P. Reinsinger announced that the CIO Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union had called off the strike and that the industry had agreed o reopen contract negotiations.

ILWU Chief Harry Bridges said workers would return to their jobs immediately.

The accord between the union and industry leaders after five turbulent days brought peace once again to the sugar and ended the threat that the strike might spread throughout other major industries to cripple seriously the entire economy of the islands.

The agreement to call off the strike and resume negotiations was reached on a basis of recommendations made by Reinsinger.

When negotiations are resumed, the industry will stand on its offer of a 10-cent hourly wage boost and the union will proceed with a demand for a 15-cent increase. Base pay is 80 cents for men and 70 cents for women.

'Gesture Of Good Will'

Ahoskie Kiwanis Club Will Give Automobile To Negro

SALISBURY (AP) — The Ahoskie Kiwanis Club will give Harvey Jones, 25-year-old Negro war veteran of Hertford County, a $3,200 Cadillac automobile, Dr. Charles W. Armstrong, Kiwanis International president, said he had been informed today.

The Ahoskie club authorized Dr. Armstrong to announce this decision following a meeting of the club's board of directors earlier in the day. The statement released by the club said the second automobile was being awarded on the recommendation of Dr. Armstrong and "as a gesture of good will to all people and without any request or demand by the Negro."

The statement also reviewed details of the lottery in which Jones, holder of the winning ticket, was denied the grand prize on grounds that he was not a white man.

"No tickets were knowingly sold to colored people by members of the Kiwanis Club," the statement declared.

It was also pointed out that there were no accommodations for Negroes at the festival-dance held June 17, 18 and 19 in Ahoskie for the club's underprivileged children fund.

The Kiwanis International president had said earlier that he had urged in a telephone conversation with officials of the Ahoskie club this morning that the car be awarded the Negro.

The members of the club, he said, are men of the "highest integrity and the finest type of citizens, and I am quite sure in my own mind that they meant no race discrimination, and that they do not now intend to be unfair to anyone."

Calling the whole incident an "unfortunate affair," Dr. Armstrong also said policies of the civic club disapprove of all games of chance, lotteries, and other questionable means of raising funds.

Since the lottery story was made public yesterday Dr. Armstrong said he has been "deluged" with telephone calls and telegrams from officials, newspapers and one member of Congress. In a telephone call this morning Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico said he would denounce the Ahoskie club's action on the floor of the Senate

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U. S. Proposal

Parley To Draft Jap Pact Urged

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States announced today it has proposed an eleven-nation conference Aug. 19 to begin work on a Japanese peace treaty. The proposal represents a break with the peace-making methods followed in Europe where Russia and each of the other Big Four powers has an absolute veto.

The conference, under the American proposal, would be held either in Washington or San Francisco. Some of the invited nations might suggest alternative places or dates.

NO REPLIES YET

No replies have been received to the proposal which was made, the State Department announced, last Friday.

American officials said that because of the availability of diplomatic representatives in Washington, it probably would be simpler to arrange this intial conference here, but the American proposal was reported authoritatively to have left the way open for a meeting in San Francisco. The State Department's formal announcement said only that the United States told the other governments that "it would be pleased to be host" if they desire.

U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, on confidential instructions from Secretary of State Marshall, has discussed the new treaty-making plans with Foreign Minister Molotov and Molotov is understood to have indicated dislike of these provisions which would end exclusive domination of the great powers in this field.

However, Molotov agreed to take the matter under consideration and no Russian objection or counterproposal has been received.

The countries invited to the Aug. 19 parley are the members of the Far Eastern Commission set up about two years ago to make Allied policy for the Japanese occupation: Australia, Canada, China, France, India, The Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and the United States.

These eleven were invited, a high State Department official said, because the American Government is determined that the Japanese peace treaty work from the outset will be carried out by the largest possible number of qualified nations.

The list includes the so-called Big Four of the Pacific war—the U. S., Britain, China and Russia. It also includes nations such as Australia which, as American officials frequently point out, contributed much more to the war effort against Japan than Russia, which came in only at the last moment.

Pledge Goes To Marshall

SALT LAKE CITY.— (AP) —The National Governors' Conference Resolutions Committee approved unanimously today a pledge to support for Secretary of State Marshall's efforts to bring peace and freedom to a weary world.

Members of the Committee said the resolution, text of which was withheld pending action of the full conference, was couched in general terms of approval of Marshall's efforts "to bring a peaceful settlement of the world's problems.

The Marshall plan of economic rehabilitation for Europe was not specifically mentioned in the pledge, said Gov. Frank Carlson, Kansas Republican, a committee member.

"It is a very sincere resolution of support for the Secretary of State," Carlson said. He added that the pledge was directed at backing Marshall's efforts all over the world and not only in Europe.

The Resolutions Committee also was reported to have approved unanimously a resolution urging Congress to clear up the question of state title to offshore ocean tidelands and similar areas.

A committee member said a resolution endorsing statehood for Alaska, was approved, adding that Hawaii probably would be included in the same document when it is laid before the full Conference.

Bridegroom Misses Beautiful Wedding

HASTINGS, Neb.—(AP)—It was a beautiful wedding but the bridegroom missed it.

The organist at the First Methodist Church played nuptial music. The soloist sang, the candles were lighted and the bridal party welcomed some 100 guests.

Then the Rev. Ralph Rasmussen rose to his feet and told the assemblage that Robert Kellog and Miss Phyllis Osterhout had been married a few hours earlier so that Kellog could be rushed to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy.

The ceremony was stopped in the middle of the wedding when the groom became ill.

Turkey Will Get Ships

WASHINGTON— (AP) —Secretary of State Marshall announced today the United States is taking steps to turn over ten merchant ships to Turkey as a first move in the new program of strengthening the Turkish armed forces.

Marshall told a press conference that, with the Navy's concurrence, he had asked the Maritime Commission to sell Turkey six U. S. Government-owned cargo-passenger vessels. The Maritime Commission also is being asked to sell four surplus vessels to Turkey.

Marshall was asked whether this represented the first transfer under the $100,000,000 undertaking to strengthen Turkey, and he replied affirmatively. Marshall noted that the sale of the six cargo-passenger vessels did not involve expenditure of any U. S. funds. They will be paid for in cash.

The six cargo-passenger vessels were described as pre-war built and of medium-size. The four surplus ships were built during the war and were not otherwise described.

France Offers Economic Plan

PARIS—(AP)—France proposed today to the Committee of European Economic Cooperation that its sixteen member nations pool their over-all production of essential materials in compiling their needs and assets under the Marshall program for aid to the continent.

The step, proposed by French Delegate Herve Alphand to the opening session of the new economic organization's steering committee, would bring into recovery plans the far-flung British empire, the vast colonial territories of France and the colonial possessions of other members in all parts of the world.

The committee was assigned the job of drafting Europe's balance sheet by the full economic conference which closed here yesterday. Committee members settled down to work immediately at the French Foreign Ministry. They will lay down a working program for subcommittees on fuel and power, transport, food and agriculture and iron and steel. The subcommittees will be under a five-nation executive committee.

Composer Dies In Calif.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — (AP) — Walter Donaldson, prolific composer of many popular song hits since World War I.

The Brooklyn-born writer of "My Blue Heaven," "Yes Sir, That's My Baby," "My Mammy," "Little White Lies" and a host of others succumbed yesterday to a liver ailment of long standing. He was 54.

Strike While 3 Brigades Close In To Make 'Kill'

Rebels Trapped On Mountain

By L. S. CHAKALES

ATHENS — (AP) — Greek Army planes hammered 2,500 leftist guerrillas trapped on the slopes of Mount Gamila north of Ioannina (Janina) today as three Government brigades closed in for a showdown battle, military sources reported.

Army authorities said that precautions also had been taken against any new invasion of Greek soil. The authorities added that Greek Intelligence reports disclosed there were six guerrilla concentration centers—three in Albania and three in Yugoslavia—from which new offensives could be launched. These reports said the largest of the three in Albania was at Lescovic, and that a hospital for the guerrillas was located there.

PAYOFF BATTLE FIELD

A source close to the General Staff indicated last night that the field of the payoff battle in northwestern Greece probably would be near the villages of Vourgarelli and Vasilikon where, he said, the Army had guerrillas surrounded. Vasilikon is only four miles from the Albanian frontier.

War Minister George Stratos meanwhile reported the entrapment of some 2,500 anti-Government troops by three Greek brigades—4,500 men all told—north of the village of Negradhes, where he said they were halted yesterday in a drive on the Epirus capital of Ioannina, nineteen miles to the south.

The irregulars, said Stratos, cannot escape and have to give battle.

He reported one brigade moving up from the south had stopped the guerrillas in their push for Ioannina, a city of 20,000, and two others coming down from the north had closed the trap from that direction. The air force, he said, had ferried in reinforcements, landing some of them on a field partly flooded by heavy rains.

The General Staff informant said two Greek brigades nine miles west of Yeroplatanos had trapped another force of guerrillas back Monday from the village of Konitsa, 25 miles north of Ioannina.

CALLED "INVASION"

Stratos, who has pictured the current guerrilla offensive as an "invasion"s aimed at setting up a Communist state, said 20 prisoners had told interrogators contingents of an "international brigade" were among the forces fighting the Army.

He added that members of a United Nations Balkan Subcommission had been convinced that the offensive began in Albania. Stratos reported the Subcommission went back to its Salonika headquarters from the battle zone yesterday but would return to Konitsa to talk with prisoners.

Top military authorities said they feared a new large-scale guerrilla operation in the Florina area bordering the Yugoslav border. Informed sources said such a move might come in an effort to relieve a large guerrilla force on Mount Grammos which has been taking a severe pummelling for two weeks.

U. S., BRITAIN WATCH

A United States Embassy spokesman said that both the British and U. S. Governments were receiving information here, in Washington and in London" on developments in the Greek border strife.

Sources in official government circles said if the Greek situation grew much worse it might be necessary to request the American mission to sanction an increase in the Greek Army from 130,000 to 200,000 men. Such a sharp increase would bite substantially into the United States aid program, which is previously earmarked for civilian use.

Won't Discuss Reports

Patterson Has Not Offered Resignation

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Reports that Secretary of War Patterson will resign when the armed forces unification becomes effective brought from Patterson today this comment:

"I have not, repeat not, submitted my resignation to the President."

He declined to discuss with a reporter the possibility of whether he would step out of office when and if the merger bill, now half way through Congress, becomes law.

Speculation over the eventual official setup under the merger program has produced a number of suggested names of men who might head the armed forces organization, including Secretary of Navy James Forrestal.

On the other hand, some persons familiar with the long battle over unification contend that the Navy's early opposition to the plan might weigh against selection of the Navy chief for the post.

Under the bill as passed by the Senate and awaiting House action, there would be a Secretary of National Security, with cabinet status and Secretaries (without cabinet rank) for the three components of the armed forces organization — the Departments of War, Navy and Air Force.

If Patterson resigns and Forrestal is shifted to become head of the armed forces, Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall and Undersecretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan would be left as the acting heads of those two departments.

Committee Backs Poll Tax Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Administration Committee approved today legislation to outlaw payment of the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in elections for Federal offices.

Backed by the Republican leadership, the bill tenatively is scheduled for a House vote early next week, although there are no indications that the Senate will consider it this year.

Princess And Fiance Dance Until 3 A. M.

EDINBURGH, Scotland— (AP) — Princess Elisabeth and her fiance, Lt. Philip Mountbatten, danced until 3 A. M. today and drove home to Holyrood Castle while mile wagons clattered in the streets.

Here with the royal family for a week's visit, the couple went to a public dance for the benefit of the National Association of Girls' Clubs.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and widely scattered thundershowers this afternoon. Thursday partly cloudy and warm.

Temperature at 3:00 today — High and low last 24 hours — Sunrise tomorrow — Sun sets today at 8:00 p.m.