

Columnist Earl Wilson, vacationing down Key West way, says the newspaper man, who called President Truman aren't sure about his chances of re-election, but are agreed that he's mighty human fellow. Turn to the back page for Wilson's story.

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Southerners Map Strategy Against Civil Rights Plan

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Governors' Conference Will Meet On March 13

Headquarters Proposed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Southern Democrats mapped further offensives today against President Truman and his civil rights program. Although the Congressional battlefront was momentarily quiet, these developments pointed to intensified intraparty strife. The Mississippi Democratic Executive Committee called a special meeting Monday to consider a resolution to support the "True White Jeffersonian" Democratic movement. Separately, five of the eight southern states banded in this drive already have contributed \$85,000 toward a \$100,000 war chest.

The Southern Governors Conference was summoned to meet in Washington March 13 to hear a special committee's report on the civil rights fight. National Party Chairman J. Howard McGrath requested to yield to the committee's request Monday that President Truman withdraw his proposals.

Gov. Preston Lane of Maryland, chairman of the Governors' Conference, called a special meeting yesterday at the request of the committee headed by Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

The committee, appointed Feb. 9 at Wakulla Springs, Fla., was given 40 days by the conference to prepare a report on the civil rights proposals which have caused so much rage in the South.

Although this group has been named to "implement the operation" of the national convention, the status of the southern Democratic party presumably will not be overlooked. On the committee are such party stalwarts as Edward J. Kelly of Chicago, David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh, Frank J. McFarland of Indianapolis and former National Chairman Edward J. Flynn, New York.

Democratic Rebels in Congress prepared to renew their fight next week against enactment of anti-lynching and anti-riot legislation. Both of these are part of President Truman's civil rights bill.

Approved by a Senate subcommittee, the anti-lynching bill was scheduled for prompt clearance by the full committee. The anti-riot bill, however, has been held up by the Senate Judiciary Committee. These reports said that the bill was scheduled for public hearings in the seven southern states which require a two-thirds vote for passage.

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Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) denounced it as a "brazen" attack on the voters' freedom of choice. He said it was "voting power" to "a little group of party bosses" rather than the people themselves.

And Democratic Gov. Earle Clement of Kentucky, who is in Frankfurt, has no intention of signing any Central American bill to eliminate the names of Presidential candidates from the state ballot.

Before the 1944 election only the names of party Presidential electors appeared on Kentucky ballots, but the law was changed to put the names of the candidates themselves.

Five other Southern states have passed laws which require the names of party electors appear on the ticket in Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

The bill Truman's name is barred, however, would have to change existing regulations.

In Louisiana, a State law requires Democrats to support their party nominee. Truman, however, has North Carolina laws require that party nominees be printed on the ballot.

Chairman Gessner T. McCorvey of the Alabama State Democratic Committee predicted that his state would defeat any attempt to add the name of Truman to the ballot.



WHERE NEXT IN RUSSIAN SWEEP—Finland, France, Italy and Austria (blackened areas) are regarded by observers as possibly next in the path of the Communist sweep westward. Countries already dominated by Russian Communism are denoted by shaded areas. Finland and Italy will hold elections soon. (AP Wirephoto Map.)

Choosing Delegation Finns To Discuss Pact With Moscow

HELSINKI, Finland — (AP) — President Juho E. Paasikivi is expected by Tuesday to name a delegation to discuss with Moscow the friendship treaty requested by Prime Minister Stalin.

It seems likely the delegation will be headed either by Premier Mauno Pekkari or by Foreign Minister Carl Enckell. Russian-speaking diplomat of long experience in Moscow negotiations.

Persons close to the cabinet said the delegation, meanwhile, has asked parliamentary groups to tell him their attitude toward the proposed treaty by Tuesday.

The mood of the Finnish people seems resigned. Outwardly they are just preparing for another fine week-end, with skating championships as the main issue. But whenever two Finns meet, the Russian proposal is the principal topic of conversation.

NO ULTIMATUM
The general attitude thus far seems to be: This is not a Russian ultimatum, but a logical result of the strained international situation.

"The decision is no easy one," said one Finnish official. "To stabilize her position and to conserve her sovereignty," says the conservative newspaper UUSI Suomi.

Political observers expressed concern over the Soviet move in view of the impending parliamentary elections, scheduled for July. This concern stems from the pattern set in the past.

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Czech Reds Will Show No Mercy

Premier Vows Purge Of Foes

PRAGUE — (AP) — Premier Klement Gottwald of Czechoslovakia's new Communist-dominated Government said today, "We will have a complete change."

Gottwald made his statement at the opening of a farmers' and peasants' rally here.

"Merely changing a few people in the Government is not enough," he declared. "New stage settings are needed. It will become necessary in getting rid of agents of domestic and foreign reaction."

Meanwhile, the U. S. Information Service, by request, removed from its windows today a copy of the three-power denunciation of events in Czechoslovakia.

The Foreign Office made the request. A large crowd had gathered outside the information services offices in one of the main streets off the public square, and it was reported that they were hostile to the display.

These other developments came today.

Dr. Prokop Drtina, Minister of Justice until last week, was found guilty of an anti-Communist offense according to the official police account.

The Government withdrew broadcasting privileges from foreign radio stations. Dr. Oskar Kozel, head of the foreign press section of the Ministry of Information, said: "They did not show in their broadcasts a true understanding of the situation."

Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk was "not to call this morning. Masaryk is a holdover from the old Czechoslovakia."

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The Government radio kept going to the European Recovery Program for the future.

Zdenek Nejedly, new Education Minister, said the Communist Party, which he said was the army must be "political."

He said new textbooks would be written. The radio predicted action against Czechoslovakia in all schoolrooms.

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U. S. TOLD TO CLEAN OWN HANDS — A. Abbott Rosen (right), chief of the civil rights section of the U. S. Department of Justice, tells an audience of white people and Negroes in Atlanta, Ga., that the United States must clean its own hands before crying shame on other nations for violation of civil rights. Listening, left to right: Dr. George S. Messersmith, executive director, Southern Regional Council; Mrs. M. E. Tilly, council's field secretary, and P. D. Williams, council president. AP Photo.

Married To Russian

Girl Quits Embassy Job With Blast At U. S. Policy

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW — A tall American blonde who quit the United States Embassy yesterday with a criticism of the policy of the United States, revealed today she is the wife of a Russian baritone.

Annabelle Bucar, 33, of Clinton, Pa., said that for thirteen months she has been the wife of Konstantin Lepshin, 34, a Russian baritone, about 35, sings with the Moscow opera theater.

In a letter of resignation, Miss Bucar said she had received a real understanding of the Russians. She said the policy of the U. S. Embassy "is directly against these people."

Called "REMISS"
Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith said last night he had not received the letter yet. He added Miss Bucar had been "very remiss" in not informing the Embassy earlier of her marriage.

Under State Department regulations, she should have notified the Embassy of her marriage and immediately resigned, he said.

Service Miss Bucar did some work on a Russian-language magazine "America."

The text of her letter of resignation follows: "My Dear Mr. Ambassador: Please accept herewith my resignation effective as of this date. The following will explain my action:

"During the time I spent in the Soviet Union I became aware of many aspects of Soviet life. It became apparent to me that many Americans are not sufficiently acquainted with the life of the Soviet people. There is a lack of objective

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Target Date Is Set Communist Moves Spur Aid Debate

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) today set March 15 as the target date for Senate passage of the \$5,300,000,000 European Recovery Program.

He said action on the proposed \$5,300,000,000 aid for China and additional \$75,000,000,000 of Greek-Turkish military supply bill would follow.

The Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and Russian demands on Poland have added new impetus to the European program, Vandenberg told reporters.

"It is obvious that if we are going to do anything, time is of the essence," he added.

Senator Vandenberg's comments came after a closed door session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Extensive public hearings were held on the European Recovery Program but Vandenberg said this is not possible on the China and Greek-Turkish proposals because "the problem is the timetable."

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Spectacular Accident Occurs On Seigle Ave.

Truck Driver Is Critically Hurt

Nine persons were injured, one critically, at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon when a Duke Power Co. street bus and a coal truck collided on Seigle Ave.

The bus dragged the truck a distance of 300 feet down Seigle Ave., and then came to a stop across the sidewalk just south of the City Garage, according to first reports from the scene.

James Clark, Negro, 87 E. Eighth St., driver of the coal truck, was knocked underneath the truck. He was taken to the Duke Hospital, where his condition was reported to be critical.

Bus passengers injured and taken to Memorial Hospital in ambulances were:

Mrs. Lillian Falkman, 1617 Parnett St., bruises and abrasions on legs and hand.

Norman Haigler, Route Three, Matthews, the bus driver, injuries on the left leg.

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Mrs. Clara Galloway, 1612 Parnett St., injuries not believed serious.

Mrs. Sally Kiser, 1617 Parnett St., bruises and abrasions on legs and hand.

Mrs. Beatrice Hemphill, 1115 Parnett St., injuries not believed serious.

Mrs. Helen Connolly, Box 285, York, S. C.

Police said that Mr. Haigler was driving the bus south along Seigle, coming toward the business section. The truck was heading north at the time of the accident.

The bus knocked the truck back about 30 feet in the spectacular collision.

The impact knocked the bus off the street, and it came to a stop on the bank of a creek which crosses Seigle Ave. near the garage.

C. V. Purser, a city police officer, was dispatched to the scene of the accident, said that he came out of his apartment on Seigle Ave. just after the collision occurred.

He helped pull several people out of the wreckage.

The truck was owned by Lowder Coal Co. The driver was alone at the time of the accident.

The bus was on the Belmont-Park Road line of the Duke transit city system.

Arabs Attack Jewish Settlement

JERUSALEM — (AP) — Arab forces launched an attack today upon the Jewish settlement of Ma'arat HaYehuda, 40 miles south of Haifa, military sources said.

British police and military units were dispatched to the area. One Arab source said the attack may be a preliminary thrust in the Arab drive to force the evacuation of Jewish settlers from the area.

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New Gadget Protects White Sidewalk Tiles

It is an electrical signal that comes from the car's radio and a half inch of the curb. Pacific Electric, trade magazine, describes it as a "new gadget" to protect the sidewalk tiles from the car's wheels.

The signal is mounted at the rear of the car and is connected to the front of the rear fender on the same side. A tiny signal comes out from the mounting.

When the signal coil touches the curb or any other obstacle a buzzer warns the driver that the car is within four and a half inches of the curb.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, windy and warm this afternoon, followed by clearing and cool tonight and tomorrow.

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