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Gen. Clay Moves To 'Starve Out' Soviet Mission

MARTIN WHISKY REFERENDUM BILL KILLED

Midnight Is Deadline For Leaving

Would Cut Off All Facilities

FRANKFURT, Germany—(AP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay indicated tonight that an eight-man Russian mission, which so far has defied an order to leave the U. S. zone of Germany, would be starved out if it did not leave today.

The U. S. Military Governor indicated the Army would not use force to compel the Russian repatriation mission to leave Frankfurt. He said the problem now is that of Brig. Gen. Robinson E. Duff, the Frankfurt Military post commander.

"The Russians are no longer entitled to facilities here and I feel confident that they will be denied such access," Clay said.

Earlier the Army had said the mission had until midnight to leave the zone or it would "probably be escorted to the border."

Clay said if he were in Gen. Duff's position he probably would cut the telephone line to the Russian mission, cut off their water and food supply and prevent them from "having access to facilities."

The Military Governor regards the Frankfurt sidewalks as "a facility."

"As long as they don't want to get out of the house," Clay said, "we are in no hurry about getting them out."

Col. Sterling Wood, Frankfurt military police chief, acting for Gen. Duff, advised newsmen to see him at 1 A. M. (8 A. M. EST) tomorrow.

"I hope the Russians will have some search to pull out tonight," Wood said, "in which case they will be on their own completely.

"I am going to have breakfast at my normal time tomorrow and if they are still there afterward, I am afraid some facilities will no longer be accorded them."

Wood said as far as he knew all eight members of the Soviet mission — six officers and four enlisted men — were in the big yellow house in the middle of Frankfurt's American sector.

The mission is headed by Col. Vasily S. Argosoev.

Wood said an American captain had been to the mission and that the Russians told him they were sent here by their Government and they intended to stay until they had orders from their superiors in Berlin to leave.

"If their orders come at 11 o'clock tonight," Wood said, "I guess they will hightail it out of here right away."

U. S. Sentences Five Europeans As Spies

MUNICH, Germany —(AP)— A U. S. military commission today convicted five Europeans of espionage and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from 12 to 30 years.

The five, three Germans and two Poles, were convicted of obtaining Russian, Munich Police Department expert, linked handwriting in the five confessions given by the accused to each individual. Szendlorz was charged with having organized the four others as a gang which collected military information of the forces in the U. S. zone and passed it on to him.

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Relief Plan Would Help Strikers

Truman Program Is Outlined

By FRANCIS M. LE-MAY

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Arthur J. Altmeyer said today that President Truman's plan for aid-for-all-needy would permit relief payments to families of workers on strike.

But the decision on whether they would get "home relief," he said, would be made by the individual states. As for what the states might do, Altmeyer said: "I don't think any state would let the family of a striker starve."

Altmeyer, as Social Security Commissioner, has the job of selling the Administration's program of Social Security expansion to Congress. He was before the House Ways & Means Committee which is holding hearings on it.

FACES BATTLE

Indications already have cropped up that the "home relief" idea is in for rough going. One was an exchange between Altmeyer and Chairman Doughton (D-NC).

Altmeyer protested that the program is not "a vast new system of home relief" as some have called it. Doughton asked: "If this is not that, what would it take to make it vast?"

One thing the lawmakers dug at was the possible cost, in event of a depression, of giving aid to all the needy.

In answer to questions about that, Altmeyer said:

"Nobody on earth could tell what the cost would be if a depression of the 1929 magnitude or even the period of deep economic depression the last (of recipients) would grow, with the rolls including workers who had exhausted their unemployment insurance."

Rep. Mills (D-Ark) asked whether Congress might "wake up some morning" with a request for a half-billion to a billion-dollars extra appropriation. He noted the Government now is spending $1,100,000,000 a year in a money-matching arrangement with the states, for aid to the needy aged, the blind, and for dependent children.

Altmeyer had estimated that expanded relief for all the needy would cost $230,000,000 more. But this might well be doubled or go even higher in time of depression, Altmeyer acknowledged.

However, Altmeyer said he hopes that the Administration's proposal for expansion of the General Social Security insurance coverage will eliminate, in a matter of years, any need for the Federal Government participating in direct relief.

Lucas Asks GOP Help

Connally Raps Filibuster Curb

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Connally (D-Tex) declared today the Administration's attempt to put an ironclad limit on Senate debate is "for political purposes and political classes."

Opening the second day of opposition to the proposed "anti-filibuster" rule, the 71-year-old Texan said it was being pushed in the Senate to pass three bills.

These are anti-poll tax, anti-lynch and the "so-called FEPC," Connally said. He labeled all of them "unconstitutional."

He told the Senate the controversial rules change would be used to pass "obnoxious and harmful legislation."

Democratic Leader Lucas (Ill) called for Republican help to end the filibuster and laid out a time table for a showdown early next week.

Before the Senate is his motion to take up a resolution which would alter the Senate's rules so that two-thirds of those voting could clamp a limit on debate at any time.

Southerners oppose this as an opening wedge for passage of President Truman's civil rights program.

Lucas, who heads the Administration's forces in the Senate, said the Southerners will be allowed to talk along until Thursday in their effort to prevent the Senate from passing on this proposition.

He predicted that a petition to invoke the debate-climiting cloture procedure will be filed then.

It will be up to Vice President Barkley to rule whether there can be any limitation of debate on a motion such as Lucas' to take up a resolution.

That's the point at which Lucas said he wants some Republican help.

Last August Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) ruled as presiding officer that the debate limitation didn't apply in a similar case. This was in an effort by Senator Wherry (R-Neb) to call up the anti-poll tax bill.

But if Barkley rules that the debate limit does apply in this case —and there are indications that he will, because he disputed Vandenberg's decision last year—Lucas said he wants the Republicans to vote with him to uphold Barkley.

He conceded that some of them are "on the spot" politically because they favor civil rights legislation, but don't like to overturn the ruling of Vandenberg.

Republicans who sought to end debate by the cloture method last August were Senators Taft of Ohio, Wherry of Nebraska, Reynoldsof of

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SEN. LUCAS

Unfavorable Report Voted In Committee

Penny Bill To Be Considered Next

RALEIGH —(AP)—Legislation calling for a statewide liquor referendum was placed on the unfavorable calendar in the House today.

The action virtually kills chances of the referendum measure passing the House, for it would require a two-thirds favorable vote to get the bill off unfavorable calendar.

Rep. Shelley B. Cravenes of Guilford, chairman of the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported to the House action of his Committee earlier today in giving the measure, introduced by Rep. L. A. Martin of Davidson, an unfavorable report.

The bill would have provided for an election on retention of the present "county option system or drying up liquor sales in the state completely.

Dry leaders made no attempt to prevent the unfavorable report which would have brought the liquor referendum issue to the floor of the House.

When the committee gathered, Rep. M. T. Leatherman of Lincoln moved that the March 8th measure be reported favorably. There was no second to his motion.

Then Rep. Sam Worthington of Pitt moved for an unfavorable report. Rep. Robert Gantt of Durham seconded. On a show of hands there were 27 votes for the motion and only four against.

They gave no indication of when or if they would seek a vote to remove the measure from the unfavorable calendar.

Senator Henry Vann of Sampson, chairman of the Senate Committee on Propositions and Grievances, said his Committee would meet tomorrow morning to consider another referendum bill, one introduced by Senator George T. Penny of Gulford.

The House killed by postponing indefinitely a bill which would have banned advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and in magazines published in the state.

The measure first was amended on a vote of 65 to 49 so as to exempt 35 counties from its provisions. Then Rep. J. K. Powell of Columbus moved that further consideration be postponed indefinitely.

Meanwhile, the House received a school machinery bill which one of its introducers said, would put into effect a minimum foundation school program as recommended by the State Education Commission. An identical measure was offered in the Senate.

Rep. J. W. Umstead of Orange, who joined with a number of others in offering the measure, said it would be followed by an amendment to be offered the Joint Appropriations Committee this afternoon to boost school appropriations $10,000,000 over the amount recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission.

Umstead said this $19,000,000 increase would be sufficient to provide teachers with a salary scale somewhere between the $3,200-

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Committee Favors Hiring 1,500 More Tax Agents

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Funds to hire 1,500 new tax enforcing workers were approved today by the House Appropriations Committee.

The Treasury had asked for 7,000, saying they were needed to avert the "threat-of a weakening in taxpayer morale."

The committee thought otherwise and said that to add 7,000 employees would be to approach the "point of diminishing returns" in tax collections.

(Committee records showed that the addition of 1,500 enforcement workers would give the Internal Revenue Bureau about 50,000 employees in all. There was no breakdown as to how many of these 50,000 would spend full time in the enforcement field.)

At the same time, the committee called for a hike in postage rates, especially those on publications under second class permits.

The committee's action was in a $3,072,217,903 bill making annual direct appropriations to the Treasury and the Post Office Depts. for the year starting next July 1.

In addition, the committee approved so-called permanent and uncontrollable appropriations for the Treasury Dept. amounting to an estimated $2,180,820,983. These include interest on the public debt and such items as the old-age and survivors' insurance trust fund and the employment trust fund administered by the Treasury. Interest on the $251,800,000,000 national debt is estimated at $5,450,000,000.

The direct and controllable appropriations are $99,848,945 less than the President requested and $419,598,223 more than the same departments received for the present year. The increase was attributed primarily to salary raises granted postal and other workers by the last Congress.

The Treasury's share of the total direct appropriations recommended for next year is $1,027,608,403, a cut of $65,385,046 from budget requests. The $2,045,209,500 recommended for the postal service is $34,462,800 below what the President requested.

The bill is called for house debate Thursday and passage Friday. It has not yet been considered by the Senate.

The committee approved $220,500,000 of the Internal Revenue Bureau's request for $232,769,000.

In rejecting the request for 7,000 more enforcement workers, the committee intimated its belief that the full number requested might cost more than the benefits to be received.

The committee said, however, it "feels that the average citizen of this country, who makes an honest, frank income tax return, should not be penalized by the failure of the bureau, through a shortage of employees, to collect what is properly due the Government from those who would not voluntarily make a correct return."

Bank Robber Hits Guilford

GREENSBORO—(AP)—Stokesdale Commercial Bank was held up shortly after 9 A. M. today and robbed of "less than $1,000" by a lone bandit, Capt. D. T. Lambert, Troop C Commander of the State Highway Patrol, said this morning.

Only description of the bandit was that he was a "small white man." There was no description of the car in which he made his escape, but information was that he supposedly drove toward Winston-Salem.

Sgt. Walton Stone of the Patrol was assigned to the investigation, and several deputies were dispatched to the scene by Sheriff John Waters.

All Highway Patrolmen within a 25-mile radius of Stokesdale were alerted, and a cordon was thrown around the area. All automobiles were being stopped and searched on roads leading out of Stokesdale.

The solo robbery came just three days after the Bank of Clover at Clover, S. C., was robbed of $2,000 by a lone bandit.

Committee Tones Down Truman Version

Economic Program Approved

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Democratic majority drove through the House Economic Committee today a toned-down report backing President Truman's program for a sound economy. The vote was 7 to 4 on party lines.

Sen. Flanders (R-Vt) and Rep. Herter (R-Mass) filed a minority report hitting at the Democrats' endorsement of Mr. Truman's request for stand-by authority to restore price and wage controls on a limited basis.

Their report also said the possibility of reducing the national debt by cutting Federal spending rather than boosting taxes "should be more strongly commended."

Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) announced he will file another minority report. He said the majority document endorses ten of Mr. Truman's requests for "additional powers," and added:

"Some of these purposes are highly desirable, but others, in my opinion, are definitely unnecessary and harmful.

"Taken together, they create executive powers which could bring about a completely regimented economy and a completely regimented people."

Taft and Rep. Rich (R-Pa) voted against the majority report, along with Flanders and Herter.

Prior to today's vote, Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala) had criticized a preliminary draft of the report. He said it called for too specific endorsement of the President's program.

After the meeting, Sparkman said changes had been made which made "all the difference in the world." But Taft said they did not change the fact that "powers" are only minor changes in language."

One change in the document was in the section dealing with control. The preliminary draft said on that point:

"Since the abolition of rent control would indubitably cause rents to jump and might bring even more owner funds and speculator and mortgage funds into the market for vital and critical building and other materials, the continuance and strengthening of rent control is, for a time at least . . . desirable."

The final majority report says:

"In view of the present shortage to housing, the removal of rent controls at this time would result in increases which would work great hardship, particularly in our cities, on wage earners, salaried employees, and those living on fixed incomes."

When reporters noted that the revised version contains no outright endorsement of the President's requests for extension and strengthening of rent controls, O'Mahoney said the original language has been changed because some members thought it "carried certain implications," he refused to elaborate.

Last Bulgarian Defendant Confesses Guilt In Court

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

SOFIA, Bulgaria —(AP)— The last of the 15 Protestant churchmen on trial for treason went to the stand today and tearfully confessed.

The State then began the calling of witnesses. The clergymen are accused of spying and black market dealings and treason.

Only one of the 15 deviated from a full confession. Ladin Popov, 36, a Pentecostal pastor, denied he had been a spy but said in a quaking voice that he was guilty of illegal currency dealings.

Mitko Dimitrov, a Baptist pastor accused one of the leading defendants, Nikola Naumov, supervisor of the Baptist Church in Bulgaria, of saying from the pulpit that "Stalin is a bloodsucker."

SUPERIORS ACCUSED

Angel Dinev, 40, a Pentecostal preacher, accused his superiors in the church of being leaders of the alleged spy ring. He ended his testimony with the standard utterance of repentance. He asserted he was converted to what he called the righteous of Communism during the three months he has been imprisoned by the secret police.

"I want to thank the security police for showing me for the first time the human Communist," Dinev said.

Alexander Zahariev, 73, a Methodist, was the last and oldest of those on trial. He accused his son-in-law, Yanko Ivanov, the Methodist supervisor, of duping him into collecting spy data. The old man said he didn't know the information was wanted by foreign interests, as the Communist state alleges. He said he never was paid for his work and concluded his confession in a burst of tears and sobs.

FOLLOW ROUTINE

All defendants have followed the routine of making long confessions, pledging full repentance and begging a chance to redeem themselves by working for the Government.

Popov became so emotional in his pleas of repitence, his voice rose and shook so much that there were some open smiles in the Bulgarian court audience.

He concluded "there is only one road to travel and that is with Comrade Georgi Dimitrov (Communist premier of Bulgaria)."

Another defendant, Zdravko Bezlov, 28, a Methodist, said the true light of Communism had dawned on him while he was in the security jail. There, he said, he had the opportunity to read between 10,000 and 12,000 pages of "progressive literature."

"Now I see things in a clearer light," he said.

Railroads, Union Draft Proposal

CHICAGO — (AP) — Railroad and union representatives drafted new proposals today aimed to settle their lengthy wage and hour dispute which threatens a strike of 1,000,000 non-operating employees.

The carriers and sixteen unions appeared close to agreement on the last major issue—the question of how the 40-hour, five-day work week is to be put into effect. They planned to compare their proposals at a meeting this afternoon.

A Presidential fact-finding board recommended the 40-hour week instead of the present 48 hours and both sides accepted the recommendation. Yesterday the board issued a written clarification of its recommendations. This was the issue which each side contended supported its' position, was written in general terms and appeared to require compromise from each group.

House Labor Bill Hearings Slated

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Labor Committee voted today to begin hearings as soon as possible, perhaps this week, on repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich) told reporters the committee turned down 16 to 9 a resolution proposing to reinstate the old Wagner Labor Relations law without change pending the writing of a new national labor law.

The resolution was sponsored by Rep. Kelley (D-Pa). It drew the support of nine Democrats. Opposed were seven Democrats and all nine Republicans on the committee.

Lesinski said hearings will open on the Administration's Taft-Hartley repeal bill as soon as the committee finishes writing a new minimum wage bill.

Group Dissents From AMA Plan

NEW YORK— (AP) —The largest member group of the American Medical Association has withdrawn its support of the AMA's plan to fight compulsory health insurance.

The New York County (Manhattan) Medical Society took the action last night.

The meeting also defeated a resolution, offered by the executive committee, to approve the twelve-point program the AMA has offered as a "constructive" answer to the Government's proposed compulsory health insurance plan.

This resolution, however, will be reconsidered at a meeting March 28.

The vote at last night's meeting was 432 to 333 against the AMA's $25 per member assessment to raise $3,000,000 for a campaign in behalf of voluntary health systems.

At its last meeting, Jan. 24, the County Society adopted a resolution approving the assessment and generally backing the AMA stand. Approval at that time was by a clear majority after spirited debate, but reconsideration was scheduled for last night. Debate again was heavy.

Foreign Aid Fund Decision Delayed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Southern filibuster kept the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today from making a final decision on the $5,580,000,000 European Recovery Bill.

The committee, under the rules of the Senate, had to cut short its study of the bill when the Senate met at noon.

It will meet again tomorrow when final action on the bill is expected.

Some committee members felt there would be no "substantial" cut in the total, despite the group's extraordinary review yesterday of Britain's $940,000,000 program for the coming year.

The Key Held The Key To His Meaning

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—President Truman's recent resounding use of the initials "S.O.B." reminded State Historian Alex Salley today of a similar incident years ago involving a U. S. Senator.

Cole L. Blease, one time South Carolina Governor, had been attacked by a newspaper writer in a column.

The Senator, asked for comment on his attacker, simply held up his Senate Office Building key. Stamped clearly on it were the building's initials.

Confessions Repudiated

BUDAPEST, Hungary — (AP) —Five of the fourteen men on trial charged with black market dealings for Josef Cardinal Mindszenty withdrew today their pre-trial confessions. They charged instead that police "intimidated" them.

A sixth defendant also withdrew part of his confession.

The men were accused of illegal dealings in foreign currency and of "political conspiracy" with the cardinal and others already sentenced.

Cardinal Mindszenty was sentenced to life imprisonment 21 days ago on charges of treason, seeking to overthrow the Communist-controlled Government in favor of the Hapsburg monarchy and with illegal speculation in American dollars.

WEATHER

Fair and continued cold tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer with rain likely at night.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today.....45
High and low last 24 hours.....51-25
Sunset today 6:19
Sunrise tomorrow 6:32

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Widow And Child Found Buried In Cellar Graves

BYRON CENTER, Mich.—(AP)— The bodies of a young widow and her two-year-old daughter were found today in crude, concrete-filled graves in the basement of their home in this little western Michigan village.

Prosecutor Roger C. McMahon of Kent County reported shortly afterward that a woman admitted she and a male accomplice killed them.

Victims of the gruesome slaying were Mrs. Delphine Downing, 28, and her daughter, Rainelle.

Police had combed the village after neighbors reported the mother and daughter had not been seen for several days.

The prosecutor announced that an oral statement admitting the crime had been made by Mrs. Martha Beck, 29. Police reported she and Raymond Martinez Fernandez, 34, had been living in Mrs. Downing's home.

McMahon said he was investigating the possibility of a nationwide "lonely hearts club" racket because of the circumstances under which the two were slain.

Fernandez, a native of Hawaii, met Mrs. Downing through such an organization, McMahon said, adding that a list of members—with fourteen names checked—was found in the Downing home. He said the FBI had been asked port to "search" from her by a vice-consul in Berlin before this country entered the war.

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"Did you ever want the United States to lose the war?"

"No," she replied.

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"Certainly not."

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Sally Preferred Company Of Lover To Being Rescued

By KARL R. BAUMAN

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Mildred E. (Axis Sally) Gillars acknowledged today that she preferred being with her lover in Germany to being rescued by American troops.

She gave this testimony under cross-examination in her treason trial shortly after conding her direct recital with a tearful protestation of loyalty to this country.

John M. Kelley Jr., the chief prosecutor, demanded to know why Miss Gillars did not hide out in Paris in August, 1944, to await American troops then approaching the French capital.

She said she wanted to be with the late Professor Max Otto Koischwitz. He was a Nazi radio official under whom Miss Gillars made her propaganda broadcasts to American troops and homes.

"That meant more to you than anything else in the world?" Kelley asked.

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Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

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I wonder if any of these Psychiatrists ever found a policeman with an inferiority complex . . . I don't know which of the three has ruined the most fellows, liquor, golf or bird dogs.

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