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Red Nations Accused Of Human Rights Violations

RUSSELL IMPLICATES PITTS IN STICKUP

GOP Victory Blow To Truman Program

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The GOP success in a Pennsylvania Congressional race seems likely to step up Republican attacks on President Truman's domestic legislative program.

With Republican Candidate John Saylor's victory in a special election in the 26th Pennsylvania District, Republicans thought they had found one of the major issues they have been wanting for their attempt to regain control of Congress in 1950.

Saylor defeated Mrs. Robert L. Coffey, the Democratic candidate, by campaigning chiefly against President Truman's "Fair Deal" program. Saylor charged the President with attempting to create a welfare state in this country.

Mrs. Coffey, 55-year-old mother of the late Rep. Robert L. Coffee Jr., campaigned against the Taft-Hartley Act and in support of Mr. Truman's domestic policies.

In a race watched closely for a possible indication of voting trends next year, Saylor ran just behind in industrial Johnstown, where the Democratic candidate had been expected to pile up a large margin.

In his successful vote drive, Saylor said the issue was "the American way of life, free enterprise and opportunity versus a regimented, semi-police state and the socialistic, welfare state philosophy."

Democrats were quick to note that the 26th district was in Republican hands from 1938 until Coffey won in last year's election by a margin of 12,000 votes.

In advance, however, both parties had regarded the contest as a test of Mr. Truman's program and of the effectiveness of the Republicans in attacking it.

Labor gave strong backing to Mrs. Coffey with CIO and AFL leaders joining in support of her candidacy. Saylor, 41-year-old Johnstown attorney, charged the labor leaders with being "carpetbaggers came trying to tell the people how to vote."

Saylor's victory in the special election makes it likely that Republicans will expand their attacks on President Truman's proposals on the domestic front.

Already many of the Republican leaders have been talking about "stalism" — a term they define in various ways, generally with the implication that the Democrats are trying to supplant personal liberty of action with big Government.

The vote yesterday was in conjunction with statewide party primaries. Returns from 317 of 325 precincts gave:

Saylor 57,037.
Coffey 48,166.

Charges To Be Lodged With U.N.

Treaties Broken, Acheson Says

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson announced today that Soviet-dominated Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania will be charged in the United Nations General Assembly with violations of human rights.

The secretary emphatically renewed in his news conference the long-standing British - American charges of "callous disregard" of the human rights clauses in the peace treaties with the iron curtain nations.

He said the three Soviet satellites have just turned down a proposal by the United States that they name commissions, as provided in the peace treaties, to take up the dispute over charges that they have repeatedly violated the agreements. These call for fair trials and various personal freedoms.

REJECT PROCEDURES

Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania, Acheson said in a statement which he read, "continue to insist that they have not violated the human rights clauses of the treaties but they are unwilling to apply the procedures specifically provided in the treaties for just such cases of disputes over whether or not violations have taken place."

"In view of this Government they have compounded their earlier violations by this subsequent refusal to carry out the procedures for the settlement of disputes, obligations which they specifically assumed in the peace treaties themselves.

"The attitude shown by these three governments in their recent notes, as in their earlier notes replying to the charges made against them, calls into question their good faith in signing the treaties and provides further illustration of their callous disregard of clear international obligations."

Acheson noted that the U. N. Assembly last April formally called attention of Bulgaria and Hungary to their obligations. The issue is on the agenda for the new session of the assembly, opening next Tuesday, and Acheson noted that Australia has proposed the case of Romania also be discussed.

"The assembly will have before it the full record of the disputes and will be able to judge for itself further action to take," he said.

Replying to a question, Acheson said the U. S. is ready now to let the United Nations deal with the whole dispute since this Government has exhausted the treaty procedures for settlement.

Acheson said today he and British Foreign Minister Bevin are agreed that the need for a Japanese peace treaty is urgent.

Acheson indicated that he still hopes Russia will co-operate in making the treaty.

The Secretary of State met with reporters just before going into his second session of political talks with Bevin.

JOINT STATEMENT

The first session was held yesterday and concerned the Pacific area. It produced a joint statement indicating that British and American anti-Communist policies would develop along largely parallel lines.

Acheson said that their review today would be concerned with European questions, particularly those involving Greece, Albania, and Spain.

The meeting lasted 65 minutes and a joint statement issued afterward reported that the two had talked not only about Balkans politics but also, briefly, about problems of organizing the North Atlantic Defense Council. There was no disclosure of the substance of the discussion.

Ex-Red Says FDR And Browder Held Secret White House Talks

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A former Communist newsman told Senators today that Earl Browder, one-time head of the Communist Party in the United States, held secret meetings in the White House with the late President Roosevelt in 1944.

The testimony was given by Howard Rushmore, a reporter on the New York Journal American, to a Senate Judiciary subcommittee.

Rushmore is a former member of the staff of the Daily Worker, official Communist Party organ in this country.

He said his information on the White House meetings came from Benjamin Gitlow, whom he identified as a Communist Party official.

HOLDING HEARINGS

The subcommittee is holding hearings on a bill by Senator McCarran (D-Nev) to arm the Government with new powers to block the entry of subversive aliens and to throw out any who are here.

Rushmore also told the committee former Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Mrs. Roosevelt, the wife of the late President, intervened to allow Browder's wife to enter this country after she had been ordered deported.

Rushmore said that deportation action was started against Mrs. Browder in 1940 but that the case more or less dropped out of sight because of the war.

RE-ENTERED U. S.

In 1944, he said, she went to Canada and re-entered the United States from there. He said she originally had come into this country "illegally" in 1933 by using another woman's passport obtained from "the Moscow passport mill."

Of her re-entry from Canada, Rushmore said, "State Department and immigration officials told me that though they objected to the illegal procedure, they were ordered by such people as Cordell Hull and Mrs. Roosevelt to permit her entry."

Records show that the 1940 deportation order against the Russian-born Mrs. Browder was dropped. After her 1944 trip to Canada she returned with a visa.

BROWDER OUSTED

It was in 1945, the year after Mrs. Browder's re-entry and the alleged White House conferences by her husband, that Browder was thrown out as Communist leader in this country. The reason assigned for his ouster was that he had deviated from the party line and put too much faith in American capitalism during the wartime years of party co-operation.

The Communists, under the label of "Communist Political Association", announced support for Mr. Roosevelt in 1944, but during the campaign he rejected their backing.

Rushmore, according to his testimony, was no longer a member of the party at the time. He said he belonged to the party for

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CONFESSES

HARRY RUSSELL

Local Man Admits Part In Robbery

Captured While Asleep In Church

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charles W. Brown, special agent in charge of the FBI here, said today Harry Russell of Charlotte has confessed to the $41,500 Salem Crossroads, S. C., store robbery, and has implicated Robert J. Pitts as his partner.

Russell, who was arrested in a small country church in Georgia early this morning, said he and Pitts held up Storekeeper Wash Ladd on the evening of Aug. 13, Brown reported.

In a preliminary questioning at Moultrie, Ga., several hours after his arrest, Russell contended that he received only $6,000 of the large loot.

Agent Brown said Russell indicated to officers that there were four persons involved in the robbery plan.

"A thorough interview with Russell is to be held this afternoon," Mr. Brown said.

According to the aged storekeeper, Mr. Ladd, two stick-up men came into his store, held him up at the point of pistols, took $500 from his pockets, $1,000 from a cash drawer and $40,000 from a tin lard can which had been hidden beneath a bed.

LITTLEJOHN LED PROBE

An investigation which pointed towards Pitts and Russell was led by Charlotte's Police Chief Frank Littlejohn.

Littlejohn conducted a search for the two Charlottesans a few days after the hold-up.

Pitts was captured last Wednesday in a Hickory hotel room. Possessor of a long prison record, and known as "the man without fingerprints," Pitts claimed he was innocent of this crime.

Russell's arrest came about 1 o'clock this morning, after an intensive search had been conducted throughout the Moultrie area of Georgia all day.

Moultrie's Police Chief J. Floyd Addison and an FBI agent crept into the Oak Grove Baptist Church, seven miles south of Tifton, and found Russell as he slept.

Lying on the church floor, wrapped in quilts, the 34-year-old former convict offered no resistance, police said.

Russell also admitted to the FBI that he had stolen the automobile which he had driven into Georgia and Florida following the hold-up.

CAR WRECKED

He wrecked the automobile early yesterday near Cuthbert, Ga. He abandoned the car, hired a taxicab to take him to Albany some 45 miles away, and went to Tifton later in the day.

He evidently made his way to the little rural church in the evening, and was taken by surprise.

There were several similarities between the arrest of Russell and the capture of Pitts a week ago.

Pitts was also asleep when he was captured by police and an FBI agent. It was also an automobile which put police on his trail. A hitchhiker told officers that he had ridden with Pitts, and that Pitts was drunk.

Pitts was still in the Charlotte police jail today, waiting to be taken to Fairfield County, S. C.

When interviewed by Charlotte News reporters last week, the dapper Pitts said he knew Russell only as a casual acquaintance.

He met Russell, Pitts said, while both were serving time in a prison camp at Mount Pleasant.

Special Agent Brown said Russell admitted to the robbery in Georgia this morning that he had

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Steel Strike Threat To Hang Over Talks

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Storm clouds hovered over the coming steel contract negotiations today even before a time and place was decided upon for the new sessions.

Reluctance of some steel companies to approve in advance the Presidential board's report that they pay for insurance and pension programs was interpreted in some quarters as holding a new strike threat.

A spokesman for the CIO United Steelworkers said that Union President Philip Murray's statement he is ready to resume negotiations for a contract based on the board's report meant that he will strike any companies which failed to agree to pay all insurance and pension costs.

The U. S. Steel Corp. and three other large producers agreed to President Truman's request for an 11-day extension of the strike truce expiring last midnight.

PROPOSAL NOT ENDORSED

All said they are ready to talk contract again but none went wholeheartedly endorsed the board's recommendation for a 10-cent packing-and-shipping company-financed insurance and pensions.

At least two company officials said workers ought to share the costs of such programs.

The union said it had received no word as yet from U. S. Steel, the industry leader, on when it will resume contract talks.

The union accepted the board's recommendations without reservations. That meant giving up its drive for a fourth postwar round of wage increases in 1949. The union said the board's suggested ten-cent increase in the form of company-financed insurance and pension programs was good enough.

Republic Steel Co., Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., and Inland Steel Co. joined U. S. Steel in announcing willingness to renew negotiations. Other firms were expected to follow suit.

A U. S. Steel spokesman, asked if "Big Steel" was accepting the board's recommendations as a basis for a contract, replied: "I wouldn't think so."

That led to speculation that the corporation, the industry's bellwether, might be planning to fight the suggestion it pick up the check on pensions and insurance costs. Last July U. S. Steel—and other companies—refused to bargain on pensions, denied a wage increase and offered an insurance plan which called for workers and employer to share the costs 50-50.

The reply of President Clarence B. Randall of Inland Steel also indicated the union would not have clear sailing when contract sessions begin again. He said Inland would review its present pension programs and added:

"We are prepared to make changes and to bear a substantial part of the cost but we think the worker who is benefited also should share the cost."

Republic Steel also said it felt workers should help pay for pensions and insurance.

Committee Sets Celebration Date

Hospital Drive Success Hailed

A special committee of citizens who organized and led the movement for an isolation hospital unit in Charlotte last fall met on Sept. 28 to officially mark "success" on its final report.

Herbert Hitch, chairman of the group, said that the actual planning and construction of the unit will then be turned over to officials of Memorial Hospital and the Charlotte Variety Club.

The $100,000 building for treatment of contagious diseases will be constructed as a wing of Memorial. R. Z. Thomas Jr., hospital administrator, said the Memorial Board of Commissioners and the Variety Club directors will meet soon after Sept. 28 and proceed with the plans.

The City Council committed the municipal government to appropriate $100,000 for the hospital in the 1950-51 budget.

The Variety Club offered to pay $35,000 for equipment, and to pay for any initial construction costs above $100,000, up to $15,000.

The County Commissioners agreed to appropriate $20,000 annually for operation of the contagious disease unit.

It is expected that the hospital and Variety Club officials will agree to proceed immediately, borrowing $100,000 on the strength of the City Council's commitment.

Mr. Hitch's committee obtained this commitment plus the County Commissioners' appropriation and the Variety Club's gifts.

The Sept. 28 session, to be held in the Commissioners' room at the County Courthouse, will climax a movement that started more than a year ago.

The Isolation Hospital Committee was formed in August, 1948. Its objective, to obtain facilities for treating communicable diseases in safe, modern methods, received the official support of the Medical Society and the local pediatricians.

Mr. Hitch paid special commendation today to C. W. Gilchrist and Thomas L. Robinson who, he said, "were real spearheads in this movement."

Plans for the isolation unit were made only after a survey of isolation hospitals in many other U. S. cities, Mr. Hitch said.

Gen. McAuliffe Picked As Head Of Chemical Corps

WASHINGTON N. — (AP) — Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, who said "nuts" to a German demand for surrender at Bastogne, was tapped today to be chief of the Army Chemical Corps.

President Truman sent the nomination of the 51-year-old officer to the Senate.

If the Senate approves, McAuliffe will succeed Maj. Gen. Alden H. Waitt who was suspended from the job last July after his name cropped up in the Senate's "red per center" investigation. Waitt, 56, was restored to active duty last week but immediately retired.

Along with McAuliffe's nomination, Mr. Truman sent to the Senate that of Stanton Griffis to be ambassador to Argentina.

He also nominated:

Thomas W. S. Davis of Virginia to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Maj. Gen. Alfred Maximilian Gruenther to be deputy chief of staff for plans and operations of the Army with the rank of lt. general.

Griffis, former ambassador to Egypt, succeeds James Bruce, who resigned the Buenos Aires post.

McAuliffe's present rank of major general is a temporary one. Mr. Truman asked that the Senate approve a permanent rank of major general for him.

A native of Washington, D. C., McAuliffe was graduated from the Military Academy at West Point in 1919 and originally chose the field artillery as his branch of the service.

He now commands the 24th Infantry Division in Japan.

McAuliffe was in command of the 103rd Infantry Division, the 101st Airborne and other troops when the Germans launched their desperate "Baitle of the Bulge" offensive in 1944.

McAuliffe's troops were besieged at Bastonge, Belgium. The Germans declared the American position to be hopeless and demanded surrender. McAuliffe's reply was the now famous one word: "Nuts." His troops made that answer stand up.

Cooper Named To U.N. Post

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman today nominated John Sherman Cooper, former Republican Senator from Kentucky, to take over the United Nations post formerly held by John Foster Dulles.

Dulles resigned when he was appointed to the U. S. Senate to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Wagner (D-NY). Dulles, a close friend of New York's Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, is seeking the Republican nomination for a full term in the Senate this Fall.

Mr. Truman also renominated bigger representatives to the fourth session of the U.N. General Assembly:

Warren R. Austin, former Senator, and American representative to U.N.; Philip C. Jessup, and Mrs. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the late President.

Nominated as alternates were:

Wilson M. Compton of Washington; Benjamin V. Cohen of New York; Charles Fahy of New Mexico, John D. Hickerson of Texas, and Mrs. Ruth Bryan Rohde of New York.

Senator Dulles termed the President's selection of Cooper to succeed him on the United Nations delegation "a fine appointment."

British Cool To Money Plan

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Silence from the British monetary delegation indicated today that it has no present intention of yielding to pressure for a devaluation of the pound.

Some American officials at the fourth annual meeting of governors of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund concluded they see no sign that Britain will give ground in the near future.

The fund's annual report yesterday poured on Britain the heaviest pressure to date—without mentioning either that nation or its currencies by name.

It invited the deficit countries—those like Britain which have a critical dollar shortage—to revalue their currencies if such action will help to increase their exports and their dollar-earning capacity.

Before the same 48-nation forum, Eugene R. Black, president of the World Bank, said he fails to see how devaluation "can be avoided." He later stated this was his personal view.

But after a closed committee discussion of the fund's report, at which Britain was one of the seventeen nations participating, Managing Director Camille Gutt told reporters he saw "no indication" that any country had changed its mind.

Lana's 'Ex' Married To French Actress

MONACO—(AP)—Stephen Crane, former husband of Movie Actress Lana Turner, was married today to Martine Carroll, French movie actress, at the Monaco City Hall.

Crane was twice married and twice divorced from Miss Turner and is the father of her daughter.

One Dead, 3 Hurt In Mine Cave-In

McALESTER, Okla.—(AP)—A coal mine cave-in killed one man and injured three others last night but 135 miners miraculously escaped unhurt.

Rock and coal crashed down from the mine ceiling, killing Buster Nail, Leroy Holt and Tom Emberton were seriously injured and Skeets Shores suffered minor hurts. No ages were immediately available.

The accident happened at the Lone Star Steel Co.'s carbon mine east of McAlester in the heart of the coal fields. McAlester is about 130 miles southeast of Oklahoma City.

Mine company officials said a water slip caused the cave-in.

The mine entrance was not blocked and workers freed the buried men by-passing the ambulances arrived from McAlester.

The mine supplies coke for the Lone Star Steel Co. blast furnaces at Daingerfield, Tex.

School District Sued By Youth

GAFFNEY, S. C.—A nineteen-year-old Asbury community youth claimed today the Asbury School District owed him $540 for allegedly terminating his contract to drive the district's school bus during the past term.

In a civil suit on file at the office of Clerk of Court J. Conrad Jones, Haskell Peeler, by his guardian ad litem, George Peeler, contended he was employed to operate the bus during the 1948-1949 session at a salary of $60 monthly and "then, without any cause, failed to allow him to carry out his part of the contract . . ."

George Peeler is father of the plaintiff who being a minor must have a legal guardian if the suit is carried to the courts.

'Can Prove Innocence,' Pitts Says

"I'm not worried. I can prove my innocence," declared Robert Pitts today when informed that Harry Russell, arrested early today near Tifton, Ga., had implicated him in the $41,500 robbery at Salem Crossroads S. C., Aug. 13.

Pitts, standing in a cell at City Jail while his auburn-haired wife, an expectant mother, sat just outside the bars, told a News reporter:

"I'm not worried. I can prove my innocence by good people, who have never been questioned by police, that I was in Charlotte the night of the robbery.

"NOT WORRIED"

"If Russell says I was with him, he was put up to it. He was probably told he would get off with a light sentence, while if they pinned it on me I'd get 25 years. He can keep saying until doom's day that I was with him and it won't work out. I can prove where I was by witnesses with better reputations than he's got. No, I'm not worried. My conscience is clear."

With Russell's arrest, Frank N. Littlejohn, chief of Charlotte police, local detectives and FBI agents intensified their search for the missing $41,500 and indications were that one or more Charlottesans would be picked up for questioning.

So far investigators have no trace of the missing money. Since reports from Tifton were that Russell had said a four-way split of the loot was made, officers went looking for others who might have shared in the division.

Fruit Freezing Industry New In North Carolina

RALEIGH—(AP)—A new type of industry for North Carolina—the freezing of fruit for ice cream flavoring—has successfully completed its first season's operation.

The industry was established at Lexington by the Breyer Ice Cream Co. of Philadelphia. The division of commerce and industry of the Department of Conservation & Development made the announcement today.

The Breyer company processed more than 500 tons of peaches, much of which will be stored. Peaches processed at the plant were drawn from Virginia and Georgia as well as the Carolinas.

The company has announced that as rapidly as supplies of other fruits and nuts can be assured, the list of frozen products will be expanded. A program for an increase in the production of strawberries in the Lexington area already has been set in motion.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER.

'Minus My Bathing Suit'

Professor Made 'Figure Studies' Of Nurse

By AUSTIN ADKINSON

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—The pretty nurse whom a University of South Carolina professor is charged with having savagely pistol-whipped in a jury today that he made some photographic "figure studies" of her.

Ann B. Pierce, 29, said these were pictures of me at Myrtle Beach against the skyline on the sand minus my bathing suit."

She was the first witness against Russell B. Maxey, 43-year-old associate engineering professor and professional photographer. He is on trial for burglary with intent to commit a felony, assault with intent to kill, and assault and battery with intent to kill.

Miss Pierce wore a dark gray suit with a small brown hat pulled down tight over her forehead.

She suffered scores of cuts and bruises on her head and face which she said she received from blows early Aug. 3 at her suburban bungalow. Her life hung in the balance for several days and she only recently has been discharged from the hospital.

WENT TO CLUB

Miss Pierce said she met Maxey through her interest in photography. He took her to a Columbia camera club meeting, she said.

She declared Maxey had proposed marriage to her several times. He bought a diamond ring after knowing her only six weeks but she did not accept it, she said, and never agreed to marry him.

Maxey, a married man who was separated from his wife, first told her he was single, Miss Pierce continued. Last February, she related, he told her he was married but that a divorce was pending.

Maxey since has become reconciled with his wife, a small blond who sat in the courtroom with him.

Miss Pierce testified that Maxey told her "another girl injured me once—a red-headed girl in Tennessee: She wouldn't marry me but you age going to marry me."

She said Maxey told her he had been in jail for mailing obscene matter but this testimony was stricken from the trial record. (Federal court records show he was sentenced at Knoxville, Tenn., in 1943 to serve two years in a Federal correctional institution).

"FIGURE STUDIES"

Maxey threatened to send the "figure studies" of her "to my friends" and members of the Columbia Camera Club, Miss Pierce said.

She added that she tried to get them away from him "but he knew my motives—he is a very brilliant man."

She said she did not know whether or not Maxey had destroyed the negatives as she said he promised.

Before Miss Pierce took the stand, Circuit Judge T. B. Checkner, presiding, denied Defense Attorney C. T. Graydon's motion to throw out the double-barreled indictment.

There's always something new in store for us Old Timers, but it's generally aches or pains . . . Most of the time when a fellow starts slipping, he furnishes the grease himself.

Father Of Sixteen Lazy? Impossible, He Declares

LONDON — (AP) — A British colonial office of Nigeria reported receiving the following plaintive plea from a West African who unexpectedly found himself "disemployed."

"Sir — Sir — On opening this epistle you will behold the work of a dejobbed person and a very bewildered and much children-vexed gentleman, who was violently dejobbed in a twinkling by your good self.

"For heaven's sake, sir, consider this catastrophe as falling on your own head, and remind yourself on waking home at the moon's end to five savage wives and sixteen voracious children with your pockets filled with nonexistent pounds, shillings and pence and a solitary six pence; pity my horrible state.

"As to the reason given by yourself enquire for my dejobment the incrimination was laziness. No sir, it were impossible that myself who pitched sixteen children into this vale of tears can have a lazy atom in his mortal carcass and a sudden departure of eleven pounds has left me on the verge of destitution and despair.

"I hope this vision of horror will enrich your dreams this night and the good angel will mpit and pulverize your heart of nether millestone so that you will awaken with such alacrity to rejobulate your servant. So mote it be, amen."

Officials in London did not know whether the native was associated with his job.