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REJECTS RED CHARGES OF U. S. PILOT

American Cost U. S. Support Down About 2 Per Cent

PARIS (AP)—The United Nations Political Committee gave the United States a vote of confidence today by rejecting Russian charges that the U. S. was supporting anti-Kremlin plots on Soviet soil.

The vote was 18 to 8 against the Russian resolution, five for it and eleven abstentions.

An American spokesman said the vote backing the U. S. cost of the charges would have been even larger except that several pro-American delegations already had left Paris for the Christmas holidays.

The General Assembly today slightly reduced the United States share of U. N. costs. It turned down an American appeal for an even larger cut.

The U. S. delegation had energetically campaigned in committee sessions to get its share cut to one-third of the U. N. total, but could not attract the votes of only five Nicaragua for this proposal.

Rep. John M. Vorys (R-Ohio) led the United Nations fight on the issue. Vorys repeatedly pointed out that the U. S. was fighting for a principle, not money.

The assembly today approved a budget of \$460,780 for 1952. It also passed a resolution to cut the U. S. share to one-third of the U. N. expenses.

The United States did not vote against the adoption of the resolution to favor the five Soviet bloc nations against Ethiopia and Israel joining the United States in abstaining.

The chairman of the cost-cutting group was jumped from 8.14 per cent to 11.40 per cent despite a Soviet protest that it is difficult for Russia to come by dollars because of "artificial hindrances created by American authorities to Soviet-American trade."

A. A. Rothenkin, the Russian delegate, also complained that no consideration was given to Russia's loss of income because of the said had been estimated at 500 million dollars.

Nashville Newsman Dies In Night Fire

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mortimer Trull, 37-year-old managing editor of the Nashville Banner died early today in a fire which destroyed his home.

Trull's bachelor quarters, a two-room house, was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. The newspaperman, who apparently had been on a check reading, was unable to escape.

BACKS STEEL WORKERS

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Lewis commented that the steel workers are "certainly entitled to a substantial increase in wages." (Acme Telephoto.)

Grunewald Balks At Giving Testimony

WASHINGTON — Henry Grunewald refused today to testify to a House committee investigating tax evasion.

Grunewald said he was acting on advice of his attorney, "The Dutchman," a mysterious man-about-Washington who is called before a House Ways and Means subcommittee for questioning as to whether he knows anything about an alleged \$300,000 "tax fix" shakedown attempt.

He and his attorney, William P. Maloney, have been visiting the committee for days over when and under what circumstances Grunewald would testify.

Maloney, a former Justice Department lawyer now in private practice, before them behind closed doors. He gave no testimony except in a public hearing. The committee members wanted to talk with Grunewald behind closed doors before holding any public session.

They got Grunewald and Maloney before them behind closed doors this morning, but the lawyer insisted on a public hearing even in the face of threats of contempt of court against Grunewald.

So the doors were thrown open. Then Grunewald wouldn't talk. He said he was intending to "lay the matter" before the committee and Maloney.

Allies Demand Reds Account For Missing

WASHINGTON — The United States and other Atlantic allies today demanded the Reds account for more than 1,000 American and other missing U. N. soldiers and "an unbelievable number" of South Koreans not listed as prisoners of war.

The demand was made in a stiffly worded note. It was handed over to a Red liaison officer in Pyongyang shortly after Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway appealed to Communist chiefs to open the gates of North Korean prison camps to the International Red Cross.

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A U. N. spokesman said the Reds hinted they would agree to unrestricted return of troops pending an armistice. He said they also indicated "quite a change of heart" toward the U. N. demand for a ban on airfield construction and reconstruction during a truce.

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President Told Negotiations Are Deadlocked

WASHINGTON — Steel labor negotiations collapsed today and the dispute was referred to President Truman as being in a complete deadlock.

Cyrus C. King, Federal Mediation Service director, ended his efforts to negotiate a settlement. He told reporters he was sending the case to the White House as hopeless—leaving it up to the President to decide on the next step to try to avert a threatened New Year's Day strike in the vital steel industry.

Truman apparently has two courses to take. One is to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act, with its provisions for an 80-day court injunction prohibiting a walkout.

This, however, would probably shelve the unsettled steel industry until March, with the possibility that John L. Lewis may be threatening a nation-wide coal strike.

His second course would be to refer the steel crisis to the Wage Stabilization Board for a recommended settlement.

However, it was considered highly unlikely the board could complete this process before CIO President Philip Murray's Jan. 1 strike deadline.

Murray had said even before today he was leaning toward mediation efforts that he considered a strike inevitable.

King said he seemed to think that a "major domestic crisis" had developed.

The mediation efforts started today in Washington meetings with Murray and representatives of ten key steel companies.

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OUR WEATHER Clearing and colder tonight with a probable low of 28 degrees...

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