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Allied Control Council Acts

BERLIN — (AP) — The Allied Control Council today rejected all clemency pleas of sixteen convicted Nazi war criminals.

A communique drafted by the four-power Council announced the decision after two three-hour sessions yesterday and today. The Control Council is the last resort for the eleven doomed to die.

The Council also rejected pleas of Hermann Goering, Wilhelm Keitel and Alfred Jodl to be shot instead of hanged.

"I am not further than that the pleas of the S. S., the Gestapo, the B. D. (Secret Service) and the Foreign Office of the Nazi Party were not receivable because the Control Council is not authorized to consider the requests of the International Military Tribunal; it can only grant clemency."

The handling of Goering and ten other doomed German leaders is scheduled for next Wednesday.

Wage Board Thrown Into Uncertainty

Industry Members Give Resignations

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The proffered resignations of the two industry members of the Wage Stabilization Board threw that agency into uncertainty today over its future status.

Charles W. Willard writ said, "If I am assuming there will be no meetings" of the regional boards, whose industry representatives are expected to follow the lead of Earl N. Cannon and A. Colman Barrett on the Washington panel.

The resignations of Barrett and Cannon, submitted to President Truman by letter, became effective today and follow the lead of Earl N. Cannon and A. Colman Barrett on the Washington panel.

The board, meantime, was in the position of having to wait for President Truman to decide what will come of it and of the Administration's wage control policy, some business and labor leaders have demanded an immediate end of the wage-price program.

Charles G. Ross, White House Press Secretary, said today that he had received the joint letter of resignation from the industry representatives but has taken no action on it.

The letter was said to describe the Wage Board's position as "untenable at present" and to contend that continued wage controls are inappropriate and unworkable.

The recent order of Reconversion Director John R. Steinhilber, in effect bypassing the board's decision to raise the price of pay increases regulated by APL, seemed with his own resignation to have ended the major factors in bringing about the resignations.

Cannon already had left for his home in Milwaukee. Barrett would not comment on the letter, observing the custom of leaving such matters to the members of the REGIONAL MEMBERS TO QUIT.

However, Barrett said all other regional members would follow suit and that some telegrams of resignation already had been received by the WBSB.

Even though President Truman was able to fill the two principal vacancies of the maritime board, it would be difficult to choose new employer representatives for each region.

For that reason "there were suggestions of a new executive officer might be named," WBSB officials said.

Barrett told a reporter that he and Cannon had foreseen a crisis and that they had attempted to withdraw as of Aug. 17.

Murder in Florida

No Clues Found In Double Slaying

DANIA, Fla. — (AP) — Sheriff Walter R. Clark of Broward County today said he was without a clue in the slaying of a pretty young woman and her handsome escort whose bodies were found early Wednesday on Danial Beach.

Clark said that four men were being held for questioning in connection with the slaying, but that a search of the beach had yielded no clue to it.

The bodies of 24-year-old Elaine Eldridge, daughter of a South Chatham, Mass., contractor, and Lawrence O. Hogan, her 23-year-old boyfriend, were found with a single bullet wound in each.

Clark said both apparently had been shot with a .22 caliber pistol.

FOUR QUIZZED

Acting on an arrest order issued by the Dade County Sheriff's Office, three men were taken to jail in Miami, Police Captain Virgil Stuart of St. Augustine said he was holding Roy Burgess, 23-year-old Hallandale taxi driver, and three other men for questioning.

Arrested with Burgess were Edward N. Johnson, a former high school athlete and had left a night club there about two hours before their bodies were found.

Both had excellent reputations and their money and other personal belongings were untouched, Clark said. The young woman's shoes had been removed, however, and was an apprentice plumber.

Slight Improvement In Cordell Hall's Condition

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Slight but definite improvement in the condition of former Secretary of State Cordell Hull was reported today by Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The 75-year-old retired Cabinet member has been in a serious condition since he suffered a stroke on Sept. 30.

One Nurse Dead, 2 Hurt In Oklahoma Blast

DURANT, Okla. — (AP) — One nurse died and two others were injured today when flames swept the second floor of the Durant Hospital nurses' home.

Four other nurses fled to safety. Mary Ellen Lovell, 19, of Durant, was found dead by rescue workers who dropped their way through smoke to the second floor of the home. Dr. A. T. Baker, director of the hospital, said the cause of the explosion was not known.

"The question of an international regime also applies to other states which were our allies and on whom we cannot impose such a settlement," Molotov declared, adding that peace treaties with Germany and Japan were not the solution.

"Not one of the states which desires the internationalization of the Danube," he said.

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most of the United States was treated to a spectacular display of shooting stars last night as meteors shed by the Comet Giacobinidzner burned across the skies in what some scientists said was the most brilliant exhibition seen in America this century.

By dense clouds marred or completely obliterated the view for many watchers of the skies in some sections of the country.

Scientists used radar and for the first recorded time reported they "saw" a display of meteors beyond fog and clouds. Observers from the National Bureau of Standards in Washington said they were sure that "pips" appearing on the radar screen represented meteors about 50 miles from earth.

Other scientists boarded airplanes to get above thick clouds for a glimpse of the aerial fireworks and Harvard astronomers in an "aerial planetarium" reported seeing meteors at the rate of about seventeen per minute.

Joint Army Air Forces Signal Corps observers at Whittier, N. M., reported to Capt. Evans U. S. Signal Corps laboratory at Belmar, N. J., that they had seen a display of meteors with radar at varied distances from 45 to 180 miles. The display resulted as the earth came within 121,000 miles of the comet's orbit through which the comet passed eight days ago.

The meteors were shed by the comet and formed part of the dust and at times the display was those that light by the earth's gravitational pull and consumed for the most part as they plunged through the earth's air sheath and burned in the solid matter and the air causing the brilliant burning.

Mystery in Europe

Confusion Orders Rocket Work

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Solid Front Presented

Hit U. S. Flights

LONDON — (AP) — U. S. Headquarters in Europe today lifted bans on American flights over Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Hungary, a third country in the Russian sphere involved in mysterious prohibitions which an American pilot here said might have been connected with Soviet Army maneuvers.

The ban on plane travel, both civil and military, was clamped down suddenly and without explanation yesterday by U. S. authorities in Frankfurt, Germany. Just as suddenly today the ban was lifted, first with regard to Czechoslovakia and then to Hungary. Officials steadfastly refused to comment on the confusing series of orders.

Capt. Calvin Dyer of Jackson Heights, N. Y., pilot of a Pan American Airways plane that landed at Prague yesterday, said "I think the reason my plane was turned back was because the Russians are believed to be holding military orders, under which the country said it could not fly over the three countries or over Rumania-occupied territory in Germany and Austria. However, the Frankfurt military order, under which the flight over the Soviet-occupied German and Austrian zones was continuing."

Nippon Coal Miners Strike

TOKYO — (AP) — Hokkaido coal miners struck today for 25 cent per ton. They were demanding a 40 percent increase in wages. Unconfirmed reports said 40,000 miners from 14 of the island's coal fields had walked off their jobs.

General MacArthur's headquarters said it expected the strike to last several weeks, but if the walkout extended any length of time, the national economy would be seriously crippled.

MacArthur can intervene if occupation work is affected.

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Plenty Of Cattle Ready For Market

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The beef industry coupled a demand for immediate scrapping of price controls today with a promise of ample supplies of meat "every soon" possibly before November's Congressional elections — if the Administration acts.

R. O. Haynie, chairman of the OPA Beef Industry Advisory Committee which petitioned formally for decontrol, told reporters there are plenty of cattle and calves ready to be marketed as soon as price ceilings are lifted.

WHITE HOUSE BILL

The White House scene of a special round of top-level conferences on the situation late yesterday, remained silent.

"I make no forecast myself," said Press Secretary Charles G. Ross, "but I expect that some light might be shed."

From other sources it was learned that the industry's chief advisers on political and food problems planned to meet with the President's cabinet late today. Immediate decontrol, or at least a temporary suspension, was regarded as one of the steps under active consideration.

The beef industry's successful petition, filed with Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, took sharp issue with the President's contention that there was a heavy slaughter of "meat destroy" animals. Immediate decontrol was requested as one of the steps under active consideration.

The petition argued that there is a shortage of cattle and calves under the meaning of the price control act.

"Under these conditions Congress has ordered decontrol in order that the law of supply and demand be permitted to function."

"Whether prices would rise after decontrol is wholly immaterial. The committee said that Anderson should select all livestock including hogs and sheep—80 percent of the total supply and control cattle and calves only."

QUESTION OF SUPPLY

In discussing the industry's petition, Haynie said that under the law the only question is whether the supply of meat is adequate to meet the government's own figures that call for a 10 percent increase in meat output over long term averages.

Industry spokesmen asked the Beef Committee chairman if packers assured that the law of supply and demand would be permitted to function.

Haynie quickly denied this, saying: "There is no conspiracy at either the live animal or the packer level."

Haynie said the present shortage is due to "misadministration and diversion of meat into black markets."

He added that many producers had "personal reasons" for not marketing livestock now. By postponing the marketing of livestock, prices and Government attempts to allocate quotas.

The beef industry has imports from Argentina or Mexico are "not necessary." Haynie said removal of price controls would mean the loss of government in domestic supplies "within three weeks."

ARGENTINE OFFER

The Argentine ambassador, Oscar Ivanetschik, called on Secretary Anderson and offered immediate decontrol of Argentine beef. The time meat and fresh lamb to augment American supplies. Anderson assured the ambassador that he would give the offer sympathetic consideration.

The brief visit with Anderson, Ambassador Ivanetschik distributed to reporters a copy of a letter he had handed to Secretary Anderson in which he said he understood there is no legal restriction to prevent the import of Argentine beef into the United States. The ban on Argentine meat is being lifted.

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Fear Uprising In Portugal

LISBON — (AP) — Extraordinary military and police operations were invoked here today and informed sources said they believed the movement was a plot to overthrow the government of an incipient uprising against the regime of Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar.

All private telephone communications in Lisbon and other provinces both to the north and the south were cut off by Government troops.

All troops, police and anti-communist volunteer legion "Legião Portuguesa" were called to barracks at 3 A. M.

The preventive measures in this capital appeared to have been adopted so discreetly that relatively few persons noticed any change. The life of the city appeared normal and orderly.

Greek Soldiers Executed

FENWAY PARK, BOSTON — (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals blasted across three runs in each of the second and third innings of the fourth game of the World Series here this afternoon. Refusing to let the lead over the Boston Red Sox. The Sox tallied in the fourth to make the score 3-1 at the beginning of the fifth.

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