

Out at Griffith Park tonight our Charlotte Hornets stage their annual opening before home folks. Last night, in fact, they found the going tough, but tonight... will turn to the sports page for all the details.

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Senators Put Brakes on 7-Group Air Force Bill

\$3 Billion Measure To Get Close Going-Over

Bill Breezes Through House

By HOWARD DOBSON
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Pursue-string holders in the Senate put the brakes on the 7-group Air Force bill today.

Senators Bridges (R-N.H.) and Breaux (D-La.) said the \$3-billion measure which whipped through the House by a 343 to 3 vote will get a close going over in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Bridges, the committee chairman, noted that the 7-group Air Force proposal added to the bill on the "floor" is highly controversial. "He has not decided whether he will support it."

Gurney, No. 2 GOP member of Bridges' group and chairman of the Armed Services Committee, declared that he sees no reason for rushing the 7-group appropriation through the Senate.

"The Air Force will need men as well as planes," said a Republican source who said he would like to see the bill get all the facts, and that he would be some time next week.

Gurney estimated that expansion of the Air Force 7-group would cost about \$60,000,000 a year from now on.

Various estimates have placed the total number of active planes in the Air Force at about 12,000. Neither figure includes the several thousand aircraft held in reserve for future emergencies.

Gurney usually has supported the House's expansion program. He already has declared himself in favor of both a temporary draft increase and a permanent increase in military training.

"Most other Republican leaders in the House, however, have sided away from a training bill. They are to boost the Air Force from its present 50 group blueprint to 70 Air Force groups."

Service alone to provide any extra manpower needed. The military establishment itself is split over the issue.

Symington, House vote left little doubt where that chamber stands on the argument between Secretary of Defense Forrestal and President Truman in plugging the bill.

Mr. Truman told his news conference yesterday he doesn't know whether the bill is a good one, but he is sure it is. But as to whether he will support it, he said he would answer that later.

Symington himself kept silent, but his office said he has no plans to resign.

Even if the Appropriations Committee decides to knock out the 7-group section of the air power bill, there are strong indications that it will be revived on the Senate floor.

Those who have insisted this country must concentrate on air power is Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate's Republican Policy Committee.

Real argument over the bill the House passed yesterday centered around an \$825,000,000 increase in the military budget in actual cash and constant authority was asked by the House.

He proposed it as an advance against the year's budget. The Air Force and the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics to step up their plane-building program.

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Russians Block Austrian Traffic

VIENNA, Austria — (AP) — British and American authorities said that the Russians have completely blocked off road traffic between Vienna and the U. S. and British zones.

The Americans had been using an alternate route through the Soviet zone, but the Russians have now blocked it off. The British said both civilian and military traffic was being stopped.

Russians at checkpoints along the three roads asked for the four-page document, which have not been needed by the Russians.

13 Persons Killed

Reds Are Blamed For Brazil Blast

RIO DE JANEIRO — (AP) — Federal police declared today the explosion of an Army arsenal, fatal to 23 persons, was intended as the beginning of a Communist plot for a "second Bogota" here May 1.

The police said the Communist intended to kill the Brazilian War Minister, Gen. Carneiro Pereira de Costa, who left the vicinity of the arsenal about 50 minutes before yesterday's blast.

The official account said De Costa was saved only by an unexpected explosion in the arsenal. Bodies still are sought in the debris of the Doordor Arsenal.

The injured estimated to number 100 to 200. Twenty-six Communists have been arrested so far, the police statement said, and "directly implicated" in the explosion. The plot was attributed to a high leader of the Communist party, which is outlawed in Brazil. Police withheld his name, but said his arrest was expected soon.

Firmen still are seeking twelve army employees who were trapped and possibly killed in a nearby battle.

Police said one person was caught carrying a grenade. Seven women Communists were arrested for distributing Communist pamphlets immediately after the blast.

Authorities also became suspicious after hearing reports that a small airplane had flown over the area just before the first of five nearby explosions.

Police said unidentified persons in the central railway station had warned passengers earlier against boarding trains which would pass the military arsenal.

Damage was expected to exceed \$1,000,000. Many workers in nearby factories were injured.

N. Y. Democrats Back President

NEW YORK — (AP) — The State Democratic Committee unanimously committed President Truman today to a resolution in support of his New York's 98 national convention.

The resolution, drafted by Henry Wallace for accepting Communist support, was adopted by the President on the back for his veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, his civil rights program and his "far seeing vision" in sponsoring the European Recovery Program.

The committee differed with the President on Palestine policy, however, urging that partition of the Holy Land be effected without delay.

'The Black Raiders' Hate Organization Uncovered In Atlanta

ATLANTA — (AP) — Two alert policemen were credited today with uncovering a new hate organization, "The Black Raiders," which was active in Atlanta.

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Palestine Truce Plea Is Renewed

Special Assembly Session Opens

By MAX HARELSON
NEW YORK (AP) — The second special Palestine session of the United Nations Assembly was opened today with a renewed appeal for a Jewish-Arab truce in the Holy Land.

An immediate cease-fire was demanded by Jose Carlos Muniz of Brazil, who presided over the 37-nation assembly in the absence of the Brazilian retiring president, Dr. Oswaldo Aranha.

In a somber speech recognizing a possibility of U. N. failure to solve the Palestine problem, Muniz said: "Only the total suspension of hostilities can create the favorable atmosphere which will enable the assembly to find a solution capable of reconciling the existing antagonisms through a broad formula of co-operation."

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The session opened in what Muniz called a "disheartening atmosphere" caused in part by the failure of the Jewish-Arab acceptance of the truce formula.

As the assembly opened the flag of 37 nations were flying on the side at half-staff in mourning for President Manuel A. Roxas of the Philippines who died yesterday.

The assembly elected Dr. Jose Arce of Argentina to serve as permanent president during the ordinary session, which is expected to begin somewhere from two to eight weeks.

The vote was: Arce 31, T. P. Tsiang of China 18 and Sir Guy Berenson of New Zealand 2. Liberia and Brazil received one vote each.

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Suggs, Lenczyk In Golf Finals

PINEHURST — (AP) — Louise Suggs of Atlanta, Ga., and Grace Lenczyk of Newburgh, N.Y., today reached the final of the North and South Women's golf tournament.

Miss Suggs triumphed Carol Dinger of Tulsa, Okla., 6 and 5. Miss Lenczyk defeated Madeline Puss Kirk of Findlay, Ohio, 3 and 2.

They will meet for the title in an 18-hole match tomorrow on the No. 2 course. Women's play to the 6:45-jam layout at 10.

Third Of U. S. Miners Idle

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — One-third of the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners today grudgingly accepted a protest strike pending the Federal Court's verdict on John L. Lewis.

The trial of the United Mine Workers' chairman, John L. Lewis, was continued yesterday, except for the final judgment.

Monday morning Judge Alan T. Goldborough will announce whether the U. M. W. is guilty of failing to heed a court order of April 5 to end the 29-day soft coal walkout.

Tried on similar charges in 1946, Lewis was fined \$100,000 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

'Old Ties Too Strong' Farley Says Dixie Revolt Will Not Break Up Party

RICHMOND, Va. — (AP) — Joseph A. Farley, former Democratic national chairman, expressed belief today the Southern Democrats' revolt will not break up the party.

"It is quite disturbing," said Farley, who was in Richmond for an interview here. "There is no doubt that Mr. Thuman is going to permit his name to go before the Democratic national convention."

"I cannot conceive of him changing his mind. But I am hopeful that something can be done to resolve the differences and settle the dispute that is threatening Democratic chances for victory in November."

Asked if he had noted any signs of a general alignment of both major parties incident to the Democratic feud and to the separation from the party of Henry A. Wallace, Farley said: "At this moment I cannot conceive of any breakup of the present party lines into a sort of liberal-conservative divide."

The old party ties are too deep and strong," he said. "He said Wallace 'is now doing a disservice to his country.' He added that the Third Party Presidential candidate

Tojo's Trial Ends Tribunal Ponders Fate Of 25 Japs

TOKYO — (AP) — The International War Crimes Tribunal today began deliberating the fate of Hirohito Tojo and 24 other Japanese wartime leaders.

Arguments in the two year old trial of Tojo and his co-defendants ended at midnight and voting starts Sunday.

Interior Minister Mario Scelba's security forces were watchful lest the trial become a platform for Communist moves materializing in the streets.

Violence dotted the country last night as traditionally violent Italian tempers flared.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi, who has worked tirelessly against the Communist cause, was in Rome today to urge the Italian people to support the trial.

Even if it is true these men hated war, it also is true that they enriched the land and wealth of their neighbors. They were determined to fulfill their desire, even if they had to go to war to do so.

The trial resumed in its 49th session—the longest criminal hearing in history.

Tojo and his co-defendants are charged not only with responsibility for the Pacific war, but with aggression earlier in Asia.

Stassen Bids For Florida Support

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Harold E. Stassen said today he will fly to Florida tomorrow in an apparent effort to line up the support of votes to the Republican Presidential nominating convention.

Stassen said he will leave here at 6:30 P. M. (EST) today and fly to Charleston, S. C., where he will stop overnight. He will go on by plane to Miami tomorrow arriving about 11 A. M. (EST). He will meet with Republican leaders in the Western occupation zone.

Clay Denies Ordering 29 Sortie Over Berlin

BERLIN — (AP) — Gen. Lucius D. Clay denied today he had ordered a squadron of B-29 heavy bombers, now in Germany, to make a sortie over Berlin.

Clay described as untrue a report that he had ordered the bombers to make a sortie over Berlin.

He said that the bombers were on a mission to make a sortie over Berlin.

Wife Of James Roosevelt Takes Wrong Pills, Lands In Hospital

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — (AP) — Taking the wrong pills from a bedside box in the early morning darkness sent Mrs. James Roosevelt to a hospital today for treatment for an overdose of sleeping pills, her physician reported.

Her condition was described as "good" several hours later. Dr. Blake Watson, family doctor for the wife of the late president, said she had taken the pills.

16 Countries Pledge Their Cooperation

Organize To Use ERP Funds

By JOSEPH E. DTAN
PARIS — (AP) — Sixteen nations and Germany's Western zones unanimously adopted today a convention binding themselves into a permanent European organization of economic co-operation.

The organization elected Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium as chairman of the Council. He was nominated by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. Britain's Sir Edmund Hall-Patch was named president of the guiding executive committee.

Robert Marjolin of France was named Secretary General. Named to the executive committee to coordinate the work of representatives of France, Britain, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the Benelux.

The 28-article, 3,000-word convention was adopted and signed at the end of a four-day conference in London.

"A strong and prosperous European economy," says the preamble, "will contribute to the maintenance of peace."

The chairman, British Foreign Secretary Bevin, said he put the charter to the delegates at 12:15 P. M. There were no objections to the document.

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