Weather
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Acheson Rules Out New Atom Peace Bids To Reds

LEWIS, OPERATORS RESUME PEACE TALKS

Report On A Candidate—II

Reynolds Still A Spell-Binder

By C. A. McKNIGHT
Editor, The News

ASHEVILLE — When Governor Scott told newspapermen the other day that Bob Reynolds is a great showman and shouldn't be underrated as a vote-getter, he was not exaggerating.

Reynolds was known far and wide as a cut-up, an orator, and a hand-shaker without peer during his twelve tempestuous years as U. S. Senator from North Carolina. He hasn't lost the touch.

On Saturday night of last week the Spanish American war veterans invited Reynolds to say a few words at their Hotel Vanderbilt banquet. From the opening words—"I proclaim to you and to the world that I am proud of you

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and each one of you who are members of and affiliated with this great veterans organization" — to his last line—"The time has come to develop our defenses at home. . . . We should surround ourselves with a band of steel so that if perchance our outer defenses should not hold, we would be ready for the arrival of the foe"—Reynolds held that audience in the palm of his hand.

The old folks hung on his every word, their faces registered every emotion he sought to pull from them. He was like a conductor in front of an orchestra getting just the effects he wanted.

When the dinner was over, the old folks jammed around him, wringing his hand, some of them with tears in their eyes. "Thank God for a man like you, Senator," mumbled one lady, dabbing

MAMIE REYNOLDS
at her eyes with a tiny handkerchief. "That old so-and-so," laughed a fellow nearby.

I watched from a distance as Reynolds moved out into the lobby. He turned first to one, then to another. Now he would place his hands squarely on the shoulders of the man facing him, and look him straight in the face. Now an arm would be thrown intimately around another. Always there was that personal word of greeting, that remarkable memory for names and faces, that uncanny facility of appearing more interested in the person he was talking to than anything else in the world.

I glanced around the lobby, trying to catch the reaction of other spectators. Two Negro bellboys and an elevator girl watched with big toothy grins. Hotel guests put down the magazines and newspapers they were reading. Gradually they, too, began smiling.

Reynolds worked his way through the crowd, never appearing to be in a hurry, but progressing steadily toward the waiting elevator. It was almost as if a spotlight had been turned on him to the exclusion of all else, and I knew then what canny Kerr Scott was talking about.

Bob Reynolds is in good physical shape for what may be the most arduous campaign of his political career. He weighs 186, just four pounds less than he did when he left the Senate in 1944. His 65 years are beginning to show only in his face. There is no trace of age in his deep, resonant voice, his jaunty step, his big arms and shoulders.

He has followed what most people would consider a rigid training schedule for the past several years. Up at 7 o'clock, a breakfast of orange juice, oatmeal, toast and the day's only cup of coffee, and Reynolds is out on his mountain, setting fence posts, looking after his apple orchard, caring for his sheep and horses. He eats sparingly;

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Agreement Not Thought Possible

Would Avoid Self-Reproach

WASHINGTON— (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson today ruled out any new overtures to Russia on international control of atomic weapons, including the hydrogen super-bomb.

Acheson also said the United States should avoid what he called self-reproach in connection with atomic weapons. He said this might paralyze American action in developing a strong American policy.

The secretary's remarks were made in a news conference discussion of U. S. policy.

He told newsmen that if this country can reach its goal of world peace by the process of agreement that will be the best way to do it. "But," he added, "four years of trying have brought us to the realization that is not possible."

COMMENTS ON SPEECHES

Acheson spoke directly in commenting on recent Senate speeches by Chairman McMahon (D-Conn) of the Congressional Atomic Energy Commission and Chairman Tydings (D-Md) of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

McMahon proposed a five-year, $50,000,000,000 American crusade for peace, including international control of atomic energy. Tydings urged that President Truman call a world conference for disarmament.

Concerning these proposals, Acheson said the way to move toward the goal of world peace is to develop areas of strength in the world. He said this takes a calm, steady persistent American foreign policy. This is more important now than ever before, Acheson said.

After his informal remarks, from notes, Acheson granted permission for use of direct quotation, a departure from the normal practice.

Acheson said, in part:

"To try to get the Soviet not to "fish in troubled waters is like trying to argue against the forces of nature — it is impossible."

AGREEMENTS LIMITED

"Agreements with the Soviet Union are useful when those agreements record an existing situation or fact. Otherwise they are not very useful."

The United States thus is trying to create strength in Germany, in Japan, through the European recovery program, through point four and by other means.

"We are trying to extend the area of possible agreement with the Soviet Union by creating a situation so strong that out of them can grow agreement."

It is "fair to say" that the speeches of Senators McMahon and Tydings "represent the area to which we are striving" rather than detailed instructions on how to reach those goals. Four years of trying to progress toward peace by agreement has shown that it is impossible.

On the road to peace the United States must consider the nature of the Russian Government. Its outstanding characteristic is its purposefulness, its determination to reach certain goals.

Moscow is a mixture of imperialism and ideology. It is, on the whole, quite incompatible with world peace and independence of peoples.

RUSSIANS REALISTIC

The Soviet Government is also

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UNC PRESIDENT-ELECT WITH SONS

"Your move, son," says Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray and president-elect of the University of North Carolina as he enjoys a game of checkers with his four sons. On the floor with their Pop in this informal pose are the Gray youngsters, left to right: Gordon Jr., 10, Bernard, 3, Boyden, 7, and Burton Craige, 3. The new UNC head is expected to assume his duties before September. (Photo by Seth Muse.)

Settlement Is Possible By Tonight

Board Brings Foes Together

WASHINGTON— (AP) — President Truman's coal fact-finding board today won agreement from John L. Lewis and the coal operators to try again for agreement on a coal contract through negotiations.

The new bargaining sessions were set for this afternoon with the board members sitting in as observers.

The board members were optimistic that the whole coal dispute might be settled before nightfall.

David Cole, chairman of the board, had remarked that he believed an agreement might be reached "in two or three hours."

Lewis said it was "possible."

OPERATORS LESS HOPEFUL

The operators indicated they were less optimistic.

The board's proposal came after a somewhat stormy hour and a half of hearings during which Lewis once called coal man George H. Love "a liar by the clock."

Love is chief spokesman for Northern and Western coal operators.

Lewis hurled the "liar" charge in taking exception to Love's description of the union leader's bargaining tactics during the eight months contract dispute.

Once the agreement on new bargaining was reached, Cole told reporters he wasn't going to tell them where the sessions would be held because "I feel better if we have progress will be made if the parties are not disturbed."

PROMISES REPORT

Cole added that he would give newsmen a progress report at 8 P. M. (EST) tonight.

"We hope to have some news for you at that time," he said.

Unless the parties ask more time at the close of today's sessions, he said, the board of inquiry will resume public hearings tomorrow.

When the board proposed the fresh bargaining, Harry Moses, representing United States Steel Corp.'s coal mine interests, said he wished to state for the record that he felt any hope of a quick settlement was "too optimistic."

Lewis growled that the operators wanted no agreement, but preferred Government action to send the miners back to their jobs by court order.

"Why should they make a contract?" Lewis demanded. "They are promised an injunction by next week."

Pointing at Moses with an unlit cigar, Lewis said that Moses, throughout the negotiations, was under instructions from Ben Fairless not to make a contract for the captive (steel-owned) mines until the commercial operators reached agreement.

Fairless is the president of United States Steel.

MOSES DENIAL

Moses said: "I assure you that Mr. Lewis' thinking is wrong."

When the hearings began, Lewis was the first man questioned.

Cole asked whether Lewis ever had presented any specific contract demands to the operators.

Love said he was informed by Cyrus S. Ching (Federal mediation chief) that "it was the union bargaining technique to say that 'You men own the mines, I have the mines, the mines of my hands—what do you bid.'"

Lewis jumped up and leveled off at Love across the table:

"That's an infamous and deliberate lie. I said we represented the men. I say to you George Love, you liar by the clock."

LOVE PROTESTS

Cole tried to interrupt. Love protested: "I don't want to go into personalities, Mr. Cole."

"Why not?" Lewis shouted. "Why not?"

Cole restored calm and the hearings went on.

The chairman announced just before the Lewis outburst that the board would not take formal testimony, but would instead question

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Harnett Lawyer Is Appointed Judge

RALEIGH — Governor Scott today gave Harnett County its first big political plum of his administration by appointing Howard G. Godwin, 47-year-old Superior Court clerk, a Superior Court judge replacing Judge W. P. Horton, who died Feb. 1.

Political observers saw in the move an effort to smooth the ruffled feathers of Harnett County's citizens who sent a delegation to Scott's office last Summer protesting his passing Harnett by in making political appointments.

This is believed to be the first noteworthy political recognition to go to a Harnett County man since the late Governor Cameron Morrison and the late Senator Josiah W. Bailey were in the saddle.

Godwin, a nephew of the late Rep. Hannibal L. Godwin, has been clerk of court since 1938. He was elected Nov. 8, on his 36th birthday. In the past two elections he has led the ticket.

He is a Dunn lawyer, having graduated from the University of North Carolina law school in 1928. He was admitted to the bar the same year.

He received his AB degree at UNC in 1926, crowding the four-year course into three years.

Following his graduation, he spent two and a half years in Northport, N.Y., on the editorial staff of Edward Thompson, textbook publishing firm. He worked in Raleigh as an insurance claim adjuster for two years.

He is one of the editors of the N.C. Law Review and a law librarian.

While at the University, Godwin was the winner of the Holt Scholarship, and award given to the most needy and most worthy student. He played football three years while at Carolina.

He is president of the University Alumni Association in Harnett, is a Sunday School teacher in the Baptist Church, is married and has two children.

WHAT ABOUT HARNETT

It was during the Summer when Scott was making new appointments daily that Harnett citizens met to see what could be done about getting a Harnett man in one of the top State jobs.

A committee was appointed which called at the Governor's office and laid the County's complaint on the line. This appointment, apparently, is the Governor's answer to that pressure.

Judge Horton had held the position since last July 1 when Scott made him a special judge. Since his death, numerous names had been suggested to Governor Scott and several groups had endorsed others for the job.

French Cabinet Wins Shaky Vote

PARIS —(AP)— Premier Georges Bidault's revamped Cabinet was approved today by a shaky vote in the French National Assembly. But his coalition Government appeared headed for trouble and possible downfall.

Although the Cabinet was approved 225 to 185, Socialists, conservative followers of Gen. Charles de Gaulle and rightwing Independents abstained from voting. This indicated Bidault's new government had little popularity.

Had the Socialists, one of France's major parties, voted against Bidault he would have had to resign, thus bringing on a new Government crisis. The Socialists, however, refused to join the Communists in opposing the Premier's

Search Plane Lost In Arctic

WHITEHORSE, Y. T.— (AP) — Search planes droned over the Arctic wastes northwest of here today looking for possible fires or flares from a missing Air Force C-47.

The C-47, carrying twelve Canadian and U. S. airmen, vanished yesterday while searching for a C-54 transport which disappeared Jan. 26 with 44 persons aboard.

Search officials said SOS signals from the C-47 were picked up last night on the 8280 distress frequency. Efforts to obtain a "fix" on them were fruitless. Ground radio posts in the area were ordered into a 24-hour alert.

The signals reportedly were different from those heard earlier in the day by planes and Coast Guard stations along the Pacific Coast. The earlier signals, reported from the United States to Alaska, were similar to those picked up from time to time since the search for the missing C-54 began.

Hope was held here that the C-47 might have landed on one of the two landing fields or two lakes in the Aishihik area, about 100 miles northwest of here, where it was assigned to check a 900-square-mile area. Poor visibility eliminated a possible check on these spots last night.

Temperature in the region dropped to 22 below but search officials said the plane was equipped with emergency Arctic survival equipment.

It was the second search plane to become missing since the far-flung search began nearly two weeks ago. Another C-47 crashed on a mountain peak 21 miles south of here last week. All six persons aboard were rescued.

Duke Bus Drivers Reported Considering Vote On Strike

Duke Power Co. executives at Charlotte received today an apparently well founded report that Duke bus drivers in Charlotte and five other Carolina cities are considering a strike vote.

The bus drivers are demanding an additional wage raise of 20 cents an hour, according to company sources.

Official confirmation of the strike vote report was unavailable from union spokesmen here this afternoon. Joe Pierce, district chairman for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, told The Charlotte News that "there is a dispute" but he said "no comment" when asked about the strike vote.

The Duke headquarters here issued a brief statement saying that the company understood that a strike vote was being taken or soon would be taken by the BRT members involved.

Also the company announcement said that the employees had been written individually a letter, urging them to give "very careful consideration" to the company's offer and other "facts relating to their work."

COMPANY OFFER

The company's offer, it was learned, is for an additional pay raise of three cents per hour, and an extra holiday per year, more liberal sickness and other benefits, and other "real benefits", and "to do away with the safety bonus".

The text of the Duke official statement was, as follows:

"It is our understanding that a strike ballot is being sent or will shortly be sent to members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen working as bus drivers and mechanics on the Duke Power transportation system. With this understanding, the management has today addressed a letter to all of the men concerned requesting their very careful consideration of the Company's offer and of other facts relating to their work with the Duke Power Co."

The Duke management added that "the public will be kept informed of developments at all times."

Shortly after that statement was made public, Associated Press dispatches from Winston-Salem reported that newspapers there and in Salisbury had obtained from bus drivers in those cities copies of the Duke letter, signed by W. S. O'B. Robinson, vice-president, to the drivers.

LETTER RELEASED

Thereupon, the Duke headquarters here, in response to a request from The Charlotte News, made a copy of the letter's text available for publication here. Text of that letter was as follows:

"We understand that you are about to be asked to vote on a strike. This is a very serious matter. A strike affects everyone. We believe that before you vote you will want to consider the following.

"1. The present pay of all bus operators in Charlotte averages approximately $283.92 per month. More than 25 per cent of the operators average over $300 per month. Garage employees are likewise well paid.

"2. The company has offered a further straight increase of 3 cents an hour and to do away with the safety bonus. The contract offered by the company would also provide

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Hoover Says Red Spying At New High

By OLIVER W. DE WOLF

WASHINGTON—(P)—Russian undercover activity in the United States was reported today at an all-time high.

The report came from a lawmaker familiar with evidence on the Klaus Fuchs case which FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has been placing before Congress.

Hoover, seeking enough funds for at least 200 more G-men, was said to have told a Senate appropriations subcommittee there are 540,000 Communists and fellow travelers in this country, 54,000 of them card-carrying party members.

He also is understood to have said that Fuchs, the British scientist now under arrest in London for passing atomic secrets to Russia, had many opportunities to carry out his operations here.

Fuchs comes up for trial Friday, charged with two violations of the official secrets act. Officials here say these involve two specific leaks of atomic information to Russia—one here in 1945 and the other in Britain in 1947.

LEFT U. S. IN 1946

The German-born, 38-year-old scientist came to this country in 1943 as a member of a top British atomic team. He remained in the United States until 1946.

Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich) disclosed last night that he is asking Attorney General McGrath to try to extradite Fuchs from Britain for trial before an American court.

He said such a procedure would provide the "best deterrent" to atomic espionage in the United States.

Such a move already has been explored by the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee. The committee's lawyers have expressed doubt that applicable treaties between the two nations would permit extradition.

Hoover's appearance on Capitol Hill yesterday was his third in five days.

Chairman McCarran (D-Nev) of the appropriations group declined to confirm that Hoover had estimated the number of Communists in the United States, as reported by other lawmakers.

But he did tell reporters that an investigation conducted by a judiciary subcommittee which he also heads "confirms the figures."

McCarran is chairman of an immigration group studying a bill designed to bar subversive aliens from U. S. entry.

Two Indiana Republicans said the Truman Administration must bear a large share of the responsibility if there are as many Communists in the country as Hoover reportedly said.

"It just proves what many of us have been saying for a long time—that the Fair Deal Party has been sympathetic to Communists and fellow travelers," said Sen. Capehart.

Sen. Jenner put it this way:

"The figures don't surprise me in view of the way some people in the Administration have been going all out for men like Alger Hiss. The Communists and their sympathizers are being aided and abetted by our own Government."

CIO Steel Union Donates $500,000 To Coal Miners

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The CIO Steelworkers today sent a $500,000 check to the United Mine Workers "to assist the needy miners and their families in their struggle against the coal operators."

President Philip Murray of both the CIO and the steelworkers said the donation was authorized by the steelworkers executive board.

Murray also sent an appeal to the 2200 USW locals asking them to make additional contributions to the miners in their "no contract no work" strike.

Murray sent a letter to John Owens, secretary-treasurer of the UMW, saying he hopes "the financial and moral support" will be helpful "in bringing ultimate victory to the United Mine Workers."

LETTER TO MEMBERS

Murray's letter to the million USW membership urged "substantial contributions" to aid the striking miners. He added:

"I am sure that each of you have a true appreciation of the dire need of the mine workers and their families.

"It is imperative, therefore, that our union and its members give to the United Mine Workers the fullest measure of support in their valiant struggle against these powerful interests.

"The war which is being waged against their union can be directed against your own and all other unions by the same combination of wealth when they deem it expedient to do so. . . The need is great."

LEWIS PROPOSAL

Last Fall when Murray's steel workers were engaged in a 42-day strike for pensions and insurance, UMW President John L. Lewis proposed that all American labor groups join in raising a war chest for the benefit of all labor, not just the steelworkers. Nothing ever was done about it.

Believed Held By Czech Police

Missionaries Missing In Europe

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—(AP)—The U. S. Embassy announced today it had received reports that two American Mormon missionaries "disappeared" in the province of Moravia Jan. 28 and have not been heard from since.

The embassy said it had asked the Czechoslovakian Foreign Ministry to supply information "concerning the welfare and whereabouts" of Missionaries Stanley E. Abbott and C. Aldon Johnson.

While the embassy announcement made no mention of arrests, reliable Western diplomatic sources said the two men had been arrested by Czech police near Olomouc on unspecified charges.

These sources said the missionaries had been incommunicado and that all efforts of American authorities to see them have failed.

BOTH YOUNG

Wallace Toronto, head of the Mormon Church in Czechoslovakia, said Abbot, 23, came from Lehigh, Utah, and that Johnson, 22, was a resident of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Both were unmarried and had been in Czechoslovakia a little over two years.

The Mormon Church has been meeting with difficulties from the Czech Government since last May. Since then 13 of its missionaries have been ordered expelled from the country on charges of "endangering the safety and security of the state."

Toronto said he could add nothing to the brief embassy announcement.

Olomouc, second largest city in Moravia, is about 200 miles southeast of Prague.

The embassy announcement said:

"The American embassy in Prague has requested the Foreign Office to provide information concerning the welfare and whereabouts of Mr. Stanley E. Abbott and Mr. C. Aldon Johnson, two Mormon missionaries, who reportedly disappeared in the vicinity of Olomouc on or about Jan 28, 1950."

A spokesman for the Czech Foreign Ministry said he knew nothing about the missing missionaries and would make no comment on the U. S. embassy announcement.

Toronto said previously that his church had denied the charges that Mormon missionaries were endangering the safety of the state. He said he believed recent expulsions of missionaries were "part of a general ousting of foreigners."

13 EXPELLED

Since the expulsion of thirteen missionaries, the Mormon Church has eighteen missionaries left to carry on its work in Czechoslovakia.

Johnson and Abbott had been stationed in the city of Prostejov, near Olomouc, where the Mormon Church has a group of members, Toronto said.

"The last we heard from them was when we received their regular weekly report a day or two before Jan. 28," he added.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SECRIST

We'd better make this next generation big and strong—they are sure going to need it. . . . The Constitution gives every man freedom of speech—then he marries and tones it away.

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