

Suicide of Conti, "Mad Doctor" Of Hitler, Revealed

NUERNBERG, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Dr. Leonardo Conti, Hitler's "mad doctor" whose suicide three months ago in the Nuernberg Palace of Justice jail was kept secret by U. S. Army authorities, wrote a farewell note to his family that he was taking his life because he had lied under American interrogation.

The hysterical suicide message, scrawled by the Nazi health leader who decreed the killing of thousands of persons in his lust for "race purity," apparently was never delivered. His suicide was disclosed yesterday.

Conti garrotted himself with his shirt 20 days before Dr. Robert Ley, Nazi labor boss, took his own life in a nearby cell block. Conti's grave was marked erroneously as "Italian" and his name was abbreviated to "L. Conti."

He had been confined in the jail as a prosecution witness.

Conti, once the ruthless administrator of a gigantic program for the extermination of inmates of German public institutions and foreign slaves physically unable to work, begged for the "mercy of God" in his suicide note.

"I part from my life because I made a false statement under oath," he wrote. "I was out of my sense."

Congress Cold to Health Insurance Proposal

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can Labor party member, and two by Congressmen who did not give their party designation. (Many of the ballots were returned by mail.)

An attempt was made to reach all members of both Houses, but some had left for their homes when the poll was taken. Some who received ballots did not return them.

The ballots returned represent, geographically, large sections of the country.

Bills Given Committees

Legislative bills based on the president's proposal—but making no provisions as to the manner in which the health insurance program would be financed—have been introduced in favor of Wagner (D-N. Y.) and Murray (D-Mont.) and by Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.). The bills were referred to committees for study.

Of the 75 designated Republicans who returned ballots in the Associated Press poll, only four expressed themselves in favor of the Truman proposal. Nine were undecided, three were non-committal, and one said that while he was against it at present, "if modifications are made perhaps I could go along."

Of the 63 designated Democrats, 58 were for the proposal, 12 were opposed, eight were undecided and five gave qualified answers.

Medical Asan Opposes

At the time he recommended a national compulsory pre-paid "health insurance" system, the President also recommended these other four points in a national health program:

Increased federal aid for hospital construction; federal aid for medical education and research; expansion of material health, public health and child health services; and disability insurance.

Those four points also are included in pending legislation.

But greatest discussion has centered around the compulsory pre-paid health insurance point.

The American Medical Association, which claims a membership of 125,000 doctors, is strongly opposed to the President's proposal for a pre-payment plan that would be financed by taxation and administered under federal law.

The AMA says such a system would constitute "socialized medicine."

Dewey Unlikely to Be Called for Testimony

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The United States, the Tokyo radio was to broadcast in its noon news report the word "east wind rain." The Senate House inquiry thus far has received conflicting evidence about whether the signal ever was broadcast, although Mitchell declared his investigation showed there was no such implementing message.

Ferguson told a reporter he is not satisfied with the statement of Mitchell, who since has been succeeded as counsel by

Seth Richardson, a Washington attorney.

"I think we ought to hear the evidence on the 'winds' message and then judge for ourselves whether there was an implementing broadcast before December 7," Ferguson said. He added that with this and the testimony of Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter O. Short, he will be willing to end the hearings.

Lucas said he thinks there will be little else to inquire into after the committee has heard Kimmel, the 1941 commander of the Pacific fleet, and Short, then Hawaiian Army commander, and the "winds" testimony.

Kimmel goes to the stand tomorrow, unless the committee decides today that members ought to delay his appearance to hear Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower discuss demobilization plans.

Argentina in Grip of Industrial Blackout

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questionable, although President Gen. Edelmiro Farrell's government resumed on the grounds that public health is menaced.

Only factories where 24-hour processing was necessary permitted workers to enter and these limited staffs to skeleton maintenance crews. The great packing houses were idle.

The large amount of construction going on in Buenos Aires was halted.

Many taxis, most of which are owned individually, remained off the streets. Only a few restaurants and bars were operating.

Passenger traffic was not heavy and could be accommodated by buses, trolleys and subways which maintained normal schedules.

Reports from the large interior cities said all business and industry were halted there. The situation in Cordoba was further complicated by a continuing transport strike.

In Buenos Aires, the port strike continued although representatives of the employers expressed hope that an agreement would be reached with the stevedores before the end of the week.

Gas Disperses Parade

In Mar del Plata, the country's largest seaside resort, most patrons abandoned the roulette and other gaming tables in the government-operated gambling casino that the place closed.

The gamblers formed a parade in the shape of an "L" for liberty, in front of the casino. Police dispersed them with tear gas. Later there was a shooting in front of the casino between two unidentified groups and two persons were wounded slightly.

A spokesman for the business leaders said an extension of the lockout would be considered if no solution were reached by Wednesday.

Political Scheme Charged

Workers last week had threatened a general strike in Argentina in protest against refusal of employers to pay bonuses and wage increases. Numerous places were closed and sit-down strikes were common.

Opponents of Col. Juan Peron, candidate for the presidency in the election next month, said the government decree was chiefly for his benefit and an open bid for labor votes.

The permanent committee which ordered the lockout disclosed that in its negotiations with the government, it had proposed a 90-day postponement in the wage-bonus decree to permit the situation to be studied without it becoming an issue in the election campaign. The government rejected a postponement and the industrialists and businessmen ordered the close down.

Funeral Services Held For Daniel Jurgenson.

Daniel Jurgenson, 73, died at his home in Roseburg last Friday after a long period of ill health. Mr. Jurgenson was born May 3, 1872, in San Francisco, of Danish parents. The last 45 years of his life were spent in the State of Oregon. He leaves no relatives in this country. The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral Home and funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock.

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Solon, GI Clash At Food-Clothing Burning Charges

BATANGAS, Philippines, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Sharp verbal clashes between an Army sergeant and a United States Senator marked a two-hour hearing today by a Senate subcommittee investigating charges that Army surplus clothing in good condition. Angry exchanges took place between Senator Tunnell, elderly Delaware Democrat, and Sgt. Emil Mazey, Detroit, Mich., who asserted the Senatorial committee had given him insufficient time to assemble witnesses to prove his contention that troops were "burning and destroying shoes, blankets, field jackets, fatigue suits and other clothing."

Mazey, chairman of the subcommittee "R" demobilization committee, is the former leader of the United Auto Workers' Union Local 212.

At one point recriminations became so bitter that Tunnell, who had objected during the hearing to Mazey's speaking directly to his own witnesses, turned to a group of high-ranking officers and asked:

"Colonel, don't you have any control over this man?"

The Colonel stepped toward Mazey and said:

"Sergeant, I have requested you to remain silent."

Seven of eight witnesses hurriedly named by Mazey failed to corroborate his charges. They testified they had no personal knowledge of wanton destruction of Army property.

Tokyo Governor Quits in Obedience to MacArthur

TOKYO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Hisatada Tirose, governor of metropolitan Tokyo, resigned today in a compliance with Gen. MacArthur's purge directive ordering all ultranationalists out of public office.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the revamped Hidehara cabinet announced a five-point program which would be the cabinet's goal in helping to build a new Japan. It follows:

Revision of the constitution, drastic reform of the House of Peers, stabilization of economic conditions, democratization of civil service and the carrying out of Japan's first postwar election.

Narashiki, cabinet secretary, pledged that there would be "no discrimination whatever among various political parties in the coming election."

Earl McMullin, Former Roseburg Resident, Dies

Earl John McMullin, 51, Cottage Grove resident, died in Grants Pass Saturday. Mr. McMullin, who was born in Elmira, N. Y., July 29, 1894, was a member of Laurel Lodge, No. 31, Royal Arch Masons, in Roseburg. He is survived by his widow, Kattie; a son, Dale Earl McMullin, with the AAF in England; a grandson, Dale Earl, Jr.; a brother, Merl S. McMullin of Vida; and a sister, Pearl E. Kruse of Azules. Funeral services were in Cottage Grove Monday and burial was in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Sub-Zero Wave Hits Wisconsin and Michigan

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A new cold wave from Canada moved into Minnesota today and Chicago forecasters predicted it would tumble the mercury as low as 20 below zero in that state by tomorrow morning.

Ten below was expected in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan but the forecasters figured the cold area would swing eastward across the top of the Great Lakes, giving areas to the south considerably modified effects of the frigid blast.

In California, meantime, citrus fruit growers feared damage as high as \$3,000,000 for unusually high winds over the weekend. Scores of trees were blown

down. Two transcontinental highways between Los Angeles and San Bernardino were closed for hours by sandstorms.

Oregon Highway Travel Faves Hazard of Fog

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Highway travel was difficult at many Western Oregon points today because of fog, the State Highway Commission said.

Heavy fog was reported at Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford.

The daily road report included: Siskiyou Summit—Pacific highway, Green Springs highway, and Highway 66 all covered by heavy frost. Slick, but roads being sanded.

Klamath Falls—Roads all sanded, 96 inches of snow on Sun mountain.

Padlock Swallowed by Four-Year-Old Boy

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Four-year-old John Ler Staub of Bly lay on his back Saturday, tossing a small padlock up in the air and catching it.

By accident, he caught it in his mouth. He choked, swallowed, and the padlock was in his stomach.

The youngster was brought to a hospital here. After an X-ray examination, it was decided to let nature take its course. John returned to his Bly home today.

Willamette Yields Body Of Unidentified Woman

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The body of a woman as yet unidentified was found floating among driftwood in the Columbia river here yesterday, the sheriff's office reported.

Lt. Arthur Bellis said evidence indicated the woman, about 30, wearing purple slacks and a blouse, had been in the water about a month.

Truman Urges Speed as Congress Resumes Work

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prompt action on legislation dealing with the United States Employment Service. Congress passed a law last year returning the employment offices to state control in 100 days but the president vetoed it.

A bill to retain federal control until the middle of 1947 as requested by the president, will be considered by the House Labor Committee Thursday.

Political Phase Eyed

The first full peacetime session since 1941 finds Congress somewhat "on the spot"—with a mountain of work ahead, its White House relations strained to the breaking point and the voters displaying a keener-than-usual interest in Capitol Hill activities.

For this is a congressional election year. All 435 House and 32 of the 96 Senate seats will be filled in November. Hence political considerations will dictate many congressional actions.

Tomorrow Senate and House members will hear in person from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz an explanation of demobilization policy. The lawmakers hope the informal meeting will pacify complaining G.I.s abroad and their relatives and friends at home.

Union Control Sought

Committees of both branches have arranged to resume hearings shortly on legislation asked by Mr. Truman to set up fact-finding boards backed by law to handle major labor controversies. These hearings were halted last month, despite the chief executive's request for action before Christmas.

Congress currently is cool to the plan, and strong sentiment is developing instead for stiff union-control legislation. Ready for house action is a bill to penalize unions striking in violation

of contracts and to curb union political activities.

Messages Awaited

If Mr. Truman has any new ideas on the labor situation, they probably will be transmitted to Congress in the annual state-of-the-union message scheduled to be delivered Thursday. Congressional leaders say they believe the president will stick to his guns and insist on his original proposal.

A second presidential utterance, the annual budget message expected next Monday, will go far toward shaping congressional fiscal policies. There have been mounting demands for economy since the war and its unprecedented spending ended with the national debt soaring toward the \$300,000,000,000 mark.

Coupled with the budget will be the 1946 tax program. What that will be, only time will tell. But right now there is growing clamor for reduction or elimination of war-levied excise and luxury levies. No further cuts in income taxes are sighted immediately.

Creation of Atom Energy Council Urged by Byrnes

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scious of their responsibility. This time, on their behalf, I pledge full and wholehearted cooperation."

The new peace organization, he said, has been born in the "indescribable pain and suffering since 'must live because in this atomic age and common interest, which should unite free nations in maintaining a friendly, peaceful world, far outweighs any possible conflict in interest which might divide them."

Great states as well as small states, he added "must come to view their power as a sacred trust to be exercised not for selfish purposes but for the good of all peoples."

Byrnes warned against overburdening the organization, especially at the start, with all sorts of problems in expectation of "magic solutions."

"Let us beware of the die-hard unbelievers," he said.

Yugoslavia was elected to the final vacancy on the economic and social council after New Zealand withdrew. Neither country had received the necessary two-thirds majority in voting Saturday in which 17 members were selected.

Later this week UNO will hear spokesmen of many others of the 51 member nations, including British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

British sources said Bevin probably would offer to place Britain's mandated territories from the First World War—including Palestine—under a new United Nations trusteeship system.

Other United Nations sources said, however, that the offer might be conditioned on similar action by other powers holding mandates.

The question of trusteeship, which is urgent for Britain, is not at the moment so important to the United States whose chief aim is to make sure that it keeps control over strategic base areas captured in the Pacific. Russia holds no mandates but has indicated she wants a leading role in the supervision of trusteeships.

The assembly decided that China, Peru, France, Chile, Canada and Belgium will be the three-year members of the council.

Russia, Britain, India, Norway, Cuba and Czechoslovakia, were elected to two-year terms. This left the Ukraine, Greece, Lebanon, the United States, Colombia and Yugoslavia to serve one-year terms.

The assembly then decided that henceforth in assembly elections a majority should be counted on the total of votes deposited instead of on those considered valid. Two ballots have been nullified so far in assembly elections.

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Phone Strike Order Is Postponed Thirty Days

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Ultimatum to GMC

The UAW-CIO gave General Motors Corp. until Jan. 21 to reconsider its rejection of the fact-finder's recommendation. In announcing it would accept the recommended 17% per cent raise, the union's General Motors Council declared it would revert to its original 30 per cent demand unless GM changed its mind within the time limit.

A spokesman for the corporation said an unqualified rejection of the government proposal still stands. The corporation has offered a 12 per cent increase.

President Truman's intervention brought an eleventh hour delay in the planned walkout of 800,000 CIO steelworkers. Wage parleys between CIO President Philip Murray and President Benjamin F. Fairless of the U. S. Steel Corp. continued.

Murray and Fairless both made wage offers at a conference in the White House Saturday night. Earlier they were only a few cents apart and the new proposal, not made public, presumably brought them closer together. They will meet again Wednesday.

Meat Strike Seems Certain

Prospects for averting CIO

strikes in the electrical equipment and meat industries, scheduled for tomorrow and Wednesday respectively, continued dark.

Neil Brant, Washington representative of the electrical workers, telegraphed local union officers the "strike goes on as scheduled."

Edgar L. Warren, director of the U. S. Conciliation Service, held weekend meetings in Chicago with CIO, AFL packers representatives. Although he reported no progress in wage negotiations, Warren said he was hopeful a settlement could be reached.

Involved in the meat industry

dispute are 200,000 members of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union and 135,000 members of the AFL Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen Union.

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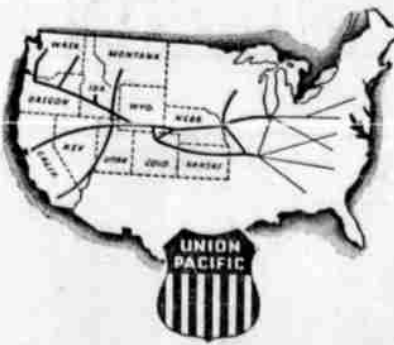
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