

TRUMAN ASKS FUNDS TO EXPAND AIR UNITS

Russians Turn Sour on Berlin Plane Tragedy

British Version Slander, Soviet Claims; Threat of Protective Steps Issued

By The Associated Press
The Russians today ruled out a four-power investigation of the British-Soviet plane collision over Berlin Monday and called the British version of the crash a slander.

Marshall Vassily D. Sokolovsky, the Russian commander in Germany, blamed the British for the crash. He declared that unless he is assured the British will observe four-power flight rules, the Russians "will take measures for the protection of the safety of air traffic over the Soviet occupation zone."

Sokolovsky did not say whether he intended to use fighter planes. The British and Americans alerted fighters for escort duty after the Monday incident, but receded the order when the Russians gave what the British called "a satisfactory explanation."

The crash killed 14 aboard the British plane, including two Americans, and the Soviet fighter pilot. A few hours later Sokolovsky expressed regret. He assured the British the Russians did not intend to interfere with flights along the air corridor to Berlin.

However, both a Russian investigating commission and the Moscow radio yesterday blamed the British for the crash. Sokolovsky's new line, expressed in a letter to Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British commander, talked with the Moscow radio version.

Sokolovsky said the Russians will agree to a British-Russian inquiry, but a four-power investigation is not warranted.

Sokolovsky's apparent reversal was the newest development in the Berlin crisis arising from Soviet restrictions on allied rail traffic to and from Berlin.

Soviet Grab Excessive
U. S. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the U. S. Military Governor, said in his monthly report today the Russians and their satellites have grabbed the lion's share of industrial reparations from the U. S. zone of Germany—nearly twice as much as was delivered.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE seems to have been some sort of showdown, temporary or otherwise, in Berlin.

The Russians first undertook to freeze us and the British out of Germany's capital city by preventing us from supplying our people there. They told us they were going to stop our trains and our trucks for "inspection."

We declined to be bluff. We tried out the "inspection," and found it not very tough. We retaliated by shutting the Russians out of some of our facilities in Berlin. We also announced that we would send in supplies by air transport.

About all that can be said as these words are written is that no shooting followed. The point is that the Russians aren't yet prepared to go that far. It is a point of considerable temporary importance.

WHEN we let it be known that we would send in supplies by plane, the Russians announced they were going to hold FIGHTER MANEUVERS over the Berlin area. That meant that our transport planes would have to dodge in through Russian fighter planes.

Monday morning a British

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Duties of Two City Commissions Told

An explanation of the functions of the City Park and Planning Commissions was given by City Attorney Paul Geddes last night in a joint meeting of the two groups at the City Hall. The meeting was called to create a better understanding between members of the two commissions. Geddes explained that the City Planning Commission has the duty of laying out "long range" plans that extend several years into the future. Changes that occur from time to time should be referred to the planning commission to be fitted into the "master plan."

Discussion was given by the group to the city's future park developments. The park commission agreed to refer all proposed major changes to the planning commission, for study in relation to the city's "master plan."

The Weather

Cloudy with rain tonight and scattered showers Friday.

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G. O. P. Rivals Facing Decision In Nebraska

Dewey to Get Initial Test Against Taft
Stassen, M'Arthur, Three Others Also in Primary In Quest of Delegates

(By The Associated Press)
Politicians sizing up the apparent Dewey shut-out in Wisconsin waited today for Nebraska's popularity primary to bring the Republican presidential race in to possibly sharper focus.

The Cornhusker state's all-star show Tuesday marks Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's first test of strength against Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft, who wound up a three-day personal appearance tour last night.

It also provides a new showdown between the New Yorker and Harold E. Stassen, the former Minnesota governor who romped off with the Wisconsin prize.

Dewey flew into Nebraska last night for a two-day speaking campaign, with Stassen likewise on hand for a final bullfight drive. In all, seven names will appear on the GOP ballot, including those of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, second man in Tuesday's Wisconsin race, and Gov. Earl Warren of California, the fifth avowed aspirant for the nomination.

The two darkhorses are Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan and House Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr. of Massachusetts. The result of the preferential balloting will not be binding, however, on the 15 national convention delegates to be picked the same day.

Dewey Still Leads
Although Stassen won at least 19 of the Wisconsin delegates and Dewey had a chance to grab only one of the eight in the MacArthur column, the New Yorker still leads in the national race to date.

He can claim 108 of the 305 delegates picked out of a total of 1,094 to be chosen. Two more Dewey-inclined delegates were named in Oklahoma yesterday.

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Flier Drops Gifts to His Family, Then Dies in Crash

THOMASTON, Me., April 8.—(AP)—Baby "booties" and an affectionate note, tossed from an air force plane, were the unforeseen last gifts of a young father to his wife and 19-month-old son who saw him crash to his death moments later. Engine trouble was blamed.

Sgt. Francis A. Haraden, 21, of Rockland, died of multiple fractures in the plunge of a light training plane into swampland yesterday.

He had just dropped a parcel containing the booties and note onto a lawn where his wife, Dorothy, 19, and baby, Douglas, waved a greeting.

"I won't be able to get home tonight but will tomorrow," a relative said the note told Mrs. Haraden. It was signed, "Love, Fran."

Justice Douglas for 2nd Spot, Plan in Oregon

PORTLAND, April 8.—(AP)—Plans for a write-in campaign for Justice William O. Douglas as a vice presidential candidate in Oregon's Democratic presidential preference ballot were reported today.

Monroe Sweetland, publisher of the Molalla Pioneer and the Newport News, said the campaign would be sponsored by a number of Oregon weekly newspaper publishers.

The Molalla publisher is chairman of the re-elect Truman committee of Oregon and candidate for Democratic national committeeman. He said the sponsors consider Douglas an ideal running mate for the President.

Unknown Samaritan Cuts Lutheran Church Debt

READING, Pa., April 8.—(AP)—The debt of the Bethany Lutheran Church of West Reading was reduced \$5,000 without the pastor or any of the church officials knowing of it.

When an official of the church went to a Reading bank yesterday to pay the interest on the \$11,500 indebtedness, he found that the principal was only \$6,500.



WILL HEAD ERP—Paul G. Hoffman, above, South Bend, Ind., Studebaker automobile manufacturer, has been chosen to administer the multi-million dollar European recovery program.

He will be assisted by a roving ambassador, possibly Lewis W. Douglas, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain.

Building Permits For March Shown

City building permits issued during the first quarter of 1948 totaled \$133,925. It was reported today by Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor, city building inspector.

Lack of residential construction during March brought the month's total down from February's permits, Taylor said. Permits issued during March totaled \$46,900; during February they reached \$83,425. January's permit figure was \$29,500.

Largest construction project undertaken during March was the \$21,000 Roseburg Aniam hospital, at N. Stephens and Beacon Sts., for which a permit was issued to Dr. Dallen H. Jones, local veterinarian.

Other projects for which permits were issued include remodeling Rainbow Grill, \$5,000; remodeling packing shed, Mrs. Fred Hamilton, \$5,000; installation of new boiler room, St. Helens Wood Products Co., \$2,800; remodeling Hunnicut's Grocery, 838 S. Stephens St., \$3,500; remodeling Club Cigar Store, 127 W. Cass St., \$2,600; addition Phillips Office Supply, 124 S. Jackson St., \$1,800; remodeling Todd Building Co., \$800; remodeling Dimmick Realty Co., \$750.

Police Issue Warning On Dogs Running at Large

Several new laws and spring flower gardens have been damaged lately by dogs running at large, according to complaints received at the police department, said Chief of Police Calvin Baird today.

The chief warned that police will be ordered to pick up stray dogs and to hold them for their owners or dispose of them, if the complaints continue to be received.

Permitting dogs to run at large is in violation of City Ordinances 889, 919, 1014, and 1041, the latter being an amendment of previous dog control ordinances, the chief said.

Political Name Ousts "Missouri Waltz" Title

NEW YORK, April 8.—(AP)—Charles Scribner's Sons, publishers, announced today it has retitled "Missouri Waltz" by Maurice Milligan to "the inside story of the Pendergast machine by the man who smashed it."

The publishers declined to give the reason for change of title of the book published April 5. It deals with Kansas City politics.

There has been no change of text in two new printings which have been ordered, the publishers said. The only change will be on the cover and title page.

PRISON ESCAPE BRIEF

SALEM, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—A state prison trusty escaped yesterday, but his freedom lasted only an hour.

Glenn Van Dolah, 20, St. Helens, who is serving three years for larceny, escaped from the prison farm. Guards found him an hour later only a few blocks away.

Retail Trade Association Makes Start

Adoption of by-laws, appointment of a nominating committee and arranging for election of officers at a noon meeting scheduled for April 21 in the Civic Room of the Umpqua Hotel were the accomplishments of the Retail Trade Association of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, at an organizational meeting Wednesday noon. Fred Lund presided, and Bruce Elliott read and explained the by-laws.

Approximately 38 were in attendance. The nominating committee includes George E. West, Roland West, L. A. Rhoden, Ed Nolte and Mrs. Edward B. Row.

The object of the association as defined in the by-laws, is to promote the interest of retail trade in Roseburg and vicinity, to bring about close relations among those engaged in retail merchandising and to secure concerted action on their part in the improvement of existing conditions.

Objectives Listed
Under this heading specific functions would be: (1) Establishing closer relations with outside trade, (2) featuring of special retail sales days, (3) promotion of spring and fall "openings" and other seasonal sales events, with window displays, parades, music and other attractions, (4) organization of salesmanship classes composed of men and women and establishing of courses in retail selling, (5) educational work.

Other functions would be: (1) Obtaining speakers to address merchants on retail trade problems, (2) prosecution of transient merchants who have not complied with local regulations, (3) warning the public against sales of goods by peddlers who mislead.

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Newspaper Publisher Victim of Bad Assault

JOLIET, Ill., April 8.—(AP)—A former state legislator, publisher of a newspaper with outspoken political views, was reported near death today from a vicious beating.

William R. McCabe, 65, one-time Will County state's attorney, was found unconscious last night on a road near his farm home two miles east of Lockport. His skull was fractured. Two legs and one arm were broken.

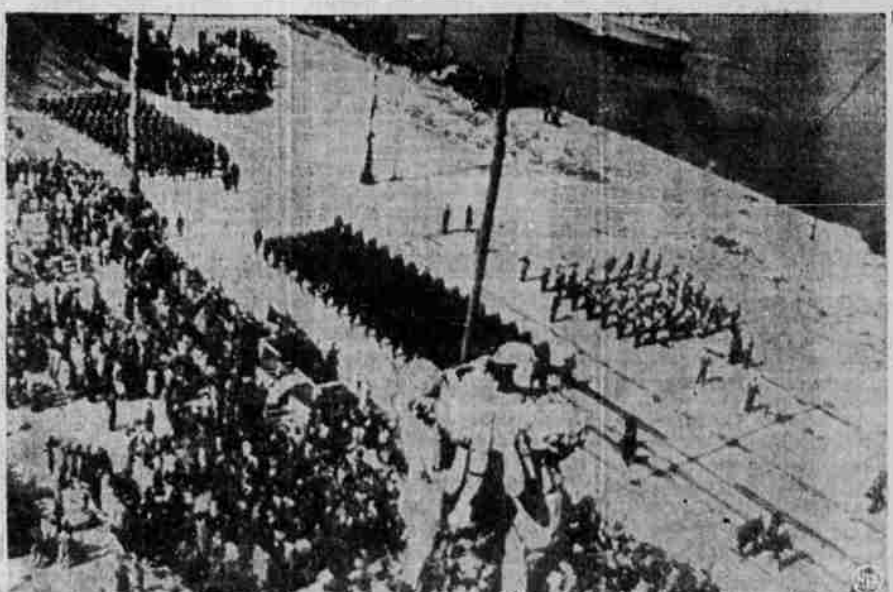
"Well, they finally got me," were McCabe's first words on regaining consciousness. He did not elaborate on who "they" might be. Miss Amelia Zelko, his secretary for 18 years and first person to speak with the injured man said he had been fighting editorially what he considered a corrupt political setup in the county since 1936.

Frustrated Old Man Ends His Life With Bomb

LOS ANGELES, April 8.—(AP)—A lonely, frustrated old man blew himself to bits yesterday with a crudely-fashioned bomb that wrecked the office of the State Industrial Accident Commission. Four persons were injured by the explosion.

The man was identified as Charles W. Hunter, 65, who lost his left arm in an industrial accident in 1927. The commission was paying him \$6.77 a week disability and had under consideration his application for a lump sum settlement, officials said.

The deafening blast shattered scores of windows and blew out a big portion of a wall in the commission waiting room, on the fifth floor of the California State Building.



TRIESTE TURNS OUT TO SEE YANKS MARCH—Watched by some 100,000 spectators, U. S. Army units march in parade at Trieste, to celebrate Army Day and to bolster "the morale and confidence of the population." Here the parade of 5,000 American soldiers is passing the reviewing stand in the Piazza del Unita. (NEA Radio-Telephoto)

Carl Moser Given V. A. Transfer

Carl Moser, administrative officer of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital, will be transferred to Billings, Mont., to become manager of the Veterans Administration sub-regional office there. He expects to leave here April 18.

Moser, who came here from Portland two years and eight months ago, has been active in local veterans' organizations and affairs. Prior to coming here, he had served with the Portland Veterans Hospital and the VA regional office.

Moser expressed regret today at leaving this community and said he has enjoyed "many pleasant associations" here. He said when he was first assigned here, he expected the assignment to be of short duration. He has "enjoyed" the longer stay.

At Billings, Moser will administer VA affairs for the eastern part of Montana.

Newby Will Talk At Friday Forum

"Oregon's Growing Pains" will be the topic of Secretary of State Earl T. Newby, who will address a special forum luncheon of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Friday noon at the Umpqua Hotel.

The program will mark Newby's first public appearance in Roseburg since his appointment as secretary of state last year, following the accidental death of Robert S. Farrell, Jr.

Before taking office as secretary of state, he had been in the legislature twice as senator from Jackson County. His orchard and fruit packing plant at Ashland are now operated by his war-veteran son.

Friday's luncheon will take the place of the regularly scheduled forum meeting next Monday, which has been canceled. It was announced by Earl Flegel, forum chairman. The meeting will be in the Umpqua Civic Room. The public is invited.

Fire Protection Planned For Fir Acres District

All persons living in the Fir Acres district interested in rural fire protection are invited to attend a meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m., in the Winchester school house, announced John Zenor, secretary of the Rural Fire Protection Association.

Residents of this area have voiced opinions favorable to coming into the association, so the meeting has been called to explain the procedure necessary, said Zenor. The benefits to be derived and legal angles involved will be discussed by competent authorities, he said, and the opportunity will be given to present questions to clarify the matter.

Coal Tie-Up Forces Further Cutbacks

PITTSBURGH, April 8.—(AP)—New violence and mounting industrial cutbacks today marked the 25th day of the soft coal shut-down. The total number of idle workers climbed to at least 562,000.

In Barbour County of West Virginia, a mine operator said he was beaten by roving pickets when he refused to close his non-union mine. He was Hop Williams, co-owner of a mine near Janitor. There were 20 carloads of roving pickets.

At Jane Lew, W. Va., a 110-pound waitress drove off more than 75 roving coal pickets when she said they became "too noisy" in the tavern where she works. She was Miss Betty Rogers, 23, who flourished a revolver and emptied the taproom.

The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co., the South's biggest steel producer, announced at Birmingham its big Fairfield sheet mill will be idled tomorrow. Two blast furnaces were banked yesterday by T. C. I. Tomorrow's action will increase the district's idle to about 34,500.

At Pittsburgh, the U. S. Steel Corp., announced it was losing 7,000 tons of steel production a day.

Bethlehem Steel said new production cutbacks would idle about 3,000 of 14,700 employees at Lackawanna, N. Y.

The bulk of the idle were members of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers, whose 400,000 members stopped work in the soft coal fields to back up demands for pensions. About 25,000 anthracite miners stopped work this week in sympathy.

The other 137,000 were in related industries crippled by the continually increasing coal shortage. At least 70,000 railroaders were furloughed together with 45,000 steel workers.

Grange Head Warns U. S. Of Record Depression

LOS ANGELES, April 8.—(AP)—The master of the national grange says the nation is headed for the Biggest Depression ever.

Addressing a group of insurance men, Albert S. Goss of Washington, D. C., declared yesterday:

"We are piling up a new abnormal food surplus and as soon as we stop furnishing tremendous credits to Europe we will have another collapse of our economy."

"Instead of a depression of the scope of 1929 and thereafter, we will have one so tremendous that it could possibly plunge the world into one of its darkest periods. Communism could flood over the world at that time."

The solution, as Goss sees it: put Europe back on its feet, industrially, as well as agriculturally, and establish stable prices on the world market.

Dazed Patient Says He's Coach Jack Sutherland

CAIRO, Ill., April 8.—(AP)—A man who identified himself as Jack Sutherland, professional football coach, was being treated in a hospital today after being found in a dazed condition in his parked automobile.

Officials at St. Mary's hospital reported the patient carried an automobile driver's license issued to John B. Sutherland of Pittsburgh, Pa. Jack Sutherland, 59, is coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers of the national professional league.

A nun at the hospital said "Mr. Sutherland is unable to talk coherently this morning. I wouldn't say his condition is improving. He doesn't seem to know what it is all about."

Congress Gets Request For \$725 Million

Senate Group Ponders Plan to Link Air Force Increase With Draft

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today for an immediate appropriation of \$725,000,000 for expansion of the air force.

The House Appropriations Committee, to which the president's request was referred, called a special meeting for today to consider the request. It plans to report to the House next week a bill carrying the new funds.

The additional money is for use during the fiscal year starting July 1.

The president last week notified Congress that such a request would be forthcoming. It is part of an additional \$3,000,000,000 to be sought for overall defense purposes for the next fiscal year.

Of the \$725,000,000 requested, \$195,000,000 would be in cash and \$530,000,000 in contract authorizations for which cash must be furnished later.

The Army Air Force would receive \$135,000,000 of the new cash and the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics \$60,000,000.

The bigger-and-better air force drive temporarily has shunted aside plans for universal military training.

Tiller Firm Buys S. Umpqua Timber

Tiller Sugar Pine Co., offering a minimum bid of \$281,197.35, purchased a total of 20,381,000 board feet of timber in an auction Tuesday. In the supervisory office of the Umpqua National Forest, the Tiller Company was the only bidder for the timber, located near Camp Comfort on the South Umpqua District of the forest.

Prices bid include \$6.70 per thousand for 9,167,000 board feet of Douglas fir; \$19.75 per thousand for 11,093,000 board feet of sugar pine; \$5.17 per thousand for 119,000 board feet of ponderosa pine, and \$1.55 per thousand for an unestimated amount of hemlock and other merchantable species.

Terms of the sale provide that the company shall pay \$8,152.40 for slash disposal, at the rate of 40 cents per thousand; and \$9,174.45 for timber stand improvement, at the rate of 45 cents per thousand. The latter amount will go toward reforestation of the cutover area.

Another timber auction, for the sale of stumpage on the Bohemia District of the forest, is scheduled in the Roseburg office of the Umpqua National Forest April 9.

Ex-Mayor's Son Held As Bank Robbery Suspect

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8.—(AP)—A man identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a one-time card dealer and son of a former mayor of Grand Junction, Tenn., was being held here today on a charge of aiding in the holdup of a Spokane bank two weeks ago.

He was Robert Howard Roche, 42, of Spokane.

D. S. Hostetter, special agent in charge of the Memphis FBI, said Roche was charged with aiding Josephine Bernice Ray, now held in Spokane, in a Spokane bank robbery March 29.

The agent said Roche claimed he waited outside the bank in a taxi while the woman entered and held up the bank. He quoted Roche as saying he took half the stolen money and departed.

The bank's loss was reported at \$1,200.

Two More Mines Spotted Off Coast of Oregon

SEATTLE, April 8.—(AP)—Two mines were being sought off the Oregon coast today by cutters. Coast Guard headquarters reported here.

One of the two drifting explosives was sighted off Tillamook Bay; the second was seen off Cape Blanco. Both were reported last night.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Having throttled the dictionary, John L. Lewis is now taking on the U. S. Constitution. If he wins out, he'll probably direct his next attack against the documents in the Freedom Train.