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Italy, on Election Eve, Assured More Aid

Timely Action
Of U. S. Fights
Red Influence

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—On the eve of the Italian elections, the economic cooperation administration said today that \$20,424,000 more in food, coal and other commodities will be shipped to that country, France and the Netherlands.

Paul G. Hoffman, ECA chief, said these shipments will be in addition to \$37,877,000 in aid authorized for the three countries earlier this week. The money for purchases comes from the new European recovery program.

Hoffman listed these allotments to the three countries under the shipping schedule:

To France: Coal, \$5,658,000; wheat flour, \$5,650,000.

To Italy: Coal, \$6,000,000; wheat flour, \$1,130,000; soy flour, \$410,000; rolled oats, \$562,000.

To the Netherlands: Wheat, \$1,014,000.

The total for France is \$11,308,000 and to Italy \$8,102,000.

New Urges On Russia
The western powers, meanwhile, have made a third demand on Russia for a yes-no answer on the question of returning Trieste to Italy.

Just six hours before the formal windup of the Italian campaign, in which the Communists are bidding for control, the United States, Britain and France in effect called on Moscow yesterday to quit stalling over their proposal to turn Trieste back to Italy.

The western demand served as a final reminder to millions of Italians voting Sunday that Russia blocks the way to the border city's return.

The closing diplomatic stroke climaxed a long series of measures aimed at winning friends for

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE spectacular voting in Nebraska, following the spectacular voting in Wisconsin, doesn't insure the nomination and election of Harold E. Stassen as President of the United States. But it does establish pretty clearly what the general run of people in this country want. To that extent, it lays down the lines that will be followed from here on out in the Presidential campaign of 1948.

As disclosed by Wisconsin and Nebraska, Americans in the mass are fed up with the old political leadership and the old political methods. The old way has got us nowhere—except into a mess.

We want to get somewhere that is worth getting to.

Stassen—youth and SINCERE—seems to offer the kind of leadership that will get us there.

That is about the size of it, as this writer sees it.

WATCH it. If that is the way people in this country really feel, Stassen's showing in Wisconsin and Nebraska isn't just a fluke.

It is a ground swell. Ground swells are like the

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County-Wide School Budget Vote Monday
To be First Under New Rural District Law

To levy \$583,208.24 in excess of the 6 per cent tax limitation will be the question submitted to taxpayers Monday, April 19, in the first county-wide school budget election to be held under provisions of the Rural School Law.

Voting will take place in all second and third class school districts, at the time most convenient in the districts concerned. It was announced by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

Effective for the first time in connection with the budgets of rural school districts, the intent of the law is to provide for a uniform tax levy in all districts to "furnish equal educational opportunities for all children," Mrs. Gorrell pointed out.



CALLED SPY—Robert Magidoff (above), National Broadcasting Corporation correspondent at Moscow, has been accused by his former secretary, Cecelia Nelson, a Michigan girl, now a Russian citizen, who formerly worked for the U. S. embassy, of spying on the Soviet Union. The charge was made in a letter written to the government newspaper Izvestia, according to the semi-official Tass agency. She said he had been sending intelligence reports in U. S. diplomatic pouches. (NEA photo)

Chinese Reds Hold
Four U. S. Marines

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—(AP)—Capture of four U. S. Marine fliers forced down in a flight over North China was confirmed by the Chinese Communist radio today.

The Red radio, heard by the Associated Press listening post near San Francisco, said the plane and its crew were taken into custody April 5 near Kiaoshien on the Shantung peninsula, north of Tsingtao. There was no mention of any injuries. Said the broadcast:

"A thorough investigation is being made into the landing of this American plane which was taking part in the military reconnaissance over liberated areas has been constantly carried on since the American Marine Corps arrived in Tsingtao."

The Marine Corps reported previously the airman were on a routine navigational flight over Red territory when engine failure forced them down.

The fliers are 1st Lt. Harold W. Hawkins, Kalamazoo, Mich.; 1st Sgt. Thomas J. Shaw, Winnfield, La.; 1st Sgt. Robert C. White, North Fork, W. Va.; and Cpl. Robert R. Lewis, Petersburg, N. Y.

Hawley Pulp-Paper Co.
Passes to New Owners

PORTLAND, April 17.—(AP)—The sale of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Company to a group including two newspapers was completed today.

The paper company posted 94 per cent of the stock for the sale to the Publishers Paper Co. and to Blyth & Co., Inc., investment brokers.

Included in the Publishers Paper Co. are officials of the Los Angeles Times, the Desert News of Salt Lake City, the Oregon Pulp and Paper Company and Columbia River Paper Mills.

The total proposed county budget of \$1,630,880.76 was made up by combining the budgets of second and third class districts, high school districts, and the Non-High School District, after these budgets had been audited and two classes of items stricken.

Not included in the general county budget are, first, items of capital outlay and debt service, which under the law must be rejected; and second, items not generally provided for in all the districts, such as expenses for hot lunches, cafeterias, laundry service, etc.

Tax Base Explained

The tax base for the county-wide Rural School District is the sum of the bases of all individual districts comprising the rural district. Roseburg School District No. 4 is not included, since it is a first class district.

Taft Girds For
Battle to Gain
Ohio GOP Nod

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—While Republicans in Idaho held a party meeting to pick 11 delegates to the national convention, main political interest centered today on a GOP primary two weeks off.

A stiff fight was shaping up in the May 4 Ohio contest, where Harold E. Stassen and Senator Robert A. Taft are due to lock horns. Taft last night suddenly abandoned a scheduled speaking tour in Vermont to concentrate on the coming battle in his home state.

The Idaho political event was one or two on tap for today. The other was in Kentucky, where Democrat John A. Whitaker is unopposed in a special congressional election for the seat of Earle C. Clements, now the state's governor.

Idaho's GOP delegates are expected to go to the Philadelphia nominating convention without instructions. But the Ohio elections may test the strength of the Republican hopefuls who have staked entries.

Stassen Bids For Florida

Stassen, who looms large in the nationwide Republican race following decisive victories in Wisconsin and Nebraska, has entered contests for 23 of Ohio's 53 delegates.

The Minnesota was due to fly to Florida today to bid for that state's 16 convention votes. "Things are looking very favorable for us there," he said.

In Cleveland, meanwhile, Taft said almost exactly the same about his prospects in Ohio, where Stassen's supporters are claiming 10 to 12 votes. "Things are generally favorable," the Senator said.

At the same time, President Truman, who is being opposed within his own party for the Democratic nomination, received a commendation from the New York State Democratic committee.

Though the committee made no effort to instruct the 16 delegates-at-large it selected, its resolution was considered as a sign that the president may get a big share of New York's 98 convention votes.

Two Wounded in Battle
Attending Georgia Strike

ROME, Ga., April 17.—(AP)—The war of nerves in a four weeks old textile mill strike reached the shooting stage last night, leaving one man near death, another wounded slightly.

Both shootings, one of which was a skirmish on a highway, followed the harmless firing of other shots, clashes between pickets and non-strikers at the Anchor-Rome Cotton Mill, paint throwing and other acts of vandalism.

The strike began March 18 when management and the Textile Workers of America (CIO) were unable to agree on a new contract covering a dues check-off and union liability.

New Filipino President
Hints Own Life Near End

MANILA, April 17.—(AP)—The new president of the Philippine republic, Elpidio Quirino, told a university audience late today he is "living on borrowed time."

Quirino's reference to his own poor health was prompted by the nature of President Roxas' unexpected death Thursday—from a heart attack suffered at Clark Field during an inspection of the U. S. Air Force.

QUEENING BUSY JOB

No Time to Attend
Classes at School,
Truant Cop Told

READING, Pa., April 17.—(AP)—Reading's 200th anniversary queen has settled her difficulties with the truant officer.

Nineteen-year-old Marie E. Henne missed so many classes since becoming bicentennial queen that a truant officer visited her home to learn why.

Marie, a post-graduate student preparing for a nursing career, explained to the truant officer that she just didn't have time to keep her engagements as queen and attend her classes.

School officials decided they could grant Marie a few concessions to permit Reading to keep its queen.

It was no strain for the school board to make concessions, the truant officer explained today. He said that Miss Henne, a post-graduate student, does not come under compulsory attendance laws.

Some Reading residents ploned it was a neatly contrived publicity gag.

Policeman Catch
Gang of Beaters

ATLANTA, April 17.—(AP)—Two alert policemen were credited yesterday with uncovering a new hate organization, "The Black Raiders," and the rescue of a man from an unmerciful strapping.

Four men are under arrest on charges of assault and battery, and Fulton Police Chief G. Neal Ellis is holding as evidence several crude black masks, a pistol, a leather strap and nearly 100 cards printed with the group's name.

The patrolmen on a routine check on the outskirts of Atlanta last night were attracted to a wooded area by the flickering of a flashlight.

The patrolmen, Q. F. Hayes and A. D. Trollinger, said they found Charles Berry, 23, bent forward against a tree. He had been beaten, apparently with a heavy leather strap, until blood vessels burst.

Berry was quoted by the chief as saying the men accused him of not supporting his family properly.

The county police head identified the men as Ed W. Mitchell, Sherman Kecheley, Robert B. Ellison and Manuel S. Combola, all of Atlanta.

Vets' Allowance Too
Small, DAV Head Claims

PORTLAND, April 17.—(AP)—The national commander of the Disabled American Veterans said yesterday that injured veterans are still being treated as if World War I had just ended.

John L. Golob, Hibbing, Minn., told an interviewer that while the public is sympathetic toward disabled war veterans, it does not realize all the situation.

Declaring that the \$138 a month totally disabled veteran receives is insufficient to support a family, he said that the present disability pay is largely based on conditions of World War I, and that was mainly a single man's war. World War II wasn't.

Boy, 13, Confesses Sex
Murder of Girl Aged 6

NAPA, Calif., April 17.—(AP)—The naked body of a six-year-old girl was found in a muddy creek today. Police Chief Eugene Riordan said 13-year-old Richard Thompson had admitted the sex slaying.

The little girl had been undressed, molested and drowned, Chief Riordan said.

Riordan said the boy, showing no emotion, had admitted to drowning Verna Sue Haskins, 6, because he was afraid she would tell her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Haskins of Napa, of his liberties with her after school yesterday.

Hot Weather, Earthquake
Worry Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—(AP)—Hot and only slightly rocky, Los Angeles shook off a one-two punch and came up for more today.

The mercury zipped up to 93, a new high for April 16 here. Then came a momentary earthquake at 3:28 p.m. Best estimates said it lasted about two seconds, but it broke windows at Oxnard, 40 miles up the coast. No serious damage was reported.

More heat today, said the Weather Bureau. Quakecasters were mum.

Draft Apt To
Retain Racial
Segregation

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—House Armed Services Committee members today shied away from putting a flat ban on racial segregation into a draft law.

They also showed reluctance to write in any racial deferment for scientists, technicians or engineers.

Both matters, several members told reporters, should be left to administrators of the law.

As it stands now the bill before the committee would give the President wide authority to defer men because of occupational or professional skills.

Aides said the committee tentatively has decided to boost the Army's manpower ceiling from 782,000 to 837,000. And the Army, preparing for a possible increase in strength, prepared to poll reserve officers to learn how many are willing to return to active duty.

Gen. Omar Bradley, Army chief of staff, told the committee this week that the 837,000 figure would be needed to keep up with the air force if that service is expanded from 55 to 70 groups.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will begin hearings next week on a \$3,198,100,000 House-approved bill to start the air force toward the larger figure.

Another Senate group, the Armed Services Committee, will hear Secretary of Defense Forrestal present estimates on Monday.

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Dr. John L. Haskins Succeeds
Dr. G. M. Melvin as Manager
Of Vets Hospital in RoseburgDR. JOHN L. HASKINS
Will Head Veterans Facility in Roseburg

Dr. George M. Melvin, manager of the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital for the past six years, will be transferred to the Jackson, Miss., VA Hospital, effective April 18, it was announced today by D. M. Shute, Seattle, Northwest deputy administrator for the agency.

Lewis Asks End
Of Court Order

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—John L. Lewis today demanded that the government act to end a court order directing him to call off the coal mining stoppage.

The demand, based on grounds that the coal dispute has been settled, was sent by the United Mine Workers' chief attorney General Tom Clark. The letter was signed by Welly Hopkins, UMW spokesman.

The order to which Lewis referred was issued April 3 by Federal Judge Matthew F. McGuire. It directed Lewis and his union to get the soft coal miners back in the pits.

They had been out on strike since March 15 in a dispute over payments from the miners' pension funds.

About two thirds of the 400,000 miners have returned to work this week but the others are awaiting the outcome of a contempt of court action hanging over Lewis.

Lewis' failure to heed the stop-strike order led to the contempt citation. Judge T. Alan Goldsborough heard evidence on this last week and is expected to give his decision in court Monday.

Vote Needed to Dissolve
Smick School District

Because more than 10 children are involved in a proposal to dissolve Smick School District No. 75, an election must be held before the area may be included within the boundaries of Roseburg School District No. 4 and Deer Creek School District No. 6, it was announced by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

A hearing on the proposal, set for Monday, April 19, has been canceled. The boundaries of the Roseburg and Deer Creek districts were to have been extended by the District Boundary Board to include the Smick district on the basis of information presented at the hearing, Mrs. Gorrell said. Date for an election will be announced later.

Red Plot to Wreck Wire
System in Mexico Bared

MEXICO CITY, April 17.—(AP)—A Communist plot to wreck all telegraph lines in Mexico was revealed today. An important government official confirmed the fact but for the present the communications office is making no comment.

The official who told of the plot said the secretary of communications immediately ordered measures to prevent any sabotage and also punishment of the plotters.

It could not be learned how many persons are involved or whether there have been arrests.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The banner of "Progress" still flies over Roseburg. By their votes at the school election, the citizens of today set an example in public spirit for the citizens of tomorrow.

Proposal Wins
510 to 217 In
Roseburg VoteResult Assures Needed
Expansion to Meet Big
Growth in Enrollment

Roseburg taxpayers approved an excess tax levy of \$202,360 for the schools in the coming fiscal year, by a decisive vote cast in a special budget election Friday. Of the total of 727 votes cast, 510 were "yes" ballots, 217 "no."

Approval of the tax levy in excess of the 6 per cent tax limitation will clear the way for adoption by the school board of a total operating budget of \$340,673.98 for the Roseburg schools next year. Results of the election will be canvassed by the board Monday night.

Although the proposed outlay will be the largest budget ever adopted by Roseburg School District No. 4, the increased expenditures will go toward expansion of facilities required by the largest enrollments the city's schools have ever experienced, school district officials pointed out.

Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott said last night that the school administration wished to "thank all who participated in the election" to assure adoption of the budget.

Approval Anticipated

Participation in Friday's election represented approximately the same vote as that cast in the last school budget election. Last year, the proposed excess levy was submitted twice to a vote, because it was defeated at its first presentation. Adoption of the budget came when reductions in the outlay were effected.

School officials this year had anticipated that approval would probably be given the proposed excess tax levy by the voters.

Election judges who counted Mrs. Lena C. Young, Mrs. Ethel Bailey, and Mrs. Florence Cole. Clerks of the election board were Mrs. Mable Harness and Mrs. Auguste Darby.

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