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Communist Defeat in Italy Looms

Early Returns Give Anti-Reds Lead of 2-to-1

Election Result Spells Repulse to Russia in Drive for More Power

ROME, April 19.—(AP)—Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democrat party took a lead of more than two-to-one over the Communist-led popular front today in first scattered returns from Italy's fateful election.

These returns in the Senate contest, which is being counted first, were mostly from the Rome and Milan areas.

Milan, in the heart of the strongly leftist North, was giving the Catholic premier's party a comfortable lead over the Communist-led popular front to-day in first scattered returns from Italy's fateful election.

In Rome, two voting precincts a block away from de Gasperi's home gave the Christian Democrats 817; the Popular Front 175; and the pro-Fascist Italian social movement (MSI) 76; Republican, 62 and national bloc, 21.

Some Arrests Made
Minister of Interior Scelba announced the voting in this crucial test between Russia and the western democracies ended with "tranquility." He warned against "alarmist news" being circulated by secret radios and unnamed persons. He said some arrests already had been made.

The polls closed after 21 hours of voting. The results for the future of Europe and possibly for the peace of the world.

Officials estimated 90 per cent of the 29,000,000 eligible cast ballots. This may be a world record for a free election—and a heavy vote was generally inter-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE day on which these words are written seems to be jittery day in the news.

Up in Ketchikan (Alaska) the Daily Chronicle quotes a touring woman congressman (should one say "congresswoman") from Maine as saying that Russian planes have "violated" Alaskan skies.

The article adds that both American and Russian planes have crossed the border into each other's territory over a period of several months. It goes even farther along that line. It quotes reports that an American B-29 that crashed near Nome three months ago "had a Soviet shell in her belly."

THERE is more of it.

The Ketchikan paper tells of a "mystery submarine" that loaded around in Aleutian waters for about 10 days. The Navy, according to the story, had a radar "fix" on it several times and "awaited word from Washington as to what action to take."

The tale goes on that personnel

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Supreme Court Upholds Right Of Negroes to Vote in Demo Primaries in South Carolina

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—The supreme court in effect today upheld a decision that Negroes have the right to vote in Democratic primaries in South Carolina.



Picture by Paul Jenkins

CHIEF'S FIRST AID CAR DELIVERED—Pictured above is the latest piece of equipment to be added by the Roseburg Fire Department. Chief Glen Taylor is pictured with the panel truck delivered by the Hansen Motor Co. The car will carry first aid equipment, stretchers, breathing apparatus (to be used in dense smoke) and will be used for inspection service and transportation by the chief. The truck is equipped with a trailer hitch and will be used in transporting the Eagles' rescue boat. An appropriation of \$1,600 was made from the Fire Department equipment fund to pay for the car, and a small additional sum needed to pay for accessories was contributed from the Fire Department's club funds.

GOP Heads Meet to Decide On Convention Keynotes As Candidates Contest for Votes

(By the Associated Press)
Republican leaders met in Philadelphia today to decide on a keynote for the GOP national convention.

And in the Ohio battle for convention delegates, Harold E. Stassen made ready to open his campaign as Senator Robert Taft returned to Washington after a busy weekend in his own state.

Many names were mentioned for the keynote post, but those of Senators Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan and Eugene B. Millikin of Colorado appeared to be high on the list.

In Ohio, Stassen is challenging Taft for 23 of the state's 53 convention votes.

Taft told a news conference in Cleveland Saturday he has a "serious fight" on his hands in the May 4 primary. But he added that "things look generally favorable."

Stassen, in New York after a trip to Florida, said he expects to win the Florida primary but added it is "too early" to predict the outcome of the Ohio voting.

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Budget Election Scheduled May 21
Date for the city budget election has been set for May 21. It was announced today by City Manager M. W. Slankard. To levy \$14,797.33 in excess of the 6 per cent tax limitation will be the question submitted for a vote.

The city election will coincide with the county and state primary election.

Slankard appeared before the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon this noon to explain the city's proposed 1948-49 operating budget, which totals \$207,172.95.

His talk to the luncheon today was the first in a series of appearances to be made before clubs and civic groups prior to the election.

Slankard said that the City Council has scheduled a canvass of the budget election returns May 22 and a public hearing, prior to adoption of the 1948-49 budget, Monday, May 24, at the City Hall.

State School Tax Fund Allotted to Douglas
Apportionment of the second half of the 1947-48 fiscal year state and county school tax fund was reported today by the secretary of state's office at Salem. Douglas County received \$47,140, representing \$10 a year for each child between the ages of 4 and 20. Total distribution throughout the state was \$1,494,560.

"No election machinery can be upheld if its purpose or effect is to deny the Negro, on account of his race or color, an effective voice in the government of his country, or the state or community wherein he lives."

State Law Cited
The Richland County party officials told the Supreme Court that the Democratic party in South Carolina is not regulated by state law and primary elections are conducted merely under party rules. They argued that the Circuit Court had no right to act in the case because "there was no state action involved, and the

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Negroes Balk At "Jim Crow" Army System

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—Grant Reynolds, a Negro, told Congress today a nationwide campaign of civil disobedience has been started in protest against segregation of races within the armed services.

Reynolds testified before the House Armed Services Committee as national chairman of the "committee against Jim Crow in military service and training."

The committee is considering a military draft bill.

He showed the committee a card saying he will not be drafted for "Jim Crow military service."

Reynolds said this is the first such card to be signed. They will be circulated nationally, he testified, and others of all races will be urged to sign them.

Besides the cards, Reynolds said, his organization has placed an order for 100,000 buttons with the inscription "don't join a Jim Crow Army."

"Have Had Enough"
Reynolds continued:

"Upon delivery we expect to launch the sale of these buttons—outside the White House and on the steps of the Capitol. In this way, we hope to impress the mind of white America that Negroes have had enough of this bi-partisan maneuvering on civil rights and that, come what may, we are withdrawing our support of Herr Jim Crow."

Senator Bridges, meanwhile, urged quick action on a 70-group

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Railroad Freight Rates Again Upped

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today granted the railroads a further temporary freight rate increase estimated to cost the public about \$300,000,000 a year.

Commission officials figured the rate will average about four per cent above present rates.

The ICC last October, acting on the railroad's plea for a 30 per cent advance in freight rates, authorized a temporary 10 per cent increase to meet higher operating costs.

Still another 10 per cent temporary increase was granted in January. The additional raise announced today will be effective until the commission passes finally on the plea for permanent upward adjustments.

The new increase may be applied upon 10 days notice to the public.

The boosts range from 10 per cent in the East, to five per cent elsewhere, with no change in the far West.

The commission said higher rates were required because of the freight business which had been lost because of work stoppages in the coal mining and other major industries, and by severe winter conditions in the early months of this year.

The ICC noted that the railroads themselves "are now facing the possibility of a work stoppage under a strike vote already taken" or an increase in their labor costs.

Falling Rock Hurls Boy To Death in Ravine
CASCADIA, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—A falling rock carried a teenage boy from a narrow cliff trail to his death in a chasm near here yesterday.

The victim was Merle Dean Walker, 15, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walker, Cascadia. Two companions, Ralph and Burgess Sturgeon, brothers, jumped to safety when the rock crashed down the face of the cliff on the trail to scenic Soda Creek Falls.

Coroner Glenn Huston reported the boy was thrown 80 feet into the ravine and was dead when found by his friends.

Man Takes Blame For Wreck That Killed 24
WINSFORD, Cheshire, Eng., April 19.—(AP)—Police said today a soldier in a hurry to get home had admitted he pulled a train emergency cord, causing a wreck fatal to 24 persons.

The soldier said he stopped the train Saturday because he wanted to get off at Winsford, an unscheduled stop. Seven coaches on his train were crushed when a speeding mail train struck it from behind.

CITY JOB ACCEPTED
William D. Bollman, formerly employed by an office supply firm here, has accepted the position of assistant to the city recorder. It was announced this morning by City Manager M. W. Slankard. Bollman came to Roseburg two years ago from Los Angeles. He has a wife and two small children.



NEW PRESIDENT—Elpidio Quirino (above), vice president of the Philippines, succeeded to the presidency on the death of President Manuel Roxas. Roxas died suddenly after making a speech. Quirino, pro-American, has also served as foreign minister since founding of the republic. (AP Wirephoto)

Atomic Weapon Test Announced

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—A test of "an atomic weapon" has been held at the proving grounds on Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands, the Atomic Energy Commission announced today.

This is the first such test announced since those held at Bikini, also in the Pacific, in 1946.

The commission said that for security reasons the date the test was held is not being announced.

"A classified report of the test results is being made to the joint committee on atomic energy of the Congress," the announcement said, adding:

"The test was conducted under full security restrictions of the atomic energy act of 1946, and pursuant to the provisions of the act, the public issuance of further information concerning the test is not permissible at present."

Fire Department Call Bares Visit of Thieves

READING, Pa., April 19.—(AP)—The home of Paul Fine received attention from both branches of Reading's Department of Public Safety.

Firemen were summoned to the Fine house yesterday after neighbors reported smoke was pouring from the basement.

The firefighters extinguished the cellar blaze and then went upstairs to open some windows for ventilation. They discovered the house had been ransacked by thieves.

Fine reported after his return from a weekend trip that clothing, jewelry and cash totaling more than \$4,000 had been taken.



'BOY OF YEAR' GETS THRILL OF LIFETIME—Frankie Harrison, 14-year-old Valdosta, Ga., newsboy, who was selected "National Boy of the Year," spent a day with President Truman at the White House. Frankie was chosen for the honor by the Boys' Clubs of America.

Chill Greeted Truman Urge On Inflation

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—President Truman's springtime appeal for inflation controls got the same generally frosty reception in Congress today that his November plea did.

In fact, the chill was more noticeable in some cases, particularly among the Republican majority.

"I think the chances for the president's program are even slimmer now than they were last fall," said Senator Flanders (R-Vt.).

Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) put it this way:

"The possibility of any action now is absolutely nil."

Senator Wherry (Neb.), acting Republican leader, insisted that "the domestic economy picture generally has improved since last fall."

And Senator Capehart (R-Ind.) commented: "The president must have had his tongue in his cheek when he said inflation is getting worse."

Truman Urges Action
Mr. Truman said that Saturday night in addressing the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

He said "the plain fact is... that our economy is in serious

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Democrats Hold Lead in Multnomah Registration

PORTLAND, April 19.—(AP)—Multnomah County Democrats still hold lead in voter registration as the qualifying deadline nears for the May 21 primary balloting.

County Registrar James W. Gleason reported Democrats totaled 104,363 and Republicans 96,964. All party affiliations totaled 204,459 as of Saturday. The registration books will be closed tomorrow evening.

Walnut Meats Received For School Lunches

Fifty-seven cases of walnut meats have been received for distribution to school lunch rooms under the federal abundant commodity purchase program. It was reported by Mrs. Lulu C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

One more shipment, that of grapefruit juice has been scheduled and is to be the last of the abundant commodities distributed this year, Mrs. Gorrell said.

Negro Chosen Head Of College Student Council

ASHLAND, O., April 19.—(AP)—Samuel A. Davis, a Negro from Mansfield, Ohio, has been elected president of the Ashland College student council.

He is the first member of his race ever elected for the post, the highest elective office at the school.

Davis also is president of the college "A" club, an organization of lettersmen on the campus. A sophomore, he won his letter in track last year.

Coal Miners' Leader Actually Called Strike, Ruling of Judge, Who Voices Hint of Jail Term

WASHINGTON, April 19.—AP—Justice T. Alan Goldsborough today held John L. Lewis guilty of criminal contempt for not sending the striking coal miners back to the pits when ordered by the court.

The judge announced he will present sentence tomorrow. He is the same judge who fined Lewis \$10,000 and the United Mine Workers \$3,500,000 for disregarding a court stop-strike order in 1946. The Supreme Court cut the union's fine to \$700,000 but let Lewis' stand.

Goldsborough, before adjourning court, hinted that he is at least considering a jail term for Lewis this time.

He said he did not think, because of the seriousness of the case, that it could be decided on the basis of "expediency."

When he fined Lewis in December, 1946, in the other case, the judge said he had to consider the "expediency" involved and was giving a fine instead of a jail sentence.

So his talk of not regarding "expediency" this time suggested strongly that Goldsborough is thinking of a jail term for the miners' chieftain.

Goldsborough asked the government to bring in recommendations for punishment at 7:00 a. m. tomorrow.

Re-zoning, Sewer Proposals Due At Council Meeting
The re-zoning plan was given a public hearing last month by the City Planning Commission. On the basis of the commission's recommendations, the hearing was scheduled tonight by the council prior to carrying out the proposals, City Manager M. W. Slankard said.

The re-zoning plan also includes a change from residential to industrial classification, of an area in the vicinity of the California-Pacific Utilities Co. gas storage tanks, near the mouth of Deer Creek.

Residents of Ave. "A" in the northeast corner of the city will submit a petition for the installation of sewers. The council will probably act on the plans and specifications which have been prepared by the city engineer for the sewer project, Slankard said.

The City Park Commission is expected to ask the council for funds for the installation of a steel fence around Umpega Park.

The matter was shelved at the last council meeting because of the absence of Councilman Percy Croft, member of the Park Commission, who would have explained the request.

Stove Burns Prove Fatal to Woman
Mrs. Naomi Gazelle Custer, 71, died at Mercy Hospital Sunday as a result of burns received when her dress caught fire while she was lighting stove at her home at 825 Miller St., attendants at the hospital reported.

Mrs. Custer was a resident of Roseburg for the past seven years. At the time of her death, she resided in one of several cabins adjacent to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Worthington.

Mrs. Worthington told the News-Review that Mrs. Custer's cabin was furnished with a wood stove. As she apparently prepared to light the stove for her breakfast about 7 o'clock Saturday morning, her dress caught fire. An ambulance was summoned by neighbors to take her to the hospital.

One brother, residing at Richmond, Ind., survives.

Services will be held in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral Home Tuesday, April 20, at 2 p. m., with Elder J. J. Robertson officiating. Interment will be in Civil Bend Cemetery.

Governor Dewey Plans Speeches in Oregon

PORTLAND, April 19.—(AP)—Two political aides of Governor Thomas E. Dewey are in Oregon planning the New Yorker's bid for the state's Republican presidential preference vote.

Dewey will make a personal tour in Oregon before the May primary. The date has not been set.

Paul Lockwood, executive secretary for the New York Governor, said the contest against Harold E. Stassen in the Oregon primary is considered of "unusual importance." He said "we don't know yet whether it will be decisive in the west," but explained Oregon's delegation is important to any candidate.

The names of Dewey and Stassen are opposed in the Oregon GOP preferential race.

Vote for CIO Union Shop In Klamath Mills Okayed

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—The National Labor Relations Board today certified that employees of four Klamath Falls lumber firms have voted for a CIO union shop.

The NLRB said elections at Klamath Basin Pine Mills, Ewaguna Box Company, Bly Logging Company, and the Klamath Falls branch of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, a majority of employees voted to authorize 6-12 of the CIO IWA to sign agreements requiring IWA membership as a condition of employment.

Boy Tumbles to Death From Trestle Into Canal

LEBANON, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Ten-year-old Jon O'Dell drowned yesterday in the Lebanon-Albany canal at the edge of the city when he tumbled from a railroad trestle on which he was playing.

Linn County Coroner Glenn Huston reported the boy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Dell, Lebanon, had fallen backwards into the water. He was carried away by the swift canal current before two companions could get help. The body was recovered last evening.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

Early indications are that about the only thing the Communists will get from the election in Italy is the toe of the boot.