

Italian Communist Head, Togliatti, Shot

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weight of numbers they succeeded in clearing the square.

Political Crisis On
News of the attack on Togliatti spread quickly throughout the country. In Milan, a leftist citadel, workers quit without waiting for orders from their Communist labor leaders.

The assassination attempt caused both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate to adjourn their sessions.

The assassination attempt came at the height of the Italian left's renewed drive to upset De Gasperi's predominantly Christian Democratic government from which the Communists had been excluded.

Togliatti had been vitriolic in recent criticism of De Gasperi's alleged "enlavement" to the

Vatican and the United States. Togliatti reportedly ordered the execution of Benito Mussolini.

The strutting duce was shot by a member of Italy's anti-Fascist underground in 1945. The Communist newspaper L'Unita in Rome said last year that Togliatti, issued the order from Naples.

Israeli Claim Fresh Wins in Palestine War

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supported the move. Arab indignation exploded in a mass demonstration at Amman, capital of Trans-Jordan, whose officials denounced what they called "British treachery and deceit." Thousands of angry Arabs filled the streets chanting war cries.

The American and British delegations to the U. N. took the view that further efforts for a truce in Palestine are useless unless there are provisions for enforcement. The Arabs attacked the American demand for forceful action as unfair. The Jews protested a provision freezing immigration and arms for Israel.

Soviet Replies to Notes On Berlin Blockade

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situation at Berlin is a dangerous one which requires peaceful solution.

A Soviet acceptance, on the other hand, would ease the situation at once since it would mean modifying or lifting the blockade.

However, best informed officials here have felt all along that an end to the present crisis would simply mean a lull until some other incident occurred.

They are convinced that the

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SICK DOG—Queenie, a 3-year-old Collie dying of a broken heart because she was left behind, is embraced by her master, Benjamin Schneider, 17, as the animal arrived by plane in Los Angeles from Brooklyn. Schneider came here five months ago and veterinarians said the dog's only chance of recovery was to follow him. (AP Wirephoto)

ultimate Soviet objectives are either to force the Western Powers out of the German capital or compel a new meeting of the council of foreign ministers as a means of trying to block the decisions of the Western Powers to set up a separate Western German government.

Allies' Proposal Laughable, Berlin Newspaper Declares

BERLIN, July 14 (AP)—The Soviet Military Administration's official German newspaper hinted today that Moscow will reject the Western Allies' notes demanding that Russia lift the blockade of Berlin.

The paper, Tagliche Rundschau, in an editorial headed "who do they think they're frightening?" described the Western protests as laughable.

Meanwhile American officials said the Allied air lift to the blockaded Western sectors of the city has built up a four-week food bank for the 2,000,000 Germans living there.

This indication of the efficiency of the plane ferrying service came as the Communist press warned that the Russian siege may last into the winter.

Proposal Held Laughable

The Tagliche Rundschau editorial on the Allied notes said: "The proposal is laughable that, under conditions of a separate currency reform in the Western zones, all measures should immediately be abandoned which the Soviet military administration had to undertake in order to protect the interests of the German people and the economy of the Soviet occupation zone and Berlin which lies in the Soviet zone and economically is a part of it."

"Just as laughable is the proposal only to begin negotiations regarding Berlin," the paper continued.

Food Shuttle Goes Well

The food shuttle to Berlin continued on a round the clock basis. The combined Anglo-American air lift is being aided by the best weather the area has experienced in a week. The U. S. air force was heading today for another

record tonnage flown into Berlin. Preliminary figures showed 221 U. S. flights with 1,038 tons of food and supplies in an 18-hour period which ended this morning.

The huge Skymaster transports—C-54s—are costing an average of approximately \$315 an hour to operate, official U. S. figures disclosed. The smaller C-47s, which form the major part of the air armada, cost approximately \$100 an hour.

Reds Use U. S. Corridor

American air operations officers reported today that Russian paratroopers were practicing in the American air corridor, about 25 miles west of Berlin.

They added that there was no indication that the maneuvers were endangering Allied planes engaged in the food shuttle.

The American Deputy Military Governor, Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, rejected Soviet protests that American food planes are guilty of "disorderly flights."

Hays also challenged a Russian hint that the Americans must have Soviet permission to use the 20-mile wide air corridor to Berlin from Western Germany. He said U. S. rights to the corridor are clear.

CHAIN SAW VIEWED

Charles Aldred and "Curly" Bailey of Pacific Chain Saw company recently returned from a trip by air to Spokane, Wash., where they previewed new mechanical developments in the chain saw industry.

Among these was a new type chisel chain, the "Tiger Tooth 100," which they say is a tremendous improvement over present equipment. Arrangements are being made for a public demonstration of this chain in Roseburg.

Civil Rights Plank Disrupts Democrats

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was one of those calling last week for nomination of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for president.

Southerners Disgruntled

But the "harmony" efforts were not making as much progress within Southern delegations, sore over the president's civil rights stand and displeased with the proposed party platform. Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia, among others, were saying they would not vote for Mr. Truman when the convention got around to the formality of nominating him later in the day.

Alabama delegates were reported ready to walk out of the convention immediately after adoption of the platform, leaving behind a pronouncement that its electoral votes will not be cast for this convention's nominee.

There was no argument about giving the vice-presidential nomination to Barkley.

There was no doubt that the Dixie delegations didn't subscribe

to what came out of a 108-member drafting committee on the explosive civil rights issue.

On that topic the platform pledged the party to "continuing its efforts to eradicate all racial, religious and economic discrimination."

That was a far cry from President Truman's proposals that Congress enact specific law banning state poll taxes, job discrimination, race segregation and lynching.

But the southerners were publicly incensed by the committee's refusal to include a states' rights declaration.

An abortive effort to restore the two-thirds rule which until 1936 gave the South a veto over presidential nominations died that way last night under Barkley's hammer-like blows.

For the finale there remained the South's much publicized revolt against Mr. Truman. It seemed likely to add up, at most, to about one sixth of the 1,234 official convention votes.

Pepper Withdraws

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida ended a 48-hour excursion into the Elysian Fields of the presidential race with the observation that Democrats were watching their party go to pieces before their eyes.

Pepper, who dramatically tossed his hat into the ring on Sunday, jerked it back out late yesterday without further explanation. He promised to support the convention's choice.

Any possible doubt that the convention nod would go to Barkley seemed to have been removed when Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney formally withdrew from the vice presidential race late yesterday.

And Rep. John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, another avowed seeker of the No. 2 spot, said he would pull out as soon as Barkley would say he was willing to accept.

Cohesion of Democrats At Stake in Wrangle

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mits itself to continuing its efforts to eradicate all racial, religious and economic discrimination.

"We again state our belief that racial and religious minorities must have the right to live, the right to work, the right to vote, the full and equal protection of the laws, on a basis of equality with all citizens as guaranteed by the constitution."

"We again call upon the Congress to exert its full authority

to the limit of its constitutional powers to assure and protect these rights."

Major provisions of the platform presented by the resolutions committee included:

Civil Rights—While refusing to single out President Truman's specific civil rights proposals for anti-lynch, anti-poll tax, anti-Jim Crow and anti-job discrimination laws—the document contains language strong enough to constitute an endorsement of the President's program in principle. Southerners fought the civil rights plank bitterly in the 108-member committee. When they lost they turned to a states' rights plank designed to bar any federal interference in state affairs. They had the civil rights issue in mind. And again they were defeated.

Labor—Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act and a boost in the minimum wage law, from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

Foreign Policy—Strengthening of the United Nations, with the party pledged to "continue to lead the way toward curtailment of the (U.N.) veto that has blocked many activities of the world organization. Establishment of an international armed force to back up U.N. decisions. Promising an international policy for world peace, the document says "we pledge a sound humanitarian administration of the Marshall Plan."

Living Costs—To "curb the Republican inflation" through President Truman's congressionally scored anti-inflation program for stand-by price and rationing controls, among other things.

National Defense—Maintenance of "an adequate army, navy and air force" to assure security against aggression.

Atom Bomb—Effective international control of weapons of mass destruction.

News Freedom—"We urge the vigorous promotion of world-wide freedom in the gathering and dissemination of news by press, radio, and television."

Israel—Revision of America's arms embargo, to permit shipment of war materials to the new state now embattled with the Arabs. Other Israel aids.

Education—Federal aid to schools.

Agriculture—A flexible system of price supports and repeal of Federal oleomargarine taxes.

Meeting Announced—All adults interested in the Girl Scout program and work are asked to attend a meeting Thursday night, July 15, at 8 o'clock at the Episcopal parish hall on East Cass street.

Dimes Offset Loss From Slugs in Gum Machines

The boys' and girls' welfare activities do not pay off with "slugs," stated J. E. Slattery at the Kiwanis Club meeting Tuesday noon in the Umpqua Hotel.

Slattery was referring to the penny gum machines, which the club is sponsoring in more than 100 locations throughout the city. Several slugs have been found in the machines during the most recent pickup. However, the number of dimes found more than make up the loss from the slugs, he said. There is no objection to putting in dimes, as they will go for an excellent cause, Slattery emphasized.

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locations will probably be moved very shortly, he said.

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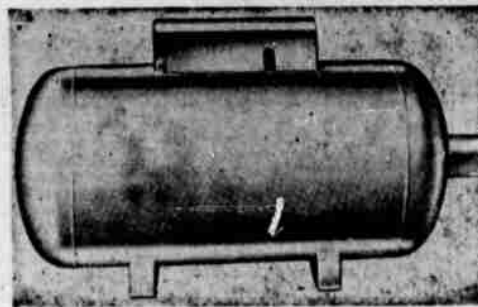
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