

### Lend-Lease Tangle Illustrates Difficulty of Dealing with Soviet

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WASHINGTON—Difficulties of trying to do business with the Russians nowhere better illustrated than in current efforts to get royalty payments on patents lend-leased to the Soviet.

Among the \$11,000,000,000 worth of war supplies sent the Russians was \$41,000,000 worth of equipment and engineering services to modernize four oil refineries. In using this equipment, patented refining processes of eight U. S. companies were involved.

At the time the deal was made, the U. S. government roughly estimated that these processes might be in operation for the last 18 months of the war. Lend-Lease Administration therefore agreed to pay the royalties for this period of time.

Because of an earlier end of the war, delays in shipping supplies in the pipeline after V-J Day, and still greater delays in Russian construction, some of this refinery equipment is just now coming into use. Lend-Lease Administration is committed, however, to pay royalties to U. S. patent holders for a full 18 months' operation, to the tune of about \$1,350,000.

#### Default On Royalties

The deal with the Russians was that on payment of royalties, the Soviet government would negotiate directly with U. S. patent holders. This is in accord with the master lend-lease agreement with the Russians in June, 1942. Article IV of that agreement clearly obligates the Soviet government to protect the rights of any U. S. citizen who has patent rights on anything given the Russians.

The U. S. government does not intend to release the Soviet government from this responsibility. No statement has been made on what the Russian royalty payments should be. But the basis will be for fair use of the same rights in the United States. The Russians are objecting to this formula on the grounds that they don't get as much production as is claimed by the patented process owners. A few of the patent holders have begun negotiations with the Russians, but have made no progress. The eight companies involved and the rights on which they expect royalty payments are:

Universal Oil Products Co., Chicago, thermal cracking, Texas Development Corp., New York, de-waxing processes, Max B. Miller, Inc., New York, solvent treatment process, International Catalytic Oil Process Corp., New York, alkylation, Houdry Process Corp., Philadelphia, catalytic cracking, Stratford Development Corp., Kansas City, acid treating, Petrolite Corp., Ltd., Los Angeles, dehydrating and desalting, Ciner Corporation, Louisville, hydrogen sulphide removal.

#### Hold Onto Machinery

This is only one of the major headaches of getting the Russian lend-lease agreement settled. Negotiations were begun in April, 1947, but were suspended last March.

No payment has been asked for goods consumed in the war. This would include most of the \$4,000,000,000 worth of food, the \$3,000,000,000 worth of tanks, planes and munitions, the 3,000,000 tires, the 15,000,000 pairs of boots, the 106,000,000 yards of cotton cloth, the \$1,600,000 worth of buttons.

Payment at surplus property values only, has been asked for supplies remaining at the end of the war and having some use to the civilian economy. This would include most of the 2000 locomotives, the 11,000 freight cars, the 8000 tractors, the \$1,000,000,000 worth of machinery. The Soviet government has never supplied an inventory. Fortunately, the U. S. government knows just what was delivered.

Return to the U. S. of lend-lease supplies to which the U. S. retains title—like the three ice breakers, the 28 frigates and other of the 585 watercraft of all types furnished the Russians—has been demanded several times. Only seven tankers have come back. The Soviet government has not refused to return the other ships. It just hasn't.

### GOP Confident Of Retaining Control of House

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Republicans say both openly and privately they are confident of keeping control of the House in the November election as they are of carrying the presidency.

Democrats, speaking for the record, claim they can carry the House with a few breaks. But those close to the campaign, talking on the understanding they won't be named, confine themselves to a prediction that the Democrats will show a gain, without re-capture control.

They say the administration's handling of the Palestine problem has hurt them in many congressional districts, particularly in New York. Incidentally they say this is part of the reason for the registration drop in New York city's democratic stronghold.

The Democrats start off over the nation with 49 house candidates free of opposition and another seven going before the voters with both major party nominations.

Partially offsetting this, five Republicans have no Democratic opposition and another nine—all in California—have both major party nominations under the cross-filing system.

In addition, the Republicans regard many of their candidates in the North and Midwest just as good as elected even though they have Democratic rivals. They are running in districts which have gone Republican almost as regularly as Southern Districts have gone Democratic.

The Republicans gained 54 House seats in the election two years ago. They now have 246 members (218 is a majority); the Democrats 187, and American Labor two. The Republican figure includes three vacancies, the Democratic two.

**Demos Need 31 Net Gain**  
To win control of the House, the Democrats could have to show a net gain of 31 for a clear majority, or 30 to organize the House with a working plurality of one over the Republicans.

Since their low strength of 89 members after the 1936 election (lowest since 1893), the Republicans jumped to 169 in 1938, dropped to 122 in 1940, went up to 212 in 1942, fell back to 190 in 1944, and up again to 245 after the 1946 election.

Their decreases in strength in presidential years have been far less than their gains in off years. Unlike the Senate with its staggered terms, the entire House comes up for election every two years.

All told, there are 963 candidates running for the 435 House seats. They include 173 running on other than Democratic or Republican tickets, including 75 Wallace Party candidates. In addition, the American Labor Party,



'HOLY NIGHT' IN ITALY — Half a million Italians, tourists and Catholic Action members jam St. Peter's Square in Rome to take part in a "Holy Night." The event was part of 20th anniversary celebration of founding of The Young Men of Catholic Action.

### Boy Has a Doll Likeness



Jesse Rotman, nine months old, happily pushes his doll-likeness along. The doll was created—and dressed—to resemble the youngster. Selling for \$25, complete with a built-in sob, the doll is 27 inches tall.

### Mediation Heads Score Critics Of Awards in Disputes

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11—(AP)—A government mediation official today scolded the "chronic bel-layers and spoilsports" in industry and labor who attack the integrity of arbitrators when an award goes against them.

Peter Seitz, general counsel of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, told the American Associations, Inc., this practice weakens the arbitration system—"one of the most effective instruments for promoting industrial peace."

"Labor relations isn't baseball, but if arbitration is to be an effective alternative to strikes and lockouts, the arbitrator's decision must be accepted as carrying the same finality and integrity as an umpire's in baseball," Seitz said.

ATA President Ed J. Buhner, told the group's more than 2,000 trucking executives in his annual report yesterday that the effect of the Taft-Hartley Act has been "all that its author hoped for" so far as the trucking industry is concerned.

The "quickie" strike has virtually disappeared, Buhner reported, and the secondary boycott—of which he said the trucking industry was the "chief victim"—no longer exists.

### Dewey Drives For Pennsylvania Vote; Labor Talk Slated

By JACK BELL  
EN ROUTE WITH DEWEY TO PITTSBURGH, Oct. 11—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey barnstormed across Pennsylvania today, holding in reserve a possible public blast at President Truman's handling of the Vinson incident.

The Republican presidential nominee let Senator Arthur Vandenberg (R-MICH) put into words what Dewey himself apparently would like to have said openly but decided not to do because of its world effect.

Vandenberg declared in a New York City speech last night that Mr. Truman's abandoned plan to send Chief Justice Vinson to Moscow for personal negotiations with Premier Stalin involved a "narrow escape" from single-handed action that could have crippled United Nations handling of the Berlin crisis.

The attitude among the Republicans—evidently shared by Dewey—was that Mr. Truman had made a desperate blunder that might have had tragic effects around the world.

While that seemed to be the Republican answer for the time being, Dewey was known to have in mind the possibility of criticizing the Vinson incident if he feels world developments warrant such action later.

Pointing toward a major labor speech in Pittsburgh tonight at 5:30 p. m., PST, CBS, the Republican presidential nominee offered a new pledge of Republican support for American efforts to get the Berlin blockade lifted.

Americans United, World Wide Dewey told a hastily-called news conference in Albany last night, the American people "wholeheartedly and vigorously support the labors of our bi-partisan delegation at Paris and specifically its insistence on a prompt lifting of the blockade of Berlin."

In a carefully phrased statement Dewey added: "The nations of the world can rest assured that the American people are in fact united in their foreign policy and firmly and unshakably uphold the United Nations and our friends of the free world in every step to build and preserve the peace."

Dewey scheduled stops today at Erie, Sharon, New Castle and Rochester, Pa., before his late afternoon arrival in Pittsburgh for the state's 35 electoral votes.

He lost them in 1944 to the late President Roosevelt. But Republicans are saying that this year things will be different.

Dewey also will have in mind

Kentucky's 11 electoral votes when he goes into that state tomorrow.  
Dewey promised to propose in Pittsburgh tonight a "forward-looking" labor program. Supporters predicted he would defend the Taft-Hartley Act—a target for heavy thrusts from President Truman—but would leave the way for possible later changes in it.  
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