

Allies' Bid To Italy To Join Atlantic Pact Breaks Peace Treaty, Assertion Of Russia

LONDON, July 21.—(AP)—Russia accused the three big western powers Wednesday of causing Italy to violate her peace treaty by inviting her into the North Atlantic alliance. Britain denied it and an Italian foreign office spokesman said the Russian charges was "absurd and ridiculous."

Moscow radio announced Russian notes have gone to Italy and the big western powers making the complaint, at a moment when the Italian parliament is debating ratification of the pact.

In a swift rejoinder, the foreign office declared the western powers have no intention of building up Italy's armed forces beyond the limits laid down in the treaty. A spokesman termed invalid Russia's complaint that Italy, by joining the pact, unlawfully had entered an alliance pursuing aggressive aims.

The North Atlantic pact is essentially a defensive undertaking, not directed against anyone," the spokesman told a news conference. The spokesman said the text of the Russian note has not yet been received. He based his comments on news agency versions of the Russian radio announcement.

Educators Should Have Substitute For 'Lack Of Purpose' In Living

Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, has always been an energetic critic of America's failings, as he sees them.

Recently, out in Aspen, Colo., the gentleman was at it again. "This time he was attacking, among many things, the "lack of purpose" in American living.

Hutchins complained that we fritter away pointlessly the growing leisure we gain from advances in laboratory techniques.

He added: "If it is possible to apply atomic energy to peacetime purposes we shall have more vacant time. Atomic energy, therefore, confronts mankind with this dreadful choice: If we have war we shall be blown to bits; if we have peace we shall be bored to death."

Part of the blame for this waste of leisure Hutchins attached to the specialists who seem to dominate our age. "Too often, he said, these individuals remain "uneducated men" despite their admitted great contributions to science, medicine and technology.

This is not a new observation but it bears repeating. It means in effect that our scientific scholars and educators generally are so busy piling up isolated mounds of new knowledge that they never find time to lump them together into a well-molded mass.

By ignoring this task they obscure the basic unity of all knowledge. Knowledge is simply the story of life on this earth. Like any story, it must be told in cohesive style and human terms to have its greatest impact.

The world offers rich human satisfactions. But the average man can be excused if he fails to see where those rewards lie. On every hand he meets frightening complexities that discourage his effort to understand himself, his place in society, his relation to the stream of history.

To find his niche he needs to fit himself into the large framework of life. It is the educator's chore not merely to elaborate on that structure but to keep its fundamental unity clear and recognizable. The man who sees that unity has the best chance of a satisfying existence. It gives him a sense of belonging that goes deep.

Without it, he too frequently wanders aimlessly. Finding no real satisfaction in his work, he seeks spectacular diversion in his spare time to compensate for the emptiness he feels. Leisure, instead of being a rich complement to rewarding work, becomes a frenzied escape. And boredom builds upon boredom.

Every inch added to the rising mounds of specialized knowledge heightens our complexities. Educators had better address themselves firmly to their job before it becomes well-nigh hopeless.

Medford Asks Governor To Decontrol Rents
MEDFORD, July 21.—(AP)—Medford has become the fourth Oregon city to ask the governor to decontrol rents.

The city council voted unanimously Tuesday in favor of ending the controls.

Prison Term Follows Bad Checks, Elopement
ASTORIA, July 21.—(AP)—LeRoy Alcorn, 20-year-old Texan who gave a bad check to a farmer and then eloped with the farmer's daughter, won't be able to marry her right away.

Yoncalla

By MRS. GEORGE EDES

Fire from a short in the wiring of a Ford V-8 belonging to Ernest Helliwell of Yoncalla completely destroyed the car last Tuesday evening. After attending choir practice at the Yoncalla Methodist church, Helliwell started the car to drive home, when he discovered the fire. The Yoncalla fire department immediately came to the rescue, and thought the fire entirely out. However at 1 o'clock the fire siren again blew, but the car was in flames before help arrived. The car is a complete loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conner of Detroit, Mich., are visiting at the parental Dave Rogers home for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Conner plan to make their home in Medford this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sr. are enjoying a couple of weeks vacation in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kruse, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith and Mrs. Jean Cowan attended the Horace Seidt show in Eugene Wednesday.

Mrs. Max Dodd and Mrs. Jack McDaniels and her daughter left last week for a two weeks' visit with relatives in Illinois and Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Emery are being congratulated on the arrival of a daughter, born at the Butler Maternity home in Cottage Grove. Mrs. Emery will be remembered as Irene Daugherty.

John Schlaichter is recovering from a badly mangled hand, when a cable struck his arm while he was employed in the logging woods. It was thought at first he would lose his whole hand, but due to surgical skill of the doctor it is hoped that no permanent trouble will result from the accident.

Oliver Martin of the U. S. Navy is home on a short furlough with his wife and baby. Mr. Martin saw his small offspring for the first time Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. White of Kansas City, Mo., arrived here last week. Mr. White is president of the Yoncalla Lumber Co. and they are here looking after business matters.

Mrs. Harold Turpin and her daughter, Kay, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turpin spent a couple of days last week on a trip to Astoria to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wallace's daughter and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sparks left Sunday for Portland, where Mr. Sparks will receive medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Edes transacted business in Roseburg Monday.

A new pastor, the Rev. L. F. Fosner, will have charge of the Yoncalla Assembly of God church. Rev. Mr. Fosner, who was formerly pastor of the

Jackie Robinson Declares Faith In America In Answer To Paul Robeson

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
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A salute to Jackie Robinson, former noted college athlete and now the Brooklyn Dodgers' star second baseman, for his inspiring declaration of faith in our country before the Un-American Activities committee of the House of Representatives.

That declaration constitutes a moving human document—a notable chapter in the history of our troubled times. It was a difficult task for this young Negro to take the stand and voice an opinion regarding Paul Robeson's statement in Paris that American Negroes wouldn't fight against Russia because they love that country so much.

Robinson had been urged by many people, mostly communists, not to comply with the committee's request that he appear before it. Why then did he do it? In his straight-forward way he told the congressmen it wasn't easy to find the answer, but he guessed "it boils down to a sense of responsibility."

Jackie said that if Robeson made the statement attributed to him sounded "very silly." The witness declared that "most Negroes—and Italians and Irish and Jews and Swedes and Slavs and other Americans—would act as all these groups did in the last

war. They'd do their best to help their country stay out of the war; if unsuccessful they'd do their best to help their country win the war—against Russia or any other enemy that threatened us."

But this declaration of loyalty was by no means all to be got out of Jackie's testimony. Under it all appeared to be an undercurrent of faith that America's internal racial problems were on the way to solution. He didn't evade this delicate issue in his testimony. For instance: "I don't pretend to be an expert on communism or any other kind of a political ism. But you can put me down as an expert on being a colored American, with thirty years of experience at it. And just like any other colored person with sense enough to look around and understand what he sees, I know that life in these United States can be mighty tough for people who are a little different from the majority—in their skin, color or the way that they worship their God, or the way they spell their names."

That stated the issue plainly enough, but Robinson went on to relate how he had been used as "the laboratory specimen" in introducing Negro players into organized baseball. Since then some six other colored players have been signed up—a start has been made, and progress goes on. And then: "We're going to make progress in other American fields besides baseball if we can get rid of some of the misunderstandings and confusion that the public still suffers from. I can't speak for any 15,000,000 people any more than any other person can, but I know that I've got too much invested for my wife and child and myself in the future of this country, and I and other Americans of many races and faiths have too much invested in our country's welfare, for any of us to throw it away because of a siren song sung in bass."

A new waterless egg cooker operated by electricity can be set to turn out eggs soft, medium or hard.

Wichita Drinks Liquor Legally After 69 Years

WICHITA, Kas., July 21.—(AP) Wichitans bought their first legal liquor Tuesday at 430 East Douglas—a batch of throw from where Carrie Nation smashed bar mirrors and bottles less than half a century ago.

This city, where the militant little dry crusader alternately smashed saloons and occupied a jail cell for peace disturbance at the turn of the century, had 41 state-licensed retailers today.

Wichitans used to drink water at a fountain erected in Carrie's honor by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

But the fountain—topped by a truck from its curbstone mount in front of Wichita's union station some two years ago, is in retirement.

The 69-year-old ban against the sale of liquor in Kansas ended yesterday.

By nightfall the first of the hundreds of authorized retailers of liquor and high per cent beer expected to have their stores open for business.

Sales will be in package form only. Saloons and public drinking are barred.

Baby Beaten, Bitten By Two 3-Year-Old Boys

LOS ANGELES, July 21.—(AP) A two-months-old baby died Tuesday night in general hospital after juvenile officials said she was beaten in "rough play" by two three-year-old boys, one of them her brother.

The baby was Trudy Hayes. The baby's father, John Hayes, left her in a crib while he stepped out to a store. When he returned, Trudy was unconscious on the floor.

The two boys, the other a neighbor, told the officers that they took the child from the crib to play with her, then beat and bit her. The officers said she suffered a possible fractured skull and superficial bites over her body.

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Automobile Tourist Travel Shows Big Gain In Oregon And Northwest

Automobile tourist travel in Oregon and the northwest is showing substantial increases over that of the comparable period last year, the Oregon State Motor association reports.

The increases amount to approximately 20 percent for the month of June, the association reported. The club pointed out, however, that tourist travel at this time last year was under the adverse influence of the Columbia river flood.

The association reported these figures as indicative of the upward trend in automobile tourist travel this year:

1: An increase of 28 percent in the number of automobiles going through Canadian customs into Victoria during the month of June.

2: An increase in reservations made by the AAA office for recreational travelers.

3: An increase of 15 percent in the number of cars crossing the Oregon border into California, as reported by the state border quarantine stations.

There were 16,687 automobiles cleared through Canadian customs at Victoria in June this year, compared to 12,137 in June, 1948. California led all states in the number of cars going into Victoria in June with 1342, while

Washington was second with 859 and Oregon was third with 536.

While travel into California through Oregon showed a 15 percent increase this June, travel from Arizona into California dropped off 2.8 percent and travel from Nevada showed a 3.8 percent decrease, as registered at the border quarantine stations.

"Automobile travel, nationally, is climbing well ahead of last year," according to the association's manager, Ray Conway, who said information from AAA clubs throughout the country indicated the volume of travel by private car this year "is exceeding everybody's expectations. Routings handled by AAA clubs are from 10 to 20 percent above last year and there is evidence that travelers are taking longer trips."

The increase during the month of June, which usually sees the first appreciable volume of tourist travel due to the close of schools, is good evidence that the tourist volume for the 1949 season will be substantially above that of the past year, the association pointed out.

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