

Proposal To Dump Farm Surplus On Europe Feeds Russian Propaganda

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

The House has never been too imaginative in measuring the possible psychological effects of its actions in a world torn between freedom and communism.

In the past it has tried to include aid for Spain in the general European recovery program, even though it was quite apparent the move would arouse deep resentment among several friendly nations.

And with Republicans usually in the vanguard, it has repeatedly sought to slice wholesale chunks out of recovery funds at times when Europe's economic health was far from assured.

This year a new twist has been tried. The House foreign affairs committee has approved a plan by Rep. John Vorys, Ohio Republican, to strike \$1,000,000,000 in cash from proposed ECA funds and substitute an equal amount of surplus farm commodities drawn from stocks piling up in government storehouses.

It might well be that ECA could put to good use a lot of our surplus products. There's a question, however, whether ECA officials could not perhaps buy what they need more cheaply in the open market than from the government. Furthermore, ECA ought to have as much flexibility as possible in its buying operations. Restrictions of the sort suggested by Vorys are no help.

The worst of it, however, is that any provision committing ECA firmly to use of American surpluses would play right into the hands of Russian propagandists. From the start they have been saying that ECA was not really a recovery plan but simply a cloak for the dumping of U. S. goods abroad.

Should the Vorys proposal be adopted by Congress, we would be hard put to prove that the Russians were not hitting the nail on the head. If his plan had a great deal else to recommend it, there might be good sense in ignoring the propaganda blasts that would ensue. But plainly it does not.

Fortunately for the United States, the Senate foreign relations committee has approved new ECA funds without any such hampering clauses. And Chairman Connally of the committee has forecast ultimate rejection of the Vorys plan by Congress, even though it has a good chance of getting through the House.

The country has been lucky that none of the really damaging House proposals offered up to now have been enacted into law. It may not always be so lucky.

No one expects wisdom from all 435 members of the House. But surely there are enough wise heads in that body to make it conscious of the fact that Congress today is the world's most important legislative agency and that its acts have

great practical and moral impact around the world.

Bridges Blames His Conviction On 'Hysteria'

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 6.—(P)—Harry Bridges, fresh from his perjury conviction, spoke out strongly upon it Wednesday on arrival for a policy caucus of longshoremen's union leaders.

"It's later than we think in the trend toward conformity in this country," Bridges told reporters at a news conference. He blamed "hysteria" for the San Francisco conviction, saying that he believed the jury was swept away by "the current general hysteria and witch-hunting craze."

Bridges also said that the immigration department and "certain elements in labor ganged up on me." He said that John Boyd, deputy immigration administrator, and Dave Beck, president of the AFL teamsters international, were leaders of the opposition.

Asked if shipowners and employers were included in that opposition, Bridges replied: "We have found no evidence to indicate that." Regarding possible deportation, Bridges said he wanted to stay in the United States, but added: "But at the expense of being unable to speak out—I don't know."

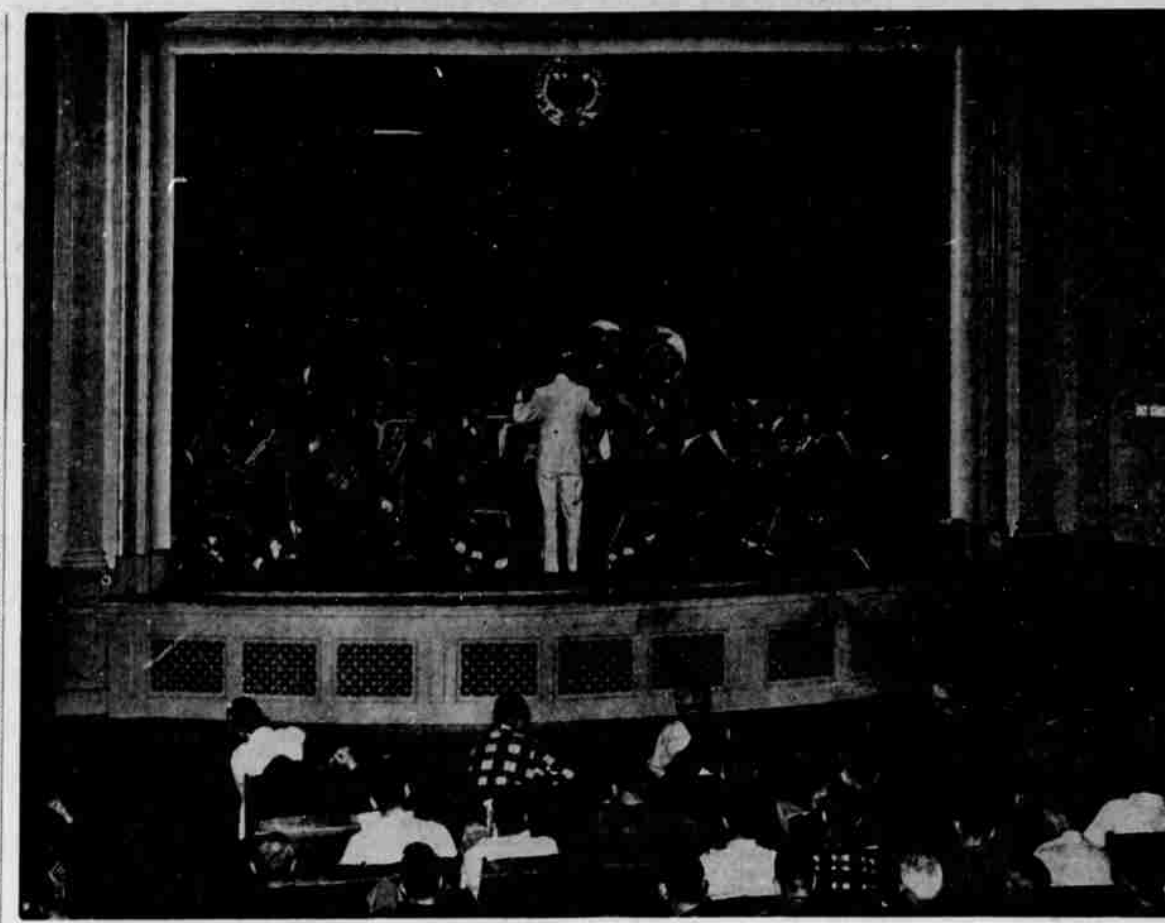
Asked pointblank if he and co-defendants, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, were Communists, Bridges grinned and asked: "What do you think the trial was all about?"

Then he answered: "Certainly we denied being connected with the Communist movement. We never have been." Bridges said he had contacted "all our locals and they're 100 percent behind us."

Speaking for his co-defendants, Bridges said: "They are convinced that if they had kept their mouths shut, they would have kept out of trouble."

His sentencing has been set for Monday at San Francisco at which time Bridges said "some legal motion will be made." But he said he did not know yet whether an appeal will be filed at that time.

Sapphires valued from \$20,000-100 to \$30,000,000 have been taken from the Yogo deposit in Judith Basin county, Montana.



ENTERTAIN VETERANS—The 60-piece band of the Sweet Home Union high school entertained at the Veterans hospital with two concerts April 1. During the afternoon the band played to an outside audience, and in the evening presented the musical program to a capacity crowd in the recreation building auditorium.

Weekly Papers Want Benefits

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(P)—Rep. Mack (R-Wash.) urged the Senate finance committee to amend the House-passed social security bill to include publishers of weekly newspapers in old age and survivors insurance benefits.

Mack said all employees of incorporated newspapers are included under provisions of the House bill but that publishers of unincorporated newspapers are not included.

"As a result of this section," Mack wrote Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate committee, "publishers of dailies will be entitled to O. A. S. I. benefits and weekly publishers for the most part will be denied these benefits."

"I am strongly of the opinion that weekly publishers are more in need of being covered by O. A. S. I. than daily newspapers and that the language of the House bill excluding the weekly publishers does them injustice. I believe the Senate should change the language to bring the weekly publishers under coverage."

Mack told the senator that he had ascertained whether weekly publishers want the coverage. He said that out of 32 replies, 27 said they wanted the coverage and five said they did not wish to be included.

Traitor's Note Hints At Suicide

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—(P)—The sheriff's office Tuesday listed the puzzling disappearance of a convicted wartime traitor as a possible suicide.

Theodore Donay, 51, a Detroit importer who served more than six years in prison for failing to reveal the whereabouts of an escaped Nazi pilot, vanished Saturday from Catalina island.

His disappearance took a dramatic twist as it coincided with the sighting of a mysterious submarine in Southern California coastal waters.

However, authorities said they had no concrete evidence by which to tie the two events together. Found at sea Sunday was the 18-foot motorboat the German-born

Donay had rented from an Avalon dock. The boat was empty save for a suitcase full of clothing.

Sheriff's Capt. Garner Brown yesterday released a note found in Donay's Avalon hotel room. Brown said it indicated suicide.

It read in part: "I am living under the constant fear of deportation through the Detroit immigration authorities. . . the outlook for my future is a very dark one. . . goodbye my good friends and thank you so very much for all the good things you did to me. Theodore Donay."

Supreme Court Gives Decisions

SALEM, April 5.—(P)—The state supreme court handed down three decisions at its weekly opinion-day session, and all three were damages suits arising out of automobile accidents.

It ordered a new trial in the Clatsop county suit of Mrs. Sigurd B. Petersen, widow of Byron S. Petersen, who sued Vern Leatham for the death of her husband. The accident occurred in Easideside Aug. 29, 1946.

Petersen was a passenger in Leatham's car, which collided with a car driven by Oliver A. Abrams. After Petersen died, his widow sued for \$19,000 in the court of Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman.

The jury ruled that no damages should be awarded. The high court's decision, by Justice J. O. Bailey, reversed the verdict and ordered a new trial.

Mrs. Petersen charged that Leatham was drunk. Leatham admitted having several drinks, but denied he was drunk.

In an appeal from Linn county, the court affirmed a judgment awarding \$5,000 damages to Laurence Moe in his suit against Moe's son, The two men collided head-on June 14, 1946, on the Santiam highway east of Albany.

The court also ruled that Peggy L. Alford was not entitled to any damages in her Marion county suit against Cloyd L. Cochran. She sued for \$20,000 in connection with an accident on the Pacific highway north of Salem March 1, 1947. Their cars collided head-on.

The Marion county circuit court jury ruled that she wasn't entitled to anything, but Circuit Judge George R. Duncan set the verdict aside and ordered a new trial.

Cochran appealed from the judge's order. The new decision, by Justice Earl C. Latourette, reversed Judge Duncan's order, and ordered the jury's verdict reinstated.

The 82,000 4-H clubs in the United States report 1,850,000 members and 225,000 volunteer leaders.

Cure Of Cancer In 15 Years Is Likely Prospect

BALTIMORE, April 6.—(P)—Cancer cure within 15 years? A Johns Hopkins hospital scientist and leading authority held out that prospect recently.

Dr. Perrin H. Long, professor of preventive medicine, predicted that medical men will gather enough information on cancer in the next 15 years to "alter completely the outlook" for anyone who develops the disease.

He declared at the annual cancer society campaign here that research in that field now stands about where the fight against infectious diseases stood in 1936.

Since then antibiotics such as penicillin, aureomycin, and the sulfa drugs have aided in practically wiping out "the fear of infectious diseases in this country," said Dr. Long, himself an anti-biotics expert.

Leads towards a cure of cancer are turning up at laboratories all over the country," Dr. Long asserted.

"We need something," he said, "which can be taken by mouth to cure cancer the way antibiotics and sulfa drugs cure infectious diseases."

"That's not as far-fetched as it sounds, and I have a hunch we'll see something like that when the ball starts rolling in the chemical treatment of cancer."

Easter Sunrise Service Set At Vets Hospital

The program for the Easter Sunrise service, planned for 6 a.m. Sunday at the Veterans hospital, was announced today by Ralph Church, in charge of publicity. The service is a cooperative endeavor of the churches of Roseburg.

Opening the program will be a selection by a trumpet trio, comprised of Barbara Marsh, Phil Petersen and Ed Soite. Chaplain Albert Feller will deliver the invocation.

The Roseburg Choral club will sing "Evening Prayer," under the direction of C. A. Ricketts, with Martha Jane Plimpton, accompanist. The Rev. Kenneth Knox will read the scripture, and the Rev. Willis Erickson will sing "Calvary," accompanied at the piano by Father Alfred Tyson.

The Easter message will be brought by the Rev. Clark Robb. The audience will sing "The Old Rugged Cross," and the Roseburg Choral club will sing the "Hallelujah Chorus," followed by the benediction by the Rev. Walter A. MacArthur.

The Ministerial association is sponsoring the service. The stage and Easter scene are being erected on the hospital grounds.

American Agriculture Equipment Aids Europe

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(P)—The Economic Cooperation Administration said Wednesday that much of the mounting food production in western Europe—estimated at some 10 percent above prewar levels—can be traced to use of American agricultural equipment bought with foreign aid funds.

During the two years of Marshall plan operation, ECA reported, the United States has financed the purchase of more than \$175,000,000 worth of farm implements. Of this, some \$164,000,000 has come from the United States with virtually all the rest from Canada.

France and its overseas territories were given the largest share of funds earmarked for farm equipment, approximately \$87,000,000. Great Britain received about \$34,000,000, Turkey \$30,000,000, The Netherlands \$17,000,000, Denmark \$7,500,000, Belgium-Luxembourg \$5,000,000. Other Marshall plan countries received the balance.

COOS BOY ACCUSED

CHEHALIS, April 6.—(P)—A 17-year-old Myrtle Point, Ore., youth was returned to Coquille, in that state, Tuesday to face grand larceny charges after being arrested here. Frank Thayer, Lewis county sheriff, said the lad is accused of stealing an outboard motor at Coquille, dismantling it, and packing the parts in a suitcase.

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