

Odds Against World War Next 3 Years—Stassen

CHICAGO —(AP)—Harold E. Stassen says that the odds are against a world war in the next three years.

The president of the University of Pennsylvania told the Executive club of Chicago:

"Careful study convinces me that if the Soviet Union starts a war at any time in the next three years, Russia will be destroyed at home by American air and atomic strength and will face a counter-revolution of many millions of people now imprisoned in her empire.

"The Kremlin leaders know this, and therefore I place the long odds on no world war in the next three years."

Stassen said that the free nations of the world "can and should be able to place in the field throughout the world 190 excellent well-armed divisions within three years."

The United States, he said, should furnish approximately one-eighth of this manpower and supply about one-fourth of the mod-

ern arms for these forces of the free nations.

Morse Telegraph Key Men To Meet

Morse telegraph operators, old and young, actively engaged at the key, promoted, retired or engaged in other lines of endeavor will meet again to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the birth of the inventor of telegraph, Samuel F. B. Morse, at their annual banquet at 5 p. m. April 28 in Portland.

The Morse Telegraph club is represented in Roseburg by regional Vice Presidents Clay P. Moody, Southern Pacific employe, and Harold Beauchamp, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. employe.

Telegraph operators, like other veterans of bygone days, are rapidly diminishing as the more rapid machine-age communications advance, but preparations are going ahead to entertain 300 from all over Oregon and southern Washington.

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Dying Huk Admits Role In Slaying Americans

MANILA —(AP)—A dying Communist Huk confessed he had a hand in the March 20 slaying of an American couple and their dairy farm manager, the national defense department reported.

The department said in a statement the confession was obtained from one of six Huk killed by Filipino soldiers.

The Huk said he helped kill John Harlie, formerly of Condon, Ore.; Harlie's wife, Marie, and their manager, Donald Capuano, an Australian, the department said.

Nation's Morals No Worse; Vigilance Merely Greater, Explanation Of Executive

By RELMAN MORIN

NEW YORK —(AP)—One day recently thousands of newspapers, mirroring life in the United States, showed a nation with a dirty face.

On that single day, published side by side, were reports headed "visa racket uncovered in U. S. consulate," "three more arrested in basketball fix," "special Treasury squads to probe gangster incomes," "anastasia seized for illegal entry," "police official hunted."

Crime, influence and scandal virtually blotted everything else from the front page and the public mind.

In Washington on that day the Kefauver committee was continuing an inquiry that had held millions of Americans spellbound for weeks.

On that same day, Sen. William Fulbright, whose committee had been studying the pattern of influence on the R.F.C., issued a startling warning — that public immorality concerns much more than domestic politics. He said: "Without confidence in their government, the people will not make the sacrifices necessary to oppose Russia successfully."

What has happened to American public morality?

Is this the century of cynicism dominated by the philosophy of the fix, has a black bag, containing the pay-off, become the great seal of the United States?

Or is this a perennial condition, something that exists all the time but seems new when it is caught suddenly in the beams of a probing spotlight?

Public Partly To Blame

What's the explanation of the basketball "fix"? A generation ago, it was popularly believed a college athlete would die rather than throw a game.

"That isn't so much the result of a lowering of individual standards as it is of professionalizing college sports," Swope said. "The coaches can't avoid some of the responsibility for that side of it. And neither can the people who demand a winning team — or else."

"It so happens that basketball has become an easy vehicle for betting. But if the individual player had not become somewhat cynical about sports through being paid for his ability, he probably would not have been so susceptible to the bribe offer when it came along."

Number Of Farms Declines Sharply

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The number of farms in Washington and Oregon declined sharply in the years following World War II, preliminary figures from the 1950 census of agriculture showed today.

Census Bureau Director Roy V. Peel said the drop was in line with a national trend. Peel said the tentative count nationally was 5,379,043, down at least 280,000 for the first five postwar years and at least 500,000 for the last decade.

The number of farms in Washington dropped from 31,686 in 1940 to 29,887 in 1945 and 29,909 in 1950. The number of farms in Oregon rose from 61,829 reported in 1940 to 63,125 in 1945 but dropped to 59,802 in 1950.

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Nation More Vigilant

Herbert Bayard Swope is a New York business executive who has looked at public life and officialdom from several different points of vantage. He was a newspaperman, a public official, an advisor to officials and for 11 years chairman of the New York State Racing commission.

"Public morals are no worse," he said. "What has happened is that we have become more vigilant, with a higher standard of expectation."

As evidence, he cited the examples of influence, bribery and corruption that go all the way back to the earliest American federal and state governments.

"It may be that we are more cynical today. But we are also more watchful. Remember there was a time when you could be hanged for stealing a cow. In other words, the standard of ethics and morals changes. But it isn't any easier to get away with something these days. It's harder. Sooner or later, the spotlight is sure to get around to the man who tries."

Crime Chances Expand

Swope said the effort to obtain influence in government, either by buying it or through some other means, is not new, either.

"What is new is that government is very much bigger today than ever before," he said. "As it gets bigger, it gets wider in the opportunities for graft. Apparently there are just that many more people in office who are susceptible."

"Hence, simply because of the greater size, you hear of more examples. But the methods are the same, at least in principle."

Swope did not agree with the Kefauver witness who described gambling as "a biological necessity."

"It isn't as strong as that," he said. "It seems to be a human instinct. People apparently want to gamble, and I am not at all sure that that is a breach of basic morality."

"People indulge it by placing a bet on a horse race with a bookie. Bookmaking is supposed to be the basic cause of pay-offs to the police.

"In that case, remove the police."

Pricing Rules For Wool Yarns, Textiles Slated

WASHINGTON —(AP)—A pricing regulation for wool yarn and textiles expected to clear the way for manufacture of civilian wool clothing next fall is due to be issued this week by the Office of Price Stabilization, probably Thursday.

The order, expected to be effective next Monday, has been signed by price Director Michael V. DiSaia. It will cover yarns and fabrics containing 25 percent or more wool.

One OPS official said the order is designed to clear the way for manufacturers of wool cloth and yarn to fulfill contract commitments. Many mills, he said, have shipped little or no wool cloth for civilians since the general price freeze.

Shipments have been made for military use because under an exemption from the general price freeze order the Defense department has been able to buy fabrics at higher prices than manufacturers of suits and wool clothing for civilians.

This exemption, however, expired April 1 and OPS says there are no plans to renew it.

Several OPS officials told a reporter they expect failure to renew this exemption may have a twofold effect in helping manufacturers of civilian clothing to get more materials. They said it should restore more normal distribution of wool cloth and possibly help bring down prices of the raw wool market.

An official noted that raw wool prices have increased about 125 percent since the Korean outbreak.

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