

Today's Commentary

Fanfani To Face Political Contest

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Bouncy Italian Premier Amintore Fanfani has returned to his home country from the U.S. to face another political test. Such tests have plagued Italian governments since 1953.

Political ups and downs are nothing new for Fanfani and he shows little outward sign of concern. Fanfani got his first crack at the job of Italian Premier nine years ago and he's been one of a bewildering succession of premiers since then.

One thing seems fairly certain: Fanfani will keep his job at least until after general elections which President Antonio Segni is expected to call for in April or early May.

CHIEF OPPONENT in the test facing Fanfani this time is Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti whose party of an estimated one and one-half million members filed a motion of no confidence against Fanfani's 10-month-old center-left government.

If the Communist cause were to be helped it would come from dissident members of Pietro Nenni's left-wing socialists. Their failure to vote in the Chamber of Deputies helped keep Fanfani's government in office and they now are accusing Fanfani of betraying his promises.

Over all it is a picture of the general confusion among Italy's political parties which for 10 years has prevented establishment of a stable Italian government.

Fanfani's Christian Democrats, the Dominant Party, are split three ways, among left, center and right. The man who held them together, former Premier Alcide de Gasperi, has been dead for nine years.

Smaller, right-wing parties do not trust them.

TEN MONTHS ago, Fanfani formed his center-left coalition which included Social Democrats

and Republicans but depended for its existence upon a marriage of convenience with the Nenni Socialists. The Socialists agreed to support measures favorable to their own platform and to abstain from the vote on others.

At best, it was a negative arrangement.

In return for this negative support, Fanfani promised to decentralize state administration by creating 15 regional governments, to press school and agricultural reforms, to develop low-cost housing and to build more hospitals and health centers, to act against tax dodgers, and to press for nationalization of certain utilities, notably electricity.

When the chips were down, the Christian Democrats refused to go through with the plans for regional government out of fear that the Nenni Socialist might rejoin the Communists to take control.

And out of this came the Communist challenge.

SINCE 1956, Italian Communists have been in a state of confusion. First because of the denunciation of Stalin, then the Soviet intervention in Hungary, followed by resumption of Soviet nuclear tests and now by the Soviet quarrel with Red China.

They needed a domestic issue. They seized upon the issue of regional governments and have added to it the charge that the government failed to foresee the development of a Paris-Bonn Axis endangering the European Common Market.

Favoring Fanfani: A prosperous Italy. In Fanfani's words: "It's not that we've become rich. We are just less poor."

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UPI-AP REPORTS

Pact Sees Light

PARIS (UPI) — Two nations that have been, in a manner of speaking, at each other's throats periodically through the last four centuries have reached a broad accord on matters economic, political, defensive, educational and cultural.

West German Chancellor Adenauer's visit to French President De Gaulle has thereby produced part of its expected result. And the other part is gradually in the making. As reports come out of talks between the two leaders that De Gaulle is just as firm as ever about keeping Britain out of the Common Market.

Adenauer had come to France hoping the spirit of the new pact would allow him to convince De Gaulle he should get out of the way of British Market membership. But so far, apparently, De Gaulle is unmoved.

The Franco-German agreement is likely to be signed by Wednesday.

Salary Increase Seen

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee recommended passage of a bill Monday to give legislators a \$3,000 a year salary and \$20 a day expenses.

In an amendment to the original proposal, the committee decided to limit the expense money to 120 days. Legislators favoring this said it might be an incentive to finish earlier.

The proposal would mean the legislators could be paid a maximum of \$8,400 over the two-year period. The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Katanga Secession Ends

KATANGA (UPI) — UN forces are in control of the Katanga stronghold of Kolwezi. President Tshombe's dream of secession is over.

United Nations troops moved into Kolwezi today without opposition from Tshombe's scattered army. Advancing UN troops did find a 400-foot bridge mined with tons of explosives. But there was no move to carry out Tshombe's once-made threat to blow up Kolwezi rather than let the UN take over.

Tshombe had declared Katanga's secession from the Congo soon after the country became independent in 1960. The UN engaged in three different struggles with Katangese forces before today's final capitulation.

BULLETIN

HAVANA (UPI) — The Cuban government has announced that it will allow between 800 and 1,000 close relatives of freed Cuban invasion prisoners to sail for the United States today. The Castro government says it will permit the relatives to sail on the freighter "SS Shirley Lykes" which is returning from Havana after unloading cargo exchanged for freedom of the invasion prisoners.

Cold Causes 60 Deaths

CHICAGO (UPI) — More than 60 Americans have died in weather-related accidents in the blast of Canadian winter that has hit the U.S. The Midlands have record cold in many places. Road-jamming snows have spread through the Eastern Great Lakes area. The temperature got as low as 22 degrees along the deepest southern border of the continental U.S., the Rio Grande River Valley in Texas.

Jury Ends Riot Sessions

OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI (UPI) — A Federal grand jury has ended the long session during which it investigated the "Ole Miss" integration riots. And apparently the court has not indicted Major General Edwin Walker, who was in Oxford during the riots. The court said it will indict one of six persons it has been considering, but did not give the name. If Walker had been the one, the court presumably would have said so, because Walker is now under bond after an earlier arrest.

Russia Limits West

MOSCOW (UPI) — Russian Foreign Minister Gromyko said today his country cannot accept Western demands for more than three on-site yearly inspections inside Russia during any nuclear test ban. U.S. negotiators have said they want eight to 10 such on-site looks every year at what the Russians might be doing in nuclear test ban.

Morse Sees Strike End

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senator Wayne Morse thinks shippers will accept the terms his settlement panel handed down yesterday as a step toward ending the month-old Longshoremen's Strike.

Morse said the shippers "are not happy about it" . . . But will take it. They will vote on it tomorrow. Morse made no statement on how the striking dockworkers feel about the plan. Their vote will come Thursday.

The recommendation from the panel set up by President Kennedy calls for an hourly raise in pay and benefits totaling 39 cents. The shippers had offered 22 cents . . . the striking longshoremen wanted 86.

World News In Brief

Officials Hopeful

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Officials are hopeful the long-deadlocked Geneva nuclear test ban talks may be about to get somewhere. They base the hope on a Khrushchev letter to President Kennedy.

In the note, the Kremlin boss said he might go along with letting international inspection teams into his country on a limited basis. Although Khrushchev implied he would still oppose unlimited inspection, and would insist on tight measures against spying. Washington sees his change as removing the biggest bottleneck in the Geneva talks.

Monday, Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko backed up Khrushchev's stand on very limited inspections inside Russia, saying three trips yearly would be plenty. Gromyko also said France would have to sign any test ban pact, as an ally of the U.S. and Britain. "If France held its own test outside the treaty," said Gromyko, "how can we look on this?"

Gromyko flatly opposed U.S. ideas that adequate inspection would require eight or 10 trips yearly inside Russia.

Gantt May Enroll

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Chief Justice Earl Warren has refused to block a court order directing

JFK Urges Tax Cut Plan

of President Kennedy's economic report to Congress Monday was a renewed appeal for quick passage of his tax cut plan. The President said failure to pass his tax cut plan might bring on a new recession.

But the Chief Executive told Congress since the U.S. economy was moving slightly ahead as 1962 ended, there probably will be no recession this year. The President's recession warning applied to the more general future.

He repeated that his tax program would be the best way to restore what he called "the healthy glow of dynamic prosperity to the U.S. economy."

Democratic reaction on Capitol Hill agreed with him generally. And the GOP was also true to form . . . disagreeing on most points.

Among the most outspoken Republican leaders is Michigan Representative Gerald Ford. Ford says the President is trying "to do all things for all people at the expense of fiscal responsibility." And Ford maintained the national security would not suffer if domestic spending stayed at last year's level.

admission of Negro Harvey Gantt to South Carolina's all-white Clemson College. Today's action clears the way for Gantt's admission . . . but Clemson may appeal the move later.

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Freeman Gets 2 Month Stay

Convicted child-slayer Jeannae Freeman, 21, has now almost two months more to live.

She was to die today in the gas chamber for the 1961 slaying of six-year-old Larry Jackson.

However, a decision Thursday by the Oregon Supreme Court allowing her attorneys until March 15 to file a petition for certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court gives her the extra time—and hope for a commutation of her sentence.

THE STAY of execution was the second granted to Miss Freeman. Earlier, the Jefferson County Circuit court in Madras had allowed a stay until Tuesday so her attorneys could determine whether to appeal to the high court.

In filing a petition for certiorari, the attorneys, William Holmes of Bend, and Philip Levin and Carl Neil of Portland, are asking the Supreme court to order a record of the trial proceedings in the case be sent up for review.

UNIVERSITY student George Neavoll, who has campaigned for a commutation for Miss Freeman and who made a personal appeal on her behalf to Governor Mark Hatfield, said Sunday that the move "satisfies me that every legal means for her will be exhausted."

Governor Hatfield has rejected an appeal by Miss Freeman for a commutation and the Oregon Supreme Court has refused to rehear the case.

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