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Results of French Elections

Reports from France have described Gen. Charles de Gaulle as the most popular leader in that country. However, probably France itself was unprepared for the success of his recently formed party. Rally of the French People. In the municipal elections of Sunday the RPF led in numbers of ballots in leading cities like Paris, DeGaulle's party held a plurality in 29 of 37 principal municipalities.

The communist party pretty much held its own in percentage of the vote cast, about 27 per cent. The RPF with a vote nearing 40 per cent of the total made its gains at the expense of the MRP, formerly favored by DeGaulle, and the socialists.

DeGaulle's campaign was definitely rightist and anti-communist. He endorsed the Marshall plan and favored French alignment with the United States in the current US-USSR political duel.

The poor showing of the socialists may affect the standing of the government headed by Premier Ramadier, which is predominantly socialist, even though the elections were municipal, not national. However Ramadier's government has stood despite the minority character of its party composition, and the policies which his government has carried out, including ejection of the communist ministers, would seem to have gained support as a consequence of the balloting. If now Ramadier can terminate the labor disputes and put brakes on inflation he should be able to survive as premier.

At any rate the communist menace in France does not appear to be growing. The formation of the communist international front, which was attended by Jacques Duclos but not by Maurice Thorez, doubtless injured communist chances in France because it showed a renewed authority of the international over party members within a country. Frenchmen still are Frenchmen first.

A similar result in the Italian municipal elections gives good foundation for the hope that neither Russia nor communism will engulf western Europe. If now we can help implement the Marshall plan and speed economic rehabilitation in Europe then the elements of disintegration will be stopped and the forces that thrive on chaos thwarted.

Tests of Experience

The steady migration out of communist-controlled territory into other zones offers proof of the relative attractiveness of the opposing political and economic systems. In Europe there is a steady flow of persons into the American and British zones from the Russian zone of Germany. These people are generally non-Russians who want to get away from the system Russia has set up. Many Russian soldiers desert when they hear regiments are ordered back to Russia. They do so at grave risk to themselves because the Russians impose heavy penalties on military deserters. They have had a taste of another world which they are unwilling to forfeit to return to their homeland.

In Korea American intelligence officers estimate that 1,500,000 persons have migrated from north Korea into the southern section where American troops are stationed. The reverse movement is estimated at 15,000, many of whom are natives of the northern portion who were shipped south by the Japs. This is an index of the un-popularity of Russian rule in north Korea. It is more significant when one appreciates the fact that Americans are not very proud of the job their forces have done south of the 38th parallel.

Thus far communism as exemplified by Russia is a rule of force, which many people escape if they can. Russia itself has always maintained bars against emigration. If movement were free the exodus from Russia in the past quarter century would have been of huge proportions, if the migrants could have found a place of refuge. These facts of emigration reveal attitudes based on experience, which ought to be enlightening to those who discourse on the marvels of communism — but never are eager to remove to Russia for residence.

Playing Hookey from School

Eighteen children out at the former airport housing property are not in school. This territory is now in the Salem school district, and the school authorities, perhaps a bit tardy, are moving to enforce compliance with the state compulsory school law. The housing was supposed to be vacated some weeks ago, but some families stay on saying they can find no place to move to. Unfortunately heads of some of these families seem indifferent as to whether their children go to school or not.

These children should be rounded up and made to come to school and stay in school. Other wise they will grow up as ignorant youth, ill-equipped to enter the competition of earning a living. To let them run wild merely cultivates habits of shiftlessness and gives them an additional handicap in life. If the children do not report promptly then the compulsions of law should be invoked on them and their parents.

Petrillo Permits KOAC Broadcast

The Corvallis Gazette-Times reports: Broadcast of music from dances held at Oregon State college and the University of Oregon will be possible from KOAC as the result of a ruling received here from the office of James Petrillo, president of the musicians union.

How very kind of J. Caesar Petrillo.

The British labor cabinet is said to be considering a move to wash out the powers of the house of lords. Since the reforms of the Lloyd-George ministry two decades ago these powers are largely fictional; but the labor government seems to like noble titles. Sidney Webb, founder of the Fabian socialists, died a lord.

Oak Ridge, which used to be about 2,500 twists and turns and humps beyond Eugene, is emerging as a real city due to the location there of a big new sawmill. A branch bank will be established there. Soon it will be another Sweet Home and maybe prove attractive to bank robbers.

The fishermen say we could save a lot of food for Europe if we would eat more bottom fish. Why not give Europeans the bottom fish and we eat salmon?

Added Potato Grade Okehed

The state agricultural department, following a recent series of hearings, announced Monday it had approved a new potato grade, to be known as the Oregon combination grade.

The combination grade will consist of potatoes which meet all the quality and size requirements of U.S. No. 1 grade except that an increased tolerance in line with

the California minimum standards, will be permitted for internal discoloration. The central feature of the tolerance provisions allows not more than 20 per cent of individual potatoes in the combination grade to be affected by internal discoloration. This is in addition to the usual tolerance provision. Hearings on the new potato grade, requested by the Klamath Potato Growers association, were held in Klamath Falls, Redmond, Ontario and Portland. Oregon growers said they had been at a disadvantage in competing with California producers.

Harriman Says Peace at Last If Effort Used

ASHEVILLE, N.C., Oct. 20—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Harriman declared tonight that Russia has been waging a word attack on the United States since shortly after VJ day and that "the communists believe in the inevitability of armed conflict." Harriman, the former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, said in a speech delivered at the annual conference of southern governors:

"This we have never accepted. I am convinced that we can maintain peace provided we will use our efforts to help free men attain their freedom."

"With our help, all free countries can be living demonstrations that man's best hope, spiritually and materially, can be attained under free democratic institutions. I am convinced that this in time will be irresistible and that the progress of free countries will generate pressures that will penetrate even behind the iron curtain."

It was the second major blast against Soviet leadership within a week by the wartime ambassador. His first, in a Chicago speech, brought a Russian press enunciation of him as an "instigator" of war.

Harriman's comments on Russia were tied in with a declaration that the U.S. must help western European countries in their Marshall plan program of "self-help" by which they hope to restore their productivity.

Scout and Cub Units Enrolled

Formation of a new Boy Scout troop and cub pack at Scio was announced Monday by area scout executive Lyle Leighton. The two units bring the Cascade area council roster to a record 120 in the five districts. Leighton said:

Troop 93 and cub pack 93 at Scio are the first units in this council to be sponsored by a Masonic lodge, Leighton said. They are sponsored by AF&M 39 and meet each Wednesday in Scio city hall under the direction of Scoutmaster A. L. Nave and Cubmaster R. R. Badger.

Arthur C. Schaeffer is troop institutional representative. Troop committee members include P. W. Shunk, chairman, and Karl W. Kaaswell, G. A. Nunn, Henry A. Schmanek and R. M. Shelton. The two units are members of the Calapooya district.

Eastern Court Session Ready

The state supreme court will open its fall term for eastern Oregon at Pendleton Monday with seven cases on the docket.

Three of the cases involve attacks on the Union County People's Utility District, with W. J. Stringham, et al, Henry Hermann, et al, and Merrill F. Conley, et al, as respondents.

Other actions involve Arne Paulson vs. Roy D. Johnson, appellant, appeal from Union county; Rector Arwine vs. James Clyde, appellant, appeal from Union county; Cecil D. Kelly, appellant, vs. M. H. Ness, et al, appeal from Umatilla county, and Lyle J. Geroy, plaintiff, vs. W. J. Upper, defendant, appeal from Union county.

All members of the court, with the exception of Justice Percy Kelly, will go to Pendleton. Court officials said two days would be required to clear the docket.

Oregon AFL To Aid Drive

PORTLAND, Oct. 20—(AP)—Oregon AFL unions will take part in the political campaign against supporters of the Taft-Hartley act, James T. Marr, secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, said today.

Marr, just returned from a labor convention in San Francisco, said he expected the state federation to take the lead in organizing the campaign against congressmen who voted for the act.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Our government should keep out of foreign countries—and my committee shall visit Europe to prove that we have no business there!"

New Vocational School Opened

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 20—(AP)—The new Oregon Vocational school in the former marine barracks here was opened formally today with 160 student trainees enrolled.

Winston Purvine, director of the new technical and trade training institution, said enrollment would increase rapidly as soon as housing facilities became available.

Other visitors today were Brig. Gen. Charles Brooks, U. S. Marine Corps, San Francisco, one of the officers who directed the barracks during the war, state superintendent of schools Rex Putnam and Oscar Paulson, director of the Oregon department of vocational education.

Nurses to Discuss Counseling Work For Oregon Areas

Nurses of district 3, Oregon State Hospital association, will conduct a special meeting Tuesday night in Salem to discuss nursing personnel and counseling problems with Dorothy M. Clendenen, from the New York office of the personnel consultant service of the American Nurses association.

The meeting will be at 8 p. m. in the Salem Woman's club house. All nurses in this area are invited. Miss Clendenen will discuss a plan for establishment of a counseling and placement service for nurses in Oregon. Nurses may talk over individual problems with her Tuesday.

Nurses of district 18 of McMinnville and district 6 of Corvallis also will attend. Salem general hospital nurses will be hostesses. A group of about 25 nurses from Salem attended the Oregon State Nurses association meeting in Eugene last week, at which Miss Clendenen was a principal speaker.

Victim Tells of 'Terror Ride'

DRACUT, Mass., Oct. 20—(AP)—A young estranged army wife told police today that a gunman she saw slay her male companion, kidnapped her for a four-hour ride of terror during which he compelled her to ride naked beside him and raped her in repeated attacks.

State police captain Joseph P. Crescio identified the killer as a 23-year-old army airforce veteran, Russell Davis, under guard in a hospital after an attempted suicide and reported in "fair" condition tonight.

Capt. Crescio said when Davis recovers sufficiently he will be charged with murder in the slaying of Edward Pare, 32, Lowell, Mass., construction worker and also a veteran, cause of whose death had not been determined pending an autopsy.

Kidnaped after she saw her escort, Pare, killed in a fight on a lonely road early today, Capt. Crescio said, Mrs. Marion Richards, 24, mother of two children and separated from an army sergeant now stationed in Italy.

Reserves Seek Army Nurses

An accelerated recruiting program for qualified nurses in the army officers' reserve corps has been inaugurated with the assignment of Capt. A. Elizabeth Wynn, a regular army nurse, to the Portland office of the army and air force recruiting service.

Extended active duty is available for the reserve nurses, who will be used to augment the regular army nurse corps.

Nurses must be from 21 to 27 years of age, registered and graduates of approved schools of nursing. Those with World War II service may join if they are from 21 to 44 years of age. Initial appointments of nurses without previous military service will be as second lieutenants.

Captain Wynn also has information for women on service as dietitians, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

Speaking Frankly Byrnes Upholds Secrecy for Pacts; Yalta Toasts Watered



WASHINGTON, D. C.—From the well of the house chamber, President Roosevelt addresses the members of both houses of congress, with his report on the Yalta conference. He called on the members to assume responsibility for underwriting future peace through world collaboration in the same spirit as the Yalta conference. He said "We shall have to bear the responsibility for another world conflict."

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By JAMES F. BYRNES

EX-Secretary of State

In considering the wisdom of the Pacific agreement entered into at Yalta by President Roosevelt, one should be fair enough to consider the circumstances under which the promise was made. It was six weeks after the serious German counter-attack on the western front.



As our toasts had been proposed to all the military chiefs and the heroes of the war on land, sea, and in the air, I proposed a toast "to the people of our respective countries—the workers on farm and in factories who did not wear the uniform but whose contribution made possible our victories." The marshal left his place and came to clink his glass with mine in approval of the sentiment. The truth is, he is a very likeable person.

Response Favorable

The report of the Yalta conference was released simultaneously from London, Moscow and Washington on Monday afternoon, February 12. All the Allied nations responded favorably and American public opinion was especially enthusiastic. The Philadelphia "Record" called the conference the "greatest United Nations victory of the war." The New York "Herald Tribune" declared that "the overriding fact" is that the conference "has produced another great proof of Allied unity, strength and power of decision." And "Time Magazine" asserted: "all doubts about the Big Three's ability to cooperate in peace as well as in war seem now to have been swept away."

By mid-March we had established a foothold on the east bank of the Rhine and had received word from Field Marshal Alexander that high German officers had proposed a meeting in Switzerland to arrange for the surrender of the German Army in Italy. Consequently, when we started moving across the Rhine in force on March 23, I concluded it was wrong to postpone action any further, and the following day I presented to the president a letter of resignation, asking that it become effective April 2.

Vinson Successor

When the president tried to persuade me to remain, I reminded him of his promise the previous fall that with the end of the war in Europe I could leave. I told him that I had left the Supreme court only to undertake a wartime task; that I did not want to become the head of an agency or bureau in time of peace.

I discussed many things, including the plans for the occupation of Germany. He understood the war department was planning to send Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy to Germany to head our organization. I informed him McCloy had decided to remain with Secretary Stimson and that my deputy, General Clay, had been selected by the war department for the assignment. To my surprise, he did not know General Clay. I told him I had found no man more capable than Clay and no army officer who had as clear an understanding of the point of view of the civilian.

Shortly after the president arrived in Hyde Park he telephoned me to ask that I reconsider my resignation, and then, when I did not change my mind, he asked that I suggest a successor. I recommended Judge Fred M. Vinson, who had succeeded me as head of

Secrecy Essential

Nor should President Roosevelt be criticized for keeping the agreement secret. The Soviet Union was partly to treat with Japan and we could not announce Russia's intention to go to war with her. Furthermore, Russia's military strength was then concentrated on the German campaign. Any hint of agreement would have been an invitation to the Japanese troops on Russia's borders to launch an invasion. It was in the interest of all of us to allow the Soviets 90 days after Germany's surrender to transfer troops from the European front.

Toward the end of the conference, Marshal Stalin entertained at dinner. At the time, the press quoted one of the Americans present as saying 45 toasts were proposed. I am willing to believe it, but the simple statement certainly is misleading. Unexplained, it would indicate the diners were thoroughly intoxicated. The fact is that with each toast, the diners took only a sip of wine and many made the gesture without the sip. The dinner lasted four hours. Forty-five sips of wine in four hours, during which time enough food was consumed to last twenty-four hours, did not intoxicate any one of that group. As for me, I do not drink wine.

Toasts are Water

About the time we reached the soup course, I noticed Mr. Vyshinski, who was sitting near me, pouring water into his vodka glass. Since vodka is the color of water, I decided if he could do it, I could. In the confusion incident to everyone's standing up when a toast was proposed, I would pour water into my vodka glass. It was not very stimulating, but I do know what took place at the dinner. Because of some of the reports in the United States about Soviet officials getting intoxicated, it is only fair to say that all those with whom I have come in contact have been most temperate.

The marshal was generous in the toast he proposed to Churchill and particularly generous in his remarks proposing the health of the president, whom he described as the "chief forger of the instruments which had led to the mobilization of the world against Hitler."

'Mighty Leader'

The Prime Minister toasted Marshal Stalin as the "mighty leader of a mighty nation whose people had driven the tyrants from

Speaking Frankly

Byrnes Upholds Secrecy for Pacts; Yalta Toasts Watered

Hyde Park, the president and I discussed many matters. As I had been out of the White House only a few days, I was able to acquaint him with the status of many serious problems. In the course of this conversation the president said he would like me to attend the forthcoming United Nations Conference in San Francisco.

Accepts Cabinet Post

"Mr. President, I appreciate your suggestion very much, but I don't think you ought to send me," I replied. "The delegation already is appointed. It is a representative group and includes some very able people. Experience has shown that a personal representative of the president under such circumstances usually causes great dissatisfaction in a delegation. Almost invariably relationships become more personal than representative." President Truman agreed.

The following day he told me he wished to appoint me secretary of state. I did not want in time of peace to be head of an agency considering reconversion problems but I did want to take part in the making of the peace. I said I would accept the appointment, and we agreed that neither the change nor the announcement should be made until the end of the San Francisco conference which was just about to meet.

Mr. Byrnes called the Yalta Conference in February, 1945, "the high tide of Big Three unity," and the next chapter of his book is called "The Tide Turns to Turbulence." During the early summer of that year, difficulties with the Russians began to multiply, many of them over the destiny of the countries in eastern Europe which had been occupied by the advancing Red Army. What happened in Romania is the subject of the next installment of "Speaking Frankly," which will be published tomorrow.

Quonset Funds Gain Approval

The state emergency board was within its authority when it recently approved a \$25,000 emergency appropriation for construction of a quonset hut for use of the state tax commission, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Monday.

The appropriation will be credited to the capital buildings and grounds account of the secretary of state. The quonset hut, with 7,000 square feet of floor space, will be located in Waverly street, just west of the state office building. The street is to be vacated by the city.

Tax commission officials said this space would make it possible to employ a substantial number of additional auditors and accountants.

It was Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher's opinion that closer audit of tax income tax accounts would return to the state between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 of delinquent income tax revenues which otherwise would be lost.

Bandon Child Hurt By Accidental Shot

BANDON, Ore., Oct. 20—(AP)—State police said today they would make no further investigation into the accidental shooting of 5-year-old Warren Lee Jonston, who was taken today to a Portland hospital with shotgun pellet wounds in the face, neck and leg.

The youngster was playing in a yard when a shot from a gun held by Fred McCready, 70, discharged in his direction. McCready was walking through some berry vines when the trigger caught.

At Portland, the hospital reported the boy was not seriously wounded.

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