

Italians Slain, Hurt in Milan Pre-Vote Riots

ROME, March 29 (AP)—Two communists were killed and a communist and a rightist were reported injured today in pre-election disorders in the Milan area.

There were predictions that the incidents would touch off political trouble in Milan. The communist-led chamber of labor already has scheduled a demonstration by the unemployed for tomorrow in the heart of that strongly leftist city.

Milan police headquarters said the communist casualties occurred in shooting at the village of Sarnotta, 25 miles southwest of Milan.

Newspaper accounts said the shooting began when a group of communists en route from one village to another got into an argument along the way.

The rightist, a speaker for the national bloc, was said to have been beaten in the industrial town of Legnano, 12 miles north of Milan.

Hereafter the campaigning for the April 18 parliamentary election has been generally orderly.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi deflected threats by Italy's communists to use force if they are denied positions in the government after the election.

Speaking in Frosinone, the Christian democrat premier said: "If it is a question of force, the force is in the hands of the government."

He added that the government itself had no intention of initiating strong-arm measures. There are no communists in de Gasperi's cabinet.

Russ Claimed Trenching in Korean Zone

U. S. OUTPOST 18, on 38th Parallel, Korea, March 29 (AP)—Russian soldiers and north Koreans are digging trenches and gun emplacements almost solidly on their side of this line which divides the Soviet and American occupation zones.

The earthworks are so close to the line that one could almost toss rocks into them from the American side.

No guns are visible in the works, but at least one contains a bipod large enough for an 81-millimeter mortar.

American authorities say they do not know why the Russians are pushing the diggings, which were first observed early in March.

(A clue may be that on March 1 the Americans called an election for May 9 to decide on a government in south Korea.)

American officers believe the earthworks may be intended by the Russians to justify their statements to north Koreans that Americans and south Koreans are planning an attack.

There is no comparable activity in the American zone, where the only defense work has been the sandbagging of some Korean police stations near the border.

The sandbagging followed threats of attack from north Korea which never seriously materialized.

U.S. Declares Korea Action 'Propaganda'

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—American diplomatic officials said today propaganda was the Russians' most likely purpose in digging foxholes and trenches along the northern boundary of the American occupation zone in Korea.

The soviet-controlled radio has been selling the Koreans that American forces and south Korean rightists were building up a military threat to the soviet zone.

The Russian and soviet-backed forces in the northern zone actually are substantially stronger by American official estimates. Marshall told a congressional committee this month that United States occupation forces under Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge has been reduced to fewer than 20,000 men. The Russian occupation forces are estimated at between 40,000 to 55,000. Supporting them is a communist Korean force estimated as high as 150,000.

In the American zone, a constabulary of some 25,000 Koreans has been trained and an additional 25,000 are due to be trained this month to keep order when American troops ultimately are pulled out.

FARE EXTENSION ASKED
PORTLAND, March 29 (AP)—Portland Traction company asked today for a temporary extension of present fares, while the city council considers an application for still higher fares. An increase granted last fall was to expire April 1 unless the company had contracted to buy more buses.

Camp Directors Plan Counselor Training Days

The Oregon section of the American Camping association met at the Salem YMCA Monday night to appoint committee and make plans for the Oregon camp counselors training program at Silver Creek camp May 14, 15 and 16.

Gerald Burns, Chicago, national executive director of the American Camping association, was present to aid with program planning, and made a short speech.

Mrs. Edna Bagnall, local Camp Fire Girls director, was selected chairman of the committee in charge of the three-day session.

Other officials who will direct the program are Mrs. Esther Little, Salem YWCA executive director, registrar; Nan Morrow, Portland, programs; and John Gardner, boys' work director at the Salem YM and director of Camp Silver Creek, camp chairman.

Camp leaders from all parts of Oregon for Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, churches and YMCA's will attend the training session to discuss and practice the latest camping techniques.

The leaders also disclosed that arrangements will be made to send camp directors on a tour of Oregon colleges and universities in the near future to procure students for counselors for summer camping parties.

James Monroe, Portland camp director, made a report on the National Camping association's convention in Los Angeles last week. Mrs. Bagnall and Gardner represented the Salem area at the convention. Miss Morrow and Dorothy McMillan attended as delegates from Portland.

Truman Policies Resemble GOP's, Asserts Taylor

HOLLYWOOD, March 29 (AP)—The democratic party under President Truman is so much like the republican party in fundamental policy as to make any differences unimportant, Sen. Glen H. Taylor (R-Ia) declared tonight.

In a speech prepared for delivery before a "rally for peace" in Gilmore stadium, Taylor, vice-presidential running mate of Henry Wallace on a third party ticket, said: "Add up Truman's foreign policy. You don't need to compare it with the republican deeds, because it is the republican policy. It is the policy of the imperialists who have always run the republican party."

Newsmen Get Fines Repaid

NEWBURGH, N. Y., March 29 (AP)—Jail sentences and fines imposed on two newspapermen here for refusal to disclose sources of information have been ruled illegal by a final state supreme court order.

The order, disclosed today, directed that the fines of \$100 each be remitted to Douglas V. Clarke, 33, news editor of the Newburgh News, and Charles L. Leonard, 27, reporter for the paper.

Clarke and Leonard were sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined February 27 on contempt of court charges. They had declined to tell an Orange county grand jury where they obtained lottery tickets reproduced in the News.

In his final order, the justice said the procedure under which the newspapermen had been indicted, tried and sentenced was defective.

Chiang Denies Seats to Some Of Assembly

NANKING, March 29 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told a dissident group of his party today they must surrender their seats in the Chinese national assembly because "I have made my decisions and as national leader they cannot be changed."

The insurgents reported that only three of their number accepted Chiang's offer of "high positions" equal to assemblyman, and that 51 voted to appeal to Chinese and American public opinion to support their election claims.

Ten others who went on a sit-down-hunger strike in the assembly auditorium were removed by police and confined to a hotel.

The assembly meanwhile opened without a quorum, and was marking time in hope additional members would arrive. The only task at this, its first session, is to elect China's first constitutional president and vice president.

U. S. Wants Peace, Not a Slavery, Asserts President

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WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—Stressing that this country wants only peace for the world, President Truman said tonight that "we are willing to talk peace and international intercourse with any country in the world, but we will not stand idly by and see the liberties of the world debauched."

Speaking to a gathering of approximately 1,000 Greek-Americans, members of the Order of Ahepa, who were celebrating the 127th anniversary of Greek independence, the president said "there were certain things which are worse than war." He continued "one of them is slavery. That's what we were faced with in 1940 and 1941. We are faced with almost exactly the same situation today."

Guard Sought For Diplomat

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—The house-American activities committee moved today to protect U. S. Consul John Bankhead from further attempts on his life at his post in Canada.

Bankhead was fired on his home last night as he drove to his house in Windsor, he reported. He said that he had earlier been sent poisoned liquor and poisoned candy.

Rep. McDowell (R-Pa.), in asking the justice department for special protection for Bankhead, said Bankhead had recently given an American activities subcommittee secret and valuable testimony. The group has been investigating illegal entry of communists and undesirable aliens from Canada.

Bankhead has become known for his tight border restriction policy.

Little Effect Seen in Strike

CHICAGO, March 29 (AP)—The nationwide CIO United Packinghouse Workers' strike ended its second week today. Efforts toward reaching a settlement were at a standstill.

Meat dealers estimated supplies at 75 per cent of normal, but there were no reports of marked shortages in retail butcher shops.

A three-man presidential fact-finding board, which concluded hearings into the walkout last Wednesday will make a report of its findings to President Truman by April 1. The board is not empowered to make recommendations.

Prices of pork have remained steady or even dropped slightly since the strike began, but beef prices have edged upward.

Roads Accept Pay Increase

CHICAGO, March 29 (AP)—The nation's railroads today accepted the recommendation of President Truman's fact-finding board that engineers, firemen and switchmen be given a 15 1/2 cents an hour pay increase.

The wage boost is the same as that accepted by the conductors and trainmen in November. The same increase had been awarded to 17 unions of non-operating workers on the nation's carriers by an arbitration board two months later.

The unions representing the workers, however, withheld action on the recommendation with which they said they were "very disappointed." The unions' general chairman will meet next Monday in Cleveland to decide their position.

GHOST-HUNTER DIES

LONDON, March 29 (AP)—Harry Price, 67, well-known in Britain for his activity in hunting ghosts, died today at his home in Pulborough, Sussex, after a heart attack. He was secretary of the University of London council for physical research.

Summit Skier Joined by 3

EUGENE, Ore., March 29 (AP)—Woodman Jack Meissner's solo ski trip along the 300-mile spine of the Cascade range has grown to a party of four on the last leg of the ski trek.

Bob Pfeiffer, Eugene pilot who has been dropping supplies to the adventurer, has joined Meissner and the two teen-aged boys for the Odell lake to Crater lake hike.

Meissner and the boys, Don Temple, Oakridge, and Gilbert Bissell, Eugene, turned back to Odell from a weekend start. They ran into a blizzard. The adventurer had another companion from Mt. Hood to Santiam pass; made it alone to Odell—the longest section.

The trip will be the first on foot by anyone in mid-winter.

Klamath Tribe To Split Fund

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—A bill giving each member of the Klamath tribe \$500 and war veterans of the tribe \$200 was signed today by President Truman.

The money will be allocated from the tribe's capital reserve fund, credited to each tribesman's account, subject to limits on spending for specific purposes.

The veterans' payments will be in cash. Truman said in a letter to Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug that he did not believe in distributing tribal capital funds, but that the limitations on the spending were exceptional factors.

Strike Slows N.Y. Markets

NEW YORK, March 29 (AP)—A strike of union employees of the New York stock and curb exchanges today brought picket lines to Wall street, heart of world finance, but markets maintained their operations.

With members of the United Financial Employees (AFL) out, the stock exchange volume was 760,000 shares. It was the smallest full session since March 15.

Most of the employees on strike were page boys, runners, clerks, telephone operators and pneumatic tube operators.

Bankers and brokers were running slips to the quotation room, answering telephones, operating pneumatic tubes.

Dewey to 'Stump' Wisconsin Cities

ALBANY, N. Y., March 29 (AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey will campaign in Wisconsin this week for delegate support at the republican presidential convention.

A "major" speech is slated at Milwaukee Thursday night. Both Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Harold E. Stassen have full slates entered for the 27 convention seats Wisconsin republicans will fill April 6.

Dewey will make a brief speaking tour of Nebraska sometime next week.

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Women Display Wide Variance On UMT Plan

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—The senate armed services committee got the "woman's viewpoint" on universal military training today—a belligerent yes and a violent no.

Author Pearl Buck vigorously opposed military training for America's youth—and was accused of telling a "lie" by Mrs. Leslie Wright of the General Federation of Women's Club.

This bit of feminine flurry enlivened the committee's hearing after lengthy testimony from Bernard Baruch and Charles E. Wilson, former vice chairman of the war production board.

Mrs. Buck read a statement saying: "At 18 the boy needs the influence of good homes, good women, good girls, more than at any other time of his life. . . . Under permanent military conscription . . . he will be exposed to the worst type of women, and he will too often see his officers, who are his teachers, consorting with these women. . . ."

Mrs. Wright of Washington, D. C., and Westport, Mass., told the senators she was a "registered lobbyist" for the General Federation of Women's Clubs which have a membership of about three million.

Her face flushed as she said: "I had three boys in the army. I don't think my boys were corrupted. They came back as fine as when they went into the army."

"We want peace. We want liberty. I think every GI should send a letter to Mrs. Buck and tell her what she said is a lie."

Mrs. Buck sat quietly with no indication she had heard Mrs. Wright.

Farm Prices Rise Slightly

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—Farm prices recovered slightly in March after one of the sharpest drops in history during February.

Reporting this, the agriculture department said today farm prices in mid-March were about 1.4 per cent higher than in mid-February. They had dropped 12 per cent between mid-January and mid-February.

The department said price changes were far from uniform, however. Feed grains advanced 10 per cent; food grains, cotton, the oil-bearing crops, fruits and meat animals made smaller increases, but averaged higher than a month ago.

On the other hand, truck crops dropped rather sharply. Poultry and dairy products made a usual seasonal decline.

Prices paid by farmers—including interest and taxes—declined 1.4 per cent between mid-February and mid-March.

Farm prices as a whole in mid-March were 115 per cent of parity, compared with 112 per cent a month earlier. Parity is a legal standard for measuring actual market prices.

Police Apprehend 3 Young Escapees

Salem police Monday night captured two youths who escaped from the Oregon state training school earlier in the day.

The escapees were James Virgil Collins, 14, of Salem, and Lawrence Brandt, 15, of Baker. Police said the boys escaped about 3:15 p. m. and hitched a ride to Salem with a motorist later in the evening. The motorist summoned police after arriving in Salem when he became suspicious of the boys' actions, police said.

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