

DeGasperi Aide Claims Party Won Majority

(Story also on page 1)
ROME, Tuesday, April 20 (AP)—A high Christian democrat official said today that on the basis of early returns Premier Alcide De Gasperi's party appears to have won an absolute majority in both houses of the Italian republic's first parliament.

The official, Emilio Taviani, vice secretary - general of the party, said at Christian democrat national headquarters that the endorsement of the voters for the government party "exceeds our most optimistic expectations."

ROME, Tuesday, April 20 (AP)—Shouting throngs jammed the streets last night and early today cheering and boing as election returns were broadcast.

Riot police stood quietly on the sidewalks. Occasionally large trucks carrying armed troops and machine gunners on motorcycles went past.

The communist newspaper, "L'Unita" posted figures on an illuminated signboard which said the communists were leading. At midnight someone gave over a loudspeaker what he said were the latest returns and announced: "The popular front has an absolute majority."

LONDON, April 19 (AP)—The Soviet news agency Tass said tonight in a Rome dispatch that several persons died in polling places during the Italian elections. These persons had been taken from sick beds by anti-communist parties, Tass added.

Negro Blasts 'Jim Crow' in Draft Plans

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—A negro official today said a nationwide campaign of civil disobedience against "any Jim Crow draft or universal military training law."

"Our organization has placed an initial order for a hundred thousand buttons which state, 'Don't Join a Jim Crow Army,' " Grant Reynolds told the house armed services committee.

The committee is considering a military draft bill and Reynolds testified in support of anti-racial segregation amendments. He is chairman of the "Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training" and a member of the nine-man New York state correction commission.

Reynolds said he served in the last war as an army chaplain. Reynolds testified along similar lines before the senate armed services March 14. At the time, Senator Morse (R-Ore.) told Randolph such a civil disobedience campaign would lead to charges of treason.

"I hope Mr. Morse continues to show his ignorance of the negro's inner resentments," Reynolds said today. "I hope he keeps on until every negro in America is thoroughly convinced that our destiny lies in our own hands—that our freedom will not be handed out like a welfare check from the liberal platform where Mr. Morse claims his political residence, any more than it will be dispensed by the Rankins and Stennisses (Mississippi members of congress)."

U.S. Seizes Cases Bound for Russia

NEWARK, N. J., April 19 (AP)—A federal court action today disclosed the seizure by U. S. customs officials of 10 cases of Russian-bond materials at a Jersey City pier this month.

U. S. Attorney Edgar H. Rossbach filed suit for possession of the Russian-contraband merchandise which has been removed under guard to customs control headquarters in Hoboken.

The government petition stated that two of the cases contained flight recorders while eight other cases contained photographic recording paper.

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Crop Forecasts Show 'Good' Prospects for Oregon in '48

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

With spring actually at the corner, crop surveys made this week-end indicate "fair" for the season. Fruit and nut crop prospects were varied. March freezes in the east and south seriously damaged peaches in several important areas. Too much rain in the Willamette valley has threatened good pollination. Apples and sour cherries had about average prospects.

Oregon strawberry acreage for harvest during the 1948 season is now estimated at 14,000 or about 27 per cent above the 11,000 acres harvested last year. No strawberry production forecasts have been made for Oregon because of the late spring. Strawberry plants are just starting a good growth. Only a few blossoms have been shown. The first official production forecast is scheduled for May 10.

April prospects for winter wheat in the Pacific northwest point to an unusually good crop this year of 113,750,000 bushels, the Crop Reporting service said. America's principal Pacific coast wheat exporting area has a winter wheat crop that is expected to exceed 1947 by 25 per cent and the 10-year average by 61 per cent. The forecast for Oregon indicates a winter wheat crop of 22,600,000 bushels, one-third more than was produced in 1947 and 43 per cent above average.

Preplanting reports indicate an unusually large acreage of spring barley. Much ground that had been planned for other crops is yet unsown because weather conditions did not permit the farmers to work the soil. Spring barley is one crop which still can be planted by the end of the week. Barley brought last year, a large number of Willamette valley farmers are resorting to this, providing weather now will permit working of the soil and sowing the seed.

Deaf School Work to Start

Carl H. Halvorsen, Salem contractor, received authorization from the city engineer's office Monday to start construction of the \$300,000 combination dormitory-school building at the Oregon school for the deaf in Salem.

Construction, to be near existing buildings on Locust street, will probably get underway immediately, it was indicated. Halvorsen's low bid of \$298,384 was approved by the state control and emergency board last week.

Other permits issued Monday went to Anna Muncey to repair a house at 603 N. Winter st., \$20, and to P. J. Meistrick to repair a house at 194 S. Cottage st., \$150.

Truman Flays 'Obstruction'

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—President Truman told the Daughters of the American Revolution tonight that the world would be much closer to recovery "but for the determined campaign of obstruction by one great power."

Naming no names, he declared that power "has sought to perpetuate poverty as a means of aggression."

He expressed those conclusions in a letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, O. O'Brien of Brookville, Ind., president general of the DAR. It was read at the opening session of the organization's 57th continental congress.

He added: "It is my firm belief that no nation, regardless of size, wants war."

FRENCH MINE BLASTS

LILLE, France, Tuesday, April 20 (AP)—A coal dust explosion ripped through a coal mine in Sallaumines, 15 miles from here, last night. Police officials said 11 miners were killed; the company said five. Twenty-one miners are missing.

FLOOD HITS DAKOTA

GRAND FORKS, N.D., April 19 (AP)—The entire town of nearby Graton in northeastern North Dakota tonight was reported under one to five feet of water from the swollen park river.

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2 Linn County Youths Killed Sunday in Falls

LEBANON, April 19—Accidents claimed the lives of two Linn county boys within four hours Sunday afternoon.

Merle Dean Walker, 15, Cascadia, fell 80 feet over a cliff when hit by a huge boulder. Jay O'Dell, 10, was drowned when he fell into the Lebanon-Albany canal from the railroad bridge where he was playing.

Walker's body was recovered at the foot of an 80-foot chasm by deputies of Coroner Glenn Huston, and searcher found O'Dell's body after searching for four hours. The water is unusually swift at the bridge, Huston said.

Walker was hiking along a narrow trail to scenic Soda Creek falls accompanied by Ralph and Burgess Sturgeon, teen-age Cascadia brothers. Walker saw the boulder and called to the Sturgeon brothers who were able to cling close to the wall of the cliff, but the rock hit Walker and carried him into the chasm.

(Obituary on page 12.)

Lost Rancher Sought; Three Men Arrested

CANYON CITY, Ore., April 19 (AP)—A search is under way in central Oregon for Earl Smith, 55, prominent Wheeler county rancher who has been missing since Friday night.

Sheriff I. B. Hazeltine said the rancher was last seen alive by three companions when they left him in a truck parked near the John Day river. Smith's mud-covered clothing was found by the river.

Sheriff's deputies and state police dragged the stream today but failed to recover the rancher's body.

Smith's disappearance was discovered by authorities when the three men were arrested driving the rancher's truck.

Sheriff Hazeltine said the three men are held in the Grant county jail under \$5,000 bail. They were arraigned today on a charge of larceny of an automobile and theft of personal belongings. One of the men had Smith's wallet, watch and jackknife.

The sheriff identified the men as Ray R. Ragan, 39, and Robert R. Gwaltney, 36, of near Mitchell, and Elmer Powell, 60, of Baker. All are lumber mill workers.

CONDON CLEARING URGED

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—The house interstate commerce committee today urged the house to seek a "full and public disclosure" of the activities and affiliations of Dr. Edward U. Condon.

"AMBER" SEEKS DIVORCE
NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—Cathleen Windsor, author of "Forever Amber," will seek a divorce from Bandleader Artie Shaw, her attorney said today.

Three volcanic lakes on the island of Timor are respectively sapphire-blue, opaque turquoise and garnet-red due to chemicals in the water.

Also on the board's agenda is consideration of bids for construction of a dormitory and house at the Eastern Oregon state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles. H. J. Settergren of Portland has submitted the low bid of \$248,408 for the two buildings. Five other bids were received.

The construction will be passed upon Friday by the state emergency board, if a bid is accepted by the control board.

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Conciliator Joins Boommen's Parley

By the Associated Press
The federal conciliation service took a hand Tuesday in the CIO boommen's strike that has thrown 8,000 men out of work in the Pacific northwest.

Union and operator representatives were scheduled to meet in Seattle this afternoon with a three-man conciliation panel to discuss the walkout.

The strike, involving 12 locals from Bellingham, Wash., to Salem, Ore., was called when agreement could not be reached on wage scales. The boommen have demanded an increase from \$12.76 to \$16 a day.

Demo Leaders Ready Rally, Reorganizing

Marion county's democratic central committee met in the Marion county courthouse Monday night to approve reorganization of its precinct setup and plans for a pre-primary rally in mid-May in which one of three nationally known democrats will speak.

Under the reorganization, each of the county's precincts will be divided into districts and again into small sections or blocks if in the city. Each district and each block will have a committeeman.

The plan was devised by Luis Martine-Lally, Salem, central committee secretary and committeeman of the sixth precinct. Martine-Lally, who presided throughout most of the meeting, said every voter in the county will be contacted by either district or block committeemen before the primary election under the new setup.

A survey will be made of every precinct, he stated, to determine whether voters are democratic or republican and if they are registered.

Plans for the county-wide rally, tentatively set for May 14, call for the services of Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington, James Roosevelt or Will Rogers, Jr., as speaker.

Martine-Lally said that enough funds have been pledged to bring any one of the men here.

Martine-Lally said about 14,000 democrats have registered to vote in this year's primaries, the largest number for many years.

Neutrality Cloud Said Forming in Western Europe

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—Lord Rothermere, British newspaper publisher, said today the safety of the United States could be undermined by a serious movement for neutrality in Britain and western Europe.

He said "a cloud of wishful neutrality" was now forming there.

Addressing the 100th anniversary luncheon of The Associated Press, Lord Rothermere praised the European recovery program as "one of the greatest acts of statesmanship in modern history."

However, he observed that it did not provide for newspaper to report fully "this battle for freedom."

"Ignorance, as you know better than anybody, breeds isolationism," he said. "Isolationism breeds neutrality. Look eastwards across the Atlantic and you will see forming on the horizon a cloud of wishful neutrality."

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Rainfall Due Here After Balmey Day

A warm sun and cloudless skies Monday brought the mercury up to 67 degrees, but the U. S. weather bureau early this morning forecast rain would fall by tonight.

Monday's high temperature was the second highest of the year, only surpassed by 68 degrees registered in March and was five degrees warmer than 62 degrees on Blossom day Sunday.

Freight Rates Boost Okehed

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today authorized another boost in freight rates, by more than \$300,000,000 a year.

The increases, 10 per cent in the east, will average about 5 per cent for the country as a whole. With 10 days allowed for legal notice to the public, they will probably go into effect the first week in May on both the railroads and domestic water carriers.

The ICC said recurring work stoppages in major industries, coupled with severe winter weather, had reduced railroad freight volume in recent months to a point where higher charges are required to maintain carrier revenue.

Scalper Fined For 'Buzzing'

FOSSIL, Ore., April 19 (AP)—Pilot Frank Coffmann paid a \$400 fine in justice court today for low flying over a potato field and hitting the scalp off Farmer William Beasley.

Beasley explained it took 37 stitches to sew his scalp in place. He was struck by a wing of the plane.

Stanford Leader Urges Federal Aid

EUGENE, Ore., April 19 (AP)—Federal aid for all schools of higher education must become a permanent national policy, Stanford university's president told Oregon college officials today.

Speaking to a conference of the state's college and university presidents, Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, Stanford president, said federal support is necessary to keep enrollment pace with U. S. population growth. He said the U. S. should assist both private and public supported schools.

YANK ITALIANS CHEER
PHILADELPHIA, April 19 (AP)—Thousands of persons danced and sang in the streets of Philadelphia's "Little Italy" section as early election Italian returns showed the anti-communists leading.

Two Juveniles Held for Entry Of Mill Store

Two boys, 13 and 18 years of age, were in the custody of juvenile authorities Monday after being apprehended Sunday in the act of burglarizing the Kay Woolen Mills retail store building at 280 S. 12th st., city police reported.

Police were called to the plant by the night watchman, J. W. Weekly, who found the boys hiding in a closet in an attempt to avoid being captured. Police said the youths had several articles of clothing taken from show-cases packed in paper bags when discovered.

The watchman said he saw the boys and an unidentified girl enter the building through a rear door a short time before he notified police. The girl, police said, escaped unnoticed. Both boys were turned over to their parents to await action of the juvenile court.

Police also reported that two offices in the Oregon building were looted by burglars Saturday night, but nothing was reported missing Monday.

Ransacked were the offices of James E. Keys, attorney, and George D. Alderlin Real Estate Co., both on the same floor. Entry in both cases was made by "jimmyming" casings around the doors leading to the offices.

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