

DeGaullists, Reds Move To Showdown

PARIS, Nov. 13 (AP)—A dangerous showdown in France between Gen. Charles DeGaulle and the communists appears to be growing nearer.

Frenchmen refer to the conflict between the two as "our own little cold war."

They don't smile when they say it.

The antagonism between DeGaulle and the communists has recently flared into scattered riots, and cost one death. Many Frenchmen fear a broadening of such clashes into what they loosely describe as "civil war."

May Not Reach Bloodshed

The DeGaullists and communists may never reach that bloody stage, but events seem to be moving rapidly toward some kind of fateful climax.

Gen. DeGaulle just won a big election victory. His party—rally of the French people (RPF)—last Sunday won 40 per cent of the seats in the upper house of parliament, the council of the republic.

The communists criticize the electoral college system of choosing the upper house, which is selected by 100,011 electors. Flornond Bonte, a communist spokesman, has castigated the indirect method of voting for the council as "anti-democratic."

DeGaullists' Flanks

DeGaullie's party has two main planks:

1. Change the constitution in order to give the executive stronger powers.

2. Oppose communism.

DeGaullie quit as head of the French government in disgust at political bickering in January, 1946, and began preparing his own comeback on his own terms.

Meanwhile, the communists went ahead winning the backing of 5,000,000 voters and are the largest single party in the lower house of parliament, the national assembly.

Pre-War Oregon Residence Needed To Get Vets' Loan

PORTLAND, Nov. 13 (AP)—Oregon's home and farm loans apparently will not be made available to veterans who live here now but who enlisted in other states.

The state department of veterans' affairs advisory committee declined to vote upon the proposal, made by veterans organizations. At present, such loans can be made only to veterans who enlisted in Oregon.

Director William F. Gaarenstroom told the advisory committee that the veterans' funds are not large enough to permit liberalizing the loan requirements.

"The bond issues for our total program are limited by the legislature to 3 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property in the state, or approximately \$42,000,000," he said. "Unless the percentage is raised, we can not advocate such a measure."

Fertilizer Firm To Open Here

The Meeker-Hughes Company, Inc., wholesalers and manufacturers of fertilizers and agricultural chemicals, will open for business around January 1 at 520 Trade st. It was made known Saturday.

Owners are Greeley, Colo., who formerly of the fertilizer business for 13 years, and Frank R. Meeker of Oak Grove near Portland, who has spent 16 years in the business and formerly was with Darling & Company of East St. Louis and Chicago.

The company has leased its Trade street plant from Ivan Stewart. Mixing and bagging equipment is expected to arrive within a few weeks.

Hughes' wife and daughter, Suzanne, 5, are to arrive in Salem today. They have taken a home at 2164 Maple ave. The Meekers, 2164 Maple ave. The Meekers, with their two children, are to come to Salem at the end of the present school term.

Peiping Area Endangered By Red Drive

By Spencer Moosa

PEIPING, Sunday, Nov. 14 (AP)—Insistent reports said today the government has abandoned Paoting and Chengteh, two provincial capitals standing guard north and south of this populous North China area.

Paoting, 90 miles southwest of Peiping, is the capital of Hopeh province in which Peiping and Tientsin are located.

Chengteh, 100 miles to the northeast, is the capital of Jehol, the Buffer province between Manchuria and North China proper.

Headquarters of Gen. Fu Tso-Yi, commander in North China who is preparing feverishly for the battle of North China, professes not to have heard these reports. But they come from well-placed circles.

Pilots who flew over Paoting reported convoys were streaming northward toward Peiping. The commander at Paoting was said to have left the city.

If the government has abandoned Chengteh and Paoting, the communists are moving into position for a pincers attack on Peiping and Tientsin.

The new developments came as an atmosphere of gloom settled over Peiping. There's not much heart for the civil war any more.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 13 (AP)—Northwest airlines announced today it would increase its weekly round trips from the United States to Shanghai to aid in evacuating Americans fleeing Chinese civil war areas.

Overseas Mail Deadline Due

Packages to overseas servicemen must be mailed Monday to assure delivery by Christmas, and later use of air parcel post can not be guaranteed, Salem Postmaster Albert C. Gragg reminded Saturday.

The armed services have informed the postoffice that airtight capacity has been taxed to the utmost and that it cannot be expanded. Any marked increase in parcels marked for airmail would result in their delivery by surface transportation, thus delaying their arrival.

Gragg said the postoffice, after Monday, would accept such air parcels only with that understanding.

Truman Family Visits Historic Ft. Jefferson

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 13 (AP)—President Truman took the family to Fort Jefferson today for a lesson in history, leaving unofficially unanswered questions as to the makeup of his new administration.

With his Florida vacation a week old tomorrow, the chief executive continued to maintain silence on legislative plans as well. He told campaign audiences, however, that he would press for an expansion of the "new deal" and his associates look for him to seek, among other things:

1. Repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

2. A permanent system of farm price supports.

3. Development of the nation's great rivers for flood control, power, navigation, irrigation and reclamation.

Civil Rights Laws

4. Civil rights laws which stirred southern resistance cost him four states in the election.

5. A national health program embracing compulsory insurance covering prepayment of medical costs.

But, there was no talk of these matters when the president's presidential yacht Williamsburg about 7 a.m. (EST) to join Mrs. Truman and Margaret for a cruise to the historic fort where Dr. Samuel Mudd was imprisoned after the war between the states.

Aides Accompany

Senator Alben W. Barkley, vice president-elect, and Senator J. Howard McGrath, democratic national chairman, went along as did the entire White House staff.

The president had visited Fort Jefferson on a previous trip to Florida and was able to point out the cell where Dr. Mudd served his sentence until he was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson.

Dr. Mudd set the broken leg of the fugitive, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln. He was convicted of conspiracy and won his pardon by his heroic fight against the yellow fever scourge at the prison.

50 Wells Go Dry in Walla Walla Area

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 13 (AP)—Fifty wells providing water for as many families just outside the east city limits suddenly went dry last night.

A few deep wells in the area continued to produce water.

The Walla Walla county health department said the situation was "dangerous" and hoped to draft a plan to provide the families with city water.

6 Men Die in Flames as Plane Hits B-50 Bomber

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Nov. 13 (AP)—Six men died last night when an air force transport plane veered off the runway at Eielson field and struck at P-50 bomber.

Flames wrapped the two aircraft immediately. Eighteen men were hurt.



WINNER—Mrs. Reva Beck Bosone, Salt Lake City, Democratic police court judge, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Utah's second congressional district.

Sgt. Massey Wins Promotion, Moved To Medford Office

M.Sgt. Thomas Massey, member of the Salem air force and army recruiting office, has been assigned to command the Medford recruiting office with a new rank of captain, he reported Saturday.

Sergeant Massey, here since January, 1946, will receive his commission in Portland Tuesday.

In the army since 1922, he first came to Oregon in July, 1945, to establish the army ground force replacement depot at Camp Adair.

He held the rank of captain at that time.

Mrs. Massey and the two children will continue to reside in Salem.

J. L. LODER AT MEETING

J. L. Loder, Salem route 9, attended the meeting of West Coast Wild Life Federation officials in Portland Saturday. Conferees agreed that more strict law enforcement is necessary to conserve game and fish resources in the light of great population gains in the western states.

WHICH WAY MR. GOP?

PORTLAND, Nov. 13 (AP)—The young republican federation of Oregon will hold its annual convention in Salem, December 4. The convention theme: "Which way now, Mr. Elephant?"

Salem Obituaries

KIRK James E. Kirk, at the residence, 1026 N. 5th st., November 13. Survived by widow, Mrs. Ella B. Kirk, Salem; daughter, Vinta Hunter, Juneau, Alaska; sisters, Mrs. George Cannon, Stoneboro, Pa.; and Mrs. Harvey Gerner, Greenville, Pa.; grandson, Earle Hunter, Juneau, Alaska, and several nieces and nephews. Announcement of services later by Clough-Barrick company.

Clash Between Left, Right Wing Factions of CIO Due at Portland

By Max Hall

Associated Press Labor Reporter

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP)—The right and left wings of the CIO may clash openly — more openly than ever before — at the CIO convention which is about to start in Portland, Oregon.

But the organization probably won't split in two. The left wing, which has been losing strength for two years and suffered a heavy blow in the election showing of Henry Wallace, will likely get a convention spanking but will stay in the organization.

That is the opinion held by many observers of CIO politics, as of today. The picture could change, however.

Opens November 22

The 51-man CIO executive board starts sessions in Portland this coming Wednesday. The CIO convention opens Monday, November 22.

The term "right wing" in the CIO does not mean "conservative."

French Police, Reds Clash

PARIS, Nov. 13 (AP)—More than 20 persons were injured today when bitter fighting between police and communists broke out in three widely separated parts of France.

One of those injured was Arthur Ramette who is considered one of the top six communists in the country. He is a member of the French national assembly.

Ramette was hurt by a tear-gas grenade near Douai, in the northern coal fields, when police broke up a forbidden public meeting.

The bloodiest clash was at Puteaux, a western suburb of Paris, where 20 were injured in a battle between stone-throwing communist demonstrators and police.

The police fired pistols. Three demonstrators were reported to have been struck by bullets.

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Dock Strike Conferees Agree on Hiring Halls

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 (AP)—An "agreement in principle" on at least one major issue—the hiring hall—was reached today in the 73-day-old maritime strike.

A joint statement by the waterfront employers association and the international longshoremen's and warehousemen's union (CIO) said both sides had agreed to continue the hiring-hall system.

SHIP BLAST FATAL TO 3

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 13 (AP)—An unexplained explosion, followed by fire, killed three men and injured at least six others today as the fast new motorship Los Angeles prepared to sail for Europe.

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unions themselves have nothing more than what President Murray has called a "moral obligation."

3. Charges of "raiding." Several left-wing union leaders have accused right-wing unions of raiding their membership.

4. The southern organizing drive. Some CIO officials are saying that some left-wing unions greatly reduced their financial support of the southern drive in order to put more money into Henry Wallace's campaign. These officials will demand that all unions contribute adequately with a great deal of delight and back slapping.

It simply means "actively anti-communist."

Not all "left-wingers" are communists, but they frequently go along with communist programs. They don't go in for attacking communists.

Left-wing leaders in CIO unions have fought against the Marshall plan of aiding western Europe, and they supported Wallace for president.

In both instances they departed from CIO policy. CIO President Philip Murray and a heavy majority of CIO union leaders favor the Marshall plan and they supported President Truman for re-election.

To Go Before Board

At least four aspects of the left-vs.-right warfare may be taken before the CIO executive board. The issues may be settled behind closed doors but at least one of them may erupt in the open convention for the nation to see.

The four issues are as follows:

1. The issue of the New York City CIO council. This outfit, a left-wing organization, has been formally accused of departing from CIO policies. A three-man committee held a hearing, at which feelings ran so high that a physical scuffle enlivened the proceedings.

Now the executive board will decide whether to snatch the council's charter. And — watch this — CIO rules provide that the board's decision can be applied to the convention.

'Moral Obligation'

2. The issue of whether CIO unions should be allowed to depart from CIO policies, but the

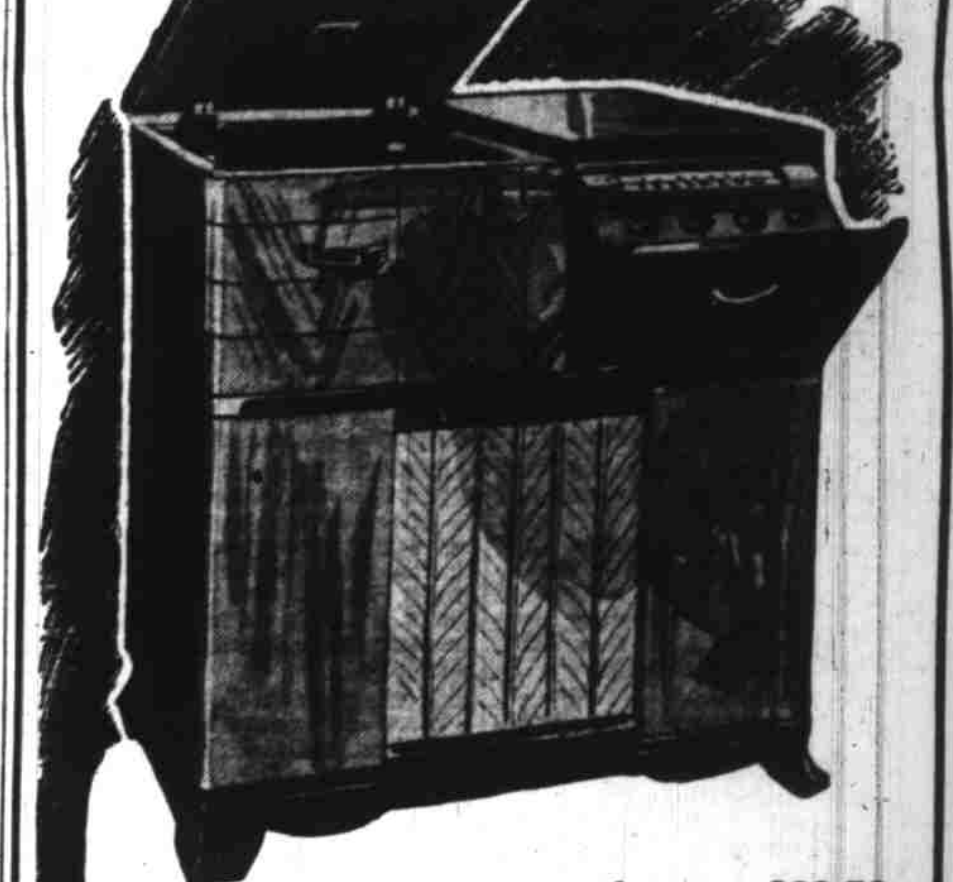
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