

French Oppose Ruhr Control By Germans

PARIS, Nov. 20 (AP)—French fears that Britain and the United States are pushing German recovery too fast appears to be a greater danger to the French government than the communist strike problem.

The national assembly's committee on foreign affairs protested violently the recent decision of the British and American military governments to return control of Ruhr coal mines and steel mills to German trustees.

The committee demanded that French representatives to the London six-power conference on the Ruhr take a stand not only

for international control over distribution of the industrial area's coal and steel, but for "international technical and commercial control as well."

Foreign Minister Robert Schuman will be called before the foreign affairs committee next week. He will have to do a lot of explaining to appease the assembly.

Grange Favors Repeal Of Oleomargarine Tax

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 20 (AP)—The national Grange convention voted Friday to support repeal of taxes on oleomargarine "if and when effective means are taken to prevent deception in its sale in imitation of butter."

Heretofore, the Grange has strongly supported margarine taxes.

'Leikarring' Is Dance, Song, Costumes, Fun



This happy group of costumed folk dancers and singers represents Salem's first Leikarring group, formed recently by Thor lodge, Sons of Norway, and scheduled to appear again at the League of Women Voters' United Nations program Friday night in Mayflower hall. The group, as pictured above, included (left to right) Sylvia Klejdstad, Theodore Michelson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gann, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arneson, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lunda, Ivy Swenvold and Christian Engh. Accordionist is Mrs. Nels Tønning.

Norway Lodge Folk Dancers Are Popular

Leikarring folk dancing group, since Salem's Thor lodge was organized eight years ago there was talk of "Leikarring."

But the local Sons (and daughters) of Norway never quite got around to working out folk dancing steps and songs which identify what the Norwegians call a Leikarring folk dancing group.

That is, not until a month ago when 10 members plunged into the dancing and singing project under the tutelage and inspiration of Sylvia Klejdstad, a young Norwegian school teacher who arrived here recently on a year's vacation with the E. F. Arneson family.

Miss Klejdstad taught the dance routines and the songs, enlisted an accordionist and more often than not hummed the tunes of her native land for the accordionist as well as the members to learn.

Despite the absence of sheet music Mrs. Nels Tønning learned quickly and the others picked up the songs which are sung in Norwegian during the dancing to illustrate them.

As their debut approached, these members made their own costumes, patterned after pic-

tures they had of traditional costumes of the Norwegian community of Hardanger. Bright red sleeveless jackets over white blouses or shirts are worn by the men and women in black skirts or dark trousers. The women add to their basic costume white aprons and colorful embroidery work on both jackets and aprons.

Danced for President

When the big night arrived for the Leikarring group's first performance, it was a special Thor lodge, Sons of Norway, meeting to honor a visit by the national lodge president, E. B. Hauke of Minneapolis.

Success was immediate and when the lodge and guests kept applauding for one more encore. Miss Klejdstad smiled and said "no more," explaining with a touch of showmanship, "We'll stop while they still like our dance."

Performers in Demand

Having established a reputation in short order, the Norwegian performers are already in demand. They danced Saturday night for the YMCA-YWCA Festival of Nations program at the local YMCA and will appear Friday on the League of Women Voters' United Nations night program at Mayflower hall. Already the Leikarring group has a request to perform in Portland.

Local lodge leaders, while glad to have their group aid in public as well as lodge functions, are anxious now to expand the Leikarring group. Most of the larger lodges of Sons of Norway have had similar groups for many years as a definite tie to their Norwegian heritage. As a matter of fact, most of the original Leikar-

Swan Settles On Mill Creek

A large, white swan on North Mill creek was attracting considerable attention in the vicinity of the North Church street bridge Friday evening. It was thought possible that the graceful bird, a stranger to the area, was an injured stray from a flock passing over the valley on its southward flight from winter.

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City of Tillamook Oversubscribes YM Building Fund

TILLAMOOK, Nov. 20 (AP)—This small coastal town has collected \$100,062 within 10 days on a possible that they had hoped — with luck — would yield \$75,000. The surprisingly successful campaign is to finance a YMCA building which will be used as a com-

munity center — the first one Tillamook has ever had. A retired Tillamook county businessman, A. G. Beals, and his wife, offered \$75,000 for the project if the community would match the funds in voluntary contributions. The townspeople matched it so well the building fund now holds \$175,062 — and more pledges are still coming in.

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Vacancies in Local Recruit Office Open

Vacancies for three qualified veterans to serve in Salem and Albany recruiting offices constitute a "rare opportunity" for home duty, officials of the Salem army and air force recruiting office said Saturday.

Revising of aviation cadet enlistment requirements to include married men in the air force also was reported by the office. Formerly only single men were accepted. According to a directive received here Thursday married men, who can qualify are now being accepted for cadet training.

In announcing the openings for two men to serve in Salem and one in Albany recruiting offices, the local recruiters said that applicants may enlist for from three to five years. Applicants must be from 25 to 45 years of age, and must be overseas veterans. Pay would average from \$300 to \$350 per month for a 40-hour week, it was reported.

Additional information on the recruiting berths and the aviation cadet requirements are available at the local and Albany recruiting offices.

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