

Vandenberg Endorses Atlantic Treaty as Barrier to 'Hot' War

WASHINGTON, March 22—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) today endorsed the proposed 12-nation North Atlantic treaty as a barrier against world war III and the most important step in American foreign policy since the 123-year-old Monroe Doctrine.

"In my opinion, it is the best bet to keep the present 'cold war' from getting hot," he said.

After long months of behind-the-scenes negotiations, the treaty is scheduled to be signed here April 4. But to pledge this country's support, it must be formally ratified by a two-thirds vote of the senate.

Vandenberg, usually conservative in his spoken appraisals, turned to superlatives in praising the defense alliance in a 1,000-word address before the United States conference of mayors.

He said at the outset he was reserving his opinion on the administration's plans for military aid to western Europe. The arms program, a separate but closely-linked corollary of the treaty itself, is expected to cost the United States \$1,000,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000 the first year.

But Vandenberg said that aside from this reservation, he endorses the North Atlantic pact as "the best possible peace enterprise in which the United States can engage in the self-interest of its own national security and in the prevention of another intolerable world war in which we would inevitably be involved."

Germans in Red Zone Send U.S. \$7 Million Bill

BERLIN, March 22—(AP)—The German postoffice in the Soviet zone billed the United States for \$7,000,000 in communications fees today and got a flat rejection.

The issues involved go deeper than the amount demanded.

The bill was for communications between Berlin and the western zones, dating back to 1945.

U. S. officials said the bill must have been inspired by the Russians. All eastern German agencies must clear communications with allied nations through the Soviet military government.

7 Salem High Speakers Win Tourney Spots

Seven Salem high school speakers won spots in the Oregon high school league speech tournament in district competition here Tuesday.

Salem took six firsts and three seconds in the eight-event individual competition. Debate finals for the district will be held later.

Dallas and Albany are also included in the mid-Willamette district.

Winners from Salem were Phil Ringle, first, and Jim Cooke, second in impromptu; Una Mae Grayless, first in oratory; Walter Friesen, first in radio speaking; Jim Cooke, second in extemporaneous; Catherine Person, first in poetry reading; Tom Schiedel, first in after dinner speaking; Frank Vitaris, first in discussion and Walter Friesen, second in humorous reading.

Discrimination Against Seasonal Workers Hit

Strong opposition to any legislation which discriminates against seasonal workers in unemployment benefits was endorsed by the executive board of the Western Cannery Council, AFL Teamsters, at a three-day meeting here.

Representatives of 11 western states were present for the meeting. D. S. Benjamin, Salem, secretary of the Oregon State Cannery Council gave a report on laws affecting seasonal workers.

2 Men Hurt in Car Wreck

Two men were injured early Wednesday morning when the car in which they were riding rammed a parked car in the 800 block of State street.

Suffering head lacerations and shock were Richard Wright, Monmouth driver of the car, and Richard Wilson, 1555 Center st. They were treated by Salem first aidmen.

City police said Wright's car was driving east on State street and attempted to pass a car in the right lane when it struck the parked car owned by Charles Massey, student at Willamette university.

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Board Okehs Purchase of 2 School Buses

Purchase of two additional school buses at \$5,000 each was authorized Tuesday night by the Salem school district's board of directors.

The 53-passenger current model buses, with Wayne body on Ford chassis, will be bought from Valley Motor Co. which offered a discount of \$1,274.

School officials estimated four new buses will be needed to augment the transportation system operated by the school district next year. Two or three of the remaining 10-year-old smaller buses from the former private transportation system which the school district took over will be retired to a standby emergency use basis.

In other action at the school board meeting in the public school administration building last night, the new Evangelical Lutheran church congregation which formed last week was permitted to rent Englewood school auditorium for Sunday services at \$15 weekly.

The board voted to contribute \$25 to a Durbin avenue road improvement, along with other abutting property owners in the Rickey school area, provided the contribution can be made legally.

On Superintendent Frank B. Bennett's recommendation, the board authorized employment next year as teachers of five women soon to graduate from Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, Leola Daniels of Monmouth, Lucille Kestek of West Linn, Charlene Kierch of Oregon City, Rose Marie Floyd of Klamath Agency and Gretchen Handtmann of Bismarck, S. D.

5-Cent Beer Draws Throng To Gotham Bar

NEW YORK, March 22—(AP)—A neighborhood tavern keeper overnight local hero since bringing back the five-cent glass of beer — said tonight he has also brought himself trouble. He can't get enough beer.

One regular supplier cut him off completely.

"I'm going through with this if it breaks me," said Sam Atkins, harassed and defiant amid sounds of cheers and jostling in Sam's Bar & Grill on St. Mark's Place.

Sam said a small independent distributor had delivered him some slightly more costly beer to meet his pyramiding customers' demand after one regular supplier told him he'd get "no more beer" as long as he undersold other bars.

Another of his usual breweries, Sam said, told him he'd have to wait for his regular delivery and couldn't get the extra quantities he was counting on to make the plan work.

The one man price — slasher said, "I usually sell six or seven halves (half — kegs) a week — it looks like I'll have sold that much today alone by closing time."

Sam posted his new prices yesterday simply because "spring is here" and "I figured it was time somebody started a five-cent beer."

But "I never expected it to make such a stir. I just thought it would be something you know, for the neighborhood, like."

15 Years Added To Perkins' Term

A 15-year sentence was added in Clackamas circuit court Monday for William John Perkins, Jr., 24, Silverton, after he was found guilty of one of two morals charges.

Perkins had already been sentenced to two 20-year terms growing out of similar charges in Linn county. A second indictment in Clackamas county still hangs over Perkins. He will not be eligible for parole for 40 years.

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Workers Stage Anti-Catholic Riots in Poland

WARSAW, March 22—(AP)—The uneasy peace between church and state in Poland edged closer to a showdown today. Communist-directed industrial workers staged anti-Catholic demonstrations.

Rallies attended by tens of thousands of members of the communist youth, called United workers party throughout Poland, denounced Catholic clergymen who talk against the government. The demonstrators approved resolutions warning the Catholic clergy to keep out of politics and assailed what they termed "the Vatican's anti-Polish attitude."

There was only cold silence from the church, which in Poland has been following a "wait and see" policy.

Smokers' Supplies Dominate Loot in Tavern Burglary

A thief with a strong yen for tobacco was being sought by city police Tuesday after the early morning burglary of Wink's tavern on the West Salem side of the river.

Several hundred dollars worth of pipes, cigars, cigarettes, candy and flashlights were taken by an intruder who smashed a window on the east side of the building to gain entry. E. J. Winkewerder, 1150 Spruce st., owner of the tavern, reported the theft when the store was opened Tuesday morning.

Police said the burglar threw two rocks through the window and after getting inside made a futile attempt to crack the safe. About \$200 worth of assorted pipes were taken along with a box of cigars, several cartons of cigarettes, six flashlights, several boxes of candy bars and a number of pens and pencils.

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Bibby, whose number was last on the lucky list of 86, expressed satisfaction Tuesday, nevertheless, with the 127 acres of undeveloped land he acquired. He will leave rented land in the Labish area where he has been growing filberts and onions to take over his new holdings within a week or so.

Bibby will establish temporary living quarters and farm buildings out of two 20 by 100 former Japanese relocation barracks of Camp Newell. Each man drawing land is also entitled to two such barracks. Later Bibby, 29, who has lived in this area most of his life, will be joined by his wife and two-year-old son.

The other Salem farmland winner, Parsons, picked out 160 acres (also in the Malin and Copcock bay area) including 86 acres of land which was used to grow barley by former homesteaders. He plans to use barracks to establish a temporary home there soon after April 1, when he will leave his present employment as soils expert for the bureau of reclamation.

Parsons' wife and two daughters, Charlotte 8, and Kay, 6, will join him after the girls finish their year at Salem Heights school. The Parsons had moved here from Medford last October.

Britons Denied Entry to U.S. For Conclave

LONDON, March 22—(AP)—The United States has refused to let four distinguished Britons attend an intellectuals' "world peace" rally in New York, the American embassy said today.

Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard scientist and leader of the conference, complained in New York that U. S. officials have either denied or evoked visas for a dozen European and South American delegates. He said the others were three Frenchmen, four Italians and a Brazilian. Shapley said he was protesting the action to Secretary of State Acheson.

The state department declared emphatically in Washington it would not relent in the decision to bar what were termed some "unofficial" delegates, while admitting others officially sponsored by eastern European communist governments.

The conference is the "cultural and scientific congress for world peace," opening Friday.

Seven Russian intellectuals are among 21 delegates from iron curtain countries who have been granted visas.

The four Britons coming under the ban are Miss Patricia Burke, 32-year-old stage and screen actress; Prof. J. D. Bernal, scientist; J. G. Crowther, historian, and Louis Golding, novelist and essayist.

Other budget requests

Other major county office budget requests for the coming year as compared with the current levy include district attorney, \$7,324 against \$7,160; district court, \$14,275 against \$13,541; surveyor, \$8,625 against \$7,040; school superintendent office, \$16,599 against \$19,089.

The treasurer's request is actually \$101 below the current levy of \$7,377 and the recorder's request is only \$4 above his current budget of \$23,671. The county court and commissioners request only \$15,595 which is substantially below their current levy of \$15,878 and the circuit court request remains constant at \$20,265.

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The council also moved to discontinue the student body judicial committee since the defeat of a proposed honor system last fall left the committee with no active function.

Willamette YM Organization Reactivated

Twenty-five selected students attended a reactivation meeting of the Willamette YMCA Tuesday night to lay plans for immediate enlargement of activity.

Delvin Miles, chairman of the group, named a four-man committee headed by Al Minn of Honolulu to carry forward the planning activities. The other members are Robert Bailey of Brooks, and Jerry Crandall and Frank Washburn, both of Portland.

The meeting was presided over by Gus Moore, general secretary of the Salem YMCA, and talks were given by Paul Keyser of Portland, northwest area associate YMCA secretary; Fred Cords, Salem YMCA physical director, and Carl Greider, adult program and membership secretary.

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By George Bria

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They invited western Berliners to visit the Soviet part of town to spend their east marks, newly outlawed in the United States, British and French sectors. Some western Berliners did.

Communist editors played up the offer with such headlines as "No Soviet counter measures at the expense of the population" and "Berlin population gets help." This is the population the Russians have been blockading for nearly a year.