

'Vatican-U.S. Plot' to Foment Czech Strife Declared Foiled

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The communist press claimed today a joint Vatican-American plot to provoke civil war in Czechoslovakia over the church-state controversy had been foiled. The charge was made by the communist party organ, Rude Pravo, which claimed an "Organization X," allegedly under an American high command, was working to "organize espionage, sabotage and diversion in countries that have abandoned the capitalist system."

Anderson Gets New Mixture On Farm Price

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Senator Anderson (D-NM) stirred up yet another farm price tonic mixture today. It calls for flexible government supports for some crops, rigid control programs for others, and authority to try out the Brannan subsidy plan on some perishables.

There was no indication that Anderson, who used to be secretary of agriculture, had come up with a formula to everybody's taste.

Senator Aiken of Vermont, the top-ranking republican on the senate agriculture committee, said "This needs pretty careful screening." Senators Young (R-ND), Hoyer (D-MD) and Elmer Thomas (D-Ola) were reported favoring the plan already adopted by the house, extending the present price support system another year and putting off action on a long-range program.

Anderson heads a seven-man subcommittee which is casting about for an acceptable bill. The other senators mentioned also are members. Thomas is chairman of the agriculture committee itself. Unless the senate and house get together on a farm bill, the delayed action Aiken law passed by the republican 80th congress will take effect next January 1. It would permit, although not compel, the secretary of agriculture to maintain supports for major crops on a flexible scale ranging from 80 to 90 per cent of parity.

Clear Skies Assured for Legion's Fun

If it's cloudy this morning, don't worry, glouglous! The Salem weather man has predicted it will clear up this afternoon in plenty of time for your 40 and 8 parade at 5 p.m.

For all Legionnaires the long-range weather prospect was pleasing, as reported early Wednesday morning. No rain is forecast for at least five days. And temperatures are expected to be normal or only a little above during the same period. For Salem that means the days' highest temperatures should stay well within the 80s. Despite a heavy registration from early arrivals Salem's banneted streets were not yet crowded Tuesday night. Matrons of the 8 and 40 club, clothed in white formals, and 40 and 8 members in their perky, twin-peaked blue caps, were much in evidence, but the heavy traffic was yet to come.

SHIP REPAIR PUSHED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The White House notified Senator Magnuson (D-Wash) today that the military establishment has been directed to include in its budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1950, such sums for merchant ship repair as are necessary for national defense.

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Dalles Bridge Project Okehed By Road Board

(Story also on page 1.)

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The Oregon highway commission today authorized Wasco county to go ahead with construction of a proposed toll bridge across the Columbia river at The Dalles.

The project is expected to cost \$2,500,000, of which \$300,000 Wasco county expects to pay to operators of a ferry in order to eliminate the competition.

The bridge is expected to provide a faster trucking route from the inland empire area east of the Cascades into the southern and western Oregon points. It will also link the Oregon-Washington sections of the three flag route—U.S. highway 97—running north and south, east of the Cascades.

The commission withheld action on a \$186,000 construction job on the Santiam highway through Sweet Home until the city provides right-of-way as agreed earlier.

The engineers were instructed to survey the Toledo-Newport section of the Corvallis-Newport highway for rebuilding of the route. The project was asked by the U.S. Highway 20 association.

A proposal by Oregon Sportsmen pilots that a coastal sand spit south of Netarts be set aside as an aircraft landing strip was rejected.

Erwin E. Batterman, Salem, was awarded an \$11,779 contract for construction of a concrete block maintenance building in Dallas.

A low bid of \$865,911.50 by C. J. Mott and Sons, Portland, for rebuilding the east approaches of the Broadway bridge over the Willamette in Portland was referred to the engineers with power to award.

2 Race Tracks Permitted by 'Farce' Control

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods today said two race tracks got a construction permit from his agency not because of influence but because of postwar building controls were "farce."

Woods spent 90 minutes closeted with the senate's "five per cent" probers. He told newsmen their questions included the dealings of his office with James V. Hunt, Washington "management counselor," in these two matters:

1. The race track jobs. Woods has said he understands a client paid Hunt \$15,000 for his services in 1947 in getting a construction clearance for one of the tracks, Foxborough, near Boston. The other was Tanforan, near San Francisco.

2. Hunt's request that he (Woods) try to get steel scrap shipped from Europe to this country.

Woods said he told the investigators what he had already reported—that he did tackle the commerce department, but didn't accomplish much. He went, he said, because scrap was sorely needed for the manufacture of soil pipe used in home construction.

Rep. Hebert (D-La) announced late today that he will call Stanley J. Cummings, executive secretary of the National Association of Unifarm Manufacturers, Inc., before a house armed services subcommittee tomorrow to ask him about a meeting with Hunt.

Hebert is chairman of a subcommittee which is investigating policies of the armed forces on supplying officers with uniforms. Cummings will be questioned in a closed session, Hebert said. He will be asked about a report that Hunt once offered to try to get Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman, suspended head of the army quartermaster corps, to reverse an order affecting the purchase of officers' uniforms. Hunt asked a \$25,000 fee, Hebert said, but the uniform manufacturers refused to pay it.

The order in question would change EHT traditional system under which army officers buy their own uniforms directly from retailers or tailors. Its intent is to have the quartermaster general procure officers' uniforms and then resell them to officers at cost, operation of the order has been held up temporarily pending a study by the house subcommittee.

Woods said the questioning was friendly, adding: "I told them influence wasn't needed under the building rules. Once you had the regulations, anybody could find the loopholes. I thought generally that the whole construction regulation was a farce: it had so many loopholes—so many legal loopholes."

The regulations were drawn up before he became expediter in October, 1947, Woods went on. He said he told the investigators he thought that if there was to be any regulation, it should have been an effective one.

Oak Ridge Rushing Isotopes To Medical, Industrial Uses

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Aug. 2.—(AP)—The Atomic Energy commission today reported a rushing business on its third anniversary of setting up shop in the radioactive isotope line.

Since August 2, 1946, a total of 7,613 shipments of the isotopes have gone to various institutions in this country and abroad.

Radioactive isotopes are ray-emitting forms of many common materials, such as carbon, iodine and phosphorus. They are important as "tracers" in research—that is, the rays they emit enable scientists to study processes that would otherwise be difficult to follow.

Some radioactive isotopes are also used in the direct treatment of certain diseases, such as some types of cancer.

Of the 7,613 shipments in the last three years, 7,025 were made to researchers in this country. Twenty-one foreign countries have received them so far.

Here are some of the latest uses of radioactive isotopes outlined by the commission:

1. In medicine: Scientists are using radioactive iodine as the tracer material in a dye called "Diiodofluorescein." This is used to locate brain tumors before a surgeon operates. The dye is taken up more selectively by brain tumor tissue than by normal brain tissue—and thus, tell-tail "signals" of radioactivity enable the operator to locate the tumor.

2. In industry: Piston rings are being made radioactive as a means of measuring engine wear. A radioactive material is incorporated into the piston rings. When the engine runs, the radioactive particles worn off the rings drop into the lubricating oil. Technicians then measure the amount of radioactivity in the oil and get a measurement of the wear on the rings.

3. In agriculture: The U. S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the AEC, is conducting research in 14 states this summer to determine to what extent plants use phosphorus contained in fertilizer.

Beth Sellwood Learns Honor Of Selection

Another laurel came Tuesday to Salem's Beth Sellwood, president of the Chin-Up club of Oregon.

By mail she received a silver tray engraved as follows: "Beth Sellwood, chosen Woman of the Day on the Eleanor and Anna Roosevelt radio program."

Although her name presumably was broadcast on the date of her selection, June 5, Miss Sellwood had not been informed of the fact, either officially or otherwise. She said that receipt of the gift Tuesday came as a complete surprise. The date also was inscribed on the tray.

She thought that her name came to the attention of the donors as a result of an article about her and the Chin-Up club which a national magazine published this spring.

She mentioned that her address had been stated incorrectly in the article, and that Tuesday's package was addressed in the same manner.

Fire Threatens Ochoco Forest

PRINEVILLE, Aug. 2.—(AP)—A lightning-set fire in a rugged canyon country of the Ochoco national forest was described as a serious threat to the timbered area.

Federal foresters recruited a crew of 50 men from lumber and logging operations near here. The fire was in the Squaw Creek area of the Snow Mountain district about 75 miles northeast of here.

It was one of five lightning-set fires. The other four were quickly controlled.

Commies Plunge Nearer Canton

CANTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Four Chinese communist columns plunged deeper into the rice growing region of south-central China today. One column reached a town only 235 miles from this refugee national capital.

The operations threatened to isolate the "rice bowl" Bastion of Changsha, 363 miles north of Canton. They also menaced a government counterdrive east of Changsha.

Westerner May Get Republican Chairman Post

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Republicans appeared headed toward an east-west clash over the chairmanship of their national committee. Early arrivals for a Thursday committee meeting talked insistently of selecting a western man rather than an easterner.

The one-day session was called to name a successor to Rep. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania. He says he is resigning to bring harmony to the faction-torn party.

Guy George Gabrielson, New Jersey committeeman and lawyer-industrialist, seemed to be the man to beat. The question was: With whom?

Westerners came up with these names: Sen. Harry Cain of Washington; A. T. (Bert) Howard, of Nebraska; Arthur E. Summerfield, Michigan; Axel J. Beck, South Dakota; and Harry Darby, Kansas. The last three are members of the committee and there is considerable sentiment for naming the new chairman from the membership.

State delegates are expected to caucus between now and Thursday to see if an agreement can be reached on a single candidate to oppose Gabrielson.

Friends of Gabrielson claimed he had more than 50 of the committee's 105 votes behind him. Gabrielson himself told a newsmen that "my friends tell me it looks pretty good for my election."

But Senator Martin (R-Pa), an original Scott supporter, said he thinks there is "strong sentiment among committee members to pick a western man."

Howard, Nebraska state chairman, came here for the meeting, but not to attend "unless invited," since he is not a member. He said he would accept the chairmanship.

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is the party wants him, with or without pay. Party chairman have not been paid for years. The Nebraska congressional delegation has endorsed Howard.

Friends of Senator Cain said he is being promoted by Washington state committee members, Harlan I. Peyton and Mrs. Neal Tourtelotte. Cain would not discuss the move. Friends said he would not resign his senate seat to take the job.

The South Dakota congressional group was reported interested in advancing Beck, their national committeeman.

Summerfield, chairman of the party's strategy committee, and Darby, have been talked of for weeks, but Darby is reported to have said he is unavailable.

Senator Martin said western members feel that since the east has the congressional campaign chairmanships in Senator Brewster of Maine and Rep. Leonard W. Hall of New York, the west should get the national chairmanship "for balance."

Northwest's Heat Eased by Showers; Country Cooler

By The Associated Press
The northwest's crushing heat wave eased a bit Tuesday, helped by scattered thundershowers, and the U.S. weather bureau in Seattle expected no extremes of heat Wednesday.

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