

Rumors Tell of Exorbitant Russ Demands on China Communists

By John M. Hightower
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Diplomatic authorities here reported today that they are receiving a steady stream of rumors and reports about exorbitant demands by Russia on Chinese communist rulers now in Moscow.

State department officials said that reports which have reached them are "interesting" and appear to be generally in line with Secretary Acheson's charge that the Russians are detaching important areas of northern China and adding them to the Soviet Union.

Rumor and fact are so intertwined, however, and whatever is happening in the secrecy of Kremlin walls is so remote from Washington that authorities here hesitate to say what is correct and what is misleading.

Some American experts, in fact, say that the Chinese communists themselves appear to have been feeding out reports of extreme Russian demands in the hope it will work to soften the impact of the concessions they will have to make in return for what they want out of the Soviet Union.

Rumor Centers Active
Shanghai and Hong Kong are proving productive rumor centers. Information is also relayed here through London, Paris and other European capitals.

Here are some of the demands which Premier Stalin or his surrogates are reported to have made on Chinese communist leaders:

1. The Russians should be given control of several key port cities in north China, including Chinwangtao. (The New York Times said in a Paris dispatch that the Russians have demanded full control of seven ports—Chinwangtao, Le Fuchen, Chefoo, Weihaiwei and Tsingtao in addition to Dairen and Port Arthur which the Russians already hold.)

2. That Chinese labor forces should be made available to Russia. Reports on the size of this force vary from 500,000 to 1,000,000.

3. That more grain should be sent to Russia from Manchuria. Under a special trade agreement with Manchuria, the Russians already enjoy special trade rights.

4. That the Russians be given the right to place their own people in leading Chinese industrial concerns following the pattern they have worked out with the satellite countries of eastern Europe where they share in the ownership.

As for the Chinese communist demands on the Russians, it is reported that they want substantial help in military and industrial equipment plus financial support.

Klan Made into 'Just One Big Happy Family'

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 29 (AP)—The Ku Klux Klan today became all one big happy family—almost.

Leaders of three Klan groups formed one united body. And the new Klan immediately declared war on "hate movements."

Spokesmen said the action taken here yesterday and today brought together as one Ku Klux Klan the Federated Klans of Alabama, the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Association of Carolina Klans.

The only one still outside is Samuel Roper's Klavern in Atlanta.

In a statement, the newly-united Klan called for militant action against the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, B'nai B'rith and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Such groups, the Klan declared, are "designed and intended to stir up racial and religious hate among the minority group."

Ona Munson Marries Artist

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 29 (AP)—Marriage of Ona Munson, screen, stage and radio actress, to Eugene Berman, artist, was disclosed today.

The couple were wed Friday night at the Beverly Hills home of composer and Mrs. Igor Stravinsky. News of the wedding surprised even their closest friends.

The end of next month Berman leaves for London to design the new Sadler Wells ballet, "Ballet Imperial." Miss Munson is scheduled to follow him, sailing on the Queen Mary March 25 from New York.

The Berman's plan to honeymoon in Italy and France until next fall.

Miss Munson formerly was married to Director Eddie Buzzell. This is Berman's first marriage.

AFL PLANNERS TO MEET

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 29 (AP)—Top officials of the American Federation of Labor open a conference here tomorrow to discuss union policy for 1950 on contract demands and political objectives.

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Arctic Cold Covers Major Sections of U.S.

By the Associated Press
Arctic cold—from the western Great Lakes to the Pacific—sent chilling air waves south and east Sunday.

In the path of the expanding frigid fronts, however, the east, south and southwest had seasonal to mild temperatures.

Glasgow, Mont., reported 40 degrees below zero, but the -24 at Spokane, Wash., was more unusual. It was 45 degrees colder than the normal late January minimum.

The latest cold wave, breaking farther west than usual, sent a sub-zero front well southward to the west of the Rockies. Skies were cloudless and the north winds were light in the deep cold region as over most of the western two-thirds of the nation.

Elko, Nev., had an unusual -16. Freezing temperatures were recorded as far south as central California. San Francisco had a chill 34—two degrees above freezing.

Sub-zero reached as far south as Cheyenne, Wyo., where a -1 was recorded, and into Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Southern California, enjoying a respite from the cold, heard a weather bureau forecast that smudge pots will be burning again by the middle of the week. Two January cold spells already have ruined 40 per cent of the orange crop and 25 per cent of the grapefruit crop in the Fontana region.

Freezing temperatures ranged as far south as Texas with Amarillo shivering in 12 degree weather, Tulsa reporting 24, and Pueblo 10.

Use of Certified Fir Seed Rates Spaur's Praise

The Douglas fir industry was praised yesterday by State Forester George Spaur, who concurred in the policy approved by the Pacific Northwest Forest Industries calling for the use of certified tree seed on all their artificial reforestation projects.

With both the private tree farmers and the state board of forestry using the finest of certified fir seed obtainable," said Spaur, "Oregon's new forests will be the best timber stands possible."

The forester explained that "genetic forestry"—recording and using of the best seed from known locations, elevations, parent trees, and frost and rainfall variations—was economically impossible until recent years. In the past, when mature timber could be purchased cheaper than it could be grown, Spaur stated, large artificial reforestation programs with the more expensive seed could not be supported.

At the Oregon Forest nursery, which produces over a million seedlings annually for farm windbreak and woodlot use, an additional 2½ million Douglas fir seedlings will be supplied this fall for state forest land rehabilitation and conservation plantings. All seedlings, with the exception of a few species of hardwoods, have been grown from certified seed.

The forester said the seedlings, which are to be hand planted on state forest lands in Tillamook and Clatsop counties, will be an essential step in the forest management plans for those areas. In addition, the more favorable sites will be seeded by helicopter this year. This aerial seeding project will require three to four tons of certified Douglas fir seed.

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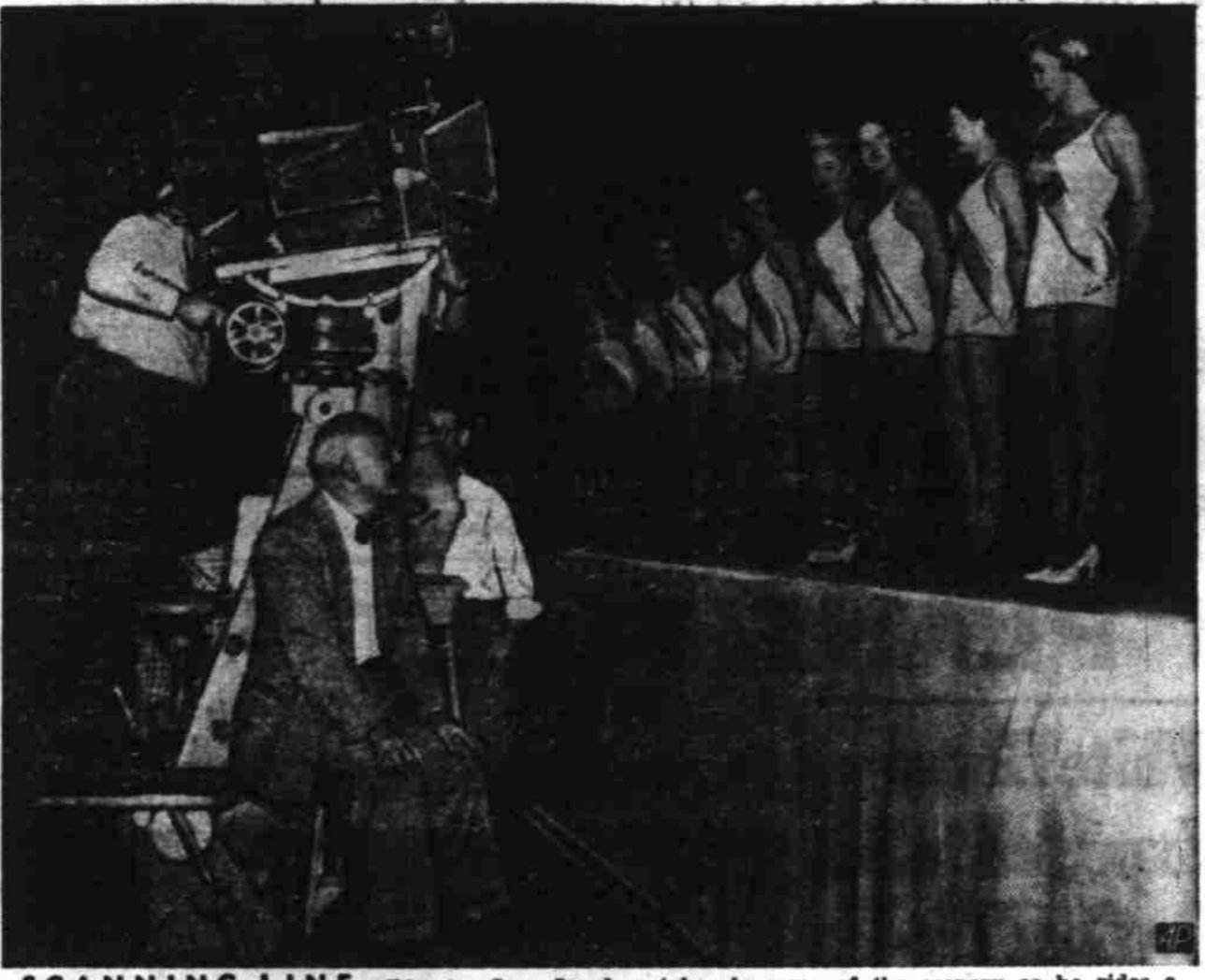
Surviving are a daughter, Virginia Harris, and a son, Ned Harris, both of Longview; and two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Jessie L. Arnold and Mrs. Cornele Stutzford, both of Salem. Services will be at the Presbyterian church at Kelo. The date will be announced later.

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SCANNING LINE—Director Lew Landers takes in some of the scenery as he rides a camera dolly during filming of picture in Hollywood. A line of girls is being photographed as camera and director are pushed down a track.

Plan to Change Color of Money Aims at Income Tax Evaders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Rep. Sutton (D-Tenn.) wants to change the color of the nation's money.

He doesn't care what color it is, purple, brown or yellow. He just wants it changed — with the provision that the green stuff we have now would be worthless if it weren't exchanged within 30 days or so after the new money came available.

Sutton's idea is this: A lot of sly jokers, such as big time gamblers, are operating on a strictly cash basis. No records are kept, the profits are stacked away in safety deposit boxes and the treasury department has no way to check on possible income tax violations.

Under the Sutton plan, a record would be kept of all those who showed up with a gunny sack full of greenbacks of exchange. "This will be a blow at the nation's tax evaders," Sutton told a reporter. "They'll have to dig it up and get it exchanged so they won't lose everything. Then, the tax collectors, working with the banks, can go after them."

\$20,000 Insurance Policy Story Turns Out to Be Just \$100

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 29 (CP)—Reports of how a former resident here received a \$20,000 paid up life insurance policy, long overdue and delivered after police search, appeared tonight to be the figment of someone's imagination as far as the size of the policy was concerned.

Nearly everything else jelled. The \$20,000 policy—now worth \$40,000, reports said yesterday—was to have gone to Martin Oscar Olson, formerly an iron works owner here but now retired at Tarzana, Calif.

But the man who traced him down, Det. George Pincher of Vancouver's Missing Persons bureau, said tonight while he'd tracked Olson down for the Mutual Life Insurance Co., New York, no mention of the amount of the policy due was made.

He got the company's letter December 6, he said; replied December 23 with the information he had heard of Olson moving to Tarzana, and that was all he had to do with it. As far as he was concerned, it was routine.

At Tarzana, the 85-year-old Olson agreed with some details of the initial report here. He said he'd taken out a policy at Topeka, Kas., around 1896 all right. But it was for \$100 and not \$20,000. He'd moved to Vancouver in 1901.

He said that he was offered \$170 a while back for his \$100 policy but that he'd refused.

His two daughters, a Mrs. Gordon McKenzie of Vancouver, and Mrs. Sophia Herman, Tarzana, recall the \$100 policy too. Olson says he has yet to be contacted by the insurance company.

Georgia Islands Draw Newlyweds

ATLANTA (INS)—From pirates' lair to honeymoon haven—that's the story of Georgia's Golden Isles.

For years Georgia couples have been spending their honeymoons on Tybee, Sapelo, Sea Island, St. Simon and Jekyll islands. But recently the eyes of the nation were fixed on the Golden Isles when Actress Sarah Churchill and Anthony Beauchamp were married there.

Again, the Isles were in the national spotlight when it was discovered that the Shangri-La sought by Vice-President Alben Barkley and his bride was the romantic Cloister at Sea Island.

Honeymooners are traditional with the islands. Vice-President and Mrs. Barkley were the Cloister's 5,738th honeymoon couple since June, 1940.

A custom with Sea Island honeymooners is the breakfast of grits and champagne served every Wednesday.

But long before the honeymooners, there were the owners of vast plantations, before that the pirates—and long, long ago the islands were a summer resort for Indians.

Indians Starve Despite Future Oil Royalties

BROWNING, Mont., Jan. 29 (AP)—Blackfeet Indian tribesmen, with \$150,000 in oil royalties due from the federal government, were starving and snowbound today.

While residents of this agency town—Browning—were asking federal help for the Indians. They were marooned by deep snow drifts, piled up by icy winds sweeping eastward from the snow-mantled Glacier park mountain peaks.

The Montana highway department and Glacier park sent snowplows out in an effort to plow trails to the isolated houses.

Women here collected clothing and medical supplies against the time the roads are reopened.

J. L. Sherburne, Browning merchant, said he was "appalled" by the starvation and suffering he had seen on a trip to the reservation. The area has been swept by blizzards and sub-zero weather almost all month.

Douglas Grid, Browning superintendent, opened schools to feed destitute Indian children one meal a day. About 200 showed up yesterday, many reporting the free meal the only food they had all day.

Jim Eagle Head, who got through to town on a horse, said some families were surviving on skunks and porcupines.

Reservation Superintendent Rex Kildow said the agency faces a food shortage. He predicted it may be necessary to close the agency hospital April 1.

Navy Sets Off Blasts Beside Grounded 'Mo'

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 29 (AP)—The navy set off blasts beside the grounded battleship Missouri today trying to help free her from the Chesapeake bay shoal that holds her fast.

Shortly after the explosives—150 pounds of TNT—sent small geysers into the air 50 feet from the ship, Atlantic fleet spokesmen reported the blasts had accomplished three things.

(1) Loosened the sand beneath the 45,000 ton warship.
(2) Weakened the powerful suction that holds the mighty Mo to the bottom.
(3) Added about 75 tons to her buoyancy.

At the same time spokesmen announced a dress rehearsal for Thursday's scheduled attempt to refloat the Missouri will be held Tuesday at 7 a.m. (EST). They said there is "a chance" the battleship will be refloated during the rehearsal.

Rehearsal Made
Describing Tuesday's preliminary operation of a "co-ordination rehearsal" to assure perfect timing for Thursday's scheduled refloating attempt, spokesmen said it will employ "full strength" application of every method arranged for Thursday's try.

These will include full tension on heavy beach gear cables strung from the Missouri to anchors embedded in the bay bottom; "surgical" tactics by a fleet of tugs, and the lifting power of six submarine salvage pontoons rigged beneath the ship's stern. Each pontoon has a lifting power of 80 tons.

Unloading Ammunition
Everything for Tuesday's rehearsal will be in readiness by tomorrow night, spokesmen reported. The last one-third of the Missouri's 2205 tons of ammunition will be unloaded today.

One spokesman said chances for success in Thursday's salvage efforts are "quite excellent and are looking better every day."

A factor contributing to the optimism of naval salvage experts is the fact that actual tides have been running above predicted levels at high water periods for several days. Should actual tides continue to exceed predicted tides until Thursday the experts said the Missouri may come afloat without the aid of tugs.

The tug was used to push across a six-car barge. The barge, attached at the time, did not sink. A tug operated by the dam contractor will be used to transport workers to and from work, Colonel Whipple said.

The Umatilla will be refloated later, Whipple added.

Bidault Asks 5 More Votes Of Confidence

PARIS, Jan. 29 (AP)—Premier Georges Bidault risked the life of his three-month-old cabinet today by demanding that parliament give him five new votes of confidence.

If he loses his renewed battle for his 1950 budget in voting Tuesday, his coalition government will be out. If a second government should fail, France will have to have a general election.

Bidault had demanded three confidence votes in rapid fashion earlier in the day. In the session that continued tonight, he demanded two more votes.

One was on the budget as a whole. Another was against a proposal to economize and save 7,000,000,000 francs (\$20,000,000) in the expenses of civilian ministries and on railroad reconstruction.

Bidault won approval of his precariously balanced 2,257 billion franc (\$6,300,000,000) budget from the national assembly on Jan. 2 after a grueling series of debates, compromises and six votes of confidence in which he had majorities ranging from four to 21.

But the measure went to the upper houses, the council of the republic, which made changes, including a rejection of the increase in the production tax. This tax, raised from 12.5 per cent to 13.5 per cent, was designed to balance the budget by yielding 45 billion francs (\$130,000,000) in additional revenue.

As a result the budget has to go back to the assembly for a new vote. The point is one on which Bidault previously demanded and received a vote of confidence.

NET DUO TO BREAK
SYDNEY, Jan. 29 (AP)—The veteran Australian team of John Bromwich and Adrian Quist, eight times Australian tennis doubles champions, will play no more as a pair. Tennis circles say Quist, 39, soon may retire. They add that Bromwich, 31, probably will take Australian Billy Sidwell for a doubles partner.

Absolute zero on the centigrade scale is minus 273.16 degrees.

Felons Draw Lots To See Who Weds Girl They Seduced

TRIPOLIS (INS)—Under Greek law, if a girl seduced by a man agrees to become his wife, the state will not prosecute the culprit.

But the law does not say what to do when three men seduce the same girl.

Arrested by the police recently for seducing a 15-year-old village girl, three fellow-villagers provided a novel solution to a novel case: they drew lots as to who would marry the victim.

Twenty-one-year-old, Panayotis Lambropoulos, turned out to be the "lucky" one and the girl in the case—Evangelhia—agreed to marry him.

To make sure that he would not back out of the deal, the police had the wedding ceremony performed in jail, with the other two culprits serving as best men.

The chief wedding gift was the sum of 5,000,000 drachmas contributed by the "best men."

Governor of Alaska Says Defense Weak

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Alaska could be captured tomorrow by one or two Russian parachute divisions coming across Bering Strait in the opinion of Gov. Ernest Gruening of Alaska.

From those Alaskan bases, once captured, any part of the United States would be vulnerable to air attack, Gruening told a house appropriation subcommittee hearing.

This committee's report, released tonight, shows he told the members that the total U.S. military force in that strategically important northern outpost is 7,500 men.

"This, Gruening described as 'next to nothing.' He recalled that during the last war the Japs got and kept a foothold for a year in the Aleutian Islands. He maintained that once the Russians occupied Alaska, it would be very difficult to get them out.

He said it was hard for people in Alaska to understand why congress would appropriate a total of \$7,000,000,000 in economic and military aid to halt communism in Europe yet give but \$96,000,000 for Alaska.

He said Alaska has asked, as an "absolute minimum," \$137,000,000 which would not make that territory impregnable, but merely would start a construction of a radar screen and house a limited number of troops.

Name Needed for Female Sharks

SALT LAKE CITY (INS)—Papa trout is known as a buck, and the mamma trout is a "female," while their little fellow is called a "fry."

But in the shark family, while Papa is called a bull, mamma has no designation at all, although the little shark is a "cub."

And in the animal world, there is a disagreement on what to call a little antelope. L. H. Olander, a director of the Salt Lake County Fish and Game association lists antelope as buck, doe and kid, but the Western Game and Fish Commissioners have ruled that a young antelope should be referred to as a fawn.

Olander finds that the male, female and young are just bull, cow and calf for elk, moose, caribou, seal, elephant, giraffe, whale and walrus.

For the rabbit caribou, mule and whitetail deer it's buck, doe and fawn, but the Reed Deer it's stag, hind and fawn—except that a male red deer over five years old is referred to as a "hart."

The heaver, mink and muskrat have no special designations to divide male and female, but the little guys are called "kits."

Olander is still working on his compilation and would appreciate any fill-ins of the blanks in designations.

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