

Protestant Churchmen Urge Religious Forces Mobilize to Consider A-Bomb Implication

By Charles Mercer
DETROIT, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Protestant churchmen from across the nation today asked for "the widest possible coordination of religious forces in the country" to consider implications of the hydrogen and atomic bombs.

Russ Blockade Metal Shipment Temporarily

By Daniel De Luce
BERLIN, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Russian authorities seized 22 trucks at their highway checkpoint outside of Berlin tonight in an effort to block all metal shipments on the road to western Germany, United States Transport Chief C. A. Dix reported.

Beginning this morning, the Russians held up truckloads of metal and metal products, whether they were leaving Berlin for western Germany or carrying cargoes for east Berlin, Dix said.

Later west Berlin police reported there had been no more seizures. They said all trucks leaving Berlin with metal products for western Germany are given the same advice on their arrival at Helmeidet, checkpoint on the Russian-British zonal border at the western end of the superhighway to Berlin.

Allies Protest Again
The truck seizures, Russia's latest move to hamper east-west traffic, came within 24 hours of the fourth western allied protest of Soviet interference with movements along the Berlin highway.

This latest Soviet move came within 24 hours after the fourth western allied protest against Russian interference with Berlin highway traffic this year.

The American, British and French commanders, in a letter yesterday, told Soviet Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov that the Russians are making "a calculated attempt to restrict the normal movement of persons and goods."

In his only reply to the allies, on February 4, Gen. Kotikov asserted there were large-scale smuggling activities in highway traffic and Soviet border guards therefore had to make a detailed inspection of all vehicles.

Drivers arriving here said even Soviet zone trucks carrying metal supplies for the Russian sector had been seized by the Russians. This indicated the seizures were part of an anti-smuggling drive by the Soviet and east German authorities.

West German police expect a decision tomorrow on whether the allied truck cargoes will be confiscated. They said the impounded trucks would probably be taken to the Soviet zone of Berlin for inspection.

Otherwise traffic was reported normal along the highway from Berlin to Helmeidet, where the British zone begins.

Pike Refuses Predictions on Atomic Future

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Sumner T. Pike, acting chairman of the atomic energy commission, today compared the dawning atomic era with conditions immediately after James Watt invented the steam engine.

"We can't say what will happen," he explained. "We can say only that something will happen." And predictions as to what course history will take would be Buck Rogers speculation, he told the Enoch Pratt Library's Sunday Afternoon Atomic institute.

There's also a big economic problem involved, Pike added. That is how to avoid complete government monopoly of atomic energy.

"We honestly don't know," he said, "how we're going to get it out of the monopoly stage."

"I don't suppose there's ever been any legislation that has been the cause of so much bureaucratic headscratching as the question of how to handle fissionable materials in dangerous quantities."

Wallace Urges U.S., Russ Start Public Negotiations

SOUTH SALEM, N.Y., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace today urged that the United States and Russia begin public diplomatic negotiations and continue them until both sides agree to renounce atomic energy as a destructive weapon.

He also attacked democratic party leaders for what he called their inhuman decision to build the hydrogen bomb and republicans for concurring in that decision.

The former vice president proposed that the North Atlantic pact nations issue a public declaration that they will not be the first to use atomic weapons.

Texas, Maine Share Equal Temperatures

By The Associated Press
It was as cold in Amarillo, Tex., early Sunday as it was in Eastport, Me. Both cities reported minimum temperature a freezing 26 degrees.

People in many localities of the southern plains saw their breath as frosty steam, with the mercury in their thermometers pushed 10 to 20 degrees down the scale by spreading cold from the north.

Chilly weather made the blankets seem thin to refugees from the high water of the Red and Black rivers and other streams in east central Louisiana. An estimated 9,300 persons were affected in the three hardest-hit parishes, Concordia, Cathoula and Avoyelles.

Living in Tents
A great number of these were living in more than 1,000 tents on high ground in the flood area. Nighttime temperatures dipped close to the freezing mark here.

Rivers were still on the rise in the Louisiana, with more than 2,000,000 acres of farmland flooded, and evacuation work was being carried on in boats. Houses on the fringes of Jonesville, Faraday and Marksview were surrounded or inundated.

Ohio River Drops
But the flood situation at Cairo, Ill., eased with the continued drop in the Ohio river. The weather bureau said the situation "looks better than at any time in the past 10 days."

At Sebewaing, Mich., a ski-equipped airplane rescued five fishermen who were marooned on a large ice floe in Saginaw bay. The men had flown out to the floe Saturday but a snowstorm prevented their return and they remained overnight. They suffered no ill effects.

Vegetable farmers in the Lake Okechobee area of Florida and northward breathed easier as temperatures moderated after a frosty Saturday morning. Tallahassee reported a light frost early Sunday, but the air was several degrees warmer in most of the north Florida area.

In the parts of the country where frozen ears are a normal winter hazard, the sub zero temperatures were general, but no extreme, from upper Michigan to Montana. Big Piney, Wyo., reported a low of -13. Jamestown and Pembina, N. D., had -10. It was -5 in Fargo, N. D., International Falls, Minn., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Some representative minimum temperatures from other areas included: 30 at New York, Washington 37, Atlanta 43, Miami 58, Detroit 30, Chicago 12, Cleveland and Cincinnati 25, Memphis 32, Louisville 28, Oklahoma City 27, Little Rock 32, Omaha 4, Ft. Worth 34, Galveston 58, Denver 27, Cheyenne 22, Salt Lake City 30, Los Angeles 45, and Seattle 36.

Crosby Twins Join Dad on Radio Show

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Bing Crosby's twin sons are going on the air with their dad.

It will be the first time the twins, 14-year-old Phillip and Dennis, have aided the groaner as a guest team.

The Crosbys recorded the program here for broadcast March 15 over CBS. Bing's weekly show already has featured his eldest son, Garry, as a guest.

British Vote Campaign Kept To Slow Pace

By Alvin J. Steinkopf
LONDON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Britain's election campaign moved into its last four days today without any sign of developing into a good old-fashioned political fight such as Americans stir up.

The British themselves say it has been a quiet campaign — "thoughtful," they call it.

Only in a few places has the typical reserve cracked around the edges.

Labor Health Minister Aneurin Bevan has been called "Minister of Disease" and a "Human Drain-pipe." Conservative champion Winston Churchill has been called a "Cutterknife" and a "Cock That Crows and Thinks That It Produced the Dawn."

Comely Dr. Edith Summerskill, food ministry parliamentary secretary, has been the target of wolf calls.

Papers Get Chummy
Here and there a folksy note has been added. Recently two papers dropped "Mr. Churchill" in their headlines and called him just plain "Winston." Another got chummy with "Mr. Attlee" and called him "Clem."

One rural candidate was pictured, astride a plow horse calling on his farm constituents. Another was photographed while soliciting support from a housewives' queue.

Not Hamming It Up
But the candidates looked stiff and uncomfortable. Obviously they were not hamming it up like some office seekers in the U.S.A.

No one has been caught playing a guitar or leading a hillbilly band. But Churchill did sing a little ditty, a parody of "Home, Sweet Home," with "accommodation unit" substituted for home. "Accommodation unit" is the latest bureaucratic jargon for dwelling.

Philip Noel-Baker, secretary for commonwealth relations, continued with the "thoughtful" line today in a speech at Coventry.

He said a labor government could deal better with Russia for effective control of atomic weapons than the conservatives under Churchill.

His raising of the question of relations with Russia indicated that the closing days before the voting next Thursday may turn to the subject of a new approach to Moscow.

He even began to suggest that he might not be willing now to put up the cash. He had refused after his arrest yesterday to accept surety offered by a professional bondsman or call on any Maryland property owner to go bail, and officers would not accept anything else.

The amount involved is \$200, which Crawford had offered in currency.

"He's in jail and he'll be there until we hold a hearing at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning unless he changes his mind." Justice of the Peace Irving Traband told a reporter.

No Personal Bond
"It's never been the practice here to accept personal bond in an assault case."

The 61-year-old congressman was arrested at his country home in Prince Georges county, a few miles from Washington, yesterday. The warrant was sworn out by Ray Hanberry, a tenant on the Crawford farm.

Hanberry, 24, who does some professional boxing, said Crawford slapped him in an argument and he went to law because the congressman wasn't big enough or young enough for more direct measures.

and free Mr. Crawford on cash bail right or wrong.

"If cash bond was illegal Saturday night when he presented the required amount of bond in cash then it is surely as illegal to accept it 24 hours later."

"Citizens of other states, like Mr. Crawford, now know that when they are taken in by the law in Maryland they are either the prey of professional bondsmen or go to jail unless some property owner frees them."

Solon Suggests Underground U.S. Capital

(Story also on page one.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A member of the senate-house atomic committee proposed today that immediate steps be taken to designate an alternate seat of government, perhaps underground, as a national defense measure.

A single atomic bomb strategically exploded by an enemy power in Washington, D. C., Rep. Hollifield (D-Calif) said, would "paralyze" the "nerve center of our nation."

Hollifield has drawn up a joint resolution to create a seven-member commission to study the problem and report to the president and congress by January 31, 1951.

He said in a statement prepared for house delivery that his decision to need for an alternate capital is the result "of an accumulation of knowledge" acquired during his four years on the atomic committee.

Centralized Location
The California lawmaker noted that the White House, defense establishments, capitol, supreme court and central offices of vital government departments now are located "within the square miles of destruction" accredited to the present atomic bomb not to mention the potentially more powerful hydrogen bomb.

He added: "The continuity of government functions in a period of national emergency created by atomic or hydrogen bomb disaster must be guaranteed, such guarantee does not exist at the present time..."

Fields of Study
Hollifield's resolution would have the study commission consider particularly:

1. Possible sites for an alternate seat of government "which would be secure against attack by a foreign power."

2. The buildings which would have to be constructed "on or under" a site.

3. The extent to which duplicate copies of documents and records would have to be made available.

4. Various procedures which might be followed in selecting the successor of president, vice president or congress members "who becomes unable to perform his duties as the result of attack by a foreign power."

Hitler 'Issued Orders to Burn Vatican'
FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Hitler twice ordered the razing of the Vatican, according to German court testimony reported today by the U. S. army newspaper, Stars and Stripes.

The paper quoted Rudolf Rahn, last Nazi ambassador to Rome, as testifying that Hitler first ordered the Vatican burned to the ground when Italy surrendered to the allies in 1943.

Hitler charged the Vatican was a "nesting place for allied spies." But Rahn claimed he flew from Berlin and talked Hitler out of it. Again in the winter of 1944, Hitler ordered the Vatican to be leveled by aerial bombardment, Rahn said.

"However, working through the chief of the secret service, I was again able to foil this plan," Rahn claimed.

Motorman in Long Island Train Wreck 'Overwhelmed by Grief'

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y., Feb. 19.—(AP)—The son of the motorman who piloted a Long Island railroad train into a tragic collision last tonight his father still was unable to think clearly but was "overwhelmed by grief."

The wreck took 29 lives, and injured 105. Thirty-eight still are in hospitals, some mangled, and 10 in critical condition.

The motorman, Jacob Kiefer, 55, also was injured.

He was charged with second degree manslaughter because he drove the train through a red stop light into another train. He suffered head injuries and shock in the accident.

Little Clear Thinking
Tonight his son, Donald, said the elder Kiefer "has had but a few minutes of clear thinking since the realization of what happened Friday night struck him."

"When his mind does clear momentarily so he can speak to us in a lucid manner, he is soon again overwhelmed by grief and lapses into a distraught condition."

Kiefer will be arraigned tomorrow if he can appear in court. The son said that "it is not my father's intention to shun responsibility. When his mind clears I am sure he will not try to alibi or to escape any fault that is justly his."

Remains Mystery
But he said in a statement it was "all still as much of a mystery to our family, including my mother, as it must be to the rest of Long Island."

The son recalled that his father "was always fearful that human error or sudden illness might result in tragedy."

"I have heard him say on many occasions," he said, "that a system should be perfected which would protect the passengers in case anything ever happened to the engineer."

The son added: "My dad had a wonderful record as a railroad man. His first concern was always for the safety and comfort of his passengers."

Regional Chest Director Due In Salem Soon

Final preparations were being made in Salem today for the visit Monday, February 27, of Ransom Carver, western regional director of the Community chest.

A full day of activity and conferences have been planned by Salem chest officials starting off with a 10 a. m. meet of agency staff members at the YWCA. Subject for discussion will be "Red Feather Federation, Working and Planning Together."

A joint meeting of agencies and the board of directors is scheduled for the Marion hotel at noon. President Alfred W. Loucks will preside with the subject "Trends in Community Federation."

Carver will meet with the chest staff in its offices at 3 p. m. At 4 p. m. will be a public relations and campaign committee meeting at the same location on "Long Range Planning and Sure-Fire Campaign Methods."

"County Federation for Youth Activities" will be the topic of the final conference of Carver's visit. The meeting, in the chest office, will include Marion county's board of directors and committees.

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PAPER CHANGES NAME MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The 30-year-old newspaper Moscow Bolshevik, organ of the Moscow committee of the communist party, changed its name today. It came out under the title of Moscow Pravda.