

## French Form Anti-Sabotage Compromise

By Carl Hartman  
PARIS, March 5 (AP)—Justice Minister Rene Mayer accepted a compromise on the government's anti-sabotage bill today amid renewed violence by communists in the most bruising parliamentary debate in recent French history.

The compromise, proposed by two socialist deputies, appeared to assure socialist support for the measure, which seeks to safeguard American arms shipments due this month from threatened communist sabotage.

Violence again broke out in the national assembly where the measure has been debated since Friday night with only short recesses, when Alfred Coste-Floret, brother of a former colonial minister, called a communist a "common criminal."

General Mixup  
Communist Antonin Gros and his fellows rushed at the popular republican benches and the popular republicans stepped forward to meet them. Dignified ushers, in traditional white ties and tail coats, failed to prevent a general mixing.

Sirens screamed, and as in the practice, reporters were cleared from the press gallery.

When the session resumed Speaker Edouard Herriot rebuked Coste-Floret.

Disapproves Insult  
"Our colleague Gros," he said, "has been the object of an inadmissible insult. I disapprove it."

Gros thanked him and the long debate continued.

During a recess of 11 hours today popular republican Premier Georges Bidault told the people in a broadcast that violent tactics showed his anti-sabotage bill had "scored a direct hit" on the communists.

He said the measure was to make it possible for France to "resist the efforts to damage her security under cover of a pretended attachment to peace."

Object Said Political  
Denouncing "phony strikes," he said the communists were trying to induce workers to join in strikes for wages and other things as a means of reinforcing political action.

The communist-led general confederation of labor called a warm-up 24 hour strike of dockers yesterday as a protest against shipments of arms to France under the U. S. aid program to members of the Atlantic pact.

The communists have been threatening to wreck the delivery of the arms, as well as the shipment of military material to Indochina to fight Moscow-endorsed Ho Chi-minh's Vietnamese guerrillas.

Threatened Not to Vote  
Some socialists, who dislike any law which might be used against strikes for legitimate union aims, had been threatening to abstain from voting for the anti-sabotage bill.

The compromise provides for five to 10 years imprisonment for anyone who in peace-time willfully:

1. Makes defective war materials;
2. Harms or destroys equipment intended for the national defense;
3. Violently interferes with the movement of such material;
4. Participates in demoralization of the army or nation with intent of hurting national defense.

Bidault's original bill would have punished anyone who, willfully or not, acted to "provoke, aid or organize violent or concerted action with the purpose or effect" of sabotage. The new version spelled out what is meant by sabotage. At present the law provides death as the only penalty, a provision which many courts have refused to apply in minor cases.

## Czechs to Oust All American Missionaries

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, March 5 (AP)—All American missionaries, and presumably the missionaries of other western nations, are going to be required by Czechoslovakia "to leave at a very early date," the United States embassy has announced.

The number affected is undetermined.

The communist government apparently will act under provisions of church laws enacted last fall which specify that all practicing clergymen in the country must be natives of Czechoslovakia, swear allegiance to the government and receive the salaries from the state.

Many missionaries already have been expelled in a general move to restrict westerners in Czechoslovakia. Nineteen American mormon missionaries have been ousted in nine months, leaving Wallace Toronto, the head of the church here, as the only American mormon missionary in the country.

"I shall go too," Toronto said today. "It's only a question now of the exact date. We are planning the closing of our living quarters March 31."

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## Kirby Artist Heads Cartoonists



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## Truman's Request for Board to Study Coal Industry Praised

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith  
WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Lawmakers predicted today that congress will act swiftly to carry out President Truman's request for a commission study of how to "restore the coal industry to economic health."

Mr. Truman recommended creation of an inquiry group to do the job in his special message Friday asking for authority to seize the coal mines.

The president shelved seizure plans as soon as the United Mine workers and a big group of coal operators agreed on the basic principles of a new contract Friday night. But he let it be known he still wants the study commission set up.

In his message, Mr. Truman said it is a sick industry which "has failed signally to solve its own problems in the field of labor-management relations." He said that "recurrent breakdowns in the industry are only symptoms of profound and long standing economic and social difficulties in which the industry has become involved."

Asks Thorough Study  
Mr. Truman said legislation to authorize an inquiry commission to make a thorough study of the coal industry soon would be submitted.

The senate already has a bill providing for the same sort of study the president outlined. Senators Humphrey (D-Minn.), Morse (R-Ore) and Douglas (D-Ill.) introduced it two days before Mr. Truman's message came to congress.

Humphrey said he had been told that the administration bill will be along substantially the same lines as the one he and his two colleagues have offered.

Clear Sailing Seen  
"I think the plan will have clear sailing in congress and it looks as though it won't take long to get it approved," Humphrey told a reporter.

Senator Murray (D-Mont) said "that he had not heard a single word of opposition" to Mr. Truman's proposal. Murray called it "an excellent idea."

The plan was praised in the senate yesterday by Senator Ives (R-NY) generally regarded as a labor relations expert.

Declining Markets  
Mr. Truman said management in the coal industry is confronted by declining markets, severe competition and the high cost of efficient, modern equipment. He said that labor, on the "arduous work, a harsh physical

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## Columbia Basin Plan Slated for Senate Action

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The \$2,000,000,000 army engineer-reclamation bureau "comprehensive plan" for Columbia basin development is scheduled for senate committee action Monday.

Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash) reports there are strong indications the rivers and harbors bill now on the senate calendar may be called up for action at any time.

Meanwhile, he said final senate committee action on proposed amendments which would add the two-billion dollar authorization to the omnibus rivers and harbors bill is still pending.

In the hope of clearing these projects through committee to the senate before the omnibus bill is considered, Magnuson sent a request to Committee Chairman Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) outlining his views.

"Time is evidently running out on this matter and the next few days are expected to be crucial ones," Magnuson said. "I consider unanimity among northwest senators in support of the project gives us strong hopes for success."

Text of Request  
Following is the text of a request sent to the senate interior and insular affairs committee by Magnuson in pressing for approval of the "comprehensive plan" of Columbia basin development as a part of the omnibus rivers and harbors bill:

"I am informed that last Monday your committee agreed to act on the Columbia basin amendment to the omnibus rivers and harbors bill at its regular meeting this coming Monday.

To Implement Plans  
"The administration transmitted its recommended amendment to your committee February 3. This amendment is designed to implement comprehensive plans for the Columbia basin, developed by the corps of engineers and the bureau of reclamation and coordinated at the president's request.

"This program is vital to me as it involves the entire future resource development of the Pacific northwest. As senator of that region, I respectfully submit these views on the amendment and program it embraces, and hope the committee will concur on Monday.

"1. The administration amendment should be approved substantially as submitted.

Idaho Project  
"2. The irrigation features of the Mountain Home (Idaho) project should be included.

"3. I see no serious objection to including language to insure against support of hydropower from the Columbia basin, as suggested by Sen. Watkins of Utah.

"4. I would oppose any change in the administration amendment which limited irrigation assistance solely to interest on reclamation bureau power investments. Such a revision would soon bring northwest reclamation to a standstill. I believe interest on all power investment in the basin should be available to assist reclamation, as provided in the administration amendment creating the Columbia basin account."

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## Mrs. Pollard Guest Speaker

Statesman News Service  
AMITY — Mrs. J. H. Pollard of McMinnville was a guest speaker at the Baptist women's mission circle last week at the Edward West home.

It was announced that hospital supplies for a hospital in the Belgian Congo were ready for shipment. Another white cross quota was announced and preparation is

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expected to start soon. Mrs. Andrew Wakeham will be Mrs. Ralph Konzeiman sang, hostess for the April meeting.

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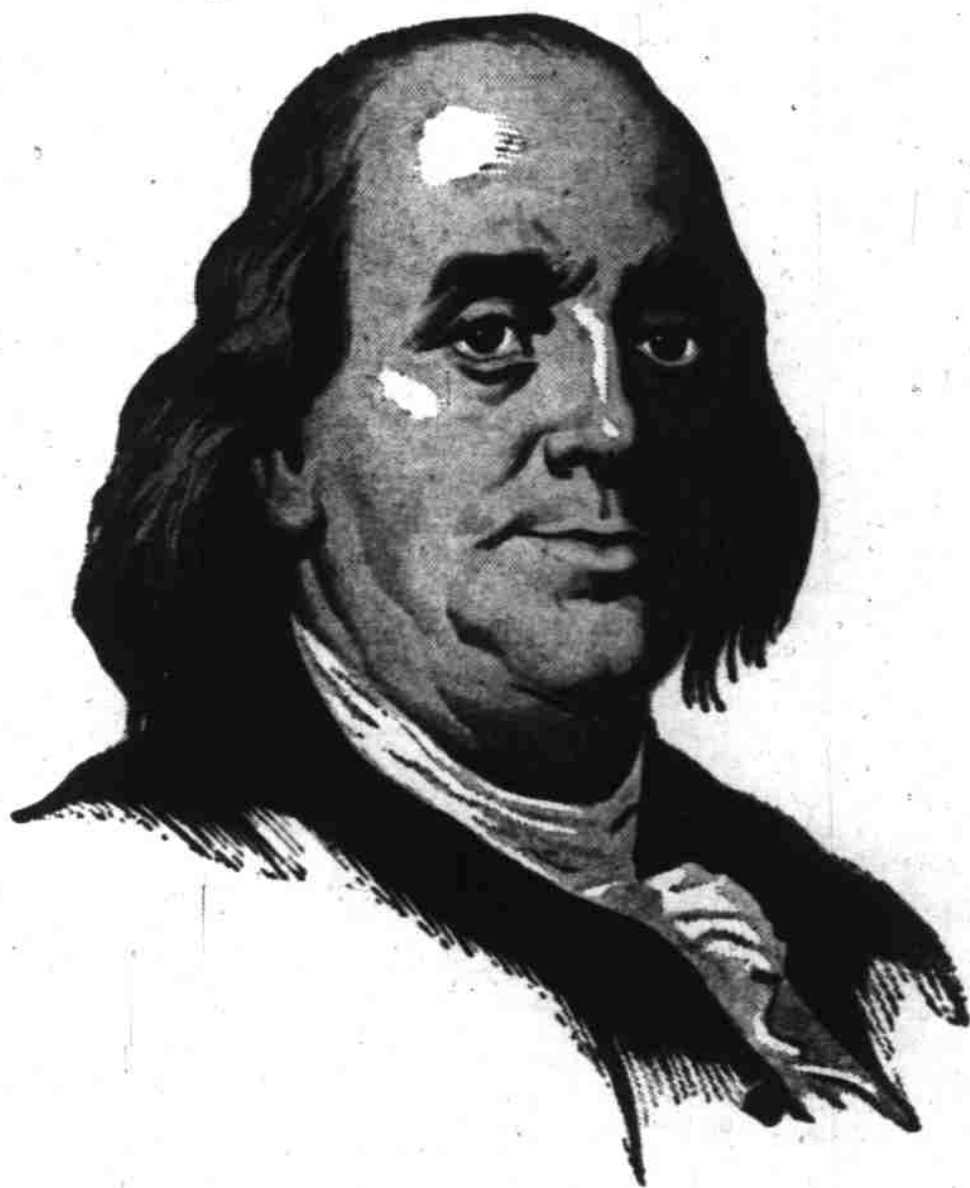
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