

Russia Offers to Negotiate with Britain

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New Colored Oleo Bill To Reserve Shade of Yellow for Butter Use

By John H. White
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The housewives' battle for sale of colored oleo is not over. Rep. John P. Hounsell, Hood River, Saturday said he would draft a new bill granting butter producers exclusive rights to a certain shade of yellow but opening all other shades of yellow to oleo manufacturers.

Hounsell, a strong oleo supporter, claimed enough legislative support to pass his measure without much of a struggle. "I think even the dairy interests will back this bill," he said.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sraque

Noting a reference in a current magazine article to a book, "Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire" by Rostovtzeff I borrowed it from the library. Rather a ponderous book by a real scholar who was professor of ancient history at Yale, when the book was published (1926).

Just as a scholar does, the author developed the background of Roman history by an introductory discussion of Greece, both the city-states of Greece proper and the Hellenistic world of Greek influence particularly in the east Mediterranean. What he records is so striking as to merit quotations:

"The primary cause of the steady decline of economic life in Greece proper was the constant, almost uninterrupted, succession of wars in which the cities were involved in the fourth and third centuries B.C. These wars, in spite of many efforts to minimize their ruinous effects and to subject them to some inter-state regulation, became ever more bitter, more cruel and more disastrous for all the participants, whether victors or vanquished. . . ."

Sawmill Strike Threat Averted By Agreement

PORTLAND, Feb. 24—(AP)—The Willamette Valley Lumber Operators Association tonight agreed to a 7 1/2 cent an hour pay increase for some 5500 Oregon AFL lumber and sawmill workers, a union spokesman said tonight.

PORTLAND, Feb. 24—(AP)—A strike of 14,000 AFL sawmill and lumber workers in western Washington Monday appeared certain tonight when a spokesman for employees said the latest union offer would not be accepted.

The union today notified the lumber industrial relations committee, representing employers, that it would accept an increase of 7 1/2 cents an hour, subject to federal wage stabilization board approval.

But Earl Hartley, president of the union's Puget Sound district council, said a strike would begin Monday morning if the offer was not accepted by that time.

A spokesman for the employer committee declared, however, that the proposal was above the wage formula announced by the stabilization board, and for that reason could not be accepted.

The walkout would affect 14,000 western Washington workers. Eldon Kraal, secretary of the Willamette valley union district council, said some 5500 Oregon workers would walk out at the same time if their employers failed to approve the boost.

The strike would affect some 200 mills and camps in western Washington and about 80 in Oregon.

CAR ACCESSORY STOLEN

Theft of a tail pipe extension from his car parked near Salem high school was reported to city police Saturday night by Chuck Harzrovo, 732 N. Cottage st.

Commies Stiffen Stand

TOKYO, Sunday, Feb. 25—(AP)—Allied forces splintered forward today into sectors of increasing communist resistance along 60 miles of flooded and muddy Korean battlefront.

All along the line—from Seoul in the west to Hoengsong in the central mountains—the reds resistance stiffened. Air reports told of enemy activity east of Seoul and a buildup of 10,000 to 15,000 reds northwest of Hoengsong.

These were indications of tougher going ahead for United Nations troops: Hand-to-hand combat with stubborn communists Saturday and tank-to-tank gun duelling across the Han river.

Allied field commanders said their offensive, slowed by an early thaw and rain, was edging toward the main communist defense line.

The reds' defense-in-depth positions line the north bank of the Han and its flooded rice paddies from Seoul east to Yangpyong, thence over the Mountains into the interior of the peninsula.

Red units up to battalion size were committed to action as the allies closed in on the main enemy defenses. Behind the lines air observers reported:

"Much enemy activity" about 15 miles east of Seoul north of the Han in a triangle formed by the Han and the tributary Pukhan. Red movements were noted for eight miles north of the confluence of the two rivers.

On the central front 10,000 to 15,000 reds were spotted northwest of Hoengsong, dug in all the way to the Hongchong river 10 miles to the north.

Associated Press Correspondent William J. Vaughn at U. S. Eighth army headquarters reported there were indications the reds would put up a strong fight for the road hub of Hoengsong. It is 15 miles north of Hoengsong.

Hoengsong itself, 35 miles south of the 38th parallel, still was in red hands. Pangnim, 25 miles east of Hoengsong on a lateral road running to the east coast, was captured by U. S. troops Saturday.

Robert Gerig Top Speller at Pratum School

Robert Gerig, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gerig of suite 6, Salem, has been chosen by the pupils of Pratum school east of Salem to represent them in the State-KSLM division spelling contest.

The selection was made known Thursday by Principal Mabel T. Olson, who also certified as second- and third-place winners, respectively, William Bateson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bateson of route 5 and JoAnn Slater, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slater, also of route 5.

Robert is in the 8th grade, William and JoAnn in the 7th. The former will compete with the winners of 16 other schools in the division (semi-final) contest at Keizer at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16.

Certificates of merit already have been sent by the sponsors to the three top Pratum spellers.



Within a few weeks the new bridge at left will be in use for crossing Butte creek at Scotts Mills, and another of the seldom-seen covered bridges will be gone. This one was built about 1900. The new steel bridge, 90 feet long, was bought from the state and hauled from its original site at Baker. A county bridge crew erected it, put in 40-foot approaches and a concrete deck. Only remaining work is an approach fill to be placed by Clackamas county. The bridge was bought and hauled for about \$5,000. Construction brought the cost up to about \$25,000 or \$5,000 under the original estimate, according to the county court. Pictures of historic spots such as this will play a major part in The Statesman's Centennial editing which will be published on this newspaper's 100th birthday March 25. Extra copies may be reserved now, mailed anywhere in the United States at 15c each. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

Sen. Gibson Hospitalized After Collapse

Senator Angus Gibson, 63, Junction City, was hospitalized in Salem Saturday after he collapsed in the Marion hotel coffee shop Saturday morning.

Gibson's physician, Dr. Ralph E. Purvine of Salem, said he would rest in the Salem Memorial hospital for several days to recuperate from severe exhaustion.

The senator collapsed about 10:30 a.m. and was given treatment at the scene by Salem first aidmen.

Gibson, chairman of the senate elections committee and a member of the senate ways and means and the roads and highways committee, returned Friday from a legislative trip to Olympia.

H-Bomb Plant for Alabama Claimed

BIRMINGHAM, Feb. 24—(AP)—The Birmingham News tonight said it was "authoritatively informed" that "an undisclosed site in Alabama is being considered for location of huge H-bomb plant."

The plant proposed for Alabama "would be a link in the chain of plants to complete manufacture of the devastating H-bomb," the News said in its Sunday edition.

The Columbia Plywood association is seeking membership of 400 persons experienced in plywood making or adaptable to that kind of work, he said.

He described the organization as the first full cooperative under Oregon law for plywood manufacture.

Quadruplets Born to Pennsylvania Couple

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24—(AP)—Mrs. Edward Pappas, looking forward to twins next month, gave birth to quadruplets today. And all she could say was, "oooh, three rooms and a bath."

Pappas Pappas, a slight but rugged-looking pipe fitter, was obviously a bit unsettled, but he was trying to take it in stride.

"So what? We wanted some kids, so now we got 'em."

They were their first. The hospital said both the mother and the babies—two boys and two girls—were "fine." They were placed in incubators immediately after delivery, more as precaution than necessity.

The new parents, both 28, are from Wilkes-Barre, Pa. "Romance in Service"

"We lived just two doors away," Pappas explained, "and went to school together. Then I went into the navy for six years in 1942, and we started going together while I was in the service."

They were married in August 1949, after he had gotten the job with Bethlehem Steel and was settled here.

They live in an upstairs apartment—three rooms and a bath. Pappas said he had planned to move to a new home, "but it's no bigger."

"I don't know what we'll do now. We've got a little time yet to make those sort of plans," he said. "Knock It Off"

Mrs. Anderson, in whose house they live, just couldn't get over it. "When I saw them (the babies) keep coming out the delivery room," she said, "I wanted to run in and tell her, 'I don't mind baby-sitting for one or two, but let's knock this off.'"

Pappas didn't seem too concerned about the future. "We'll make it all right," he said. He likes his job, he added, and plans to stay.

It was apparent, however, he would get plenty of outside help. As soon as Mayor Thomas D'Alessandro heard about it, he immediately started a "Mayor's Quad Fund" by laying down \$100 and accepting all contributions.

The names the Pappas decided on were Patricia Ann, Judith Ann, Richard Charles and Edward Joseph.

Man Loses Thumb For 30 Minutes

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 24—(AP)—Velmard M. Yeager, 41, a farmer and his lost thumb are together again today.

An alert motorist saw the thumb on the street after Yeager's motorcycle had collided with an automobile. The motorist took the thumb to the hospital where Yeager had arrived 30 minutes earlier.

Covered Span May Not Stay Thing of Past

Another covered bridge is soon to disappear from Marion county's roads, but that type of span isn't just a relic of the horse-and-buggy era.

Because a roof provides a good protection from the rain for wooden-floored and framed bridges, Marion county is considering a cover for at least one more, said county Engineer Hedda Swart.

That is the Dunnigan bridge on Abiqua creek.

But the much-battered span at Scotts Mills, across Butte creek, has been replaced by a steel and concrete structure which is to be in use within a few weeks. It has been erected during the past several months by a county bridge crew, of which Theodore Kuenzi of Salem is foreman.

Also due for replacement this summer is the covered section on the north end of the Stayton bridge over the Santiam river.

The new portion will be from the steel span which formerly crossed Mill creek on State street near the state penitentiary.

Other covered bridges extant in the county are on market road 28 between Turner and Aumsville, over Mill creek; on county road 632 west of Mt. Angel, Essens bridge over Pudding river; two on county road 779 over Abiqua creek; on county road 428 east of Butteville, over Pudding river.

By the time such bridges are razed, said Swart, they have had so many replacement parts usually that little of the original structure remains.

Gen. Moore died of a heart attack, presumably as a result of crash injuries and shock from being plunged into the icy river.

The helicopter suddenly lost power and crashed. Men of a U. S. engineer unit camped along the river helped Moore and his pilot ashore. The pilot was not seriously hurt.

Moore was taken to the van (trailer) of Brig. Gen. H. J. D. Myers, commander of the 24th division artillery, where he died. Named to replace Moore as commander of the Ninth corps was Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Smith, Berkeley, Calif., commander of the First Marine division in Korea. Brig. Gen. Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller took over the First marines.

(Additional details on page 2.)

Learn to Spell!

These words will figure in The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest for prizes, now underway for 7th and 8th grade pupils of Marion and Polk counties:

accordance enough
advising listen
approximate question
attorney truly
cancel America
communicate certain
conference absolute
advertisement advisable
should application
climb general

Russians Reply to Proposal

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 25—(AP)—Russia told Britain last night that she is ready to negotiate with Britain over their outstanding differences.

The British had indicated readiness to talk with Russia to improve mutual relations in a note February 17, answering Soviet charges that Britain had violated the 1942 Anglo-Soviet treaty of friendship and alliance.

Russia replied to this last night, attacking Britain's motives in accusing the U.S.S.R. of extensive military mobilization and aggressive aims.

Then near the end, the Russians said: "In view of what has been said above, the Soviet government cannot regard the statement of the British government with full confidence."

"Nevertheless, the Soviet government is ready to enter into such negotiations, endeavoring to use all possibilities for improvement of relations with Great Britain. The government of the U.S.S.R. will highly estimate any step of the government of Great Britain genuinely aimed at the improvement of relations between our countries."

During the course of the recent series of sharp notes between the two countries, the British said the Soviet Union's armed forces numerically exceed those of all the western countries put together.

Moscow said last night that the facts were that the Soviet armed forces, including land, air and naval, were just equal to those she had prior to the beginning of World War Two in 1939.

"However, Russia said in her note, broadcast by the Moscow radio, 'three members alone of the North Atlantic aggressive pact—the United States, Britain and France—have at present in their armed forces, including ground, air, and naval forces, over 5,000,000 persons; moreover, the numbers of the armed forces of these three powers continue to grow rapidly, while in the Soviet Union these countries already is mobilized for the future increase of armaments production.'"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—(AP)—U. S. military leaders are determined to blast red-held China and Manchuria with massive air raids, while the communist drive to hurl air and sea attacks against the United Nations forces fighting in Korea.

Such attacks could be launched by fleets of B-29's striking from bases in Okinawa and the islands of Japan — and from carrier-based navy bombers.

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"We'll strike back," he said. "We'll hit their land and sea bases if they bring out air or sea forces to attack us."

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"In such a case," Collins said, "there would no longer be a 'privileged sanctuary' for the enemy. The war would enter an entirely new phase calling for new measures on our part. We would be forced to hit at enemy bases."

Since the great majority of troops in Korea are American, Collins believes the United States would be justified in acting unilaterally in striking at red bases. But he said he is confident the allies would approve the action as a defensive measure to protect their own troops fighting in Korea.

Frost Damages Oats, Vetch

GERVAIS, Feb. 24—(AP)—Night-time frost in the Willamette valley has damaged fall-planted oats and vetch, farmers said today.

The crop is breaking off at ground surface, they said, and check revealed that a number of farmers plan to wait a few days and if they find damage exceeds 50 per cent, they will discard their fields and reseed.

Wet weather has delayed seeding of rye clover.

CATHOLICS PLAN DRIVE
PORTLAND, Feb. 24—(AP)—A campaign to raise \$25,000 for the area's contribution to the \$5,000,000 Bishops fund for victims of war will be launched Sunday. Catholic churches of western Oregon.