

U.S. Solon Asks Europe Assembly to Speed Unity

STRASBOURG, Nov. 19—(P)—History's first transatlantic political assembly convened today and heard an American senator urge Europeans to move boldly toward their own unification.

Sen. Theodore F. Green (D-RI), chairman of a 14-man bipartisan delegation from both houses of congress, told members of the European consultative assembly that Europe must take steps equal to the dangers she faces.

"The danger that western Europe faces today," said Green, "is not that her actions may be too bold, but rather that they may be too timid."

Green was the only American to speak in the initial session of the unofficial "conference of Strasbourg" between the congressmen and a 20-man cross-section of the council of Europe's consultative assembly. The European assembly includes delegates chosen by the parliaments of 15 nations.

The meeting is to have no binding effect on relations between governments of the countries represented here, but is designed to encourage cooperation among them.

Green took the floor after Belgium's Paul-Henri Spaak, assembly president, greeted the congressmen with the assurance that all members of the assembly desire the closest possible association with the U. S.

Most Americans were non-committal after the sessions. Rep. Donald O'Toole (D-N.Y.) summed it up this way:

"Today was only battling practice. Wait till we get our feet on the ground."

Sen. Brian McMahon (D-Conn.) commented: "Today we were only sparring."

Eden Sees East, West Chasm as Deep and Wide

LONDON, Nov. 19—(P)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons today the chasm between east and west was so deep, wide and alarming that he did not believe any "sudden or spectacular move" would lessen the tension.

Rather, he proposed that east and west try to settle some of their little differences before tackling the big ones.

Making his first statement in a full foreign policy debate since the new conservative government took office, Eden ranged all the chief trouble spots of the world, from Korea to Germany, Iran and Egypt.

"There is now virtually no diplomatic contact between east and west, between either side of the iron curtain," Eden said in his grim report.

Such an impasse, he said, "has rarely existed in history before." "It is the depth and the width of the forbidding chasm that separates east and west, mentally as well as physically, that is so forbidding for the present and so alarming for the future."

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky in his rejection of western disarmament proposals at Paris, he continued, displayed an "apparent imperviousness to any other shade of meaning except his own. I hope I was mistaken, but there did not appear to be a chink open anywhere x x x."

Group Pushes Scio, Stayton Road Project

BROWNSVILLE, Nov. 19—The Cascade Highway association decided tonight to continue as its main effort a move for early improvement of the nine-mile stretch of country road between Scio and Stayton.

Linn county court will be sounded out on the possibility of putting the proposed improvement up to the voters as a special millage issue similar to the one narrowly defeated in balloting two years ago.

Present here tonight were 23 members from Stayton, Scio, Lebanon, Mohawk, Eugene and Springfield. The group will meet again December 17 in Lebanon.

Parents Jailed For Neglecting Infant Girl

PORTLAND, Nov. 19—(P)—Donald B. Speer, 34, and his wife, Patricia, 27, today were sentenced to one year in the county jail and fined \$1,000 on charges of causing their minor child to become a dependent.

The sentences were held in abeyance pending an investigation by juvenile court authorities.

The child, a four-month old girl, was found alone in their one room home Sunday night. Police said they found gas leaking from a kitchen stove burner. The child suffered no ill effects.

Ridgway Asked For Certification Of Atrocity Story

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19—(P)—The defense department disclosed tonight it has asked Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway for a more specific "clarifying" statement on the reported communist slaughter of some 5,500 American prisoners of war in Korea.

High officials at the Pentagon said they expect Gen. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo to issue a new statement very soon, perhaps within 24 hours.

These officials said it should contain answers to certain specific questions sent to the Far Eastern commander in a series of earlier messages from Washington.

Digest of Norway Wartime Diaries Given to Library

Donation of a 500-page volume of experiences of Norwegian schools during World War II has been made to the public library from Thor lodge, Sons of Norway.

Much of the material in the book is taken from personal diaries secretly kept by teachers while confined in concentration camps and engaged in slave labor. Eighteen of the teachers have contributed articles on various phases of the historic event which began with the rounding up of teachers and transporting them to "Kirkness" in northern Norway until their release at the end of the war.

Copies of the book, written in Norwegian, are on sale by the lodge.

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HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 19—Starlet Marilyn Monroe, presently the No. 1 cheese cake gal of the movie colony, is coming into her own after a year of minor roles. She is described as a serious girl who reads philosophy and is intent on an acting career. (AP Wirephoto.)

Ambulance Speed Rapped

EUGENE, Nov. 19—(P)—Oregon ambulance drivers were told here Saturday to slow down.

Sgt. Vern Hill of the state police said few ambulance cases warrant speed on the way to the hospital. He told the Oregon State Ambulance association that sirens and red lights are seldom needed. In fact, they often do more harm than good in clearing the way, he said.

The drivers elected Robert Conley, Eugene, president; Barley Buck, Portland, vice-president; Marie Dunn, Florence, secretary; and W. S. Fitts, Salem, treasurer.

Acheson Appeals For Disarmament Proposal Support

PARIS, Nov. 19—(P)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson appealed today to the world and obviously to the Soviet Union most of all, to accept western disarmament proposals as a turning point on the road to peace.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky, who earlier had laughed scornfully at the proposals, sat in poker-faced silence during the one hour and 20 minutes in which the secretary patiently explained the arms reduction plan to the 60-nation political committee.

After the committee adjourned until tomorrow, Vishinsky left the room without saying whether he had relented in any degree. He is expected to reply later this week.

Holt Reappointed PI Show Manager

PORTLAND, Nov. 19—(P)—Walter A. Holt will be general manager of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition here again next year. Directors announced his re-appointment.

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Rain Pushes Italian River Even Higher

ROVIGO, Italy, Nov. 19—(P)—Heavy rains pushed crests of the Po river and its tributaries higher today, posing new threats for refugee-jammed towns on the rim of the worst Italian flood in this century.

The death toll has climbed to more than 100, with most of the figures two days old.

Calls went out for the emergency evacuation of Villadose, midway between this almost deserted city and flooded Adria. The town's normal population of 5,000 is swollen by hundreds of refugees.

Two U. S. army flying boxcars and other aircraft dropped food and supplies into Adria while a huge fleet of small boats battled swirling currents and rescued thousands of beleaguered there.

Most of Adria's 35,000 population did not heed warnings to flee Saturday night when the flood spread over a vast Po delta triangle 25 miles wide and 40 miles deep.

Late yesterday 20,000 were still believed huddled in upper stories and other insecure places of refuge. But the situation was described as confused today, with no accurate count of those endangered.

Jet Bomber Crash Kills 3

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., Nov. 19—(P)—A six-engine jet bomber crashed shortly after a takeoff at this base this afternoon and the three crew members were killed, the air force announced.

The B-47 Stratojet, a high altitude and high speed bomber, crashed to the ground a quarter of a mile west of the runway just after it got into the air. It exploded after the crash.

'Marines Just Don't Give Up'

TOKYO, Tuesday, Nov. 20—(P)—The marine commander in the Pacific today said there were no marines among the 5,500 American prisoners of war massacred by communists in Korea.

"We marines don't get captured," said Lt. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, jr., who returned last night from Korea.

"Only 14 marines have been reported missing in action since Jan. 1. Marines just don't give up."

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