

# New Show of Russian Strength Expected by West Observers

By HAROLD K. MILKS  
 MOSCOW, Nov. 20 (AP)—Diplomatic observers here said today there are indications that the Soviet Union will come up soon with a new and dramatic demonstration of Russian strength and influence to counter a propaganda setback in the United Nations.

The U.N. Assembly has just voted to add 14 members to its Disarmament Commission, bringing the total to 25. The 60-9 vote, over Soviet opposition, does not represent a serious political defeat for the Russians. But propaganda-wise it has other implications. Even the Middle Eastern nations Russia is helping with arms and economic programs lined up with the West in the vote. The forthcoming Soviet gesture, therefore, may involve the Middle East. But Westerners here are accustomed to surprises, and the next one could be from any direction.

boss Nikita Khrushchev would have nothing to do with the new 25-member commission, at least for the present. What he is expected to do is to picture the U.N. vote as proof of his contention that the West dominates the United Nations.

## Gold-Plated Shovel Used on Memorial

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP)—A gold-plated shovel was used today to start work on the George M. Cohan Memorial in the center of the Broadway theatrical district.

Oscar Hammerstein II, chairman of the committee sponsoring the \$100,000 statue in honor of the famed actor-producer-songwriter, officiated at the ground-breaking ceremony.

Work on the memorial and refurbishing of Duffy Square at 46th Street will be completed in about a year.

The Russians already have said they will not accept this limited expansion of the commission, and diplomats here said it would be no surprise if they came out with some sort of denunciation of the U.N. machinery.

The consensus among foreign observers here is that the U.N. action is likely to provoke a new Soviet propaganda offensive aimed at pressing the Communist and the neutral worlds into closer collaboration.

Some here regard Premier Nikolai Bulganin's announcement of new Soviet economic help for Egypt as a step in that direction. The visit of the Egyptian war minister, Maj. Gen. Abdel Hakim Amer, for talks with Soviet leaders indicated more military assistance may be on the way to the Egyptians. But even greater interest is expressed here in the size and type of economic assistance the Kremlin has promised to Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser.

# Former Wards Chairman Avery Leaves Hospital

CHICAGO, Nov. 20 (AP)—Sewell Avery, retired chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward & Co., left Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital today.

Avery, 84, has recovered from a bladder infection that sent him to the hospital Nov. 11.

# Thanksgiving Turkey to Cost Less

PORTLAND, Nov. 20 (AP)—Thanksgiving turkey prices may be at a new modern-day low price this year.

Retailers report the average turkey price is about 42 cents a pound. Last year the price was 49 cents a pound for plump young birds and 45 cents for heavier toms. Ten years ago the average price was 80 cents a pound.

Growers said an ample supply of turkeys is ready for the market. About 95 per cent of the market is in frozen turkeys. Only about 2 to 3 per cent of the sales will be in fresh birds.

# Right-to-Work Backer Wins In California

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20 (AP)—A Republican who strongly urged right-to-work laws—expected to be an important issue in California's political wars next year—has won a special Assembly election.

Lou Cusanovich won by 1,206 over his closest rival, Democrat Paul Roest, whose main campaign plank was compulsory unionism.

The right-to-work issue may be the key in the battle for governorship in 1958. Sen. William Knowland, who seeks the Republican nomination, is outspokenly for such legislation. Atty. Gen. Edmund Brown, the leading Democrat, takes an opposite view.

Cusanovich got 17,346 votes to 16,140 for Roest. Two other Democrats and a Republican trailed.

The election was for the 64th Assembly District seat vacated when Republican Patrick D. McGee moved to the Los Angeles City Council.

Republicans are outnumbered by Democrats in the district 55,406 to 50,544.

The election was the first voter test this year on the controversial right-to-work legislation.

# Jews Play Role in Early U.S. History

By ARTHUR EDSON  
 AP Newsfeatures Writer  
 WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Nearly everyone realizes the important part played by the English, French, Dutch and Spanish in developing this country. But when it comes to other groups, our knowledge is often vague and misty.

Back in July, 1655, for instance, Abraham de Lucena, Salvador d'Andrade and Jacob Cohen Henriquez made one of our earliest arguments for civil rights.

A man should have the right to be buried in his own graveyard, they suggested to the authorities of New Amsterdam, later New York.

Peter Stuyvesant, having maturely considered the problem, gave his approval.

"They may bury their dead," he said, "on an unappropriated ground belonging to the company." (The West India Co. of Holland.)

This is the earliest written record of the 23 Spanish Jews who went to Brazil, ran into difficulties with the Portuguese, and immigrated to New Amsterdam in 1654.

It's a part of the museum display in the \$1,600,000 building B'nai B'rith is dedicating this weekend.

Mainly the museum is devoted to Jews in America, and it's nice to see that from the start they took an active and often colorful part.

Those early Spanish Jews were back again soon, asking old Peter Stuyvesant for the right to trade, to buy property, for full citizenship.

By the time the colonies were ready to cut out on their own, Jonas Phillips of Philadelphia was reminding the delegates to the Constitutional Convention that they should remember religious equality.

In 1790, Moses Seixas of Newport, R. I., wrote George Washington to congratulate him on becoming president. Washington wrote back a famous letter that said:

"No Bigotry Sanction"

"Happily the government of the United States . . . gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

But it's the individuals who are the most interesting.

Mordecai Manuel Noah (1785-1851), was U. S. consul in Tunis.

His job: to ransom sailors captured by the Barbary pirates. He later became a successful author, playwright and grand sachem of Tammany Hall.

Noah worried about the European Jew. For a time he thought a Jewish community could be set up in this country, near Buffalo. Later he beat the Zionists to the punch by calling for a Jewish settlement in Palestine. One curious Noah belief was that the American Indians were descendants of the 10 lost tribes of Israel.

Take Adolph Sutro (1830-1898), who came from Germany in 1850. He headed for the West, built a highly controversial tunnel to the Comstock lode, wound up as mayor of San Francisco and owner of a 10th of that city's real estate.

Elected to Senate

Judah P. Benjamin (1811-1884), ran a successful plantation in Louisiana. He got elected to the Senate there, while seeking economy in government, he said:

"Now this is to inform you that you can't humbug senators like common folk."

Benjamin remained loyal to the South, served in Jefferson Davis' Cabinet and, when the war was over and his cause had lost, fled to England to become one of that country's top barristers.

The museum also has a library, devoted to the Four Freedoms, and B'nai B'rith has been scrupulously fair. On the shelf is a book not likely to stir up much enthusiasm among that service organization's members.

It's "Mein Kampf," by A. Hitler.

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# Indonesia, Dutch Stir U.N. Squabble

By MILTON BESSER  
 UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 20 (AP)—Indonesia warned today that the security of all Asia is wrapped up in its claims to sovereignty over West Irian known as West New Guinea.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio indicated to the 82-nation U.N. Political Committee that this might be the last time his country will seek a U.N. settlement of its bitter quarrel with the Dutch.

He declared the Indonesians would prefer a U.N. settlement but added that "the patience of a people is not inexhaustible."

Netherlands Ambassador C.W.A. Schurmann, speaking in the committee after Subandrio accused the Indonesians of deliberately creating a "threat to peace" over the issue.

### May Startle World

Schurmann quoted Preside Sukarno of Indonesia as saying last Nov. 7 that "if the United Nations fail us, we will resort to methods which will startle the world."

The Dutch Ambassador said the situation in West New Guinea is "completely peaceful and undisturbed," and "if there is any threat to the peace, that threat does not come from The Netherlands but from Indonesia."

He declared that the people of the area must decide their own future, as soon as they reach a stage in their political development when this is possible.

### Area Undefined

The Dutch and Indonesians cannot even get together on what to call the disputed territory, roughly equivalent in area to the state of California but with a population of only 35,000, mostly natives who live a primitive life. The Dutch refer to it as Netherlands New Guinea and the Indonesians as West Irian. The entire island of New Guinea is the second largest in the world.

This is the fourth year the issue has come before the United Nations. Last year the Assembly took no action. A proposal by the Asian-African bloc to establish a three-nation good offices mission failed to win the necessary two-thirds majority. This year the Asian-African group has introduced a resolution calling on both sides to try for a solution in accord with the principles of the U.N. Charter and with the aid of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

# \$6 Million Default Won In Oil Suit

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20 (AP)—A default judgment of \$6,185,000 was awarded in Superior Court Tuesday to the Wyoming Pacific Oil Co. against Edward J. Preston, an oil man.

Judge Bayard Rhone said this may be the largest default judgment ever won in California.

Preston was alleged to have entered into an agreement with Mrs. Kathryn Mau, who inherited the company from her husband, Charles, at his death in 1934, whereby he would develop Wyoming oil lands owned by the company, and she and Preston would divide the profits. Her suit charged that he entered a secret deal with another oil company and split the proceeds with it.

The Wyoming Pacific Oil Co. sued the suit in behalf of Mrs. Mau and Preston was served with a court summons two years ago but never appeared to defend himself, her lawyers maintained.

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