

Italian Premier Favors Influence Of US in Mediterranean Affairs

By VIRGIL M. PINKLEY (World Copyright 1947 by United Press) ROME—(U.P.)—Premier Alcide de Gasperi said Monday that continued and increased United States participation in European and Mediterranean affairs would be "a guarantee against a new war."

De Gasperi, leader of the Christian Democratic Party who heads the Italian coalition government, viewed the world situation pessimistically in an interview with the United Press. He saw American action as the key to the solution of both international disputes and Italian internal problems.

"Such American activity seems to me to guarantee against a new war," he said.

As if seeking immediately to answer a major criticism against the Truman policy, De Gasperi added, "I believe that American influence is good for the development of democratic life in Europe. I consider United States participation in things European as within the framework of the United Nations, of which the United States is a member."

Contrast to Benito De Gasperi received me in his large businesslike office in the Viminale Palace, in a smart grey

flannel suit and horn rimmed glasses, he looked much younger than his 65 years. He removed the glasses during most of the interview and gestured constantly with a colored pencil in the Italian manner. As he ran his long fingers through a shock of black hair only flecked with grey, exhibiting warmth and courtesy, he seemed to present a maximum contrast with Benito Mussolini, who was running Italian lives only four years ago.

He spoke at a time when Italy was struggling through its worst financial crisis since the war, and with full knowledge that publication of his views may increase the difficulty of holding together his coalition government. The Communists are second in strength to his Christian Democratic Party in the government.

De Gasperi also made these major points: 1. "We need a small United States loan to balance our ordinary budget and restore confidence in our internal financing for extraordinary reconstruction expenditures." He did not mention a figure.

2. Hunger is the chief threat to democracy in Italy. Only chaos from famine could bring either a leftist or rightist dictatorship, which seem the same to him.

3. The Italian assembly has the final decision whether Italy will ratify the peace treaty written for her by the Allies.

"My personal opinion is that the treaty can be ratified, but only if we have assurance that a helping hand will be extended to aid us," De Gasperi said.

4. Italy's influence by full or joint trusteeship should be maintained in pre-war Italian colonies in Africa captured by the Allies.

5. A general election in Italy must be held "within three or four months."

Mining on Revested Lands Gains Support

PORTLAND — (U.P.) — Support of a congressional bill sponsored by Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore) which would open Oregon re-vested lands to mining development is urged by a civic-industrial group here.

C. K. Sterrett, secretary of Raw Materials Survey, said the House bill would open 2,500,000 acres in Oregon to exploration and development, particularly in the Oregon-California land grant tracts where mining now is restricted.

The Oregon Mining Assn. will discuss the bill at its May 24 meeting in Grants Pass.

'Mother of the Year' Chosen

NEW YORK — (U.P.) — Mrs. Janet Lindsay Stevenson Murray, 72, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a grandmother of 10, was named Monday as the American mother of 1947.

"She was chosen," said Mrs. Leonore E. Porter, executive secretary of the National American Mothers Committee, "for her outstanding record as the mother of five children, all college graduates, and her continuing leadership in community affairs."

"We believe Mrs. Murray has the ability to lead the mothers of America, as no other woman could, in the search for world peace."

Mrs. Murray has written many articles for newspapers and national magazines on the problems of motherhood. She began her writing career in 1918 with a weekly feature in the Honolulu Star Bulletin and later wrote a column in the Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette.

Mrs. Murray's five children are William Gordon Murray, head of the department of economics and sociology at Iowa State; Mrs. Eleanor Haines Shepherd, co-author with her husband of a number of textbooks; Edward Stevenson Murray, a fellow at Montreal General Hospital; Mrs. Janet Steele Fiske, a former instructor at Wellesley, and Miss Winifred Gray Murray, an instructor at Monmouth Junior College, Long Branch, N. J.

Conservatives Win in Japan

TOKYO — (U.P.) — Conservative candidates scored an overwhelming victory in Sunday's election to the "council of Councillors, upper house of the Japanese Parliament, and observers cited this as evidence of a Japanese trend toward middle-of-the-road political leanings.

The Japanese electorate, it appeared, was steering a middle course between radical and Communist policies on the one hand and ultra-nationalism on the other.

In elections to the upper chamber as in earlier elections to prefectural and municipal offices the voters generally supported men of known experience and ability. It was believed they felt that this is not the time for political experiments.

The House of Councillors corresponds roughly to the U. S. Senate in the bicameral legislature provided by the new Japanese constitution. It replaces the old House of Peers in which many of those elected Sunday held seats.

One hundred members were selected on a nation-wide basis and 150 from prefectural electoral districts. Members serve a six-year term and half of them are elected every third year.

Architecture Faculty Loses W. R. Wilcox

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) worked with the United States housing bureau at Bremerton, Wash., was a member of the jury of competition for the Kansas City peace memorial and the Honolulu war memorial and was architect for the Scottish Rite temple in Portland.

In Eugene, the professor designed the present Westgate Building on the campus, the First Congregational Church, the Kappa Rho Theta sorority house on the campus, and the home of the late Dean Eric W. Allen, of the University of Oregon journalism school.

Wrote Books In addition to his work in architecture, Professor Wilcox wrote several books and pamphlets on taxation, and wrote extensively for journals of architecture.

Professor Wilcox married Evelyn Porter Wilcox, who died in 1942. They had no children. Survivors include a brother, Frank, of Holyoke, Mass., and a sister, Helen, of Montpelier, Vt.

Private services will be held at Veatch Hollingsworth England Mortuary, with cremation following.

Smoke has been used for screening troop movements from hostile observation since Biblical times.

The Great Salt Lake is 75 miles long and 35 miles wide.

Home Crafts Class to Start

Instructions in how to make draperies, curtains, bed spreads and other accessories for the home will be offered at the Eugene Vocational School beginning April 22 and continuing for six lessons. Classes will meet from 1 until 4 p.m. each Tuesday.

The instructor, Mrs. Gillette, has a degree in art, who has taught home economics in California and has had experience in custom making draperies and curtains.

The class is to be taught on a "work shop" basis and women will bring materials to the class for making their own articles. The instructor suggested that women attend the first class before selecting their materials.

A new class in Home Decorating will start on April 23 and will meet from 7 until 9:30 p.m. each Wednesday for six weeks.

Interested persons may contact the Eugene Vocational school, Fourth and Madison Sts., for either course.

Jewish Terrorists Resume Activity

JERUSALEM — (U.P.) — Two ropes fashioned into nooses were found by British authorities Monday near the spot where two military jeeps were ambushed in Jerusalem by men believed to be members of the Jewish underground.

The discovery recalled broadcast threats by Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organization, to retaliate in kind for the hanging of four of its members by British authorities last week following their conviction for anti-British violence.

Three men were detained after the ambushing, in which the jeeps were attacked with grenades and machinegun fire near the edge of Jerusalem's Jewish quarter. Five soldiers who were riding in the jeeps escaped injury, but a civilian was reported injured.

Two other British military vehicles were blown up Monday in continuation of a new reign of violence in which 12 persons—including 10 British soldiers—were injured Sunday.

Six soldiers were injured when a bomb was thrown into a motion picture theater at a leave center near Nathanya. Four other soldiers were wounded— one seriously—when two military trucks were blown up by road mines while en route to investigate the theater bombing.

Kids' Drive for Parks Past Halfway Mark

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) Co. of Springfield, sent his contribution to the Century Fund, enclosed with a letter from his home in Texarkana, Tex., offering his best wishes for the success of the drive.

The Edwards family of 2866 Willamette St. have taken the Century Fund campaign to heart and are behind it 100 per cent, according to reports from one Dunn School district worker. A breakdown of the family's \$18.50 contribution shows that Paul W. Edwards contributed \$5; Howard, \$10; Ruby, \$2; Lorna, \$5; Donald, \$2.50; and Devere, \$5.

The business division, with the job of canvassing 518 places of business, reported Saturday that the job was not quite half done.

"We have 167 cards completed," according to Robert Cross, chairman of the division, "with an average of \$70 per card."

Following are the standings of all categories: Business Division \$11,829.00; Realtors 257.00; Professional 1,890.00

\$13,974.00; Clubs and lodges 3,533.00; Personal 1,065.00; Schools (one third in) 7,465.00; Pledges 226,033.03; Total 227,633.03

INVITATION ACCEPTED NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — (U.P.) — Thieves at North Platte believed in a sign, especially one above a doorway reading "Step Inn." They removed the front door lock, stepped in, and stepped out again with \$50 in cash and several boxes of cigars.

\$124 Rate Aim Of Schools

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) just about keeps up with rising costs and does not provide any "extras" will be made possible partly by an increase in state aid, amounting to about \$146,000, and coming from the new basic school support fund.

Altogether the district will receive from this fund an estimated \$388,450. This year state aid amounted to \$243,000. Amount per pupil received from the state this year was about \$32 and the amount estimated for the coming year is \$50—the amount the basic school support act was designed to provide.

The irreducible school fund is expected to provide about \$8000 and the county school fund \$73,000. About \$32,000 is expected in tuition for students from outside the district and about \$45,000 from rentals and other sources. Altogether the income from sources other than the district school tax is estimated at \$579,275.

After taking this income into account the district school board still found about \$454,000 needed—the amount the taxpayers have been asked to vote next Thursday.

School census figures show what has been happening in growth of the Eugene area. In 1929 the districts composing the consolidated Eugene district had a census of 8488. At the census last October the total was 7769—41 per cent more children to educate at greatly increased costs.

(Tomorrow: Eugene Schools' Rank)

Tax Hearings Due in Senate

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — The Senate raises the curtain Tuesday on the first act of its tax-cutting performance with the cash customers waiting to see:

Whether they will get a refund on part of the taxes they've already paid this year, or:

Whether the new lower rates will be delayed until July 1.

The third possibility—that no cut will come this year—appears remote despite these two weekend developments:

1. President Truman's declaration that higher prices already have "inflated the entire economic structure" and that lower taxes now would only promote further inflation.

The chief executive coupled this prediction with a forecast that the government's budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30 will show a \$1,250,000,000 surplus—the first since 1930.

2. A bill by Democratic Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois to cut taxes next January 1 on a somewhat different basis than the 30 per cent slash retroactive to last Jan. 1 already voted by the house.

Lucas' bill presumably will be considered along with the House measure when the Senate Finance Committee opens its tax hearings Tuesday.

But with Republicans firmly committed to a cut this year, most senators agree that the main test will come between those who favor the House' date and those like Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, who prefer to wait until July 1.

FLOWERS GO PLASTIC GAINESVILLE, Fla. — (U.P.) — The University of Florida's experiment station has found a way to dehydrate botanical specimens and preserve them indefinitely in transparent plastic. The process is adaptable to manufacture of plastic book ends, lamp bases, candleholders and other gift shop items with real floral adornments.

A new process of extracting fiber from the yucca plant has been invented by R. S. Chapman of New Mexico.

Illinois dairy herds produced 375,000 pounds of milk during November, 1946.

Rattlesnakes are found both in very humid and very dry climates.

Boatmen Make McKenzie Run

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) nel and Mrs. T. D. Weaver. The Army men are from the Portland headquarters of the U. S. Army engineers.

Chancellor Paul C. Packard of the State Board of Higher Education, Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of the University of Oregon; William H. Cobb of New York City, vice-president of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Co., and Jim Hosmer of the Bend Chamber of Commerce were among the special guests.

"Dammed or Praised?" Asked if he would return next weekend for the opening of the trout season, Colonel Walsh, head of the Army engineers, was enthusiastic about the boat ride, but said that he would not be able to make it. He did say that he would be here Thursday to be "dammed and praised" during the Williamette Valley Flood Control project hearing.

Although young Helfrich, who boated from Redside to Nimrod, was the youngest to make a complete run, the smallest boatman was Buck Adams, nine-year-old son of Association Secretary Carroll Adams, who manned his dad's boat through Silver Creek and four following rapids.

Best "Rides" The best "rides" were furnished at McAllister, Neill's and Martin rapids. Most of the thrills were provided as the crafts shot through the turbulent Martin like amusement-park roller coasters. It was unusual that none of the boats swamped in Martin, although numerous passengers were given duckings.

Association President Dayton Thomson supervised the event, assisted by Adams. Most of the boats did not get under way until 10 a.m., but managed to reach Nimrod at noon for luncheon and entertainment. A few of the boats took out at Thomson's, below Martin, but the majority continued on to the lake, finishing between 4 and 4:30 p.m.

Although there was considerable traffic, there were no serious jams and no accidents were reported.

Sportsmen Analyze Fishing Conditions For many of the close to 200 sportsmen who made the McKenzie trip, it was a preview for next weekend and the opening of the trout season. Chances in the river channels were closely noted, along with the height and condition of the water. The river is about two feet too high for good angling, but is expected to drop another foot before next Saturday. The water is crystal clear and there were numerous bug hatches despite the wind and slightly colder-than-average weather.

One of the most noticeable changes in the river is at Clover Point, where the usual gigantic curbs have been flattened out. Gate Creek rapids are also more quiet than usual.

Oklahoma's average elevation is 1300 feet.

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Radio-Guided V-1 Disclosed

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It was a three-ton flying bomb officially named the KUV-1. The 700 naval and civilian scientists and personnel of this heavily guarded air missile test center call it the Loon.

Here are some of the things it will do: Increases the effective heavy

bombardment range of the V-1 from 25 miles, the extreme range achieved against Japan to miles.

Radio controlled, it can change its course in flight to seek its target with deadly accuracy. Its speed is in excess of 300 miles per hour; its weight, 3,000 pounds; its cost, \$15,000.

The Germans invented the bomb and coupled it with a jet engine invention stolen from the United States. The result was the V-1 buzz bomb, 5500 of which were fired across the English Channel and almost wrecked London.

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