

Russians Refuse Yugoslavian Bid To Party Meeting

Albania Also Slaps Tito With Defiances

LONDON—(AP)—Russian Communists refused Wednesday to participate in a Yugoslav Communist congress because Premier Marshal Tito and his followers have placed themselves "outside the family of Communist parties."

The Soviet news agency Tass and the Moscow radio announced the blunt Russian rejection of the Yugoslav invitation. The congress is scheduled to open in Belgrade July 21.

Vanport Visitors Turned Down As Red-Backed

PORTLAND — (AP) — Governor John M. Hall has refused to see a committee claiming to represent Vanport flood refugees because he believes the group is dominated by Communists.

The governor announced Tuesday night he would not meet the group due at the state capitol in Salem Wednesday from Portland. He explained that he reached the decision after talking to a chief of Portland detectives.

Four Resign
The announcement followed the resignation of four Vanport evacuees from the Vanport Citizens' Disaster Committee. The four said they believed Communists were using the distress of the Vanport people for disruptive tactics and to embarrass government officials.

Hall explained that when the Vanport interview was first arranged, he understood he was to meet with several committee representatives.

Won't Take It
Since then, he added, he learned of a mass caravan demonstration with threats and demands. "I'm not going to put up with that sort of thing," Hall said.

Several committee delegations have appeared before the Portland city council with demands for cash grants to Vanport families, requisition of hotels for housing and resignation of members of the Portland Housing Authority which operated Vanport.

Mayor Earl Riley had abruptly adjourned the last of the hearings after audience demonstrations.

Warfare Rail Rates Viewed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A Justice Department official said Wednesday that a United States railroad industry charged the government "unreasonable" rates on a "take it or leave it" basis during the war.

James E. Kilday, special assistant attorney general, appeared before a House executive expenditure subcommittee.

He said the railroads' set-up denied the government the opportunity to shop around.

Transportation
The subcommittee, headed by Rep. George H. Bender (R-Ohio), is inquiring into the government's annual transportation bill.

The railroads bargained for wartime freight rates through a special four-man committee of the American Railroad Association. Kilday said it was headed by August F. Cleveland, retired AAR vice-president, he said.

900 Through One
"Nine hundred railroads were speaking through these four men and in practice they reduced it to one man," Kilday said.

"You are referring to Mr. Cleveland," Kilday replied. "He said, in effect, we are writing these rates as we please and you can take it or leave it."

Poles' Protest Tossed Back

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States Wednesday rejected Poland's protest against policies of the western powers in Germany. It advised Poland to complain to Russia if dissatisfied with the way things are going in Europe.

Undersecretary of State Robert A. Lovett told Polish Ambassador Josef Winiewicz:

"If certain countries claim that their interests are not sufficiently taken into account by the program their complaint should not be addressed to the United States government but to the government primarily responsible for preventing these countries from cooperating in the general recovery program for Europe."

One June 18, Poland filed a formal protest against the western Allies' plan for building up western Germany in connection with the Marshall plan, and permitting a measure of "home rule" for that area of Germany.

The decisions were taken independently after long and fruitless efforts to get an agreement with Russia on treatment of Germany as a whole.

Arab Walkout Upsets Truce Extension Plan

Gromyko Challenges Arbiters' Proposals

LAKE SUCCESS — (AP) — Britain Wednesday drafted a Security Council proposal calling on the Jews and Arabs to extend the truce in Palestine.

But the representative of the Arab higher committee "walked out" of United Nations discussions on Palestine.

Nor was this the only jolt received by Tito's Communists. Tass said Albania has defied Belgrade's warnings that she must resume economic relations with Yugoslavia or face the consequences.

Yugoslavia accepted a four-power request to call a ten-country conference in Belgrade July 30 on future control of the Danube, the most important inland waterway in Europe. The U.S., Russia, Britain and France asked Yugoslavia in notes Tuesday to call the meeting.

A Tass dispatch from Tirana, capital of Albania, said the Albanians were taking "strong measures" to guard their frontiers against "hostile elements."

Communist-governed Albania has sided with the nine-nation Cominform (Communist International Information Bureau) in that organization's dispute with Yugoslavia's Communists.

Last week the tiny country severed trade relations with Yugoslavia and ordered the expulsion of Yugoslav military, political and cultural missions from Albanian soil. Yugoslavia countered with a series of notes to Tirana charging Albanian authorities with insulting Tito's regime.

Polish Communist leaders in Warsaw approved unanimously the Cominform's censure of Tito.

The Cominform early last week accused Tito and his aides of deviating from Marxism and of pursuing a hateful policy toward Russia. Yugoslav Communists noisily defended themselves and kept up a running fire of reports of support for Tito from Communist elements within Yugoslavia and from the nation's diplomats abroad.

Russia's refusal to attend the Yugoslav party congress follows several days of continued defiance by Tito to the Cominform charges, flowery praise of the Soviet Union and efforts to place the blame for Yugoslavia's present plight upon Communist leaders of other Eastern European countries, especially Bulgaria, Albania and Hungary.

Nothing has happened in the Tito-Stalin crisis yet to change the views of western experts that it may signal the start of the crumbling of Russia's vast eastern European empire. Many developments including the following support this thesis:

1. Anti-government demonstrations Tuesday in Prague, with participants in a gigantic parade shouting for the return of President Eduard Benes and waving American flags.

2. Communist losses in the Finnish election, with the Finnish Communists warning it might harm Soviet-Finnish relations if the Communists are excluded from the government.

3. Russia's decision to join with other western powers in pressing Yugoslavia against her will to be host to the 10-power conference on the Danube with rights for foreign correspondents to enter and report the proceedings without censorship.

Architects for the project are Annand and Kennedy of Portland. When remodelled, Villard Hall will be used in conjunction with the new theater unit for the university's speech and drama department, including radio production classes.

Action to Halt Prices Bid

Democrats' Platform Framers Prodged by Farm Federation

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — The American Farm Bureau Federation asked the Democratic Party Wednesday to pledge a new governmental attack on the problem of skyrocketing prices.

Opening hearings on the 1948 Democratic platform, H. E. Slusher, a member of the board of the powerful farm organization, proposed specifically that Congress set up a national monetary commission to find ways of stabilizing prices.

Sees Danger
"A democracy of free enterprise cannot flourish and may not even survive continuing fluctuations of the general price level," said Slusher. He is president of the Farm Bureau in Missouri.

Truman's home state of Missouri has an issue with which Democrats hope to win votes in November. Mr. Truman and other Democratic leaders have blamed the Republican Congress for swelling prices since wartime controls were dropped.

Quiet Start
The Democratic platform drafters got off to a quiet, friendly start. But beneath it was an air of expectancy. Sharp and perhaps bitter battles appeared to be shaping up over civil rights and labor planks.

U. S. Senator Francis J. Myers,



RAY FOSTER



LEROY LAURSEN

Foster Excused In Fight Death

A coroner's jury Wednesday noon returned a verdict of excusable homicide in the fatal injury July 1 of Leroy Laursen, 22, when Ray Foster, 30, Register-Guard employee, hit him during an argument.

Laursen died early Sunday in a Eugene hospital from brain injuries sustained last Wednesday night when his head struck the pavement after Foster hit him, the inquest showed.

The coroner's jury heard testimony from two doctors as to the nature of the injuries, and from witnesses of the fight.

Oregon Statute
The verdict was returned under an Oregon statute that provides for no penalty when a person is killed "by accident, in the heat of passion . . . with sudden and sufficient provocation . . . without premeditation or the use of weapons . . . and when no cruel or unusual blows are involved."

Deputy Coroner Fred Bull called the public hearing in the District Attorney's office Wednesday morning after state police had investigated the events of the evening when Foster and Laursen became involved in the argument.

Witnesses Tell Details
William Lawrence Clark, 17, and George Reisbeck, 20, who witnessed the events of the evening, told the coroner's jury that Foster and Laursen argued twice during the night, at a tavern on River Road, and that Foster hit Laursen once, in the jaw, after about 45 minutes of argument.

Foster then told the jury about the argument, which was over a girl, and said that he tried to reason with Laursen. All witnesses agreed that Laursen came into the tavern, accosted Foster, and began the argument. All agreed that Foster struck the only blow. The witnesses all said that Laursen had pushed Foster, during the arguments, but did not actually strike a blow.

The altercation occurred out in the road, after the tavern had closed. The proprietors of the tavern asked both men to leave when the second argument started. Earlier in the evening, Laursen had accosted Foster and said, "I want to settle it now." After a brief argument, he left the tavern. About 11 p.m. he returned, and took up the argument again, witnesses said.

Foster was at the tavern with a group of friends following a swimming party. Laursen had been driving with Clark and Reisbeck, and when the three youths drove past the tavern, he asked them to stop, saying that he wanted to "see the man who is dating my girl," the youths testified.

Foster told the jury that he was acquainted with the girl, but that he did not have a date with her that night.

District Attorney C. E. Luckey explained the laws in the case and instructed the coroner's jury to weigh the testimony and find either that a crime of manslaughter had been committed, or that Laursen had died by accident under the meaning of the excusable homicide statute.

Labor Board May Request Coal Injunction

Sympathy Walkout End Urged by UMW

WASHINGTON — (UP) — Robert N. Denham, National Labor Relations Board general counsel, said Wednesday he will decide possibly within 24 hours whether to seek a federal court injunction to halt the strike of 40,000 soft coal miners employed by steel-owned mines.

Denham said he hopes to complete Wednesday his investigation into charges that the miners are striking for illegal contract demands.

Meanwhile, throughout the soft coal fields, district officials of the United Mine Workers Union urged some 35,000 commercial miners to return to the pits. These men left their jobs Tuesday in sympathy with the strike of the captive miners.

The captive miners—those working in mines owned by steel companies—followed their traditional "no contract - no work" policy and stayed away from the pits because the steel firms refused to sign the new industry contract.

The steel companies contend a portion of the contract violates the Taft-Hartley Act because it provides for a union shop. They have asked Denham to charge the union with illegal bargaining and to request an injunction to force the miners to give up their demands for a union shop.

UMW Asks Return
The sympathy strike of commercial miners continued to spread in the Pittsburgh district, but UMW officials were urging the men to end their wildcat action.

The Western Pennsylvania Coal Operators Assn. reported about 14,500 commercial miners on strike at 42 mines Wednesday. There were 10,000 miners on strike at 30 mines Tuesday morning.

Three mines reopened Wednesday morning, but five which had been open Tuesday were closed down, the association said.

Making Effort
John P. Busarello, president of UMW District 5 at Pittsburgh, said he was making every effort to send the commercial miners back to the pits.

"We got busy early this morning on getting the men back to work in the commercial pits," Busarello said. "Six board members and several helpers and representatives went into the field to talk with the men. When the contracts were signed with the commercial operators, we were instructed to live up to them. We are carrying out previous instructions."

Harry Sutter, executive vice-president of the Western Pennsylvania Coal Operators Assn., said there had been no reply to the association's telegram yesterday to John L. Lewis, demanding that the commercial miners "honor the contract and return to work immediately."

A total of 42,000 miners were idle in western Pennsylvania this morning—27,500 at 19 captive mines and 14,500 at the 42 commercial mines.

Welfare Commission Asks Federal Help

PORTLAND — (AP) — The State Welfare Commission has appealed to the federal social security board for permission to use federal funds to send out Oregon's July welfare checks.

Payment of \$1,300,000 to some 30,000 welfare recipients has been delayed because of inability of Multnomah County to make its July quarterly payment to the commission.

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Crump Thumps Political Scribe With Challenge

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — Political Leader E. H. Crump Wednesday challenged Edward J. Meeman, editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar, to accept an agreement by which one of them would leave town.

He called for "a showdown on this challenge." Meeman declined immediate comment.

Crump's statement was delivered by Mayor James J. Pleasants in a 30-minute radio transcription broadcast over 11 stations.

The challenge was an outgrowth of the campaign for Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate.

Crump asked that a Chamber of Commerce committee be named to investigate charges he has made. If they are proven false, he said, he will "pick up my hat" and leave town. Otherwise, he added, Meeman should leave.

Berlin Absorbing In Soviet Planned

BERLIN — (AP) — The Communists announced Wednesday a two-year plan to tie Berlin economically to the Soviet occupation zone of Germany. They warned Berliners not to pin their hopes for the future on the western air bridge over the Soviet blockade.

The Communists also announced they are drawing up a constitution for a German republic — their answer to the projected western German constitutional assembly.

At the same time the U. S. air force attacked the growing fuel shortage in blockaded western Berlin, which in 19 days has cut factory operations 40 per cent.

The first "flying coalman" winged into Berlin shortly after noon with 110 bags of coal. The Americans began the operation in the face of a veiled Russian warning on the safety of their air bridge planes.

The Communist dominated Socialist Unity Party (SED) announced in the Soviet Sector: "Starting from the fact that Berlin lies in the eastern zone and is tied very closely to its economy, the Berlin unit of the SED has worked out a two-year plan aimed at systematically incorporating Berlin's economy into that of the eastern zone."

One aim, it said, is standardizing products and spurring production.

Discussing this latest phase of the East-West battle for the German capital, the Soviet-licensed Berliner Zeitung said:

"If Berlin wants to live it has only one possibility at the moment—connection with the economic plan for the eastern zone. Berliners should seriously consider which is wiser: To build the future of Berlin on the swaying pillars of the air bridge or on a long-term plan."

Flying Coal
The Americans arranged to send 25 C-54s with sacks of coal from Frankfurt to the western sectors of Berlin Wednesday afternoon. Each plane can handle seven tons of cargo. Heretofore the planes concentrated on building up food supplies. Western Berlin further curbed street cars as a fuel conservation measure.

The scope of the air lift is indicated by U. S. Air Force figures on the 18 hours from 4 p.m. Tuesday to 10 a.m. Wednesday, when 115 flights brought 610 tons of food into the city.

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What Wars, Atom Couldn't Do Navy to Send 'Bat Bombs' Against Warship New York

PEARL HARBOR — (AP) — The tough old veteran of the United States fleet, the battleship New York, turns her armor-plated hide Wednesday to the Navy's weird new "bat bombs"—the first weapon to be used in her sinking.

The 30,000-ton warship emerged unscathed from two wars and survived two atomic blasts at Bikini.

Rear Adm. Marshall R. Greer, task force commander, said the radar-guided "bats" were used against the Japanese late in the war.

"Bat" attacks also will be launched Thursday morning. They will be followed by air, surface and underwater arms tests.

The Navy said the "bat" bombs are the first fully automatic guided missiles used in combat. They are regulation 1000-pound bombs, rigged with glider-like wings and tail. They have a radar directional mechanism which can be fixed on the target by the plane launching the bat. Radar apparatus then guides the bat into the target regardless of evasive action of the target ship.

Some 300 carrier and land-based bombers, dive bombers and torpedo planes will work the 34-year-old New York over with weapons ranging from high velocity rockets to 2000-pound bombs. But the experts say it will take submarine torpedoes to sink the battleship.

Plenty Popping In Government All Over Globe

Berlin, Yugoslavia and Palestine were still tops on the international news front Wednesday, but there was plenty stirring elsewhere.

Here are some representative reports from the Associated Press:

Czechoslovaks again cheered former President Benes, who resigned without signing the country's Communist constitution.

The U. S. State Department had under careful study rumors of Soviet troop movements in Romania and Bulgaria toward Yugoslavia. The old speculation was revived that Russia might try to annex Romania and Bulgaria as Soviet republics and put the Red army back in Czechoslovakia.

The Finnish elections in which Communist strength was trimmed markedly also gave the Kremlin pause.

Kidnap Five
The British Foreign Office said Irqun Zvai Leumi, Jewish extremist outfit, kidnaped five British subjects in Palestine.

Chile's cabinet resigned. The Peruvian government said troops that revolted Sunday had returned to the loyalist side. Haitian mobs lynched a poet who killed a publisher in Port-au-Prince. The death toll among rioting Chinese students at Peking, opposing military training, rose to nine.

In Washington, the U. S. consulted with Canada and the five nations of the western European union over American military support.

The Moscow newspaper Pravda charged the U. S., Britain, France and the Low Countries made secret deals to annex land in western Germany in their agreement to set up a government there.

Longshoremen Deny Charges

SEATTLE — (AP) — Waterfront employers of the Seattle-Puget Sound area accused CIO longshore officials Wednesday of "flouting" a federal court non-strike injunction by causing a slowdown. A union spokesman denied it.

Merle G. Ringenberg, manager of the Waterfront Employers of Washington, said in a statement a slowdown by members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has reduced cargo handling here by about one-third.

William Gettings, union international representative, said the statement "is not true."

"We would not be fools enough to do that," Gettings added.

He accused the employers of starting a "speedup" by hiring fewer men to do specified work after a federal court in San Francisco granted an 80-day injunction last week against a threatened Pacific Coast longshore strike.

Ringenberg said Pacific Coast headquarters of the employers at San Francisco wired Attorney General Tom Clark Tuesday night informing him of the claimed Seattle slowdown. He said Coos Bay also was affected.

Ringenberg said the court order not only forbade threatened strikes or lockouts but also prohibited union officers from "in any manner interfering with or affecting the orderly continuance of work," in the industry.

HUSKIES WINNERS

PRINCETON, N.J. — (AP) — The University of Washington's four-oared crew with coxswain, picked from the junior varsity eight, scored a smashing triumph in the first round of Olympic rowing try-outs Wednesday, beating the Penn A. C. of Philadelphia by a huge margin. The victory put Washington into Friday's semifinals.

But Convention Gallery Feet Stilled Ike's Shadow Stays Long

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — President Truman's aides moved Wednesday to cut off any gallery attempts to start a nomination stampede at next week's Democratic convention.

This maneuver obviously was aimed at preventing a spectator chant from reviving the collapsing boom for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Leslie L. Biffle, convention sergeant-at-arms, announced 80 Philadelphia policemen and up to 50 private detectives will be on hand to keep galleries from influencing delegates in their choice of a presidential nominee.

Most politicians still remembered the 1940 Republican convention in the same hall where packed galleries yelling "we want Willie" were credited with helping bring about the nomination of the late Wendell L. Willkie.

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