

Italian Leader Faces Vote of Confidence

ROME (AP)—Embattled Premier Mario Scelba faced tough demands from both left and right Monday as he fought to hold together his 15-month-old four-party coalition on a crucial confidence vote.

After a busy weekend of haggling with political leaders, the anti-Communist Premier stood firm on the formula of center alliance despite growing dissent in his own Christian Democrat party and stiff demands from the allied Social Democrats anti-Communist Socialists.

As the ruminations grew louder, observers saw little assurance Scelba would receive full support from either his own party or the Social Democrats on the confidence motion to be debated by the Chamber of Deputies Wednesday.

Adlai Urges 'Open Mind' At Big 4 Talk

OBERLIN, Ohio (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson urged Monday that the forthcoming "conference at the summit" be approached with an attitude of bargaining.

The former Democratic presidential candidate, in a speech delivered at commencement exercises at Oberlin College, said, "Our role is to keep our hopes high but our heads clear."

He said every suggestion must be considered "honestly and dispassionately," and that the United States should look for "bases of agreement and... be willing to take some reasonable chances."

"To want peace is to want compromise," he said. "It is not to demand perfection but to be willing to accept something less, perhaps much less, than perfection—but better than the alternative which is a sharpening and prolonging of ugly, dangerous tensions."

Stevenson said the "effectiveness of this nation's participating depends not in any sense upon the President alone."

"If we the people are uncompromising," he said, "if we equate negotiation with appeasement, if we think war is inevitable, if we regard every Soviet proposal as a trick and a trap, if we think that what is advantageous for the other, then the people will have ruled out bargaining."

"Not even the president can negotiate if we tie his hands," he contended.



WOWS THE POWS

Brooklyn's Terry King is placed behind bars after being chosen "Miss P-O-W" in New York. The Copacabana dancer was selected to reign over the 8th annual convention of the Ex-Prisoners of War in New York's Hotel Governor Clinton. (NEA)

Smaller Firms, Union Confer

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The United Steelworkers this week began presenting demands for a "substantial" wage increase to 90 basic steel and ore mining firms.

Six of the nation's largest basic steel producers listened to the union's proposals last week and called a temporary halt in negotiations to study them.

No dates have been set for resumption of talks with the "Big Six"—U.S. Steel, Bethlehem, Republic, Jones & Laughlin, Inland and Youngstown Sheet & Tube.

These negotiations were held in Pittsburgh with USW President David J. McDonald personally handling the union's bargaining. District representatives will conduct most of the talks with the smaller companies.

The USW hasn't spelled out what it considers a substantial raise. But McDonald reportedly has said he wants more than "nickels and dimes" for the 600,000 union members in basic steel, who now average \$2.33 hourly. Talks this year are confined to wages.

Solons Plan New Probes

'Nest of Coasters' Cited by Senator

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate staff investigators went ahead with the spadework for new probes of government procurement Monday as Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) called for prosecution of "the nest of grafters" he said already has been found.

The Senate investigations subcommittee which McClellan heads completed four weeks of public hearings Saturday into military procurement activities centered around Harry Lev, a Chicago hat-maker who obtained lucrative government contracts.

DENIES CHARGES

Lev swore he had "definitely never" bribed anyone with as much as "one broken cent," although hearsay testimony had accused him of paying \$50,000 to Air Force Capt. Raymond Wool. He told of giving some gifts, but no money, to other procurement personnel.

A business competitor, Leon M. Levy, of New York, had told of the \$50,000 and said he himself had paid out some money for gifts through a business associate.

McClellan, referring to this and other testimony, said, "If we find such conditions in one place, it is our clear duty to investigate whether any other agency of the military is contaminated."

SWIFT ACTION URGED

Staff investigators already are working on other areas of procurement, McClellan said.

McClellan called for swift action by the Justice Department on the basis of the hearings just completed, but Sen. Mundt (R-SD), another subcommittee member, said some points should be cleared up before a report is made to the department. He said the record contains too many "don't know factors."

3 Brazilians Killed

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (AP)—Dispatches from Sao Borjas Saturday reported an Argentine naval patrol shot and killed three Brazilians and seriously wounded two other on the Uruguay River which marks the boundary between Brazil and Argentina.

Five Union Leaders Jailed in Singapore

SINGAPORE (AP)—Arrest of five Chinese union leaders launched a Communist-backed general strike in this crown colony island but initial response in Britain's commercial crossroads of the East was slow.

A government spokesman estimated 17,000 men failed to show up for work this morning. The island's 2,000 buses were halted. The strike call went out Sunday to 70,000 members of 35 unions.

4,500 POLICE ON DUTY

The spokesman warned, however, that the stoppage could spread rapidly.

Although there was no immediate violence, the 4,500 police were put on a standby basis to counter any recurrence of strike-sparked riots last month in which United Press correspondent Gene D. Symonds and three other persons were killed.

The British army imposed a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on its troops and their families. Army children living away from camps were excused from attending military-operated schools.

EMERGENCY LAW

Three of the unionists arrested are leaders of the Singapore Bus Workers Union, one is general affairs officer of the Malayan Textile and Mill Workers Union and one is a Chinese high school teacher active in union affairs.

Chief Minister David Marshall ordered the arrests under emergency regulations decreed in 1948 to deal with the Communist guerrilla rebellion in Malaya. Abolition of the emergency decrees was a major campaign promise by Marshall's labor front before its election victory last April.

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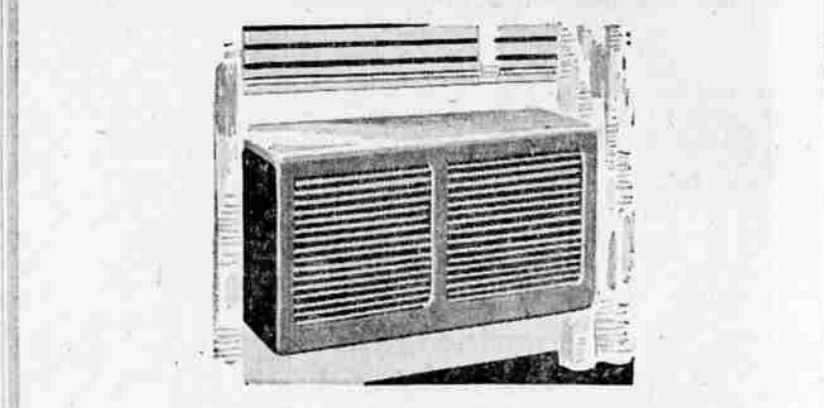
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