

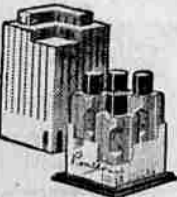
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Extra Votes for Big Nations Expected to Result in Bitter Fight at San Francisco Parley

By R. H. SHACKFORD (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 30 (UP)—The Big Three's secret agreement on extra votes for Russia and the United States in the world assembly pointed clearly today to a bitter fight between the big and little nations at the San Francisco conference.

It is certain to stir up a violent controversy among the American public and to split the U. S. delegation on the eve of the conference to create a world organization for keeping the peace.

Immediate unofficial reaction was disillusionment. Sen. Joseph H. Ball, R., Minn., characterized it as a "gratuitous slap at the small nations." Sens. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., and Wallace H. White, Me., denounced it and opposed extra votes for the United States as much as for other countries.

If the deal agreed to at Yalta is approved, Russia and the United States will get three votes each in the assembly. The British empire will have six through the United Kingdom, the four dominions, and India. All other nations will have one each.

Stalin Makes Proposal The first proposal for more than one seat on the assembly was made by Premier Josef Stalin, who, a year ago, granted a degree of autonomy in foreign affairs to his soviet republics. Stalin now wants separate representation in the world organization for the Ukrainian and White Russian soviet republics.

At the Crimea conference, President Roosevelt agreed to support Stalin provided the United States also should have three seats. No explanation of Stalin's proposal was given, but it was assumed that he wanted the other two powers to come closer to matching the British empire's strength.

China May Oppose In addition to bringing bitter protests from the smaller nations, the agreement may be opposed by China and more certainly France, the other two of the "big five." France, too, has foreign territorial holdings and could by the same logic join the demand for extra votes.

One of the more explosive questions behind the entire agreement is what attitude Russia will take if the San Francisco conference turns down its request. Few are so optimistic as to think a new league of nations could work with-

out Russia. All immediate reaction to the deal—made at Yalta early in February and kept secret until now—was unfavorable.

BRITISH SURPRISED London, March 30 (UP)—Authoritative quarters indicated some surprise today at the Washington announcement that the United States and Russia each would seek three votes at the San Francisco conference.

These quarters expressed complete ignorance of any plan to give the United States three votes and said that their understanding was that only the three votes for Russia had been discussed at the Yalta conference.

They noted at Yalta the problem of three votes for Russia had been settled by deciding to issue invitations to the Ukrainian and White Russian republics. They also expressed wonder at who would get the other two American votes—whether they would all go to Washington or whether some territorial arrangement similar to Russia's would be suggested.

These British quarters agreed that the British empire had six votes, but pointed out that the dominions frequently didn't vote the same way as London.

It was suggested China might want two votes if the Russian and American requests were approved.

FRENCH EXERCISED Paris, March 30 (UP)—French quarters expressed themselves as surprised and somewhat exercised at the American and Russian proposals that each of these two powers get three votes in the International security organization. They said this was another Yalta decision of which France previously had been uninformed.

Back Minus Kick



Beauteous, bouncing Rosalind Russell is back on the screen after a six-month sabbatical with medics, but this time without the "kick-in-the-pants" scenes characteristic of her last picture. She collapsed after completion of "Roughly Speaking," the film made from Louise Randall Pierson's rowdy-dow biographical story of the 1930 depression.

Jerusalem Holds Holy Week Rites

Jerusalem, March 30 (UP)—Msgr. Luigi Barlassina, Latin patriarch of the Holy Land, entered the gate of the basilica of the Holy Sepulcher this morning, followed by hundreds of pilgrims along the "way of the cross" to start Easter services.

The sun shone on the old city's streets. Throngs of civilian and uniformed pilgrims came to the Holy city to celebrate Easter. Among them were hundreds of British and American soldiers, some of whom came from as far as Morocco and Burma.

Four special planes brought 112 American Jewish soldiers to Palestine Wednesday for Passover and then returned them for their mid-east camp, making the trip back to Jerusalem with Christian soldiers who are spending Easter here.

Jewish Services Held in Germany

With Ninth Army in Germany, March 30 (UP)—More than 1,500 soldiers attended a Passover festival in Krefeld last evening, marking the first time services had been held in a Jewish chapel in Germany in many years.

"At this scene in the midst of crumbling ruins and desolate proof of human fallibility, we rededicate ourselves to the faith of our fathers and to the wisdom of divine guidance," the rabbi leader said. "Appropriately we mark this time as a restoration of religious freedom to a people long blinded by hate, by fear, by greed and by pagan symbolism."

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New OPA Order Explained Here

Designed to release a greater quantity of cotton textiles and household furniture for public use, OPA price regulation MPR 580, as explained last night by Miss Bertha Singer, price specialist from the Portland office, to approximately 40 retailers from the Bend district, will bring back additional clothes and furnishings in the lower-price bracket to store shelves by summer.

Before a large group in the council room of the Bend city hall, Miss Singer stated that the new order requires each retailer to prepare and file with the district OPA office by April 20 a pricing chart based on the costs and selling prices of goods offered for sale on March 19. The price rollback is to be at the manufacturer's level, and due to the distance of western retailers from eastern manufacturers, the lower prices will not be felt by local buyers for several months. She assured the retailers that the OPA, working through "price clinics" and trade meetings would give them all possible help in meeting the provision of the new regulation which freezes individual mark-ups of each store to the base date of March 19.

Miss Singer remained in Bend today, consulting with various merchants who will be affected by the new order.

WLB Summons Miners, Operators

Washington, March 30 (UP)—The war labor board today called the United Mine Workers and soft coal mine operators to a public hearing at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow to explain their refusal to continue working under an extension of their existing contract. It expires at midnight tomorrow.

The board's order for the hearing, technically called on "the UMW and the operators to show cause why they should not extend their present contract until they agree on a new one."

It also called on them to show cause—if any—why they should not agree on a retroactive date from which any benefits finally agreed to would be effective. Presumably that date would be April 1.

Failure of the miners and operators to agree to continue work under terms of the existing contract undoubtedly would lead to quick government seizure of bituminous mines to prevent a strike, it was believed.

Easter Forecasts Get Special Study

District weather forecasters today checked barometric readings, studied low pressure areas out in the broad northwest Pacific, charted "fronts" and issued a five-day forecast which indicates Oregon may experience fair weather over the Easter holiday.

The five-day forecast, issued by the district office in Portland, calls for no rain until the first of the week, on Monday or Tuesday, and if precipitation falls then it may be light. The regular forecast calls for partly cloudy weather tonight and Saturday. There is no special mention of Sunday weather, other than the fact that no precipitation appears to be in the offing until Monday or later.

Two Are Cited on Liquor Charges

Charges of selling liquor to minors were faced yesterday by Jewel Denver France and W. H. Hannon, both of Sisters. The complaint was signed by Dale McMeen, state liquor inspector.

France, himself a minor, entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was fined \$100 plus costs and 30 days in jail.

Then Hannon, a tavern operator, was arrested for releasing liquor to France and bail was posted yesterday at \$250.

Prineville Class Aids Paper Pickup

Prineville, March 30 (Special)—Through the efforts of the freshman class of the Crook county high school, assisted by the Lions club, a carload of salvage paper has been shipped from here to Portland, it was reported today. The car contained 80 tons of paper, representing one of the largest paper pickups in Prineville.

Previous drives for salvage paper had been conducted by Boy Scouts, assisted by members of the Lions club. The Lions had furnished trucks for the periodical pickups. Other drives for paper will be conducted as long as the salvage is required for the war effort, it was announced.

FORTNA PROMOTED

With the Fifth Army, Italy—S/Sgt. Jack L. Fortna, whose wife, Juanita, lives at 452 Florida avenue, Bend, Ore., has been promoted to technical sergeant on the Fifth army front in Italy. He is a platoon sergeant with the 87th mountain infantry regiment of the 10th "Mountaineer" division.

HIS OWN FIREMAN Greenville, N. H. (UP)—Clyde Eaton of Greenville discovered a

chimney fire at his home recently, and rushed out to ring in an alarm. Finding the box wouldn't work, he rushed to the fire station, took the engine to his home and had the blaze under control before volunteer firemen arrived.

New chemical uses of phosphorus compounds are being discovered regularly, some for destructive purposes in phosphorus shells and some for constructive uses in detergents, drugs and vitamins.

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