

Reds Plan March On Washington; Speaker Is Sought

Washington, March 21 (AP)—American communists are plotting a cynical fraud on the American people to be pulled off here in early May. They hope they can trick Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower into being a front for it.

They are rigging a phony "March on Washington" by about 500 war veterans. Communist headquarters is discussing the chances of persuading Eisenhower to address the banquet at which the two days of party-line pow wow will conclude. If the communists high command in New York is not smart enough to realize General Ike cannot be caught that way, they can take my word for it that he won't be present at their party. He won't even be in town.

Part of Plan

The march on Washington is part of the communist emergency counteroffensive against proposals to outlaw the party. It ties in with the party's opposition to United States foreign policy. Communist headquarters' instructions for the Washington demonstration state that the call will be issued by a number of veterans and will be endorsed by the national veterans committee. The NYC appears to be something the communists just pulled out of their hat because in their communications on the subject, one of them wrote to another: "It is true that a great many people will be surprised to find that they are on the national veterans committee."

But that statement cannot match, for shameless hypocrisy, another made by one big shot communist to a buddy in discussion of the program for the dinner at which the 500 veterans will end their meeting here.

Plus "Ha, Ha!"

"We will restate the love of communists for America," this character said, and to that he added these words, "ha, ha!"

To make the fraud more complete, the organizers of the demonstration will plant at the dinner a couple of secret communist party members. It will be their act to arise after hearing the dinner speeches and to announce that they have seen the light and want to join the party.

Plans for this show are merely in the discussion stage. No invitation has been issued so far to Eisenhower and even during discussion of his name the communist leaders agreed he might turn them down. But they are determined to have some prominent people at their party and at least one big name as a come-on for publicity value.

If present plans are carried out the communists and their friends will lay a wreath at the Lincoln memorial.

DRIVERS FORFEIT BOND

Wallace H. Fowles, 1421 West Twelfth street, forfeited \$25 bail in municipal court yesterday on a charge of reckless driving.

Harold L. Nelson, of Redmond, forfeited \$10 bail on a charge of violating the basic speed rule by driving over 40 miles per hour on South Third street.

Othman's Column

By Frederick C. Othman
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, March 20 (UP)—What this country needs is 19 more holidays, including American Indian day, national heart week, Bible study month and—in particular—grandmother's day.

The congressmen who wrote the bills for all the new celebrations—and let us not forget Paul Revere's ride, nor the day the slaves were freed—appeared with their constituents before the house judiciary committee to urge more days of rest for Americans.

I cheered 'em every one (being a little tired, myself), while Rep. John M. Robison of Kentucky, the chairman, received them all politely. He was particularly cordial to the ladies, who wore upon their bosoms service stripes to indicate how many times they had been grandmothers. I cannot let congressman Robison excel me in gallantry: I shall devote my attention, too, to the grandmothers.

Rep. Earl C. Wilson of Indiana, introduced the bill turning the second Sunday of October into Grandmother's day. He also introduced a handsome grandmother, Mrs. Grace Gray, of Mitchell, Ind.

Mrs. Gray, a one-striper with two big blue-colored bird wings on her hat, identified herself as national secretary of the national grandmothers' club. Six thousand grandmothers pay dues.

"We made Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt an honorary member with nine bars on her pin, indicating nine grandchildren," Mrs. Gray testified. "That was in 1940. Of course she has more grandchildren now."

"Are there," asked Rep. Robison in his best judicial manner, "any ladies who don't like to admit they are grandmothers?"

Mrs. Gray said that there were a few, unfortunately. Quickly she changed the subject.

"Now we have mother's day and father's day," she said, "but grandmother is more important. She is the mother of the father or the mother. I know it is a great day when a person becomes a father, or a mother, but I can tell you, Mr. Congressman, that the great thrill of a lifetime is when a mother becomes a grandmother."

Mrs. Gray fingered her pin with the gold bar below.

"Well now is there a grandfather club, too?" inquired Rep. Robison, who is a grandfather. Mrs. Gray had learned that fact beforehand and she replied:

"I believe you would make a very good instigator of the grandfather's club, for which I understand there already is a demand."

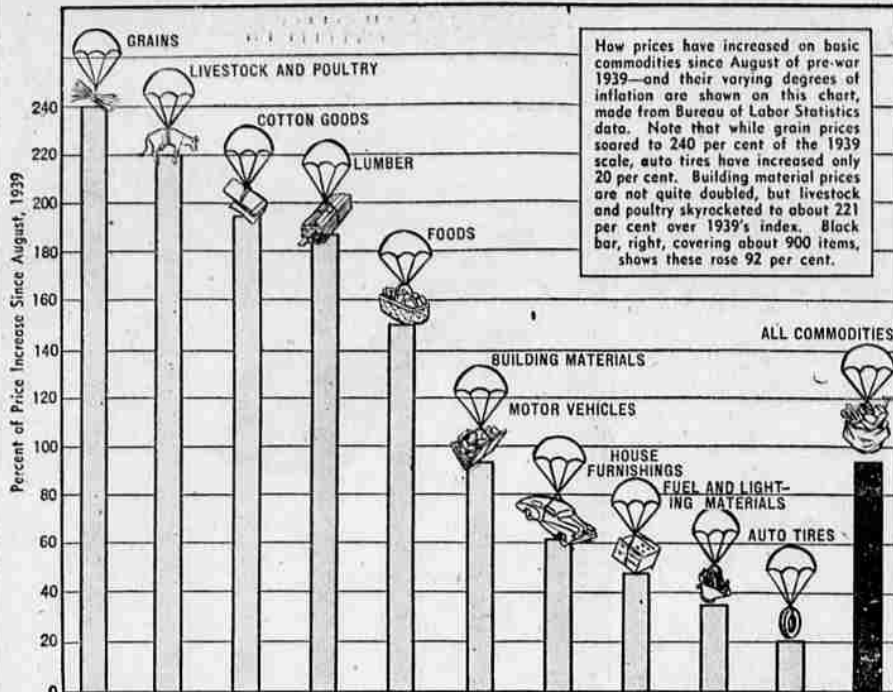
Rep. Robison bowed and Mrs. Gray said she believed he might like to meet the national president of the national grandmothers.

"Mrs. Bea Good of Medina, N.Y.," Mrs. Gray said. "Our president."

So Mrs. Bea Good strode forward. She also was handsome and, in addition, she was a two-striper. Her gray curls were tinted a pale lavender; her smile was cordial.

"Mrs. Bea Good," said Mrs. Gray, "is a concert pianist. During the war, when she was known as Billy Good and her band, she did great work entertaining our soldier boys."

Price Inflation Wanders Through Wide Range



160 Chinese Lose Lives In Collision

Shanghai, March 21 (AP)—A collision between the Chinese navy gunboat Foo Po and the government-owned ship Haimin Wednesday 100 miles from Amoy cost the lives of more than 160 officers and men from the gunboat, the Central news agency reported today. The Foo Po sank.

RELIEVED OF JOB

Paris, March 21 (AP)—Charles Luizet, Paris prefect of police, has been relieved of his job for failure to purge the police force properly after the liberation, the minister of interior announced today.

Chinese Open Fire on Subs

Shanghai, March 21 (AP)—Six submarines of unknown nationality were fired on by Chinese garrison troops when they appeared off the eastern coast of Liaotung peninsula in Manchuria, Chinese press dispatches from Mukden reported Thursday.

The submarines withdrew, apparently undamaged. The Chinese opened fire after the submarines failed to answer shore signals, the dispatch said. Dairen and Port Arthur, both occupied by the Soviets, are at the tip of the peninsula.

Vigorous Fire Bell Starts Own Blaze

Tokyo, March 21 (AP)—The alarm bell at Camp Drank rang so vigorously summoning American soldiers to a routine fire drill today that it caught fire, an electrical overload was the cause.

HANNEGAN RELEASED

Boston, March 21 (AP)—Postmaster general Robert E. Hannegan was discharged from Massachusetts Memorial hospital Thursday after a month's confinement during which he underwent a successful operation involving the removal of a sympathetic nerve.

Portland Studies Dog Ordinance

Portland, Ore., March 21 (AP)—The controversy of the canines has crashed the calendar of the city council here.

The council agreed today to put on the calendar and hold public hearings on an ordinance which would prohibit dogs from running at large and would add other controls to the canine population of Portland.

The ordinance was drawn several months ago through the combined efforts of Police Chief Leon V. Jenkins, Chief Inspector John C. Munk of the nuisance division and Deputy city attorney J. O. Stearns. It reflected the findings Munk brought back from a tour of western cities last fall. And Mayor Riley said the ordinance is "in line with the best dog control policies and ordinances of other coast cities."

The ordinance would require all dogs to be confined on the premises of their owners or keepers except when on leash. Offenders not abating a nuisance (unleashed, unconfined dog, that is) within five days of notice could be summoned to court.

REGISTERED BULL BOUGHT

Lillian E. Tussing, of Deschutes county, recently purchased a registered Brown Swiss bull, Arbor Rose R. Vern, from Albert Meier, of Beaverton, according to information from Fred S. Idtse, secretary of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' association, Beloit, Wisconsin.

Approximately 4,000 acres in Illinois land are planted to cotton annually, principally in two counties Alexander and Pulaski.

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