

Byrnes Blames Russia for Big 4 Paris Fizzle

U. S. to Cease to Attend Big 4 Meets and Refer Treaties to U. N.

Washington, May 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes gave Russia its choice today: Stop blocking a European peace conference this summer, else the United States will walk out of the dragging Big Four treaty talks and carry the whole matter before the United Nations.

Proclaiming an American "offensive for peace," Byrnes left no doubt in his radio address to the nation last night that it would be carried out even at the expense of the basic postwar ideal that the great victor nations should act in unison to fashion the future.

The cabinet officer made it perfectly plain that he held Russia responsible for the disappointing outcome of the foreign ministers conference which recessed in Paris last Thursday until June 15.

From the aggressive but confident tone of his speech, however, it was apparent—and officials confirmed this—that Byrnes is counting on Moscow conferences between Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov and Premier Stalin during the recess to reverse or modify the Russian position on these questions.

Peace Biggest Need
On the one looming biggest in his estimate—the making of peace treaties so that the nations of Europe can begin to "live and breathe" again, Byrnes declared he was confident that there would be a peace conference of the European nations and other interested powers this summer.

Recalling that at Paris Molotov blocked such a proposal, Byrnes said this power to stop "all efforts toward peace" must not be left to any one nation and added:

"If a peace conference is not called this summer, the United States will feel obliged to request the general assembly of the United Nations under article 14 of the charter to make recommendations with respect to the peace settlements."
The article he cited gives the assembly power to intervene in any situation involving the general welfare of the world.

Vandenberg Still Hopeful

Washington, May 21 (AP)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.) said today that whatever its failures, the Paris foreign ministers conference was a complete success in developing a constructive bi-partisan and peace-seeking foreign policy for the United States.

The Michigan senator attended the Paris meeting as a republican spokesman on foreign policy in the senate.

In a brief senate speech, Vandenberg endorsed the report on the conference presented to the people last night by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. Byrnes stressed the many difficulties created by Soviet Russia's attitude.

Byrnes' surprise threat to refer peace treaties to the United Nations if Russia continues to veto a peace conference meanwhile drew strong support from republican and democratic spokesmen on foreign affairs in congress.

Vandenberg expressed regret that the Paris meeting failed to achieve agreement on several key questions upon which the solution of major problems depend.

Ask Franchise for Intracity Bus Line

Application to operate a bus transportation route in and around Salem, doing business between points within the city as well as a suburban business, was placed with the city council Monday night by C. B. Costa and William Nelson. Without the intracity business the applicants say the enterprise would not pay.

The proposed route follows: East on State to 12th; south on Mission to 13th; south on 13th to Hoyt and Pringle road; south on Pringle road to Market road No. 839; west on 839 to 12th street cut-off; north on 12th to Fairview avenue; west on Fairview to Summer; north on Summer to McGilchrist; west on McGilchrist to High; north on High in Ferry; west on Ferry to Commercial; north on Commercial to State.

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Chinese Claim Great Victory In Manchuria

(By the Associated Press)
Chinese government forces pushed on to new attacks in the Manchurian civil war today while a Nanking spokesman called for peace and asked for sympathy and understanding for the Chinese from Russia and the United States.

The government's central news agency said the new first army, victorious at Szepingkai after being stalled for 32 days by communist forces, drove northward with five spearheads. Its new objective was a red troops concentration at Kungchuling, 40 miles north of Szepingkai on the Mukden-Changchun railway.

Other new first army troops, meanwhile, attacked communist forces in the mountainous area northwest of Szepingkai.

300,000 in Battle
In Nanking, Dr. Sun Fo, chairman of the government legislative council, asserted that China "will have to build herself up economically and politically" with the ending of civil strife as the vital step.

Correspondents of the government controlled Chinese press hailed the occupation of Szepingkai yesterday as a "great victory." A field correspondent for Ta Kung Pao described the 32-day stalemate which preceded the victory as the "greatest battle" of the civil war involving 150,000 men on each side.

The government troops were expected to meet with considerably more determined communist troops at Kungchuling. (Concluded on Page 11, Column 6)

Navy Lists Costs Of Liberty Ships

Washington, May 21 (AP)—Liberty ships cost the maritime commission from \$1,508,906 to \$3,918,779 apiece during the war, and the bill for one was \$7,161,234.

This was disclosed today in house appropriations committee hearings made public as the 1947 navy appropriation bill was reported to the house.

The commission submitted figures on 2,580 Liberty ships built at 17 shipyards. The average cost to the commission was \$1,800,743.

The Permanente Metals Corp. at Richmond, Calif., built more Liberty ships than any other yard. It turned out 489, at an average cost of \$659,674 to the builder and \$1,715,573 to the commission.

The average builder's profit per vessel varied from \$29,470 for 66 ships built by the J. A. Jones Co., in Panama, to \$110,000 for two built by the Kaiser Corp., at Vancouver, Wash., the average profit was \$66,631.

The number of ships built, and the total cost per vessel to the commission included: Kaiser Corp., Vancouver, Wash., two ships, \$2,665,811; Oregon Shipbuilding Corp., Portland, Ore., 330 ships, \$1,621,597.

Truman Approves Postal Pay Boost

Washington, May 21 (AP)—President Truman signed into law today a bill giving nearly all postal workers a \$400 yearly pay increase.

Those who don't get the \$400 boost are fourth class postmasters, who receive a 20 percent raise, and part-time workers, who receive a gain of 20 cents hourly.

City to Check on Trains That Wait, Wait - - and Wait

A city ordinance permits railroad trains to block traffic on the streets for five minutes if absolutely necessary. But 25 or 30 minutes—that was too much for Alderman C. F. French, and he got the city council Monday night to order the police department to investigate the situation and enforce the ordinance.

French said he had received a complaint from someone about the overlong blocking of streets, and Alderman Albert H. Gillette expressed astonishment that Mr. French had just discovered the abuse of privilege.

"We have it every day on State and Court streets," said Gillette, "and it's only by the grace of God that a serious fire hasn't occurred when trains were extended across the streets to block fire equipment."

Then Alderman Howard Maple came in with a demand that the check-up also cover the switching trains on Trade street, and the motion was broadened accordingly.

5 Killed When Big Army Plane Hits Skyscraper

New York, May 21 (AP)—An army transport plane, lost in dense fog as it groped for Newark air base, smashed into the world's fourth tallest building amid the towers of the New York financial district last night and hurled four army officers and a lieutenant to instantaneous death.

The plane, a twin-engine Beechcraft C-45, sped out of a 400-foot overcast and struck the 58th floor of the 71-story 937-foot high bank of the Manhattan company on Wall street. The plane disintegrated in a blinding flash and showers of flaming debris fell to the pavement.

Rain of Fire Follows
"There was nothing but flame," John Gunther, a Chase National Bank guard, who was an eyewitness, said. "It showered down like a rain of fire."

Another witness said "The flames seemed to pour down from floor to floor."

Occupants of the building, estimated at the time by police as between 500 and 2,000, were not injured. Five persons were struck by flaming particles in the street below.

A five-man army investigating board, ordered formed an hour after the crash, began an examination of the tragedy today. The board visited the scene, made technical inspections and interviewed witnesses.

Army officials said the plane was on a navigational training flight from Beaumont, Tex., to Newark.

List of Dead
The war department listed the dead as:

Maj. Mansel R. Campbell, 27, the pilot, Pontiac, Mich. His wife, Edna, lives at Evert, Mich. The couple has one child, Ross Edward, six.

Capt. Tom L. Hall, 29, of Austin, Tex. His beneficiary was listed as his wife, Helen Lindseth Hall, of Sioux Falls, S. D. They have two sons, Randall, 4, and Kenneth, one.

First Lt. Robert L. Stevenson, 25, of the Bronx, who served overseas with the 386th and 554th bomb squadrons.

First Lt. Angelo A. Ross, 28, Whitehall, N. Y., who served overseas with the Fifteenth air force. His wife, Martha, now resides with her parents at Port Arthur, Tex., a daughter, Diane Victoria, was born March 28.

WAC First Lt. Mary E. Bond, Newtown, Pa.

\$30,000 Fire at Bend Airport

Bend, Ore., May 21 (AP)—The hangar and seven light planes at Bend municipal airport were destroyed early this morning in a fire of undetermined origin. Total loss is estimated in excess of \$30,000.

Four of the planes were owned by Tiltse Bowman Flying Service of Bend and the other three by Thomas F. Brooks and Gerald W. McCann of Bend and the Bend Flying club.

The hangar building belonged to the city of Bend and was insured for \$11,000. Insurance was also carried on planes and shop equipment.

One plane an army trainer, was outside the hangar at the time and was not damaged. A nearby administration building also city owned, was undamaged.

The fire was visible from Bend, six miles away, it was reported by members of the fire department, who answered the fire call.

204 Combat Ships In Russian Navy

Washington, May 21 (AP)—The navy department today lifted some of the secrecy surrounding the Soviet Union's sea power when it informed congress that the red navy comprises 204 combat ships—the world's third largest fleet.

However, the Soviet fleet is a poor third in terms of fire power because the vast majority of its fighting ships consisted of submarines.

At the same time, the navy disclosed plans to maintain sufficient reserves for the Atlantic fleet to raise its strength above that of the Pacific fleet in an emergency. At present, the Atlantic fleet constitutes a less powerful striking force than the Pacific fleet.



Communists Release U. S. Newsmen (AP)—American newspapermen pause as they leave their plane at Mukden, Manchuria, after three weeks of virtual internment in Communist-held Changchun, Manchuria. Left to right: Reynolds Packard, United Press; Tom Masterson, Associated Press; Charlotte Ebner, International News Service; George Weller, Chicago Daily News, and Henry Lieberman, New York Times.

Street Improvement Program for Summer

Salem's program of street improvement for the summer under the state tax street fund, whereby cities benefit from funds of the state highway department, is estimated by City Engineer J. H. Davis to cost approximately \$35,000. His plans and specifications were submitted to the council Monday night and the recorder was directed to advertise for bids.

Included in the program are some street widening jobs. These involve extensions of the improvement already existing and do not involve moving back of any buildings.

The items in the program are: Minor patching of various streets and alleys, \$1520.

Improvement of State street from Commercial to 12th with 60 feet of six-inch asphaltic concrete, full coverage. Chemeka street, from Commercial to High, 59 feet of six-inch asphaltic concrete, full coverage. Alley in block 35 from Ferry to Trade between Commercial and Liberty, 16 1/2 feet of six-inch Portland cement, full coverage, alternates Broadway from Knapp to Hood; Center from 17th to 21st; Liberty from State to Chemeka. Total \$16,536.

Market street widening, Capitol to 14th, alternate estimates of \$12,330.75 and \$12,525.25.

Hunt street widening, Fairgrounds to Capitol, alternate estimates of \$2290.50 and \$2,216.45.

South 12th widening, Mill to Southern Pacific spur, alternate estimates, \$1137.50 and \$1,156.50.

South 25th, Lee to Mission, 18 feet gravel, with oil mat, \$1600, or with city No. 7 mix, \$3000.

The council directed the engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the following for which petitions by property owners for the improvement were found sufficient:

Alley in block 12, Jones addition; Saginaw from Lincoln to Lefelle; Saginaw from Wilson to Myers; Saginaw from Miller to Wilson; Saginaw from Owens to Miller; Bellevue from 15th to 16th; alley in block 25, original Salem plat; Madison from 20th to city limit; Mill from 17th to 19th; Nebraska from 15th to 20th.

Petitions for the improvement of Rural from Commercial to John, and of Grant from 18th to 19th were found insufficient.

Fall Proves Fatal To Wife of Actor

Hollywood, May 21 (AP)—Mrs. David Niven, wife of the English actor, died today in a hospital from injuries sustained Sunday night when she fell down a cellarway in the home of Tyrone Power, Niven's studio said today.

Mrs. Niven is the former Primula Rollo, whom he met in 1940 during an air raid in England. She then was a WAAF and he a colonel in the British army. They were married soon afterwards. Mrs. Niven also is survived by two young sons, David, Jr., and James Graham.

The Weather

(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Lowest temperature tonight, 48. Weather will be favorable for dusting and spraying Wednesday morning. Max. yesterday, 65. Min. today, 49. Mean temperature yesterday, 55, which was 1 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, trace. Total precipitation for the month, 45, which is 1.04 inches below normal. Willamette river height, 13 ft.

Iranian Issue Before U. N.

New York, May 21 (AP)—Hopes of effecting an early settlement of the vexing problem of Iran, scheduled for consideration by the United Nations security council tomorrow, faded today following a new Iranian charge that "Soviet interference in the internal affairs of Iran has not ceased."

Furthermore, Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala informed the council in a report last night, "if the reports of armed conflict in this strategically-critical area are true, obviously the danger to the international peace and security is both serious and imminent."

He added, however, that he had received no "authentic information with respect to the reported clashes" between central government troops and forces of the self-proclaimed autonomous government of Azerbaijan province in northern Iran.

Ala said his government had been unable to investigate reports that "Soviet soldiers have been left in Azerbaijan in civilian clothes and that military equipment has been placed at the disposal" of the separatist government of Azerbaijan.

The ambassador, responding to a council request for information as to the status of Russian army withdrawals as of May 20, informed the delegates that his government had been unable to establish that "all of the Soviet troops have been withdrawn from all Iran."

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Navy Air Stations Declared Surplus

Washington, May 21 (AP)—Here are the air stations, auxiliaries and facilities in Oregon and Washington that the navy planned to declare surplus during fiscal 1947:

Washington—NAAS, Arlington; NAAS, Pasco; NAAS, Shelton; NAAS, Quailayute. Oregon—NAS, Astoria; NAAS, Corvallis; NAS, Klamath Falls; NAAS, Lakeview; NAAS, North Bend.

Newport Inflation

Newberg, May 21 (AP)—A street vendor who had been selling toy balloons for 25 cents blew them up about twice as big as before and raised the price to 35 cents.

American Troops Raid Danube Fleet Suspected of Smuggling

Vilshofen, Germany, May 21 (AP)—Four thousand American troops, striking by surprise at dawn today, raided a Hungarian river fleet suspected of smuggling SS fugitives, ammunition and black market supplies along the Danube river in Southeastern Germany.

Vilshofen is on the Danube 12 miles northwest of Passau, which is on the Austrian-German border. Nearly 400 boats, including many former units of the Hungarian navy, were boarded and searched by heavily armed U. S. constabulary troops.

Hundreds of the boats' occupants were removed for investigation by U. S. army counter-intelligence agents. The report said that many machineguns and other weapons, radio transmitters and receivers, quantities of U. S. army food, clothing and other contraband were found. No armed resistance was encountered. The only shots fired were by American troopers at three German river patrol boats

Truman Orders Coal Mine Seizure Effective at Midnight, Uncertain Whether Miners Will Stay on Jobs

Secretary Krug to Be Government Administrator—Truce Expires Saturday—Lewis and Operators Silent But Latter Assure Cooperation

Washington, May 21 (AP)—President Truman today ordered government seizure of strike-threatened soft coal mines, effective tomorrow, declaring coal production is "indispensable" to the nation's economy.

The white house press secretary, Charles G. Ross, said "both sides were sounded out" in advance. He would not say flatly that Mr. Truman expected the miners to work under government operation, but did say that the choice of a federal mine boss, Interior Secretary Krug, was pronounced acceptable to both the coal miners and operators.

The chief executive acted after contract negotiations between John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and the soft coal operators bogged down.

A two-weeks strike truce, under which the mines have been operating, expires Saturday.

Lewis, located in a barber's shop, told reporters: "I have no comment of any character."

The operators had no comment, either. However, they had sent President Truman a letter assuring him of cooperation in helping to operate the mines under a government administrator.

Precedent Followed
The operators stipulated it was their understanding that the same arrangement would prevail as in 1943, when the government seized the mines. At that time, they were consulted on the terms of the contract worked out by former Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Krug was given the same authority that Ickes had to negotiate an agreement on wages and other issues with the UMW. Effective at Midnight
Krug said in a statement the seizure will become effective at one minute after midnight tonight and promptly appealed to mine workers and their leaders to keep the mines operating at full capacity under government supervision.

Asserting a renewal of the 42-day-long mine strike would be "disastrous," Krug said he was sking UMW leaders to meet with him immediately to work out plans for continued operations. A short time later Lewis showed up at Krug's office.

Krug announced that Vice Admiral Ben Morell, federal boss of the oil industry when it was seized last winter, would be placed in direct charge of the mines.

Lewis would not disclose whether he has summoned the 250-man UMW policy committee to pass upon the question of working for the government.

Lewis told President Truman last Sunday, it was learned, that the question of whether the miners would work after the truce expires Saturday even under government seizure, rested with the policy committee.

The seizure move followed a day of quiet during which neither side would discuss their dispute.

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City Annexation Ballot June 28

Before passing the two ordinance bills calling an election on the annexation of outlying districts, the city council Monday night went into committee of the whole and changed the date of the election from July 19 to June 28. The purpose of the change was to get the areas proposed for annexation on the city tax rolls next year instead of in 1948.

Another change will make a double vote in one area south of the city which may be roughly described as bounded by Hoyt, South Commercial, South Summer and Fairview. The people between Hoyt and McGilchrist will vote on the question of annexing that entire area and also on the question of annexing their own area which is included in the larger one, so that in event annexation of the larger area is defeated the smaller one might still come into the city.

Navy Costs for Coming Year

Washington, May 21 (AP)—The house appropriations committee today recommended an appropriation of \$4,639,650,000 for the navy in the fiscal year beginning next July 1—more than \$1,000,000,000 less than the navy originally requested.

The committee restored only \$374,260,000 of the approximately \$2,000,000,000 clipped from the naval budget request by the budget bureau. Most of the restored funds were for research and the training of reserves, rather than for actual fleet operations.

The committee said the \$4,639,650,000 would provide a fleet of 291 major combat ships, with 42 ships ready in reserve and 632 more in inactive status. It would provide for 437,000 navy enlisted men and 57,800 officers. The navy's air strength would be 8,400 planes, including 2,400 spares.

The committee reported that it was difficult to decide just how much the navy should have for its first full year of postwar operations.

Bids on Dorena Houses.
Portland, May 21 (AP)—Bids on moving 30 housing units from McLoughlin Heights, Vancouver, Wash., to the Dorena dam site on the Row river were asked today by the army engineers. Bids will be opened on June 3.