

# U.S. to Stand Pat Against Russia On Atomic Plan

Firm Stand Maintained Against Retention of Veto Power

New York, June 21 (AP)—Backed up by President Truman's reaffirmation of American policy, Bernard M. Baruch and his advisors in the United Nations atomic commission maintained a firm stand today against Russia's move to retain the veto power in relation to world control of atomic energy.

The president's statement in Washington yesterday re-emphasized Baruch's pronouncement to the council last week that the United States would not yield atomic secrets to a world pool or dispose of her bombs under treaty provisions unless the veto is discarded on atomic control matters.

Mr. Truman commented that the Baruch proposals had his endorsement and said the American plan and that of Russia presented as a substitute will be subjects of negotiation which may lead to agreement. He emphasized the word "may."

With the atomic commission in recess until next Tuesday afternoon, Baruch and his advisors gave their closest scrutiny to the Russian plan submitted by Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko two days ago.

They were concerned particularly with Gromyko's insistence on keeping the Big Five powers in possession of their veto and the absence in the Russian plan of any provision for an international authority to search individual countries for evidence of atomic developments that might become dangerous.

**Difference in Plans**  
The Baruch plan envisions a virtually autonomous international atomic development authority which would be armed with unprecedented powers of search, seizure and punishment.

The Russian substitute would leave authority with the security council, operating with the veto ever posed so that one big five power could stop any restrictive action against a potential atomic aggressor, and would provide sanctions as international punishment.

While Baruch proposed an international law "with teeth in it" to punish violators, the Russian plan would have individual nations enact legislation providing "severe punishment" for violations.

A long series of negotiations and discussions was foreshadowed, however, and a proponent of the American plan pointed out that the proposed Russian convention would have to pass muster with the security council and be ratified by half the nations of the world before it could become effective.

"After all, we have the bombs," this proponent added.

**OPA Raises Coal Prices**  
Washington, June 21 (AP)—OPA raised soft coal prices an average of 40 1/2 cents a ton today, boosting the nation's coal bill an estimated \$22,750,000 for the next year.

The increases were authorized to cover the mine operators' losses during the recent coal strikes and the cost of the government wage contract with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers (C.I.O.). All of the price increases will be passed on to consumers.

OPA said the cost of the wage agreement, including the royalty of five cents a ton for an employee welfare fund, would average 39 cents a ton. The contract gave wage increases of 18 1/2 cents an hour to the 400,000 miners.

Extension of the wage adjustments to clerical and administrative workers not covered by the contract raised costs an additional six cents, the agency said, making the total cost of the contract 45 cents a ton. The producers were required to absorb 11 cents of that amount, however, leaving a net of 34 cents affecting price.

The increase by districts include: Washington, Oregon, Alaska—All, \$1.09.

**Warehouse Destroyed**  
Fairview, June 21 (AP)—Fire of undetermined origin razed the Union Pacific company warehouse in this Multnomah county community last night.

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## To Keep Japan Disarmed at Least 25 Years

Washington, June 21 (AP)—The United States announced today it has proposed to Russia, Britain and China the creation of a four-power control commission backed by military force, to keep Japan disarmed for at least 25 years.

The commission would take over at the end of the present occupation which is being carried out largely by American troops under the command of General Douglas MacArthur. That action presumably would mark the end of America's virtually single-handed domination of Japanese affairs and begin a new period of control by all four powers.

**Proposed by Byrnes**  
Secretary of State Byrnes proposed the 25-year Japanese disarmament treaty to the foreign ministers of Britain, China and Russia at the same time in April that he suggested a similar 25-year treaty for Germany.

One purpose of the treaties would be to end present mass occupations of both countries as quickly as possible and to substitute for the regular occupation armies smaller forces of troops especially trained in disarmament control duties.

**Purposes of Treaty**  
The avowed purpose of the treaty is to insure that, following the total disarmament and demilitarization of Japan by occupation forces, the country shall be kept in a state of disarmament and demilitarization "as long as the peace and security of the world may require."

**Chinese Truce Extension**  
Nanking, June 21 (AP)—An eight-day extension of the 15-day truce that has halted China's civil war was announced today by the ministry of information today.

The extension will make the truce valid until noon June 30. The armistice was scheduled to end at noon Saturday.

News of the extension came simultaneously with the announcement that naval units of the nationalist government bombarded the communist-held port of Weihaiwei and Chefoo Wednesday morning.

The naval action obviously was designed to cut communist lines of communication between the ports of the Shantung peninsula and southern Manchuria across the Gulf of Hihai.

Six U.S.-loaned LSTs (landing ships tanks) and former Japanese cruisers made up the nationalist task force.

The government announcement of the truce extension also proposed that the present rule of unanimity needed for the committee of three in executive headquarters decisions be changed to simple majority.

Extension of the truce was announced by the ministry as an effort to "show their utmost sincerity conciliatory attitude, the government has decided the presidential order for the cessation of advances and pursuits for eight more days."

**Higher Wages in Valley Lumber Mills**  
Eugene, Ore., June 21 (AP)—A new lumber and millworker wage agreement was in effect here today, giving a five-cent hourly increase to workers in the 30 member mills of the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators' association.

Piece workers were to have the boost integrated into their rates while hourly workers were boosted to \$1.10 cents per hour. The agreement was reached yesterday by the operators and the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union.

**McNutt Confirmed**  
Washington, June 21 (AP)—The senate late yesterday confirmed the nomination of Paul V. McNutt to be ambassador to the Philippine Islands after the Philippines become independent in July.

**The Weather**  
(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)  
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with cloudiness tending to increase Saturday afternoon. Lowest tonight, 52. Conditions will be favorable for dusting until 10 a.m. and for spraying and harvesting all day Saturday. Max. yesterday, 80. Min today, 47. Mean temperature yesterday, 72, which was 10 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, 0. Total precipitation for the month, .54, which is 41 inches below normal. Willamette river height, .8 ft.

## Blast in Texas Hotel Kills 7 Injures Scores

Dallas, June 21 (AP)—Seven persons are known dead, and 41 are injured, and rescue work continued here two hours after an explosion at the 600-room Baker hotel rocked midtown Dallas shortly before noon today.

Firemen, police and soldiers are probing the shambles of the lower basement for the possible victims.

Firemen, wearing gas masks because of the ammonia fumes, were hampered by pools of beer and food which made the floors slippery. The explosion occurred just under the hotel's coffee shop and kitchen.

**Floors Buckled**  
Floors buckled, dumping the debris into the basement. The known dead have been identified as William E. Cotton, purchasing agent of the hotel, who is believed to have been killed by falling debris in his office.

At least 38 ambulances rushed to the \$5,000,000 Baker, one of the southwest's swankiest hotels.

Downtown streets were blocked off as thousands of curious jammed the area, impeding rescue work.

**Injured Crowds Work**  
Dallas hospitals were crowded by the injured, many believed to be fatally hurt.

Nearby army and navy installations rushed ambulances and doctors to aid the city's doctors and nurses.

Dense smoke poured out of the hotel, one of the largest in the southwest, and forced firemen to don gas masks as they raced to rescue the injured.

Thousands of spectators jammed the scene, impeding rescue work.

At noon, injured were still being taken from the hotel and an adjoining parking lot, where many were injured when the blast hurled plate glass and lumber into passers-by.

The explosion was unofficially believed to have been caused by an exploding boiler, and ammonia gas from shattered pipes in the air conditioning and refrigerating system.

Scores were overcome by the fumes and dense, acrid smoke filled the basement, the lobby and coffee shop. A number of early diners were driven from the nearby mural room, swank dining room at the Baker.

Several trapped employees found escape through a manhole. One of these, Andrews Enrique, 55 said he was unable to see after the explosion.

**Reclamation Bill Fought Over**  
Washington, June 21 (AP)—The fate of many of the west's major irrigation and reclamation projects for the fiscal year 1947 rested today with a senate-house conference charged with settling differences of \$160,000,000 in bills passed by the two houses.

Also at stake were two phases of the government's public power program—the southwestern power administration and the power phases of California's central valley project.

The senate late yesterday passed and sent to conference the \$341,000,000 bill after boosting the house-approved funds approximately \$160,000,000 and raising its own appropriations committee's figures by approximately \$11,500,000.



Atomic Spectators (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch (left) and Andrei Gromyko, members of the U. N. Atomic Energy commission, sit at Yankee stadium ringside where atomic fists of Joe Louis blasted title hopes of Billy Conn.

## Trust Fund Proposed For Cemetery Upkeep

The IOOF cemetery may be in a sad way but it is not beyond recovery, believes Henry V. Compton, vice president of the Pioneer Trust company. Compton today declared that a trust fund providing perpetual care could be established and he offered the city, the Chamber of Commerce or any other interested group the free services of his organization. This counsel would include a full study of the problem involved and recommendations for a solution, via trust fund.

"The fund might be small at first but it could be built to the point where it would give adequate care to all graves," said Mr. Compton. "As it stands today, the cemetery is getting worse each year. A trust fund could mean that it would get better each year."

Compton envisions the fund as one built by the entire community—funds from lodges, clubs, individuals, the city—any persons who had a personal interest in the cemetery or believed the improvement cause a good one.

Belcrest Memorial Park now maintains an \$80,000 fund with the trust company. Income from the fund, plus income from opening graves and selling markers, last year provided \$20,000 for ground beautification.

## WFTU Refused Voice in UN

New York, June 21 (AP)—United Nations economic and social council today voted down a strong attempt to give the World Federation of Trades Unions a voice in the council deliberations.

The vote was 12 to 5. Voting with Russia were the Ukraine, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Peru. France abstained from voting.

The council action means that the WFTU, which includes the CIO in the United States, will have the right only to consult with the council on a basis equal with the American Federation of Labor and similar specific organizations.

The council defeated, 10 to 7, a move by France to make consultation by the WFTU and similar organizations with the council much easier than provided in a proposal made by the council's committee on arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations.

With Russia's fight for the WFTU lost, the council then adopted unanimously the committee report.

Nikolai J. Feonov, Russian delegate, and Anatole Baronovsky, Ukrainian delegate, voted for the committee report but reserved their right to bring the WFTU question up in the council whenever they thought it appropriate.

## Supersonic Center Plans Not Ready

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Plans for construction of a supersonic research center in the Pacific Northwest probably will not be completed until late summer, the national advisory committee for aeronautics has informed Rep. Horan (R. Wash.).

J. F. Victory, executive secretary of the committee, told Horan in a letter it would be at least that long before the plan will be ready for presentation to congress.

## Profit Margins To OPA Bill

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Senate-house conferees on OPA agreed on a formula for setting manufacturers' profit margins and passing increased cost along to the consumer.

It was a modified version of the Taft amendment which Stabilization Director Chester Bowles has called a "delayed action bomb" that will explode in an unending stream of higher prices all across the board.

**Murray at White House**  
As the agreement was reported from behind closed doors, CIO Chief Philip Murray went to the White House to urge President Truman to take the leadership in the "preservation of a decent, strong OPA."

"We want a resolution that will continue an effective OPA," Murray told reporters after seeing the president, "to establish prices and to protect the interest of the American people."

A reporter said: "We are told that if price control is extended without emasculation, labor will not advance any new wage goals."

Murray termed that report "erroneous" but did not elaborate.

In response to questions, the CIO chief said he had not been approached by Bowles or other administration chiefs about giving a no-strike pledge in exchange for effective price controls.

**Revisions Made**  
Copies of the senate-house amendment were withheld from the press, in line with the conference committee's secrecy policy, and Chairman Spence (D. Ky.) would not even admit that an agreement had been reached.

From other sources, however, it was learned that the revised provisions shapes up like this: Manufacturers' ceiling would have to reflect their prices in the base period, Oct. 1-15, 1941, plus the weighted average increase in unit costs throughout the industry in question.

The amount of the increase, in dollars, would be passed on in turn to wholesalers, retailers and consumers, without pyramiding.

There would be this exception: Where OPA has allowed an industry percentage mark-ups or discounts, the ceiling could be computed either way, whichever gave the higher price.

The amendment does not affect automobiles, household appliances and farm machinery, which are covered by other provisions still under discussion.

## Dangles for 20 Minutes; Saved

Dallas, June 21—His foot caught in the hinge of a slanting window at his place of business, G. Brandl, owner of the Dallas Creamery, dangled for about 20 minutes, head downward, Thursday night before his weakening cries attracted a group of boys.

Brandl, alone at the creamery had gone to the roof of the building to check the cooling system about 10 p.m. He attempted to step through the window when one foot slipped and the other caught in the hinge.

The boys hearing his cries for help, called city police, who with the aid of the boys rescued him. In semi-conscious condition when released from the window, Brandl was taken to his home after his rescue.

## Fight on Compromised Draft Bill Looms in the House

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Zero hour appears at hand again for the nation's 19-year-olds. Congress today had before it a compromise nine-months draft-extension measure authorizing compulsory military service for those youths. The bill, drafted in a senate-house conference after both bodies disagreed on how the draft law should operate after July 1, would make all childless men from 19 through 44 liable to induction. And the measure would not bar the 19-year-olds from service overseas.

Though all but one of the conferees expected quick senate approval of the compromise, a hot fight was promised in the house.

Rep. Dewey Short (R. Mo.), lone hold-out of the senate-house conferees against drafting teen-aged youth, promised to lead the battle to kill the proposed induction of 19-year-olds when the conference agreement is presented Tuesday for house approval.

The measure came out of the conference providing for compromise pay increases of from 10 to 50 percent for members of the armed forces. They were designed to stimulate voluntary enlistments.

The conferees, and for that matter the army, were frankly skeptical that the proposed draft extension would provide the manpower the armed forces want.

Tacoma, Wash., June 21 (AP)—C. D. Robertson, 18-year-old negro soldier, today faced death on the gallows following his conviction on charges of raping a 26-year-old W.A.C. An all-male jury convicted Robertson last night after five hours deliberation and recommended capital punishment.

## Big 4 Discuss Crucial Issue Of Trieste and Yugoslav Border But Fail to Reach Agreement

General Exchange of Views Precedes Adjournment—Dodecanese Islands Also on Agenda As Are Austrian-Italian Frontier and Navy Disposal

Paris, June 21 (AP)—The foreign ministers council opened its discussion of the crucial issue of Trieste and the Italo-Yugoslav frontier today but adjourned after a two-hour session with no decision.

In a free, general exchange of views on the Trieste question the ministers simply restated their respective positions, according to American sources. There was no new proposal introduced regarding the frontier.

Along with Trieste, they must decide the entire Italian-Yugoslav frontier question and the matter of the Dodecanese islands. All four of the ministers agree in principle that the islands should go to Greece, but Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has indicated in the past that his country is not yet ready to discuss final terms.

Other problems of the Italian treaty to be considered are the Austrian-Italian frontier and disposal of Italian naval units. Trieste Controversial

The question of Trieste, however, promises to be the most controversial. Russia has insisted that the important Adriatic port be ceded to Yugoslavia, and Britain, France and the United States have maintained that Trieste is ethnically Italian.

The compromise yesterday, when the ministers expressed general approval of a U. S. proposal to delay decision on the colonies for a year and to refer the matter to the United Nations if the four powers could not agree by that time, gave rise to a new atmosphere of optimism.

**Colonial Decisions**  
Conference circles were visibly brightened by what a British source described as the "conciliatory" manner of yesterday's formal and informal sessions.

Under the compromise, Italy would renounce sovereignty of her colonies, which would be under four-power control pending either agreement by the Big Four or reference to the United Nations.

The ministers approved a motion by U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to name a four-man commission to study the proposal and work out details.

**No Beef on Sale**  
A spokesman for one large chain store said each of its outlets had enough pork chops for perhaps five customers daily, and practically no beef.

## Nehru Freed After Arrest

London, June 21 (AP)—The New Delhi radio said today that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Congress party leader arrested yesterday for entering Kashmir, has been released.

Nehru, who is president designate of the Indian National Congress party, was arrested when he defied a ban on his entry into the state. He was jailed on a charge of agitating against the rule of local authorities.

Other dispatches to London said feeling was mounting rapidly in India with revolt simmering throughout the entire congress-influenced territories.

The Congress working committee deferred a decision on Viceroy Viscount Wavell's plan for the interim government of India. It was believed here that the Congress party would make political capital out of the Nehru incident because it offered the opportunity of further undermining the position of one of India's strongest ruling princes.

Kashmir is not a part of British India ruled from New Delhi. It is an independent state ruled by Sir Hari Singh with a British resident at the capital of Srinagar.

## William S. Hart Critically Ill

Los Angeles, June 21 (AP)—William S. Hart, 76, veteran cowboy actor, was reported in a critical condition today at California Lutheran hospital where he has been under treatment for several days. Dr. H. D. Van Fleet said he was running a high fever and occasionally was in a coma.

## Nell Unger Named 2nd Vice President

Buffalo, N.Y., June 21 (AP)—Miss Mary U. Rathrock, Knoxville, Tenn., new president of the American Library association, will be installed tonight.

Other new officers include: Nell Unger, Portland, Ore., second vice president.

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