

Byrnes Believes Peace Parley's Prospects Good

Secretary of State Defends Compromises Reached by Big Four

Paris, July 13 (AP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said today prospects for success of the 21-nation peace conference July 29 are very bright and defended compromises reached by the Big Four foreign ministers as essential to end the world's state of war.

Byrnes met with the press as he waited to board a plane for the United States. He expressed confidence that the full dress peace conference would prove a success.

He is expected to make a radio report on the Big Four conference to the American people Monday night.

Sees No Danger

He said that the Big Four had made no compromises for the peace conference but rather for the treaties, emphasizing that no treaties could be obtained without compromises.

He saw no danger to the peace conference in application of the two-thirds rule to voting on each treaty committee, pointing out that minorities on any committee had the full right to present their views to the full conference.

Byrnes admitted that he was none too happy over the Big Four decision on Trieste but noted that some compromise had to be reached and said that one agreed upon seemed the only possible one.

In effect, he said, the agreement provided for home rule for the Trieste area with the military support of all the United Nations. This, he said, was far better for the inhabitants than if they had all been turned over either to Yugoslavia or Italy.

Four-week Confab

The foreign ministers council completed its conference of exactly four weeks last night. The delegations were ready and anxious to begin a breathing spell before they tackle the problems of the peace conference.

The Big Four ministers adjourned on a note of fulfillment. They were deadlocked on Germany and Austria. But the sum total of the conference showed considerable progress, and they had no more than skirted the fringe of the German and Austrian problems in the last hurried hours before the adjournment.

The four weeks of often acrimonious talk had produced the general terms for peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Finland. They will be put into final shape by Wednesday by the ministerial deputies, and will be submitted to the peace conference opening two weeks from Monday.

The conference settled the paramount problem of Trieste—not to the satisfaction of the Italians or Yugoslavs, but settled it. It pigeon-holed the matter of Italian colonies for a year in order to get on with drafting the peace treaty. It left open the issue of free navigation of the Danube, to be settled at the peace conference.

Tacoma Drug Strike Ends

Tacoma, Wash., July 13 (AP)—The 11-day strike that closed 52 of the city's drug stores ended today as operators signed a new contract with Retail Store Clerks' union representatives.

Operators' Representative Leslie A. Sherman of the Tacoma industrial conference board announced agreement had been reached on hours, wages and vacations. The three major issues over which negotiations had been deadlocked, he said the stores would reopen immediately.

Under the new contract, registered pharmacists will work a six-hour day, 44 hour week until January 1 and a six-day 40-hour week thereafter. They formerly worked a six-day, 48-hour week.

Non-registered clerks will change from a six-day, 48-hour week to a six-day, 40-hour week immediately.

Foster Creek, Dalles Dam Sites Praised

Portland, July 13 (AP)—The proposed Foster creek and The Dalles dam sites on the Columbia river were declared excellent locations for large dams today by Brig. Gen. Roscoe C. Crawford, assistant army engineers chief.

The proposed Foster dam, he said, would be strictly a power dam while The Dalles dam would be a combination navigation and power development.

Crawford, president of the army board of engineers for divers and harbors, visited the two sites during the last two days.

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Optimistic — Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today defended Big Four compromises and said success chances for peace conference late this month are bright.

Believes Rent Control Okay

A tentative opinion that Oregon municipalities have authority to establish "reasonable" rent control regulations, if an actual emergency can be shown to exist, was expressed in Roseburg Saturday by Attorney General George Neuner. He said he intends to investigate the matter further, but believes provisions of the state's home rule law would enable city councils or commissions to establish rent controls by ordinance.

It would be necessary, Neuner said, that an emergency be shown to exist, but that it is evident such condition occurs in the majority of Oregon cities, overcrowded by influxes of new population. Where overcrowding, housing shortages and attendant conditions exist, a city through its police powers would be justified in setting up rent control regulations as a protection to the population's safety and welfare, Neuner stated.

Grants Pass Paper Curtails

Grants Pass, July 13 (AP)—Suspension of street newspaper sales and reduction of daily publication to five days a week are two steps announced by the Grants Pass Daily Courier today to cope with a newspaper shortage which assumed crisis proportions for the Courier this week.

Because newsprint manufacturers have refused further deliveries until October 1, and because the Courier has on hand, at the rate of publication the past few weeks, only enough paper to publish the next 40 days, the Courier made the following announcement to its readers:

1. The Courier will publish five days a week, with no editions either Saturday or Sunday.
2. Editions will be limited to six pages, and advertisers will be rationed to 75 percent of their customary space.
3. News dealer sales will be reduced and street sales will be suspended.

Pre-War Brand of Hollywood Hokum Back--This Time in Dignified Portland

By William C. Payette

Hollywood, July 13 (AP)—Hollywood revived the honored and beloved custom of junketing today with an aerial extravaganza the like of which has not been seen since the dear, dead days before the war.

Junketing is Hollywood's habit of loading an airplane full of movie stars and befuddled newspapermen and flying off to the wilds for a premiere.

To make it clear, I quote from the scenario for today's operation, issued by Universal Pictures, Inc., and featuring the premiere of "Canyon Passage" in Portland.

"1:30 p.m. Arrival at airport. Mayor, banners, Indians, 'Voice of the Sky' airplanes, police drum and bugle corps, crowds, radio broadcast, Susan Hayward to be chosen 'Squaw We Would Most Like to Wig-Wam With' by Indian chiefs. Haycox presents Wanger with flag of Oregon. Aerial bomb signals arrival."

Haycox is Ernie Haycox, a local boy who wrote the book. Wanger's first name is Walter and he made the picture, and I

11 Ft. Lewis Soldiers Hurt In Mine Blast

Fort Lewis, Wash., July 13 (AP)—An accident in a land mine and booby trap class here injured 11 soldiers, seven of them seriously, army officials disclosed today.

Authorities said the mishap, apparently due to a defective mine, occurred yesterday during a basic training problem at the engineer training section.

Preliminary reports indicated an overcharge of black powder in one of the mines may have been responsible for the accident, officials said. A complete investigation is being conducted by the military.

Included on the critical list are Pvt. John G. Browning, St. Louis, Mo.; and Pfc. Theodore L. Petersen, Palo Alto, Calif. Browning suffered eye injuries and a fractured arm, while Petersen received a broken jaw and eye injuries.

Less seriously hurt but hospitalized are Pvt. Clifford O. Long, Ukiah, Calif.; Pvt. Val H. Carter, Morgan, Utah; Pvt. Richard R. Burton, Popular Bluff, Miss.; Pvt. Louis A. Beben, Milwaukee, Minn.; and Pvt. Jack Heiser, Redding, Pa.

Four other men received superficial burns and lacerations but were returned to duty after first aid treatment officials said.

Petersen was a cadetman acting as instructor, while the other victims were trainees.

Heirens Under Constant Guard

Chicago, July 13 (AP)—William Heirens, youthful suspect in the kidnap-slitting of Suzanne Degnan, was under 24-hour-a-day surveillance at county jail today after authorities decided he was too dangerous to be left unguarded.

Heirens, 17, described by Chief of Detectives Walter Storms as "the greatest criminal of his age in Chicago police annals," was linked through fingerprints yesterday with the Dec. 10 "lipstick" death of ex-lawyer Frances Brown.

State's attorney William J. Touhy said the youth's fingerprints had been found to check on 22 points with prints found in Miss Brown's Northside apartment.

After being advised of the new discovery, Warden Frank G. Sain removed Heirens from his cell in a regular tier block at the county jail, to the observation tier, where he will be under constant observation.

The youth's finger and palm print earlier had been matched with those found on a \$20,000 ransom note left in the kidnapping of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan. Parts of the little girl's dismembered body were found in sewers, after she was taken from her room last Jan. 7.

Trumans May Take Cruise on Potomac

Washington, July 13 (AP)—President and Mrs. Truman plan to have lunch aboard the yacht Williamsburg tomorrow and perhaps will take a short cruise on the Potomac in the afternoon, the White House said today.

May Gets a Flat 'No' to His Inquiry Terms

Washington, July 13 (AP)—The senate was investigating committee bluntly informed Rep. May (D., Ky.) that it could find no alternative to the conclusion that he is "unable to explain or contradict facts" linking him to a munitions combines it is investigating.

In a strongly worded letter to the chairman of the house military committee, the senate committee refused to accept the conditions he laid down for a personal appearance before the investigators.

"Stripped of 'ifs,' 'ands,' and 'buts,' the plain and simple import of your (May's) letter is that you decline to appear before the committee to face and explain the facts that have been presented," the letter said. "The committee has sought to find an alternative to the conclusion that you admit those facts to be true, that you are unable to explain or contradict them. It cannot find any such alternative."

Entitled to Accounting

The letter added: "We all are public servants. As such, the citizenry and its representative bodies, of which we are members, are entitled to an accounting of our stewardship of the public trust we have accepted."

"This should induce us to seek to account frequently, fully and openly. No possession should be more precious than the confidence of the public in the integrity and devotion to duty of a representative of the people in a democracy."

"When wrongfully challenged, we should rush to defend that integrity."

May has been described by army officer witnesses as being persistent in helping the war contract business of a group of companies in which the Garsion brothers, Henry and Murray, were active.

The congressman indicated yesterday he was willing to testify publicly, if allowed to have his own counsel and granted the right to cross-examine and recall witnesses.

Instead of the conditions demanded by May, the committee informed him he would be given the "customary" treatment accorded witnesses who appear before his own house committee.

The letter to May was drafted in an executive session today.

Plane Joins Hunt; Youth Is Captured

Roseburg, July 13 (AP)—Leonard Belski, 22, was captured by state police early this morning after leading the officers in a chase yesterday afternoon through Canyonville and up the connecting Tiller Trail road in a car stolen at Medford, Sgt. Paul Morgan reported.

Belski wrecked the car in a ditch and eluded his pursuers by striking through the brush back toward the highway. The hunt was aided by a plane piloted by Officer Ira Bird.

Residents of the locality saw Belski this morning and notified the state police. Belski told Morgan he is in the U. S. navy.



Veterans Wear Barrels (AP)—Three St. Louis, Mo., war veterans parade in barrels protesting end of OPA. Inscriptions on the placards, say the veterans, refer to Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and Rep. Walter Ploeser of Missouri. Demonstrations were staged by Americans Veterans Committee.

House Tackles OPA on Monday

Washington, July 13 (AP)—The senate early today passed a greatly modified OPA revival bill, 62 to 15, and machinery was set in motion for house action on the measure on Monday. The house rules committee recommended that the chamber send the measure to a senate-house conference to adjust differences, but left the way open for immediate approval of the senate bill if members see fit to take such action.

The committee's recommendation will come before the house at the start of Monday's session. It was taken at a hurriedly called meeting after earlier plans to postpone the show-down until Tuesday were dropped.

Republican committee members indicated they would seek to amend the recommendation on the floor by moving that the house immediately concur in the senate version without sending the bill to conference. That action would send the bill to President Truman.

Senate passage came at 1:56 a.m. (EST) on the thirteenth day since the OPA law expired. Stripped of many price controls, the bill apparently was amended beyond the bounds which Mr. Truman would accept.

Not Much Left

As passed, the bill would revive OPA until June 30, 1947, but would:

1. Prohibit price ceilings on meat, livestock, dairy products, poultry, eggs, milk, grain and grain feeds, petroleum, tobacco, cottonseed and soy beans.
2. Return rent ceilings to their June 30 levels, but out-law federal control in states having their own regulations.
3. Grant producers, manufacturers, processors, services and transportation agents their 1940 prices plus increased costs if the higher prices are necessary for increased production.
4. Remove controls on all non-essential items at the end of 1946.
5. Transfer all controls over agricultural commodities from OPA to the secretary of agriculture.
6. Establish a decontrol board, to be named by the president, to supervise the removal of controls when supply and demand are in balance.

Continues Subsidies

The bill also would continue subsidies to April 1; allow mark-ups at the June 29, 1946, levels; allow cotton and wool manufacturers prices which include reconversion costs, and authorize price increases for southern pulpwood.

United Says Service Approaching Normal

Washington, July 13 (AP)—United States Airlines reported nearly normal service today on some of the trans-oceanic routes disrupted by the government order grounding all Lockheed Constellation transports.

The lines were substituting four-engine DC-4s and Boeing Stratofliners for the larger and faster Constellations on the longer overwater flights. Two-engined DC-3's were being used for some shorter hops.

Car Theft Suspect Held in Roseburg

Roseburg, July 13 (AP)—Rufus Leroy Brown, 16, Camas, Wash., was arrested here early today while in possession of a car allegedly stolen at Oregon City last night. Chief of Police Erwin Short said.

Four hitchhikers in the car, not implicated in the theft, were released. The officer said the youth was arrested while trying to take the spare tire from an automobile parked near a Roseburg business house.

The Weather

(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)

Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Cooler temperatures Sunday. Lowest temperatures tonight 49. Conditions will be favorable for dusting, spraying and cherry harvesting. Maximum yesterday 76. Minimum today 50. Mean temperature yesterday 65, which was 1 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0.00. Total precipitation for the month 69, which is 49 inches above normal. Willamette river height -2 ft.

Civil Service Act Procedure Given

Tentative regulations for procedure to enforce the state civil service act passed by the 1945 legislature today were distributed to state department and institution heads, Director William G. Colman said.

House Rejects Attempt to Slice British Loan to \$1,250,000,000; Demand for Collateral Refused

Members, In Earlier Test Vote, Overwhelmingly Beat Motion to Kill Financial Credit; Celler Warns Loan Will Create Bad Will Among Nations

Washington, July 13 (AP)—The house today rejected attempts to cut the \$3,750,000,000 British loan to \$1,250,000,000 and to require Britain to furnish collateral each time she draws a draft on the loan.

The proposal to cut the loan to one-third its present amount, offered by Rep. George Bender (R., O.) was rejected by voice vote.

The motion to demand security on the obligation, proposed by Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) was rejected, 168 to 112.

The house earlier—on the first test vote on the loan—overwhelmingly defeated a motion that would have killed the British credit.

The motion, by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) was to send the loan agreement back to the house banking committee with the enacting clause stricken. It was rejected, 180 to 19. Celler made the motion after Speaker Sam Rayburn (D., Tex.) and some influential republicans urged adoption of the \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain.

Celler charged that the loan would "create bad will" between the United States and other nations.

"Already they are calling us Uncle Shylock," Celler said.

He again raised the Palestine issue. He repeatedly has charged that Great Britain has broken faith in her agreements with the United States on admitting refuge Jews to Palestine.

Administration leaders were confident that all amendments would be rejected. They expected final house approval later today.

The senate-approved bill then would be sent to the White House.

As the house came to the show-down, Speaker Rayburn (D., Tex.) predicted ratification by 20 to 50 votes. The senate has approved the transaction, 46 to 34.

The latest polls of member of the house showed 188 for the credit, with 163 against and 82 undecided or not reached.

The poll takers report on republicans was 30 for, 141 against, 21 not reporting; on democrats, 158 for, 22 against and 59 not reporting. The two minor party members were not included in the poll, which was taken by Rep. Priest (D., Tenn.), for democrats, and by Rep. Landis (R., Ind.), or republicans.

Hop Forecast: 21 Million Lbs.

A 21,000,000 pound hop crop for Oregon and a 22,372,000-pound crop for Washington this year was forecast today by the U. S. department of agriculture's bureau of agricultural economics.

Oregon's expected crop was three per cent above last year's 20,398,000 pound crop and 19 per cent above the state's average hop crop. Washington's crop will set a new record for the state and will exceed the previous production mark, set in 1945, by five per cent.

Roll Call Vote on OPA

Washington, July 13 (AP)—The roll call vote by which the senate today passed the OPA renewal bill.

For the bill (62).

Democrats for: Carville, Chavez, Downey, Hayden, Johnson of Colo., Magnuson, McCarran, Mitchell, Murdock, Murray, O'Mahoney, and Thomas of Utah.

Republicans for: Cordon, Knowland, Langer, Millikin, Morse, Wiley and Young.

Progressive for: LaFollette. Voting against the bill (15). Democrats against: Taylor. Republicans against: Ball, Bushfield, Gurney, Moore, Robertson, Wherry and Wilson.

Edwin Markham's Home Being Razed

Oregon City, July 13 (AP)—The house in which the late Edwin Markham, author of "The Man With a Hoe," once lived, is being razed.

The site is being cleared for a used car lot.

Butter Clogs Many Markets But the Price Remains High

Salem's butter shortage of pre-OPA days has changed to a surplus but the price remains high, a check showed today. Although Portland and other cities reported their butter prices dropping (one Portland store sold at 69c a pound), the cost in Salem remained mostly 79c. One store sold for 80c and one sold for 75c.

Consumer demonstrations protesting rising prices continued today, according to United Press, but prices generally appeared to be becoming more stable pending decisive congressional action on controls.

In most areas, prices leveled off at old OPA ceilings or at new, and higher, rates set during the two weeks since the expiration of price control. Price tags on choice livestock, however, reached new highs at three midwestern stockyards.

The bureau of labor statistics at Washington reported that the price index for 28 basic commodities has increased 22.7 percent since the end of price controls.

Meanwhile, buyers' strikes gained momentum in many cities and an emergency committee planned a block-by-block canvass of Chicago to mobilize for the return of controls.

On the rent control front, the Michigan legislature approved a limited state measure limiting landlords to a 15 percent increase over June 30 levels.

At a Portland rally last night to marshal strength for a continuous buyers' strike against selected luxury, consumers adopted a resolution urging Oregon congressmen to adopt effective price control measures.