

Evatt Denounces Vishinsky for Attack on U. S.

Australian Says Russians Provoking Discord and Friction in UN

United Nations Hall, Flushing, N. Y., Sept. 19 (U.P.)—Australian Foreign Minister Herbert V. Evatt today denounced Russia's plan for "criminal punishment" of war propagandists and her attack on the United States as an attempt to "provoke international friction and discord."

He accused Soviet delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky of deliberately creating a "smokescreen" to cover up his own weak case and to prevent careful consideration of other important problems at this UN assembly.

He said it was a typical tactic when a lawyer has a weak case in the legal profession, he said, there is a saying: "When you have no case, abuse the other side."

Supports America

Evatt also told a press conference that Vishinsky's personal attacks were "most detrimental to international peace and a complete disregard of the important job to be done here." He declined to go into the details of the Russian proposal which would deny the American press its freedom to criticize Russia "on pain of criminal punishment."

Evatt supported in principle the American proposal for setting up a permanent assembly committee to be a "watchdog" over the security council; denied Russia's charges that it would abolish the security council, but announced that he would seek to limit the jurisdiction over such an assembly committee to cases which have first been vetoed in the security council.

He also would seek safeguards to prevent every "frivolous and trivial" dispute coming before the assembly.

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China Opposes Jap Peace Pact

New York, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—Dr. Wang Shih-Chieh, foreign minister of China, disclosed today that China will line up with Russia in refusing a United States invitation to an immediate 11-nation Japanese peace conference.

Dr. Wang, in an interview, said China must turn down the American plan for the same reason Russia already had rejected in—that the Big Four veto power was not included.

"China, having fought long and bitterly with Japan," Dr. Wang said, "could not go into a peace conference without some safeguard that her interests would be protected."

However, the Chinese foreign minister said, his government will attempt to compromise between the Russian and United States positions by asking that the problem of the Japanese peace treaty be referred to the 11-nation far eastern commission where the Big Four each have a veto.

Russia flatly rejected the American plan with the observation that only a four power conference of Russia, Great Britain, China and the United States could possibly deal with Japanese peace.

Ralph Barnes Ship Sold

Portland, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—The maritime commission has sold the Liberty ship Ralph Barnes, named for an ex-Salem newspaperman killed when his plane was shot down over Europe in the war, to the Danish East Asiatic Co., Ltd. It has been renamed the St. Jan. The vessel was built at Oregon shipyard in 1943.

Huge Bear Killed Ending Extermination of 130 Goats

By Claude Steustoff

Three shots from a trusty rifle in the hands of Sam Mathaney, Marion county rancher, early yesterday morning brought death to one of the largest bears ever taken in the county and suspended a mass extermination of 130 Angora goats missing on the Mathaney place in the past week. The brute was caught in a trap set by County Trapper Francis Watkins on Silver mountain about one-half mile south of the Silver mountain service station on the Silver Creek Falls highway. Fifteen goats were killed Wednesday night before the bear stepped into the trap which held him by the hind leg until morning.

Ben Newell, assistant county agent, tentatively identified the specimen as a five year old male Euraetian Americanus, commonly known as the American black bear. His weight is variously estimated as 350 to 375 pounds

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Neuner Asserts Gambling Laws To Be Enforced

By James D. Olson
Attorney General George Neuner declared today that reports received in his office indicate that many district attorneys in the state have acted upon his directive banning slot machines and other gambling devices and are taking proper action.

"No doubt there are some officers who have not acted yet," he said "and with only five deputies in my office, all engaged in important work for the various state departments. I have no way to make investigations into the various counties."

"However," he added "if complaints come to me concerning lack of law enforcement and such complaints appear to be based upon fact, I will not hesitate to call upon the governor for aid from the state police and funds with which to operate against the violators, if need be. To Enforce Law

"The law against games of chance must be enforced as long as this law is on the statute books," he continued. "As I have said before it makes no difference whether we like these laws or not, they are on the books and must be enforced just as other laws are enforced."

The attorney general admitted that in the past there had been frequent temporary drives against slot machines and other payoff devices, usually just prior to an election but said that in his directive to district attorneys he quoted the law and insisted upon its constant enforcement.

When asked what he thought about the differential between punch boards that pay out cash or those that pay out merchandise and are called "trade stimulators" as was done by Chief of Police Jenkins in Portland, who held the latter type to be legal, the attorney general declared that "just plain ordinary common sense" would settle that question.

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Hope Given Up For LaGuardia

New York, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—Former Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia grew steadily weaker today and his physicians said they had no hope for his recovery.

The fiery "Little Flower" has been in a coma almost continuously since Tuesday and his physician, Dr. George Baehr, said today that no immediate change in his condition was expected.

"Throughout the night Mr. LaGuardia remained in a deep sleep," Baehr said in a bulletin at 9:15 a.m. (EDT). "There has been no material change in his pulse, temperature or respiration. Three or four times during the night he was able to take small amounts of liquid nourishment. No immediate change for better or worse is anticipated."

LaGuardia, one of the nation's most colorful public figures, has been ill since last June and friends reported that he had wasted away to about 100 pounds. Friends had said he was suffering from cancer, but it had never been confirmed until yesterday when Dr. Baehr revealed that he was suffering from "an inoperable condition of the pancreas." However, Dr. Baehr did not use the term cancer.

Dr. Baehr explained that LaGuardia had been operated upon three months ago by Dr. John Garlock.

Taft Proposes Leveling Off of Prices, Wages

San Francisco, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—Senator Taft (R., Ohio) proposed today that the nation act to level off prices and wages at a point 50 to 60 percent above that of 1939.

In a politically-important address prepared for delivery here before the Commonwealth club, the Ohio senator asserted that prices must come down and that high wages can be maintained only through increased productivity per man.

Accusing President Truman of following a policy of "planned inflation," Taft said that nevertheless, "the fundamental reason for high prices is the tremendous income of the American people today due to full employment and high wages."

Arguing that "abnormal employment" resulting from the present high rate of exports and accumulated domestic demand "will undoubtedly taper off," the chairman of the senate's republican policy committee said the country had better act to keep this change of pace gradual.

"I believe we may as well recognize that prices are permanently up above prewar prices," he said. "Since both wages and prices have risen—wages on the whole more than prices—we had better work toward a stabilization of wages and prices at some new level, perhaps 50 or 60 percent over 1939."

He said the present level of both represents an 80 to 100 percent increase above 1939.

In a speech prepared for the same forum before which the late Wendell L. Willkie's presidential aspirations bloomed in 1940, Taft called for an increase in the present 40 cent per hour minimum wage rate to "at least 60 cents."

He lashed out at what he dubbed "the totalitarian school of thought represented by the new deal wing of the democratic party, dominated by the P. A. C. (Political Action Committee) theory that every problem shall be solved by giving more money and power to some Washington bureau."

Calling for a reduction in taxes which "would permit the citizen to spend his own money for what he needs instead of the government's spending it for him," Taft said such action would "tend to prevent further wage increases which now offer the greatest danger of further inflation."

Wants A Bomb Used on Russia

New York, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—Some of the men described as "warmongers" yesterday by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky of Russia said he was mistaken or being "malicious," but one, George H. Earle III, said that if "he means I advocate using the atom bomb on Russia, he is absolutely right."

"I know implicitly that the moment they get the atom bomb they are going to bomb us," Earle, former governor of Pennsylvania, told a reporter last night at his home in West Grove, Pa. "In atomic warfare the first punch wins. One atom bomb detonated in Washington would leave this country writhing like a great snake with its head cut off."

"From eight years spent in the countries surrounding Russia I know they are completely determined to wipe out the only country that stands in their way to world domination. All other issues in the world today are absolutely trivial. I am highly honored that Mr. Vishinsky thinks me a warmonger."

Britain to Surrender Palestine Mandate

London, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—The British cabinet may decide tomorrow to surrender the mandate over Palestine which the League of Nations gave this country.

Government sources said today the foreign, colonial and war offices had agreed Britain should quit Palestine, but not attempt to impose singlehandedly a settlement by partition. Britain's views will be presented later to the United Nations, whose special commission recommended partition but with Jerusalem under U.N. trusteeship.



Hurricane-Wrecked Buildings—Wreckage is piled high amid palm trees and hurricane-wrecked buildings at West Palm Beach, Fla., as high winds in the wake of the hurricane lash this Florida east coast city. (AP Wirephoto)

Assessed Valuation in County up \$2,258,195

Total assessed valuation in Marion county has increased \$2,258,195 in 1947 over the 1946 roll according to figures announced Friday by County Assessor R. "Tad" Shelton, total net taxable property as assessed by the assessor being \$46,429,750 and by the state tax commission on public utilities, \$6,603,403. Real property as assessed by the assessor is up to a \$39,199,250 valuation as compared with \$37,941,800 a year ago or an increase of \$1,257,450 and personal property up to \$7,503,240 as compared with \$6,317,900 last year an increase of \$1,185,340. Biggest share of this increase in personal property is in merchandise and stock in trade assessed this year at \$3,598,150 as compared with \$2,541,210 a year ago, or an increase of \$1,056,940.

Truman Back In United States

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 19 (U.P.)—President Truman returned to the United States today to face critical domestic and international problems which piled up during his 10,845-mile air and sea trip to South America.

As the big battleship Missouri which brought the presidential party home from Rio de Janeiro slid carefully through the waters of this naval operating base, a 21-gun salute boomed out from shore.

The Missouri returned the salute while still under way. Then the big battleship nosed into its berth on the south side of pier 7 of the naval base.

The presidential yacht Williamsburg waited on the north side of the pier to carry Mr. Truman, his wife and daughter, Margaret up Chesapeake bay and the Potomac river to Washington.

When the Missouri tied up at its berth, Mr. Truman was piped over the side to be greeted by Vice Adm. Genrad Bogan, and Rear Adm. W. L. Ainsworth, commandant of the 5th naval district. Mayor Richard D. Cook of Norfolk also met the president, who appeared bronzed and well rested after his 12-day sea trip.

The greetings at the pier were brief. Mr. Truman and his presidential party then strode briskly across the pier to the presidential yacht. There was no honor guard and no band at the pier in deference to the president's wishes.

Bring Bishop Back For Robbery Trial

Portland, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—Joe Berry Bishop, 27, arrested in Hugo, Okla., and charged with the Sweet Home bank robbery Aug. 29, is expected to be brought here early next week.

Howard I. Bobbitt, FBI agent, said he had been informed of Bishop's projected transfer to face trial in federal court here. The robbery netted two bandits \$58,000. Bishop, whose description does not fit that of either bandit, has never been publicly connected with the two

Food Prices Drop On Exchanges

(By the United Press)
Wheat, corn and oats prices plunged downward for the second straight day on the Chicago board of trade today, while butter and eggs dropped sharply in what may become a general decline in wholesale food prices.

Prices of all grain futures were off the full limits—10 cents for wheat, eight cents for corn and six cents for oats. Prices on the Minneapolis and Kansas City grain exchanges followed.

Despite the recent downward trend on the big exchanges, there still was only scant indication that the family grocery bill was going down.

September corn closed today at \$2.46 a bushel, compared with yesterday's closing price of \$2.54, and with the all-time high of \$2.65 a bushel set only four days ago.

May wheat futures plunged the full 10-cent limit in the Chicago board of trade, falling to \$2.56 a bushel. Corn dropped its eight-cent limit to \$2.46. Four days ago it was at an all-time high of \$2.65 a bushel.

July wheat fell the limit to \$2.34 a bushel, and May oats dropped the six-cent limit to \$1.01 a bushel, and hard futures also fell the two-cent limit.

A drop of 130 to 135 points brought the contract for October eggs down to 54.90 to 54.95 cents a dozen. November eggs closed at 53.40-53.50 cents a dozen, down 1.40-1.45 from yesterday's high. December eggs were off 1.35 cents to 53.50 cents.

Tokyo Menaced By New Floods

Tokyo, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—An additional 50,000 Japanese were being evacuated from northern Tokyo today as a weakened dike and tidal backwash threatened now inundation of a wide area of the capital's flatlands.

Simultaneously, U.S. first cavalry reconnaissance reports placed the death toll on the flooded Kanto plain at a new high of 2,000. Kyodo news agency reported 1798 dead, 652 injured and 2143 missing.

Allied headquarters' public health and welfare section said three thickly populated wards of Tokyo would be inundated if a weakened dike gave way on the Naka river, on Tokyo's northern boundary.

Army engineers expressed apprehension that the swollen Naka might overflow as high tide came into Tokyo bay. Headquarters said members of the third battalion of the 511th parachute infantry regiment marched 10 miles out of the flooded area yesterday.

The Weather (Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday. Slightly warmer Saturday. Cool temperatures will prevail again tonight with patches of light frost in low valleys and freezing temperatures in mountain valleys. Lowest temperature tonight 38 degrees; highest Saturday 76. Weather will be favorable for farm work. Maximum yesterday 70. Minimum today 37. Mean temperature yesterday 56 which was 5 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .00. Total precipitation for the month 1.01 which is .19 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height Friday morning, -3.9 feet.



Puss Adopts Puppies—Four fox terrier puppies, whose mother is incapable of nursing them, were adopted by Mrs. George Pense's cat, Route 4, Box 136, Salem, and receive nourishment three times daily. The fat puppies are a week old. Pussy's kittens were born five weeks ago.

Hurricane Smashes New Orleans, Moves Inland on Baton Rouge And Ravages Entire Gulf Coast

Calm of 'Eye' of Storm Causes Over Metropolis Then 90 MPH Winds Crush Buildings and Pile Flood Waters Over Great Sea Wall

New Orleans, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—A howling West Indian hurricane battered populous, historic New Orleans today and pounded inland toward Louisiana's capital, Baton Rouge, and Arkansas.

The storm center passed over New Orleans this morning with winds of 90 miles an hour battering the city and smashing many of the city's more flimsy buildings.

There was no accurate estimate of either damage or casualties at New Orleans or along the gulf coast—both far more vulnerable than Florida which was pummeled two days ago by the same storm.

Twenty-seven persons had been treated at Charity hospital in New Orleans at noon, central standard time today, but only two needed more than first aid. Sixty percent of the homes in the Rene housing project for Negroes were reported destroyed and several Negroes were injured. The entire gulf coast, from Pensacola westward, was raked by cyclonic winds. More than 1,000 residents of Alabama fishing villages raced for high ground from coastal areas where two giant storms took hundreds of lives in 1916. Water three feet deep was reported in the settlement of Heron.

Florida Storm Loss Heavy

(By the Associated Press)
Here is Florida's estimated hurricane damage, but with some localities still to be heard from principally in the remote Everglades area.

Citrus: Yearly value of state's grapefruit crop, \$58,000,000; orange \$162,000,000. The storm's northern tip hit the southern edge of the citrus belt where grapefruit damage estimate about 50 percent; orange five to 10 percent. Even much treacherous can be used for processing. Principal portion of citrus belt apparently not seriously damaged; \$18,000,000 tangerine crop unreported on.

Truck: Reports vary. One responsible but unquotable source says not much already planted generally in Everglades and can raise fall crops relatively quickly if conditions are right. No dollar value possible because of widely varying conditions.

Properly damaged: No over-all estimate possible yet but while generally minor in character was widespread and total will be not insignificant.

Fort Myers was relatively hardest hit with property damage of \$1,000,000, power, water and sewerage systems knocked out temporarily.

Miami: Widespread damage to new commercial construction, roofing blown off, store signs and bill boards smashed, trees down; Boca Raton-Miami army airfield, \$3,000,000; Miami Beach \$2,000,000.

Delray Beach: \$1,000,000.

State Refutes Overall Claims

Santa Ana, Calif., Sept. 19 (U.P.)—The state offered a mass of scientific testimony in the closing phase of the Overall yacht deaths case today, to refute defense contentions that financier Walter E. Overall was alive and standing hunched between two engines on his boat when an explosion killed him.

Capt. Ray Pinker, Los Angeles police department chemist, told the jury in the case of Louise Overall and her lover, George Gollum, charged with murdering her parents, that metal fragments from the blast on the latter's yacht, the Mary E. were found imbedded in the heel and sole of Overall's left shoe.

Various defense experts contended that Overall could have been in no position other than between the engines because there were no injuries to the ankles and feet, protected in the line of blast by the engines.

Pinker showed the jury three small vials which he said contained pieces of metal and wood taken from the baseboard under the starboard engine. He said he made a microscopic comparison of these with flooring in the cabin of the Mary E.

NLRB Extends Time for Filing Anti-Red Affidavits

Washington, Sept. 19 (U.P.)—The national labor relations board and Robert N. Denham, its general counsel, today allowed AFL and CIO top officers until October 31 to sign affidavits disavowing communism.

The effect of the action is that the board will not dismiss AFL and CIO cases before that date. Denham has interpreted the Taft-Hartley labor law as requiring national officers of the two big labor organizations to sign such affidavits if any AFL or CIO unions are to make use of the NLRB's services.

Approximately 5,000 cases are pending before the board. Originally, Sept. 23 was set as a deadline when the board would begin dismissing cases if non-communist affidavits had not been signed by that time.

Denham allowed each union 20 days from the receipt of notice that the affidavit was required. The first such notices were mailed out September 2