

No Way Out of UN Deadlock Seen by Bidault

French Spokesman Says All Efforts at Compromise Seem Hopeless

New York, Sept. 20 (AP)—French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault declared today that the growing conflict between the United States and Russia has reached such a critical stage that further efforts to reconcile the two viewpoints seemed hopeless.

In France's opening policy speech before the United Nations assembly, Bidault frankly acknowledged that he saw no way out of the crisis sharpened by the speeches of Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky.

"The French delegate deems it futile and dangerous to conceal the magnitude and seriousness of the crisis," Bidault told the 55 national delegations as the assembly continued its fourth day of general debate.

"It is but honest to say that one does not see how they can be reconciled," he said. As a result, he said, France would take her stand squarely on the "question laid before us."

Then returning to the split between Russia and the United States, Bidault said: "Many of the speakers who took the floor before me here referred to the globe being divided into two hostile blocs, a division which unfortunately become today a basic phenomenon."

Expressions of Soviet citizens in the wake of the speeches reflected these thoughts: "Uncertainty about the future peace of the world."

A belief that the United States government is not against war with the Soviet Union and in some cases that the United States favors war with Russia.

However, persons abroad would be mistaken in feeling the current situation and the general assembly activities have brought any war hysteria here. They have not.

From time to time this correspondent has reported that from everything one sees and hears in the Soviet Union there is certainly no preparation or anticipation of war. That still goes.

The present status of general assembly declarations can be fairly well summed from the Soviet viewpoint as: "we believe what our people say. We don't believe what your people say."

Bids to Be Opened
Portland, Sept. 20 (AP)—Bids for releveling repair on the Santiam river in Marion county and for construction of bank protection works on the Willamette river at Brown location in Benton county will be opened Oct. 3 and 6 respectively, the army engineers reported today.

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Prices of Grains Continue Drop In Chicago Pit

(By the Associated Press)
Corn and wheat prices continued to plunge on the Chicago board of trade today for the third consecutive day, raising the possibility of a break in the record high cost of living.

The break in grain prices was accompanied by the first decline in four weeks in wholesale prices for a long list of such commodities as meat, butter, eggs and flour.

The grain market and commodities price decline, which has continued since early in the week, came as the labor department reported that living costs for city dwellers hit an all-time peak in July and probably have gone "a whole lot higher since then."

All Grains Decline
Wheat, which at one time suffered as much as a 10 cent drop on hectic trading on the Chicago board of trade today, ended 3 3/4-7 1/2% lower, September \$2.57 1/2. Corn ended eight cents lower, the limit under exchange regulations, for the third straight day with September \$2.38 and oats were 3 3/4-5% lower, September \$1.08.

In New York, heavy selling forced cotton futures down \$2 a bale. A labor department official said mid-September figures were not yet available, but that living costs probably were "a whole lot higher now" because of "the steep wholesale price climb we've had in recent weeks."

Meanwhile, the country-wide verbal bombardment at the high cost of living grew in volume. (Concluded on Page 9, Column 8)

Wrecked Plane Sighted in Luzon

Manila, Sept. 20 (AP)—A mass aerial search brought reports today of the "possible sighting" in a favorable terrain of some of the 28 passengers and crewmen who parachuted into midnight darkness from a lost U. S. army transport over northern Luzon.

The U. S. 13th air force, to which the abandoned two-engine craft was attached, said its wreckage was definitely located 160 miles northeast of Manila, and that search pilots also radioed word of the "possible sighting" of personnel 60 miles farther north.

This would place survivors in the vicinity of Tuguegarao, Cagayan province, in the northeast corner of Luzon. The terrain there was described as "generally favorable" for parachute landings.

Location of the wreckage indicated the plane, pushed from its course by foul weather, was about 30 miles west of its direct Okinawa-Manila course when the pilot ordered all aboard to jump. Efforts to locate the craft by radar and give the pilot his bearings had proved futile, as his fuel ran low.

Names of the 28 aboard the missing transport were not announced. The last message from the pilot was received at 20 minutes past midnight, Clark field reported. He said he had already ordered the passengers to jump and was then abandoning ship himself.

He had radioed earlier that he was flying on instruments and uncertain of his position.

Congressmen To Investigate Valley Project

Washington, Sept. 20 (AP)—Rep. Dondero (R-Mich.) and the house public works committee heads will investigate Bonneville and other northwest power projects next week.

Dondero is the author of legislation pending in committee to force the sale at the site of power produced at flood control and navigation dams. This was sharply opposed at hearings by witnesses from the Pacific northwest.

Expected to come up again in the next session of congress, Dondero's measure would transfer to the army engineers with the requirement the power be sold at the dams. The power commission would be given jurisdiction over such sales.

Other Projects Viewed
The committee will visit Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Eugene, Walla Walla, and will inspect Mud mountain dam, rivers and harbors works, public buildings, the Bonneville power administration, the McNary dam site and dams on the Willamette river.

Eighteen members are expected to reach Seattle Sept. 26. That day and the next two will be spent investigating the Lake Washington ship canal locks, federal buildings, the marine hospital and the post office site.

The committee will go to Portland September 29 to inspect the J. D. Ross substitution of the BPA at Vancouver and then visit Bonneville dam. In Portland it will inspect the old courthouse, the customs house and Swan island. To Visit Detroit Dam

One group will inspect the Fern Ridge reservoir on the Long Tom river, spend the night in Eugene and inspect the Ferry street reventments. It then will go to Dorena dam, Meridian dam, Detroit dam and along the Willamette river.

Returning to Portland the committee will go to Walla Walla, where it will spend the night and the next day inspecting the McNary dam site. From there the committee will go to San Diego, Calif.

Dondero's bill exempts from its provisions the Bonneville power administration, including Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams. During hearings on it this year Representative Angell (R-Ore.), ranking republican on the committee, had frequent clashes with Dondero.

Floods Submerge Northeast Tokyo

Tokyo, Sept. 20 (AP)—Ten Japanese were reported dead, 50 injured and 18 missing tonight as floods up to 15 feet deep swept 20 square miles in three wards of northeast Tokyo.

Many American soldiers fought the still rising waters to save thousands of Japanese trapped when a levee broke. Japanese police, fearing an explosion, escorted hundreds of refugees from a chemical factory where 200 kilograms of sodium and 5,200 kilograms of lime were stored. Water lapped against the second story of the factory.

Army relief authorities estimated at least 2,000 Japanese had died in the floods which have swept 10 northern Honshu since a typhoon hit the area September 15. A new compilation by Kyodo news agency listed 1,432 dead, 980 injured and 1,865 missing.

Vacancies in Legislature Filled Only for Extra Session

Vacancies in the state legislature caused by death or resignation will not be filled by appointment unless a special session of the legislature is called prior to the next May primaries, according to Robert S. Farrell, secretary of state today.

Prior to this year the law required that in the event of a vacancy in the state legislature, the secretary of state was required to notify the county court in the county in which the vacancy existed and it was incumbent upon the court to make immediate appointment.



Hurricane Spreads Havoc Throughout New Orleans—A large sign, torn from its moorings atop a down town New Orleans, La., building lies in the street, the result of the hurricane which roared in on the city from the gulf. It was the same hurricane which swept over parts of Florida earlier and then swerved north and west into Louisiana and Alabama. (AP wirephoto)

Pinball Games Paying in Slugs Illegal Says Neuner

Attorney General George Neuner, in an opinion handed down today, ruled that pinball games that pay out in slugs of no value are just as illegal as those operated by coins and can be legally seized by county sheriffs when found operating. The opinion was requested by Melvin Goode, Linn county district attorney who asked for the ruling August 27—shortly after Neuner issued a directive to all county law officers to enforce state laws banning all gambling devices.

Neuner, in the opinion, said that the "statute is not limited to nickel-in-the-slot machines exclusively, but covers all other machines or devices of like character which an element of chance enters when such machines are played for money or other representative of value."

He asserted the slug-operated machines are equipped with a slot for the purpose of insertion of a coin and to that extent are referred to as "games," Neuner ruled, indicates that they are different from ordinary legitimate vending machines which return merchandise to the patron.

The machines, he asserted, contain two elements of a game of chance, namely: (1) "consideration," the coin inserted in the slot to start the thing in motion, and (2) "chance," by which the number of replays the player is to receive, if any, is determined.

For the same reasons stated above, Neuner ruled that pinball machines which pay off in merchandise are also illegal and the state law clearly forbids their use.

"The moral sentiment of the state demands this enactment in the interest of the youth of the state," Neuner said.

Answering Goode's question as to whether it is legal to confiscate the machines, Neuner quoted the Oregon statute: "As further penalty for violation of this act all machines or devices mentioned and described herein are declared to be public nuisances, and they, together with any coins therein, shall be forfeited, confiscated and the sheriff of the county shall destroy such machines and devices."

Neuner's opinion today followed a previous directive to Multnomah County Sheriff Martin Pratt which informed Pratt he must seize all gambling devices, even when they pay off in merchandise. Pratt asserted earlier that the merchandise machines were perfectly legal.

Street Name Changes In Council Monday

Street name changes in Salem recommended by a group of city, county, postal and utility officials and approved by the Salem planning and zoning commission will be submitted to the city council Monday night for preliminary discussion.

City Manager J. L. Franzen said today that thus far no protests have been made against any of the proposed changes. One of the important changes suggested is the change of all of High street to Broadway, the name borne by the northern section of the street. It is understood that business men on High street favor this change and some will probably be on hand to urge the adoption of the planning commission report.

Finland Applies to UN
New York, Sept. 20 (AP)—Finland applied today for membership in the United Nations.

The Weather
(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer temperatures tonight. Lowest temperature tonight, 40 degrees; highest, Sunday, 75. Weather will be favorable for farm work. Maximum yesterday 74. Minimum today 58. Mean temperature yesterday 56 which was 3 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .00. Total precipitation for the month 1.01 which is .13 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height Saturday morning, -3.8 feet.

Truman Back In White House

Washington, Sept. 20 (AP)—The White House said today that President Truman probably will confer Monday here with Secretary of State Marshall who is pressing the American program in the United Nations assembly.

A secretary said an appointment has not been made definitely but the president probably will see him Monday as well as other individual cabinet members who have urgent business accumulating during the president's 20-day absence in Brazil. Marshall is coming to Washington tomorrow.

Mr. Truman met 45 minutes with his staff which he called into meeting only five hours after he stepped off the presidential yacht Williamsburg. He, with Mrs. Truman and daughter Margaret, disembarked yesterday at Norfolk, Va., from the battleship Missouri.

Topping his problems are the rising cost of living, Europe's emergency needs, international differences and special session talk.

The yacht bore the presidential party up the Potomac river from Norfolk, Va., where the members disembarked yesterday from the battleship Missouri in their return from Rio de Janeiro.

The president remarked to those on the dock: "You don't know how to appreciate your own country till you are away."

Fire Danger in Oregon Climbing

(By the United Press)
Fire danger was climbing again in Oregon with humidities dropping to critical lows in the southwest and south central sections of the state.

The weather bureau in Portland reported Saturday that humidities in southwestern and south central Oregon were between 20 and 25 percent with 22 to 30 percent humidities recorded in the northwest part of the state.

The bureau said the drop in humidities resulted from easterly winds which developed Friday night. The winds were expected to diminish Saturday night and become northerly Sunday.

Bids Asked in Drift Barrier
Portland, Sept. 20 (AP)—The army engineers today called for bids on construction of a drift barrier along the right bank of the middle fork of the Willamette river at Natron location, 14 miles southeast of Eugene. Bids will be opened here October 6.

King Farouk's private car whisked the prime minister to Kouba palace for an immediate audience with the king.

Gascon, whose condition is reported unchanged today, received a broken and dislocated hip, possible skull fracture, severe internal injuries, lacerations and abrasions.

After striking a tree the plane was hurled approximately 1000 feet and rolled over several times after it struck the ground. The pilot was pulled from the wreckage by school children who had been watching him.

Hurricane Blowing Itself Out In Southeast Texas; Martial Law Rules Devastated Areas

National Guardsmen Check Looting—New Orleans Battles Serious Floods—New Tropical Storm Making in the Caribbean Sea

New Orleans, Sept. 20 (AP)—Fifty-five persons are believed to have died in yesterday's hurricane, unofficial reports indicated today as national guardsmen moved in force into the stricken Mississippi-Alabama area.

Tourists were barred from the Mississippi gulf coast, one of the nation's favorite vacation spots. The naval reserve armory at Gulfport warned sightseers to stay off the debris-strewn coast.

Gov. Fielding Wright of Mississippi and his adjutant general sped to the Biloxi-Gulfport-Pass Christian area where 12 persons are believed to have died.

The threat of wholesale looting was acute, and along the Mississippi coast National Guard units and army troops from nearby Deesler field were under orders to shoot to kill.

At Bay Minette, Ala., Sheriff Taylor Wilkins reported a National Guard detachment was sent to Alabama beach after looting occurred. Meanwhile, as the great storm spent its final violence in diminishing intensity southwest of Shreveport, the Miami weather bureau reported a new hurricane appeared boiling up out of the Caribbean, west of Jamaica, and hurricane-hunter planes took off to probe it.

Third Storm Watched
A third storm, now a week old, was centered 3,000 miles southwest of Miami, and also was being kept under surveillance.

Between New Orleans, Red Cross officials investigated a report that four persons drowned in St. Bernard Parish. Terrific devastation was inflicted on the bay country, with whole villages carried away by wind and tides.

Lake Borgne backed into Bayou Bienvenue, broke through a railroad embankment and flooded a sizeable section of eastern New Orleans.

Police said 2000 had been evacuated from an area 25 blocks long and 16 blocks wide now under water. There were no estimates of its depth.

The storm, as it hit Shreveport and moved northwest into Texas and Oklahoma, was nothing like the terrific, 100-mile terror that struck the coast early yesterday.

Winds Slacking
Winds had slackened to about 40 and 50 miles an hour. Rain was heavy. No damage was reported in the Shreveport area.

Reporter James H. Gillis of the Times-Picayune in a communication filed from Gulfport, Miss., via naval reserve radio last night said there were unconfirmed reports of at least a dozen deaths from drowning and other causes.

No bodies had been recovered, he said, but added five were known to be dead in the Pass Christian, Miss., area.

The entire coastal area was isolated. Communications still were difficult this morning.

Refugees continued to pour in to shelters. Landmarks Swept Away
Familiar landmarks all along the gulf coast were swept away.

New Orleans and the gulf coast began to count its cost. Untold damage was done to sugar cane between here and Baton Rouge and north of the state capital. Thousands of acres were flattened. F. Evans Farrell, New Orleans canal grower, pointed out that "it takes a 120-mile wind to snap cane off at the ground."

At least 20 persons were treated here for minor injuries resulting from the storm. Most were cut by flying glass or hit by debris sailing through the air. The central fire station said that between 200 and 300 fires were extinguished yesterday and last night. Most were blamed on broken electric connections and falling wires.

The weather bureau said the hurricane in its dying convulsions would make its way with rain and squalls into southern Arkansas and that by Saturday afternoon the winds should have diminished to 25 to 35 miles per hour with rain confined to Arkansas and portions of adjacent states. (Concluded on Page 9, Column 7)

Six Killed by Storm at Biloxi

Bay St. Louis, Miss., Sept. 20 (AP)—Six persons were known dead and seven others feared killed in this vacation area where yesterday's hurricane pushed giant gulf waves across the sea wall and far inland.

Identified dead were Mrs. Benjamin Hart, 84; her daughter, Mrs. Alice Montgomery, 62; Beatrice White, Negro, 40; and her six-year-old stepson. All were drowned.

Their bodies lay in an emergency morgue set up in Bay St. Louis high school.

Two unidentified bodies were in the Fafe funeral home. They were a man about 60 years old, apparently killed by a flying piece of debris, and a woman about 40, who was drowned.

State Highway Patrolman J. C. Puckett said six others were believed dead along North Boulevard, where water reached the second floors of houses.

M. A. Gillis, retired army colonel, told of seeing 30 houses destroyed along the coast between Bay St. Louis and Waveland. Forty other homes were heavily damaged.

One mile of the two-mile railroad track across the Bay of St. Louis was washed away, as were two 100-foot sections of a parallel automobile bridge. Remaining portions of both bridges waved and swayed in the tide today.

To Increase U. S. Forces in Reich

Washington, Sept. 20 (AP)—Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) said today he will insist that United States controls be increased over the American and British occupied zones in Germany if we assume a larger share of these costs.

Bridges told reporters "What I want to make sure of is that we don't have to pay all the bills." The cost is now borne equally by the two countries but Britain recently asked the U. S. to pay a greater share.

Bridges, as chairman of the senate appropriations committee, called a special session today to hear top-ranking armed service officials at a closed door session.

Bridges said that army department officials are asking informal congressional approval of plans to spend a part of \$800,000,000 voted by the last congress for occupation costs throughout the world at a greater rate than intended.

If the United States assumes a part of the occupation costs now paid by England, this appropriation will not last until next July 1. Officials probably would seek a deficiency or supplemental appropriation when congress meets.

Bridges told reporters that army department officials regarded the problems as "urgent" and one which could not be deferred until after both senate and house members return from inspection trips to Europe.

In announcing today's committee meeting, Bridges said it would take up "grave foreign and domestic problems." It was indicated that the occupation costs problems in Germany topped the agenda.

8 Die in Crash Of Bolivian Plane

Lima, Peru, Sept. 20 (AP)—A plane crashed two miles off San Juan yesterday, killing at least eight persons.

Dispatches from the vicinity said the body of a United States army sergeant, Harry Boerel, had been washed ashore, and that a woman believed to be his fiancée also had been found dead. Others aboard the plane were identified as Bolivian officers en route to the United States.

The U. S. embassy said the plane was Bolivian and not American, as reported last night.