

Schuman Gets Confidence Vote From Assembly

Communists Defeated In Attempt to Modify Anti-Inflation Bill

Paris, Jan. 3 (AP)—The national assembly upheld Premier Robert Schuman today against a combined communist-De Gaulle attempt to modify the anti-inflation bill upon which he staked his government. The vote was 322 to 262.

The vote came on a proposed amendment to an article in the 125,000,000,000 franc (\$1,000,000,000) save-the-franc tax bill dealing with taxation of small shopkeepers and craftsmen.

Schuman immediately announced he was asking a vote of confidence on five other amendments, and declared he would resign if the article was not adopted as he submitted it.

Vote Again Monday
Under assembly rules, this postponed further voting until Monday.

Schuman had summoned the assembly into extraordinary session with the announcement he wanted a vote of confidence on every proposed major change in the measure.

Communist deputies were defeated 340 to 183 in attempts to force debate on American stop-gap aid to France. The maneuver was aimed at delaying debate on the anti-inflation program.

Although rightists and other members of the assembly have voted with the communists against Schuman's tax measures, every party in the assembly today joined to defeat the communist maneuver.

Red Leader Rebuked
Communist Leader Jacques Duclos demanded publication of the agreement text, signed last night by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and American Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, and immediate debate thereon.

"This agreement amounts to a grab by American capitalism at France's expense which the French people cannot accept," Duclos said. He was voted down. Schuman himself curtly rebuked the communist leader.

"It is lamentable to hear criticism in inadmissible terms of this American act of generosity to us," he said.

Text to be Published
He said the text of the agreement would be published and then called upon the national assembly to return to consideration of his anti-inflation bill, on which he has staked the life of his government.

The 125,000,000,000 franc (\$1,000,000,000) program passed its first test in the assembly finance committee, which approved it without important modifications, 22 to 19. The bill also provides for the economy dismissal of 150,000 civil servants.

NLRB Hearing Set for ITU

New York, Jan. 3 (AP)—The national labor relations board yesterday issued a complaint against the AFL International Typographical union and five of its locals in New York, Detroit, Chicago and Pittsburgh, charging violations of the Taft-Hartley law in negotiations with some 500 commercial printing firms.

A hearing on the charges was set for Feb. 4 at NLRB offices here. The action, based on the complaint of five employer associations of printers, was announced by John J. Carmody, acting NLRB regional director.

The complaint embraces these accusations:
1. That the locals refused to bargain in good faith, insisting on a contract that would maintain their closed shops are outlawed by the Taft-Hartley act.
2. That the ITU and its locals "restrained and coerced" employees in job-printing houses by insisting on a closed shop, thus infringing on employees' unhampered collective bargaining rights.
3. That the ITU and the locals attempted to force these employers to discriminate against non-ITU printers.

Carmody said the union would have 10 days to answer the complaint.
Should the charges be sustained by a trial examiner, Carmody said, the NLRB could order the union and its locals to bargain collectively with the complaining employer associations. The board is not empowered to take punitive action.

Ohio Governor Weds
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 3 (AP)—Gov. Thomas J. Herbert of Ohio and Miss Mildred Helen Stevenson, his Indianapolis fiancée, were married today before members of their immediate families and a small group of friends.

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Attlee Attacks Soviet Russia For Imperialism

London, Jan. 3 (AP)—Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee said tonight that Soviet communism was threatening the rest of Europe with a new form of imperialism.

Attlee's attack on Russia and Russian communism, as distinct from the more generalized term "communists," was the strongest by a member of the labor government. It came in the midst of his nationwide labor party political broadcast on his 65th birthday.

Freedom Renounced
"Today in eastern Europe the communist party while overthrowing the economic tyranny of landlordism and capitalism has renounced the doctrines of individual freedom and political democracy, and rejected the whole spiritual heritage of western Europe," Attlee said.

"The history of Soviet Russia provides us with a warning here—a warning that without political freedom collectivism can quickly go astray and lead to new forms of oppression and injustice."

Threat to Europe
"There there is no political freedom, privilege and injustice creep back. In communist Russia, privilege for the few is a growing phenomenon, and the gap between the highest and lowest incomes is constantly widening."

"Soviet communism pursues a policy which threatens with a new form of imperialism—ideological, economic and strategic—the welfare and way of life of the other nations of Europe."

Debris Found In Plane Hunt

Anchorage, Alaska, Jan. 3 (AP)—Air force officials today studied small bits of scattered wreckage found on the shores of a B-29 missing since Wednesday with nine crewmen aboard.

The wreckage—after being spotted by a helicopter—was found by army ground parties yesterday two miles north of Elmendorf field, from which the missing plane took off on a routine weather observation flight to Fairfield-Suisun field near San Francisco.

Included in the wreckage brought here for inspection were two badly burned gas tanks and a nose wheel assembly. Officials said the wreckage showed definite scarring by flames.

Shortly after taking off the pilot reported one of his four engines was out. Several witnesses reported seeing a blinding flash in the sky about time radio contact with the plane was lost.

Austin Appointed UN Representative

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—President Truman today appointed Warren R. Austin, to be U. S. representative on the interim committee of the UN general assembly.

Austin also is the U. S. representative to the United Nations. Mr. Truman also named Professor Philip C. Jessup of Columbia university as deputy representative on the interim committee.

The interim committee was created to assist the general assembly by considering matters referred to it by the assembly.

Work Underway on Laying Bailey Bridge on North Fork

Work started Saturday on laying the Bailey bridge which will temporarily replace the old Lumker bridge near Elkhorn on the little north fork of the Santiam which was destroyed by a log truck recently. County Engineer Hedda Swart with a representative of the state highway department went to the scene of the bridge laying Saturday morning to get progress under way. Three loads of materials were sent Friday, three more are going up Saturday and another three loads will move Sunday and this is expected to lay on the spot all the materials needed and it is hoped to have the bridge finished by early next week. It was stated that Horton Hughett, bridge superintendent for the state highway department, will lend his knowledge to the placing of the Bailey bridge. He was a wartime army engineer with combat experience with this type of bridge.

In the meantime no word came of the stork fluttering toward

Cordon Forces Reclamation Bureau Reform

By Charles D. Watkins
Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—The reclamation bureau has taken steps to comply with suggestions advanced by a senate committee which criticized particularly the bureau's method of apportioning funds and accused it of failing to keep contractors advised as to the status of funds for individual projects.

Orders for meeting the committee's criticism, it was learned today, were issued nine days after congress granted supplemental funds for continuing work on western projects for which previous appropriations were running out.

Cordon Forces Reform
A copy of them was made public by Senator Cordon (R-Ore.), who wrote the committee report. The report accused the bureau of failure to apportion funds among existing contracts and to notify contractors when funds were nearing exhaustion.

As a result, the report said, some projects have been forced to close down on short notice, throwing workers out of jobs and leaving machinery idle on the job.

Cordon's report, based on a hearing by the senate appropriations committee, also charged the bureau had disregarded "the clear intent of congress" in not apportioning its funds over the year and by contracts.

System Defective
"If such a policy is followed in the future, it would take out of the hands of congress and put into the hands of the bureau and contractors the control of the rate of expenditures on reclamation projects," he said.

Cordon said the investigation "clearly indicated that the whole accounting system of the bureau needs complete overhauling."

Bureau officials in instructions to all regional reclamation offices said it is the bureau's policy "to voluntarily adjust its procedures to the requirement of changing conditions to the end that closer programming (of work) and scheduling be attained."

Film Stars Fined For Poaching

Bakersfield, Calif., Jan. 3 (AP)—Four film figures—Clark Gable, Frank Morgan, Johnny Mack Brown and O. O. Dull, producer, were fined \$200 each today by Justice of the Peace Frank Noriega after pleading guilty to violation of the game laws.

Michael Cohen, MGM attorney who appeared for the actors and Dull, said the studio "deeply regretted" that the party had violated the law restricting possession of ducks to four to a hunter. Gable, a crack shot, originally was charged with possessing 25 ducks, but after a conference between Cohen and the court it was acknowledged that there had been a mixup and that he had only six and the additional ducks belonged to another actor who left before Game Warden Les Arnold made the arrests last Sunday at a private club, seven miles south of Bakersfield.

Brown, former Alabama football star, pleaded guilty to possessing 12 ducks; Dull 13 and Morgan 13.

Marines Sent Mediterranean

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—A group of marines whose number the navy declines to disclose will sail next Tuesday to strengthen U. S. forces aboard the aircraft carrier Midway, three light cruisers and 10 destroyers now stationed in the Mediterranean sea.

The cruiser Little Rock and two of the destroyers are based at ports in Greece, which this country has been trying to bolster against communist encroachment. The other craft are in Italian waters.

The only clue to the size of the marine force given in the navy announcement last night was that the men, all from the second division, will make the trip on a "normal size transport of 12,000 to 15,000 tons fully loaded." They will leave from Morehead City, N. C.



Italian Ex-King's Funeral Cortege—Egyptian sailors escort the coffin of Vittorio Emanuele III, former king of Italy, as it moves on a gun carriage through the streets of Alexandria, Egypt. The royal Italian flag covers the coffin. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Cairo)

Shuttle Bus Service to South, East Monday

Shuttle bus service to accommodate suburban residents south and east of Salem will start Monday morning with the same fares as are charged on city lines, according to R. J. Davidson, manager of the Oregon Motor stages.

The southbound bus will leave from the Pioneer Trust building and go south on Commercial to Fairview avenue and also the Liberty street bus, with the jog up Saginaw and back on Hill eliminated. Both buses will be marked with the one with Hansen avenue on the side taking care of the jog eliminated from the Liberty street bus.

The run will continue on Fairview to 12th street and on the cut-off back into the city by way of highway 99. The first bus will leave at 7:58 a. m. on week days and continue on the hour through to 5:58 p. m. when the last suburban run bus leaves. Coming back on the cut-off the schedule will be from 8:15 a. m. through 6:15 p. m. also on the hour with all runs to be an hour later on Sundays and holidays.

After the 5:58 p. m. bus the outboard buses will leave at 7:05 p. m., 8:05 p. m., 8:45 p. m. and 9:45 p. m. with the last outboard trip starting at 11:05 p. m. Both the Swegle district and Fruitland road buses will start from Hollywood drive and Silvertown road with the Swegle bus traveling over Hollywood drive south to the continuation of Sunnyside avenue, to the Swegle school, down Market west to Lancaster and south to "D" street, down "D" to 17th and back on "D" to Lancaster, south to the Fruitland road about a mile and back on Auburn road, making connections with the Cheneketa and 17th and Market street buses, which will bear signs for the connecting buses.

The inbound service starts at 6:30 a. m. at Lancaster and Silvertown road and continues at 7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 9:40 a. m. and 10:40 a. m., and from Fruitland at 7:10 a. m., 8:10 a. m., 9:15 a. m. and 10:20 a. m. and 3:50 p. m. and 6:50 p. m.

Outbound service to the Swegle district on Cheneketa is offered at 7 a. m., 8 a. m., 9:05 a. m. and 10:10 a. m. and from 2:40 p. m. through 6:40 p. m. and from Fruitland on the 17th and Market line at 6:35 a. m., 7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 9:40 a. m. and from 3:10 p. m. to 6:10 p. m.

Milan Chilly to Friendship Train

Milan, Jan. 3 (AP)—America's friendship food experienced the thinnest welcome yet in Italy when the "Treno Dell'Amicitia" pulled in here this morning.

Milan sent none of its top officials, who are all communist or socialist, to greet the train—in contrast to other stops yesterday in the communist north at Florence and Bologna.

At Milan's huge central railroad station a little crowd, which might generously have been estimated at 500, was almost lost beneath the great domes of steel and glass that arch over the trackways.

The weather (Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Partly cloudy with a few light showers tonight. Fog in valleys Sunday morning. Increasing cloudiness Sunday with rain expected late in day. Lowest expected temperature tonight, 35 degrees; highest Sunday, 45. Minimum yesterday 49 which was 4 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today .06. Total precipitation for the month 1.78 which is 1.28 inches above normal. Willamette river night at Salem-Saturday morning, 13.7 feet, rising.

However, the navy said American navy ships have been underrmanned for some time, apparently a hint that it would take more than the ordinary number of marines to bring the four ships up to their "normal over-all complement."

The navy turned aside questions whether it has plans to send additional marines or ships to the Mediterranean later.

Cancer Expert Flies to Moscow

Stockholm, Jan. 3 (AP)—Prof. Elis Berven, Swedish cancer specialist and radiologist, left by plane today for Moscow for "consultation on a serious cancer case."

"I cannot tell you who my patient is because I don't know myself yet," Dr. Berven told newsmen. He received a cabled request from "the Russian authorities."

Mrs. Berven said her husband had no idea how long he might be in Moscow. She added that his assistance had been requested "not for an operation, but only for consultation."

Dr. Berven, 62, is chief physician of the Stockholm radium hospital.

Before the war a Swedish brain surgeon, Prof. Herbert Olivecrona, was called to Moscow for consultation under similar circumstances. Later it developed that he had performed an operation on a high Soviet official.

Hans Olov Berven, 20-year-old son of the Swedish specialist, said the sudden call of his father to Moscow was "fantastically mysterious for him and for us."

He said the cable from Moscow came on Dec. 31, and that it was signed by four Soviet physicians who had visited Stockholm and Dr. Berven's laboratories at the Radium hospital early in December. The Soviet consulate promptly issued a Russian visa.

Asked whether the cable contained any information as to the patient, young Berven replied "nothing whatsoever."

The Stockholm press, without citing any authority, speculated that Dr. Berven's patient might be Prime Minister Stalin.

8th Mass Grave Found at Belsen

Berlin, Jan. 3 (AP)—A new mass grave—the eighth so far—has been found at Belsen, notorious Nazi concentration camp in the British zone, British officials announced today. Officials estimated it contained 2,000 bodies.

German workmen exhuming the bodies of two Poles for reburial uncovered the grave. Official estimated at least 30,000 Jews died in the camp before and after liberation.

Ban on Canadian Vessels In Alaskan Shipping Kept

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—The maritime commission has turned thumbs down on legislation to amend the Jones act to permit Canadian vessels to carry passengers and freight between Alaskan ports.

Bills designed to amend the law to permit foreign vessels to serve Alaskan ports were sent to the commission for comment by the congressional committees to which they were referred. Admiral W. W. Smith, chairman of the commission, opposed the proposals in a report to the house merchant marine and fisheries committee.

"The enactment of this bill would have the effect of permitting foreign operators of foreign flag ships, particularly Canadian ships, to participate in this traffic because of lower operating costs," Smith said.

"It would also make it desirable for United States ship owners either to substitute foreign flag ships or seek authority to transfer their own ships to

Flood Crest of 15 Feet Due at Salem Sunday

Danger of Willamette Rampage Disappears As Upper River Drops

The danger of a Willamette river flood disappeared today as headwaters continued to fall and the river crest rolled toward the deeper channel of the lower river.

The Willamette crested at Eugene last night more than two feet below flood level, then swept downstream, causing only minor erosion damage.

Harrisburg had the crest this morning 2.4 feet over flood stage of 12 feet. At Jefferson, where the swollen Santiam joined in, it licked a few inches above flood level.

Flood Crest Sunday
The crest was expected to reach Corvallis tonight, far below flood level. It will be at Salem Sunday morning, also far below flood level, the weather bureau forecast. It is expected to crest at 15 feet ending the present high water period which followed the torrential rains over the New Year's holiday. The river here Saturday morning had reached 13.7 feet. Flood stage here is 20 feet.

Santiam Falling
In the Jefferson region the Santiam was falling Saturday morning after reaching a crest of 14.6 feet. Flood stage there is 13 feet. To the south the Willamette and tributaries also were falling Saturday.

Only .06 of an inch of precipitation was recorded for the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a. m., the weather bureau reported.

Truman Names Control Group

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—President Truman today issued an executive order delegating responsibility for administering the republican anti-inflation act.

Responsibility was assigned to Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman, Attorney General Tom Clark and Defense Transportation Director J. M. Johnson.

The act was signed "reluctantly" this week by Mr. Truman, who called it "pitifully inadequate" to combat inflation. It provides for extension of export and transportation controls through February 28, 1949, voluntary agreements to allocate scarce industrial materials and authority to restrict use of grain by distillers during January.

The five officials will consult with representatives of industry, business and agriculture in reaching voluntary agreements to carry out provisions of the act.

In letter to each, Mr. Truman asked them to "collaborate as closely as possible in developing plans and carrying on activities to implement their respective responsibilities under the executive order."

As a first step, the president asked each to appoint immediately a principal member of his staff "to constitute a working committee to study operations and to make recommendations from time to time" on procedures to be adopted.

Oregonian Building Sells for \$800,000

Portland, Jan. 3 (AP)—Store Properties, Inc., of Los Angeles, is the new owner of the Oregonian building here. The price was \$800,000.

Sale of the nine-story building was announced today by the newspaper, which is to move to a new building, now nearing completion.

Foreign registry in order to obtain reduced operating costs. "Such results would be contrary to the declaration obtained in the merchant marine act of 1936 and in the merchant ship sales act of 1946 that it is the policy of the United States to foster the development and encourage the maintenance of a merchant marine sufficient to carry our domestic water-borne commerce and a substantial portion of our export and import commerce."

The bills to amend the law were introduced in the senate by Senator Butler (R., Neb.) and in the house by Delegate Bartlett (D., Alaska). The commission's disapproval of the legislation is merely advisory and will be considered by the committees when they take up the bills.

Season's Worst Storm Leaves East Under Ice

Clearing But Freezing Weather in Snow-bound Atlantic Area

The season's worst storm, which left a crippling cover of ice and snow over the eastern half of the country, died out today. Only a few light snow flurries in Maine remained of the tempest which silenced communications, halted business and industry and disrupted transportation in communities from the Panhandle to the North Atlantic seaboard.

The section east of the Appalachians faced a week-end of clearing weather, but several days of considerable cloudiness were in prospect for the Great Lakes region.

Temperatures mild enough to soften the snow, but not warm enough to melt it, were predicted for the storm belt over the week-end. No further rain or snow was in sight, however.

Floods in Indiana
In Indiana, two days of heavy rains brought the threat of floods on the Wabash and White rivers. Six families were evacuated in Anderson.

Highways in the path of the storm remained hazardous, and ice continued to strain trees and overhead wires.

The storm brought death to at least 16 persons in the New England states and the New York metropolitan area. Other fatalities attributed to it were reported in the midwest region.

Property damage was expected to total millions of dollars.

Wires Disrupted
Hundreds of communities remained without telephone or light service, which was disrupted by the snapping of wires from the weight of ice or from the strong winds which accompanied the storm. The break in power lines also left thousands without heat or cooking facilities. Railroad, motor and plane travel also was disrupted, but was returning to near normal in many midwest cities.

New York City, hit by the ice storm, escaped a heavy snow fall as the storm swept out to sea. However, thousands in the metropolitan area suffered the discomforts of darkness and cold from the icy siege which hit the nation's largest city one week after its record-breaking snow fall.

In the heavily populated New York-New Jersey area hundreds of wires were down and the New York stock exchange, the curb exchange and the cotton exchange suspended today's business because of the storm conditions. The Chicago and Boston stock exchanges also were closed today.

Tax Cut Bill Gets Priority

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—A "quickie" tax cutting bill and a short-term foreign aid measure were marked for first attention in the house as republican leaders laid plans today for the new session of congress.

Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts coupled those two items with rent control extension and federal budget reduction as part of the early "must" program for the legislators convening Tuesday.

He said he expects the house to pass a tax reduction bill this month just to let the White House know what is on the way.

There are no plans for such rapid action in the senate, where some republicans and many democrats favor delaying tax legislation until the federal fiscal picture is clearer.

Martin said he has no particular measure in mind, but Chairman Knutson (R., Minn.), of the house ways and means committee has ready a bill to cut \$5,600,000,000 off the present tax load and knock an estimated 7,400,000 people off the rolls.

The extent to which taxes can be cut, Martin said at a news conference yesterday, will depend in large measure on "the co-operation of the administration in helping cut expenses." But he declared "it is absolutely essential to have tax reduction this year."

He said congress must act soon on rent control legislation since the present law expires at the end of February. Indications are that it will be extended with no major changes.

Theaters Raise Prices

Portland, Jan. 3 (AP)—A five-cents hike in admission prices to Portland's downtown first-run theaters was in effect today. The raise brings the fare to 85 cents. Rising costs was given as reason for the boost by theater operators.