

# Russia Presents Big 4 Bill for Quitting Austria

## Oil Areas Wanted, Refining and Shipping Plants

London, July 5 (AP)—Russia itemized her bill for quitting Austria at four-power talks today on an Austrian independence pact.

Georgi N. Zarubin handed in a nine-paragraph draft of the treaty's article five, which deals with German assets in Austria. He added five annexes listing all the pros and cons of Russia's claims.

Those annexes disclosed for the first time the exact areas, properties, plants and assets Russia wants as part settlement of her general war reparations claims on Germany. The items she is claiming in Austria used to be owned by the Germans.

## Allied Concessions

The Russian proposal was based on the agreement on Austria reached by the Big Four foreign ministers in Paris last month.

The Paris agreement conceded Russia extensive oil rights in east Austria. It allowed Russia shipping properties of the Danube Shipping company in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania as well as in east Austria. It also bound the Soviets to turn over all other former German-held properties to the Vienna government in return for a lump sum payment of \$150,000,000 by Austria over the next six years.

## The five annexes show:

- Seven areas in east Austria where Russia would be entitled to extract oil.
- Twenty-six areas where Russia would be entitled to explore for oil, totalling in area about 3000 square miles.
- Five operating oil refining plants which Russia would receive.
- Forty-six plants, properties and other items which were owned by the Danube Shipping company, which Russia wants; 27 of the company's river vessels; one of its shipyards; and four areas in the port of Vienna which the Soviets would take over.
- More than 300 properties which Russia would hand back to Austria in return for the lump sum settlement.

# Pact Signed for Snake Bridges

Oregon and Idaho have signed an agreement to improve bridge crossings over the Snake river, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said today.

The agreement calls for immediate construction of new bridges at Weiser and Payette. And it also provides for widening or replacement of the bridges at Ontario and Nyssa, with Oregon to decide when this work shall begin.

All costs would be split equally between the two states.

With respect to the new Weiser bridge, Idaho will make foundation tests, and Oregon will prepare designs and specifications.

For the Payette bridge, Oregon will make the foundation tests and prepare the designs.

The contracts will be awarded jointly.

Baldock said federal aid funds will be used on all the four bridges.

The new construction on the Ontario and Nyssa bridges might be some time away, as the highway commission has taken no action on setting a date.

Baldock said the Payette and Weiser bridges are most critical, since they are inadequate for present-day truck loads. The Payette bridge has a limit of only 6 or 7 tons, he said.

## Record Holiday Death Toll; 678 Are Killed Violently

A record accidental death toll for the Fourth of July marked the nation's observance of this year's extended Independence day holiday.

Latest figures showed 678 killed in violent accidents. The grim report on the country's celebration of the three-day holiday was: traffic fatalities, 298; drownings, 245; violent deaths from miscellaneous causes, 134. The country-wide survey covered violent deaths from 6 p. m. local time Friday to midnight Monday.

The 1949 toll was the highest ever recorded for any Fourth of July. The previous record of accidental deaths on the Independence day holiday was 628 in the three-day period in 1941. This year's mark compared with 571 deaths reported over a three-day period in 1948.

Sweltering weather across the nation brought an outpouring of millions onto the highways headed for vacation lands and resorts. The traffic toll, as generally expected, was the leader, with 289 fatalities on the highways. The national safety council had estimated 290 persons would lose their lives in traffic mishaps over the holiday.

The hot and humid weather

## \$85 Million More Asked for Britain

London, July 5 (AP)—The labor government made a surprise request to parliament today for £21,338,894 (\$85,355,576) more spending money.

The supplementary budget estimates came three months after the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, in a "hard labor" budget speech, called for a whopping £3,826,000,000 (\$15,304,000,000) to run the country until next March 31.

Today's added requests surprised members of the house of commons who recalled that Cripps' budget speech had warned that only in "special cases, such as major changes of policy," would supplementary estimates be submitted.

Most of the new estimates were earmarked for use in British colonies.

# UN Calls for Action to Raise Economic Level

Lake Success, July 5 (AP)—The United Nations has called for national and international action "to raise the world level of economic activity," which it said was leveling off after the post-war industrial boom.

In its annual economic survey, the UN noted that in 1948 "for the first time since the end of the war, there was a reversal in the upward trend of prices, a check to the expansion of production and some increase in unemployment in a number of countries." It said positive action was necessary "to counter possible recession."

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# Czech Bishops Branded Nazis

Prague, July 5 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic bishops were accused today by a government official of having collaborated with the nazis during the occupation.

This is one of the charges the government apparently intends to press against the church hierarchy to break their resistance to communist control. The communist regime claims that the church leaders are "unpatriotic and waging anti-state activities" because they refuse to negotiate a new state-church accord on government terms.

The charge of collaboration with the nazis was made despite the fact that the whole nation knows that Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague, the nation's primate and leader in Dachau concentration camp.

The collaboration charge against the Catholic leaders was made by Prof. Laco Novomesky, commissioner of education for Slovakia.

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## Congress Meets in Temporary Quarters

Washington, July 5 (AP)—Congress met for the first time today in its temporary summer quarters.

The house convened in the not-so-spacious ways and means committee room in the new house office building. The senate met in the old supreme court chamber in the senate wing of the Capitol.

They moved out of their regular chambers so that workmen could remodel them.

It was apparent right off the bat that the new quarters would cramp the style of the lawmakers.

For one thing, the public is barred. There is no room for visitors to look on in admiration while senators and representatives fling the forensics around.

# Manhunt for Rapist-Slayer In California

Sonoma, Calif., July 5 (AP)—Peace officers patrolled northern California highways today in their search for a man known as Hank—to question him in a double slaying and rape in Jack London's scenic Valley of the Moon.

A woman clad only in a T-shirt and bleeding from a beating fled hysterically down a mountain road yesterday to tell a picnic party of the crimes. Officers who investigated found two men dead in the mountain home from which she had fled.

The two dead men evidently had been clubbed with a four-poung stone pestle once used by Indians to grind grain. It was found, bloody and hair-covered, outside the house.

Chief Criminal Investigator Andy Johansen of the sheriff's office identified the victims as Peter J. Jensen, 55, owner of the house and chief landscape gardener of the Sonoma state home; and Peter J. Flint, 31, newly-commissioned merchant marine lieutenant of Richmond, Calif.

Flint, member of a Sonoma valley family which dated from the days of 1849, was reported a long-time friend of Jensen.

Officers issued an all-points bulletin for a mystery man identified to them only as "Hank." He last was seen driving Flint's 1941 Buick convertible.

**Mother of Two Raped**

In a serious, but apparently not critical condition in a hospital here was Mrs. Eva Paget of Berkeley, Calif., 27-year-old mother of two children. It was her story of being beaten and raped which led officers to the slayings.

## Truman Lists Major Musts

Washington, July 5 (AP)—The democratic high command made up its mind today to fight for action on social security, minimum wage and farm legislation before congress quits for 1949.

That decision was reached at a White House conference between President Truman and his "Big Four" congressional leaders. They reviewed the whole legislative situation and their chances of making good on at least part of their party's campaign promises before the end of this session.

They left open the question of whether to give labor legislation another whirl in the house. But it looks like efforts to repeal the Taft-Hartley law will go over another year or two.

Speaker Sam Rayburn told reporters he and House Majority Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts informed the president that they expected the house to act on the social security, minimum wage and farm bills before it adjourns next month.

Legislation to increase the minimum wage standard from 40 to 75 cents an hour is also out of committee in the senate and awaiting floor action there.

Senate Majority Leader Scott W. Lucas of Illinois, who also sat in on the White House party, has pledged senate action on at least a "trial run" for the administration's farm plan.



**Wounded Youth Married in Hospital** — Alwyn (Sonny) Ivers, 19, seriously wounded in a battle with a gunman Friday whom he shot and killed in "lovers' lane" battle, is married to his 16-year-old sweetheart Betty Bowen in a ceremony held at his bedside in General hospital, Los Angeles. Left to right: The Rev. Walter Pegg, who officiated; Betty Bowen; Norma Bowen, 14, the bride's sister and maid-of-honor; Alwyn (in bed); Arthur Cranfield, 17, the bestman; Leslie Ivers, Alwyn's brother; Mrs. Ruth Ivers, Alwyn's mother; Mrs. Sybil Drake, Betty's mother and Gust Drake, Betty's step-father. (AP Wirephoto)

# Initial Steps Taken in Reforestation Program

Gov. Douglas McKay, chairman of the Oregon state board of forestry, this week announced that initial steps had been taken to inaugurate the state's forest rehabilitation program.

The program made possible by a referendum passed at the last general election, which provided for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the state, is to be formally launched at a ceremony planned by the board of forestry for July 18 at Owl Camp at the edge of the Tillamook burn.

At this time the board is to play host to representatives from forest conservation groups, lumber men and civic and governmental leaders.

Actual rehabilitation work has been started by 10 surveying crews now running boundary surveys and type mapping and given first priority will be the area near Owl camp, at the Tillamook burn.

Under the referendum providing for the forest rehabilitation a tax of three-fourths of one percent, based on the assessed valuation of Oregon property is to provide the funds for the program. It is estimated that the tax will raise \$10,500,000.

The state board of forestry at its recent meeting approved a two-year budget amounting to \$681,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1951.

Principal item in the budget is the provision for six tons of forest tree seed to be used in airplane seeding with one third of a pound of seed used per acre.

In addition to direct seeding the program is to include field planting, forest fire suppression, fire protection, access road construction, salvage and relogging operations, rodent and insect control and water and soil conservation.

Also included in the program is to be emphasis on increase in wildlife population.

The forestry board made no estimate of the cost to the state of the reforestation program but emphasized the fact that the forestry department would feel its way carefully in the program and not spend any more money than necessary.

State Forester Nels Rogers, however, pointed out that the program will return to the state in taxes and other revenues many times the amount of money that will be expended and members of the board concurred with this.

# Firecrackers Started Fires

Firecrackers started scores of fires in Oregon yesterday, and several burned out today.

At least one home was destroyed. Several hundred acres of range land in eastern Oregon were blackened. Scores of smaller fires in western Oregon did lesser damage.

The home destroyed was on route 2, Tigard. Children of one of the two families living there shot firecrackers on the porch and were blamed for the slayings.

S. R. Bennett, range manager of the bureau of land management at Baker, said a fire crew fought one blaze near Pondosa 24 hours before getting it under control. A hundred acres of range were burned. Another 100 acres burned near Telocaset, and 80 acres in Pyle Canyon, near La Grande.

Eugene called in all its volunteers and off-duty firemen to cope with a dozen grass fires on the city's outskirts last night. None was serious.

Roseburg's Mt. Nebo cast a smoke pall over the city yesterday after a firecracker set grass flaming up the butte that rises sharply from the city's western edge.

# Buried Alive for Record 45 Days

Zanesville, O., July 5 (AP)—Raymond "Demp" Emmert of Zanesville walked around among the living today—proud of being called "the buried alive champion."

The 40-year-old unemployed World War II veteran emerged from a deluxe "grave" yesterday. He had been underground just 40 minutes short of 45 days.

"I feel fine," he said. Then he sat down until he could get some strength in his legs.

The Zanesville man announced he was ready to defend his title anytime someone wanted to set a new mark. The old one, set in 1938, belonging to another Zanesville resident, L. G. McIntyre, who did his horizontal hibernation in Chicago.

Emmert was buried six feet under in a wooden casket, with a shaft leading from his face to the surface. Down the shaft came his food and wine, and thousands visited his burial place for a peek down the shaft.

# Hiss Trial Goes To Jury Thursday

New York, July 5 (AP)—The perjury trial of Alger Hill will go to the jury Thursday afternoon, Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman announced today.

A recess was taken until tomorrow morning when Judge Kaufman said there would be "a very few minutes of testimony."

The judge said that following testimony tomorrow the defense would have the rest of the day for its summation. The government will sum up its case Thursday morning. Then the jury will have lunch in the custody of the U. S. marshal.

After lunch Thursday Judge Kaufman said he would deliver his charge to the jury and that body would begin its deliberations. The prosecution rested its case today after Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas F. Murphy failed in an attempt to have the court reconsider its ruling last week excluding testimony by a former wife of Gerhart Eisler.

# Finest Sweet Cherry Crop In Recent Years Harvested

The valley's sweet cherry crop has been harvested as far as the Willamette Cherry Growers, Inc., are concerned at least, handlers of the big bulk of the local cherries, and for the first time since 1946 there is a good crop to report running a little better than what is considered an average for the valley.

What showers threatened to damage the crop a time or two turned out as he predicted, states Robert Shinn, manager of the association, they benefited rather than damaged the crop and caused but a very slight percentage of cracking. He states that not only was the moisture somewhat beneficial in itself but it cooled the atmosphere and a better quality resulted, a cool harvest season always being helpful to the crop.

The cherry crop this year wound up pretty well uniformly between the hills and the lower levels. As a rule the hills produce some late cherries but

**WEATHER**  
(Released by United States Weather Bureau)

Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 48 degrees; highest Wednesday, 72. Conditions will be favorable for farm work. Maximum yesterday 79. Minimum today 51. Mean temperature yesterday 61 which was 4 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 0, which is 12 of an inch below normal. Willamette river height at Salem Tuesday morning, -1.7 feet.

# 43 Day Drought Spoils Crops in 8 Northern States

## Dry Area Stretches From New Jersey Through New England

A scorching 43-day drought apparently has killed or spoiled more than \$50,000,000 worth of crops in the farmlands of eight northeastern states.

Moreover, farm experts warn, the damage in the area's rich fruit, vegetable and dairy regions will soar to a vastly higher figure if rains do not come in a few days.

The parched drought region stretches from southern New Jersey's truck crop areas up through the dairies and farms of New York state, and then fans out over almost the whole of southern New England.

**High Pressure Area**

The drought, which has inflicted its searing damage for more than six weeks, comes from a sluggish high pressure area that fights off potential rainstorms.

Until that high pressure area is shoved aside, the drought will last.

New Jersey's drought damage has reached an estimated \$28,000,000 loss in the potato crop alone accounts for \$4,500,000.

And, along with the temperature, prices of fruit and vegetables have been climbing.

# Miners on Jobs Minus Contract

Pittsburgh, July 5 (AP)—Almost all of the nation's 480,000 hard and soft coal miners returned to the pits today without a contract at the end of their annual paid vacation.

The work resumption started the first of an indefinite number of three-day work weeks expressly ordered by John L. Lewis for miners east of the Mississippi. The short work-week order scrapped the United Mine Workers' long-standing "no contract, no work" policy.

The new plan will remain in effect while negotiations between the union and the operators continue on a new contract to replace the pact that expired last Thursday.

At least 7,000 of the 55,000 western Pennsylvania soft coal diggers were forced to remain idle. Several producers were unable to resume production this week because — anticipating a mine shutdown under the old UMW policy — they had given superintendents and other supervisory personnel vacations.

Some of those mines' key personnel was scattered from California to Canada.

In other instances, repair work undertaken during the vacation period has not been completed. Many of the miners will be able to work again by next Monday.

Lewis and the soft coal operators resume talks July 12 to try and reach a new agreement.

# Chiang Asks U.S. Aid Against Reds

New York, July 5 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek said today that he will lead nationalist China's struggle against the communists and asked the United States to help if it wishes to avert another world war.

Chiang broke his long silence in an interview with Clyde Farnsworth, Scripps-Howard staff writer, and another American reporter at Taipei, Formosa.

The 62-year-old Chiang took a leave of absence as president of nationalist China last January to clear the way for the government to make its futile attempt to negotiate a peace settlement with the communists. He still is director-general of the Kuomintang (government party).

He told the two American newsmen:

- Although he may never resume political office, he cannot give up the "revolutionary leadership" of China he inherited from Dr. Sun Yat-Sen.
- If communism is not checked in China, it will spread over the whole of Asia. Should that occur, another world war would be inevitable.
- "The first step, it seems to me, is for the United States to reactivate its policy of giving moral support to the Chinese government in its fight against communism."

# 99 Years for Lee Scott, 16

Roanoke, Va., July 5 (AP)—Attorneys for Lee Scott, 16, are expected to take steps Wednesday toward obtaining a modification of the 99-year prison sentence that faces him for the strangulation slaying of 16-year-old Dana Marie Weaver.

It is then that Chief Defense Counsel T. Warren Messick will tell Judge Kirk A. Kuyk why he thinks the first degree murder verdict should be set aside.

If the judge of Roanoke's Hustings (circuit) court does not set aside the verdict, Scott, Eagle Scout and choir singer, probably will be formally sentenced by the judge Wednesday.

If he is, his counsel has said the case may be taken to the Virginia supreme court of appeals.

A jury Saturday found Scott guilty of slaying Dana Marie, his blonde classmate in the kitchen of Christ Episcopal church here and fixed his punishment at 99 years in prison.

So far Scott has appeared unaffected by the verdict.

His only comment on the punishment has been:

How many books do you think I could read in that time?"

# Italy's Merchant Fleet Strike Ends

Rome, July 5 (AP)—Italy's merchant fleet came back to life today after settlement of the seamen's strike which had tied up most of her ships since June 17.

The strike, which had forced more than 4000 passengers bound for New York and South America to seek other means of transportation, came at the height of the tourist season. Shipowners said the walkout cost them \$2,000,000 worth of business.

The season won a 200 per cent increase in pensions, a bonus of five dollars a month in unemployment benefits and a definite hiring schedule.

# 5 Girls and 2 Boys Fourth of July Babes

Five girls and two boys will observe the Fourth of July as their birthdays, according to reports from Salem hospitals.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Wichman, 1690 N. 19th and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Arnold, 2461 S. Commercial, are parents of boys born at the Salem General hospital. Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Beckwith, 565 Vista; Mr. and Mrs. Roy I. Foster, 1395 Park, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ankeny, 645 S. 25th.

Two girls were born at the Salem Memorial hospital. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ora Ryals, 5090 Chehalis, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rull, Rt. 4, Box 86.

# Connally Urges Ratification of Atlantic Pact

## Declares It "Flaming Sign" to Reds As Debate Opens

Washington, July 5 (AP)—Sen. Tom Connally, (D., Tex.), asked the senate today to ratify the North Atlantic defense pact as a "flaming sign" to world communism that it can advance only at the risk of war.

Opening debate on the 12-nation treaty, the foreign relations committee chairman told his colleagues they face a "momentous decision" made necessary by Russia's "divide and conquer" tactics and the "hostile threat" of communism.

"The North Atlantic treaty," said Connally, "is a flaming sign to any aggressor, to any nation that contemplates armed attack upon a peaceful and law-abiding nation—do not enter the North Atlantic area."

**"Not Siamese Twins"**

Anticipating a question certain to be raised during the debate, Connally asserted that the pact and the proposed \$1,450,000,000 arms program are "not Siamese twins." A vote for the pact, he said, would not bind a senator to support the arms plan as well. However, he expressed the earnest hope that both would be approved at this session of congress.

The mutual defense pact, signed here April 4, pledges the signatory powers to regard an armed attack on one as an attack on all. Each nation promises to take such action, including use of force, as it deems necessary to protect the North Atlantic security zone.

**Does Not Involve War**

The treaty must be ratified by a two-thirds vote in the senate before it is binding on the United States. Administration leaders were confident that fewer than 10 votes would be cast in opposition to the pact, but they were not sure that the companion arms program would get through congress this year.

Connally gave a "categorical no" to suggestions that the treaty involves an automatic war commitment for this nation. Each nation would determine for itself its actions in event of an armed attack, he said.

But he added a solemn word of caution.

"Let us not avoid cold reality by searching for escape clauses," he said.

In the event that war should come, Connally said, the pact would join together almost 300,000,000 people of the western world, along with their armies and their industrial output.