

FRANCE OUTLAWS COMMUNIST PARTY



AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—Undivided, as yet, is a program of the administration to give the United States a defense plan which will make the current situation appear more secure. Cost will be enormous, but under the public sentiment aroused by the current situation, expense will be discounted. There is no disputing the fact that higher up in the administration are gravely apprehensive over the ultimate outcome in Europe and its effect on the world generally, specifically the western hemisphere.

First three important steps to be proposed are another navy, a large army, expanded air force.

USING ONE NAVY FOR TWO OCEANS

and shuffling the fleet back and forth through the Panama canal is considered poor policy by strategists. The administration, therefore, has in mind building a second navy, in order that one can protect the Atlantic seaboard and the other the Pacific. Despite every precaution the Panama canal can be made unusable by enemy agents and without two navies one coast would be defenseless. With no one able to force the future, it is regarded as prudent that a second navy be undertaken and hang the cost. The navy is the first line of defense.

Strength contemplated for the army can only be guessed at. Draft plans call for 7,000,000. Expansion of the air force is now under way, with the program of training 11,000 students in the current school year, in addition to the air training by the army, navy and marines. Orders for plans by the war department are only a start.

KEY MEN IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE

program are confidentially advising congressmen to vote for every appropriation, no matter how much for navy, army and air. They back up this plan by drawing a picture of "what may happen" if the British empire is dismembered by Germany, Russia and Italy and then the dictators decide to move in on South American countries to acquire the immense natural resources, in defiance of the Monroe doctrine.

THESE WHISPERINGS CAN BE CLASSIFIED

as lobbying propaganda. But the men who do the talking have such high standing in the national defense program that what they say is always important.

Always they conclude with the request that support be given the cash and carry proposal, which would permit belligerents who have money and ships to buy what they want and take it away. They argue that production for the belligerents will give American industry experience in producing material for national defense.

NINE DIFFERENT NEUTRALITY PROPOSALS

are before the senate committee on foreign relations, the committee which must evolve a bill to be submitted.

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PORTLAND, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Mill

operators feared today a log shortage caused by a CIO boomers' strike on the Columbia and Willamette rivers might become acute by the end of the week. The controversy affected approximately 3000 loggers.

LIQUOR CONTROL HEARING IS HELD

Sam Motheshead, examiner for the state liquor control commission, held a hearing today in the courthouse, concerning licenses and alleged violations of the liquor laws in this county. One of the cases concerned a Front street resort charged with selling to an intoxicated person.

In justice court, the case of Ralph Smith and Wanda Colvig, employees of the Chateau, charged with alleged liquor violation, set for today, was postponed until October 6.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Lacy King thinking the Rogue River valley a delightful place but awfully anxious to get back to her beloved Holdridge, Neb., which she thinks just about tops.

Bob Street being very brave while undergoing all kinds of painful punishment in a dentist chair.

Evening strollers wondering at the godawful racket coming from a local music store and finding it the result of a Regie Valley Mena's rehearsal.

RUSSIAN HOOKUP WITH GERMANY IS CAUSE OF ACTION

Decree Forbids Propaganda of Communists in France — Party Once Numbered Members in Millions

PARIS, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Premier Daladier's war cabinet today decreed the dissolution of the communist party in France.

The action was taken as reprisal for Soviet Russia's non-aggression pact with Germany and her invasion of Poland, France's eastern ally.

The decree, submitted by Albert Sarraut, minister of the interior, and signed by President Lebrun, dissolved the communist party and all affiliated organizations and forbade propaganda of the communist international in France.

A cabinet communiqué said penalties were prescribed for violation of the decree. Severity of the penalties will become known upon publication of the measure in the official journal.

Once Strong Party

The decree ended the career in France of a party which once counted millions of supporters, held 72 of 618 seats in the chamber of deputies and formed part of the people's front which governed the nation from 1936 to 1938.

Such action has been long anticipated since Daladier's radical socialist party broke with the communists last year.

The cabinet adopted a series of other wartime measures, including creation of a new war cross decoration.

French artillery continued to hurl shells across the Rhine river in an effort to break up new German troop concentrations reported north of the Swiss border.

The dispatches also disclosed continuing violent bombardment of the main Siegfried lines by French heavy guns, which opened on the German fortified zone yesterday.

A general staff communiqué issued at 10:15 a. m., reported that German batteries likewise were active south-east of Zweibrücken, near the left center of the western front. New combat between French and German fighting planes was noted, but no details were given.

ROOSEVELT AND AIDES DISCUSS PROBLEMS IN KEEPING U. S. AT PEACE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Six cabinet officers were summoned to the White House today for a conference on neutrality measures and domestic problems born of the European war.

President Roosevelt, it was reported, desired to review with these six—the attorney general, the acting navy secretary and the secretaries of state, war, agriculture and labor—the progress made on "preparatory" work assigned their departments in the interest of keeping the United States at peace.

Meanwhile, senate leaders were reported authoritatively to have advised the White House and state department to continue their "hands-off" attitude toward the administration neutrality program.

These leaders were described as holding the view if the executive branch made no attempt to influence congress the neutrality program, built around the proposal to repeal the arms embargo, would have a better chance of enactment.

An intention to seek legislation barring submarines and armed merchant vessels of belligerent nations from American ports was announced by Senator Clark (D., Mo.). He said he would offer an amendment to that effect to the administration's neutrality bill.

Propaganda Leaflets Carry Discouraging Word to Nazis

LONDON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Here is the text of leaflets dropped by the royal British air force in flights over Germany Sunday.

"Germans: Note that in spite of the German blood which has been shed in the Polish area:

"1. Your government's hope of a successful blitzkrieg (lightning war) has been destroyed by the British war cabinet's decision to prepare for a three-year war.

"2. The French army crossed the Rhine into Germany on the sixth of September four days before German official sources admitted it.

Huber Packing Co. Plant Destroyed by Fire

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI, Sept. 26.—(AP)—The Cincinnati Reds, playing the St. Louis Cardinals in a series that will decide the National League title, won the first game of a double header, 3-1, today as Gene Thompson hurled nine-hit ball.

First game: R. H. E.
St. Louis 1 9 1
Cincinnati 3 12 1

Davis, Shoun, Bowman, Warneke, Wellands and Padgett; Thompson and Lombardi.

Second game: R. H. E.
St. Louis 6 12 1
Cincinnati 0 4 2

Cooper and Owen; Grissom, Barrett, Shoffner, L. Moore and Hershberger.

First game: R. H. E.
New York 5 7 2
Philadelphia 9 15 0

Casey, Doyle and Todd; Hubbell and Danning.

Score: R. H. E.
Boston 3 10 3
Philadelphia 5 8 1

Turner and Mast; Higbe and Warren.

Chicago at Pittsburgh, postponed.
cold weather (double header tomorrow).

New York at Boston postponed.
rain. (Doubleheader tomorrow).

First game: R. H. E.
Detroit 5 7 0
St. Louis 4 8 2

Mutchinson, Thomas, and Tebbets; Biddill and Glenn.

CUBAN PROPOSES SAFETY ZONE FOR AMERICAN WATERS

PANAMA, Sept. 26.—(AP)—The creation of a "zone of American safety" in American waters in which any belligerent activities would be considered "acts against the security of the Americas," was proposed today by Miguel Campa, Cuban foreign minister.

Campa presented his plan to today's session of the neutrality conference of 21 American nations. The exact boundaries of such a zone have not been decided upon.

Campa proposed, however, the zone be bounded by "an imaginary line established on intermediate points between Europe and Africa on the east and America on the west (the line of the Atlantic) and an imaginary line established on intermediate points between Asia on the west and America on the east (the line of the Pacific)."

"Within this safety zone belligerents will refrain from committing acts of war or exercising any rights as belligerents which present obstacles to commerce or to American relations," Campa's statement said.

FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT GAIN SEEN AT O. S. C.

CORVALLIS, Sept. 26.—(AP)—A slight increase in freshman enrollment was forecast yesterday by E. B. Lemon, registrar at Oregon State college, after 1282 new students, freshmen and transfers—paid entrance fees. This was 6.5 percent above the first day of freshman week last year.

Butte Fallsite to Wed

RENO, Nev., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Marriage licenses issued here today included: Tom Facey, 28, Butte Falls, Ore., and Mary Parker, 20, Reno.

BRITAIN GAINING EDGE ON U-BOATS SAYS CHURCHILL

More German Goods Seized Since War Started Than Britain Has Lost in Sub Attacks—Arm Ships Fast

By J. C. STARK

LONDON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—The British war cabinet announced today the defensive arming of many merchant ships and the seizure of more German goods since the war started than Great Britain has lost in submarine attacks.

Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, made this disclosure in the house of commons after Prime Minister Chamberlain, in his fourth war report, had announced complete agreement with France on "procedure for coordinating and perfecting" munitions and supplies.

Convoy System

Churchill, after saying the British convoy system now was in full operation and merchant ships all over the world were being armed to fight off submarines and airplanes, declared: "So far as the submarine is concerned the British empire and all its friends in every quarter of the globe will be able to develop their immeasurable latent forces, and their main power can be concentrated in ever-growing intensity on the task we have in hand, in which task we have only to persevere to conquer."

"In a short time the immense mercantile marine of the British empire will be armed," he said. "All guns and equipment are ready at various stations, together with trained gunners to man them and instruct the seamen."

"Our attacks on submarines," he asserted, "have been five or six times as numerous as in any equal period in the last war."

The admiralty head admitted serious losses of British shipping in submarine attacks in the first week of the war, but declared that unfounded British vessels were attacked at the outbreak of hostilities "by lurking U-boats carefully posted beforehand."

Two Solutions

"We replied in two ways—first by a convoy system which could be quickly put into effect for outgoing

SWEDISH AIRLINER IS TARGET IN WAR

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 26.—(AP)—One Swedish passenger was killed today when a K. L. M. (Netherlands) passenger plane was fired on by an unidentified seaplane off Helgoland, German island naval base in the North Sea.

The plane, en route from Copenhagen, reached Amsterdam safely. The aircraft was about 18 miles northwest of Helgoland flying at an altitude of 2400 feet when the attack occurred.

After firing, the plane disappeared in an easterly direction toward Germany.

The plane's hostess, though at first unaware of the attack, noted something wrong and checked the passengers. She found a Swedish passenger named Lampe, who reported hearing a shot, critically wounded. He was dead when the plane reached Amsterdam.

Airport mechanics found several holes, presumably from bullets, in the plane's fabric.

Pear Markets Today

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—(AP-USA)—Pears: 1 California, 4 Oregon, 3 Washington; 30 on track; Oregon Bartlett 1164 fancy 2.10-23, average 2.22; Howels 300 extra fancy 1.30-50, average 1.42; Anjou 360 extra fancy 1.90-2.35, average 2.01; 360 fancy 1.75-2.50, average 1.80; Bosc 720 No. 1, 1.60-95, average 1.65.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(AP-USA)—Pears: 1 California, 9 California, 7 Oregon unloaded, 37 on track; Oregon Bartlett 710 fancy 2.00-15, average 2.13; Bosc 700 extra fancy 1.55.

Use Anti-Tank Guns on Warsaw Snipers



The German caption for this radiophoto from Berlin said that it showed a German anti-tank gun in firing position to drive snipers from vantage points in a Warsaw suburb.

MOSCOW INVITES VON RIBBENTROP TO TALK 'DIVVY'

MOSCOW, Sept. 26.—(AP)—TASS, the official Russian news agency, announced today that Joachim von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister, would arrive in Moscow tomorrow to discuss with the government of the Soviet Union problems connected with developments in Poland.

The agency said von Ribbentrop was coming on the invitation of the Russian government.

Unconfirmed reports circulated von Ribbentrop was seeking a military accord with the Soviet Union to follow up the German-Soviet non-aggression treaty which was signed August 23.

Turkey's foreign minister, Sukru Saracoglu, who is in Moscow for important negotiations, attended a conference in the Kremlin which significantly included the Soviet war commissar, Marshal Klementi Voroshilov.

There were reports Foreign Minister Carl Seltzer of Estonia, who returned to Tallinn yesterday, that only 15 hours in Moscow, would come back to Moscow tomorrow for more talks.

Diplomatic quarters still were speculating today on the possibility of the creation of a small buffer "Polish state" between Germany and Russia.

NATIONAL GUARD SEEKS RECRUITS

Efforts to recruit Medford's Company A National Guard to peace-time strength of 80 enlisted men were spurred today by receipt of a telegram from Col. Alvin C. Baker, commander of the 186th infantry, stating that the record of the 186th is at stake and that each unit is expected to do its duty in reaching the objective.

Twenty-six men are needed at once to bring the local company up to the required strength and Captain C. Y. Townsend said today all men between the ages of 18 and 38 who are interested, should get in touch with him or First Sgt. George A. Lindley at the armory.

Fire Slows Traffic

PORTLAND, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Mount Hood Loop highway traffic was impeded late yesterday by a 45-acre slash and low grade timber fire near Kelso, Ore. The blaze jumped the road and threatened valuable timber and buildings.

Logger Killed.

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Sept. 26.—(AP)—A rolling log killed William M. Campbell, 35, Tillamook logger, at the K. O. Evans company camp yesterday, his first day on the job.

Fisherman Finds Spectacles Lost In Lake's Depths

Burt Moore, barber employed in Joe O'Brien's shop, went boat fishing in Fish lake, a year ago last June, and dropped his glasses overboard into 18 feet of water. The glasses were given up for lost, and Moore bought a new pair.

Last Sunday, Moore again journeyed to Fish lake, and found the water low after a summer of irrigation, so he went to the spot where he had lost his glasses. A search of the lake bottom, then, caked with alkali and mud, but in pretty fair shape despite the long immersion.

NORWEGIANS SEE WARSHIPS, PLANES IN SEA SKIRMISH

OSLO, Norway, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Dispatches from Farsund, southwest Norway, reported today that a naval skirmish occurred today just west of Norway's southern extremity, beginning about noon (6 a. m., E.S.T.), and ending at 1:40 p. m.

Watchers from the shore said they saw three large warships, two submarines and many small craft taking part in the action and airplanes maneuvering overhead. They estimated that between 30 and 40 shots were fired.

First reports did not identify the ships—which shortly disappeared below the horizon—or estimate any damage caused.

Three Norwegian airplanes watched the encounter to see that Norwegian territorial waters were not violated. Eight or 10 merchant vessels hastened toward shore during the engagement, which started just 24 hours after another naval action was believed to have begun off the Norwegian coast a little farther north. Gunfire today could be heard plainly at Lister Fjord.

Some sources at Oslo said the ships may have been trying to reach those engaged in yesterday's battle—if it was a battle.

(The British admiralty said last night it had no reports of any naval battle off Norway "as would have been the case had one taken place.")

The newspaper Gula Tidende of Bergen said British and German warships took part in yesterday's reported encounter, during which sounds of what was believed to be gunfire were heard for about 12 or 15 hours. Residents of that area said all was quiet today and there was no evidence of any crippled ships.

Third Deer Hunter Killed In Oregon

POWERS, Ore., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Oregon's third deer hunting fatality of the year and the second this week occurred last night with the death of Melvin Schultz, 18. The youth's rifle accidentally discharged as he cleaned it preparatory to leaving on a hunting trip.

GERMAN FORCES IN FINAL DRIVE TO TAKE WARSAW

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—(AP)—An army communiqué indicated today German forces had started to storm the defenses of Warsaw after all efforts had failed to convince the Polish commander of the "gruesomeness and uselessness of resistance."

The Polish capital has been besieged since September 8. The final drive to crush Warsaw's resistance was launched yesterday.

In a surprise attack, the communists said, the Germans captured Mokotowaki fortress and then pushed into the Warsaw suburb of Mokotow. Mokotowaki is one of four forts guarding Warsaw from the south and west. The others are Forts Bemba, Wolski and Szeszelski.

Today's communiqué said the army in Poland was moving toward the German-Soviet Russian demarcation line, and that in brief fights with the Poles along the lower course of the San River 2000 prisoners were taken by an armored division.

Artillery fire and minor scouting activities were reported on the western front along with the shooting down of six French planes and two captive balloons. This boosted the air toll in the west, according to German figures, to 32 planes and six balloons.

A new gesture of friendliness toward France by the Nazi government was expected in informed quarters.

Meanwhile, Germany abolished what frontiers were left between German and Polish upper Silesia. The rich industrial and mining territory has been incorporated as a part of Germany.

Rumors, completely without official verification, were to the effect Germany might release French prisoners taken to date on the western front, as it was believed the soldiers would be good peace propaganda, if they could be convinced the reich feels no animosity toward France.

Official sources contended Germany has no war aims regarding France and her chief concern is that her opponent may violate the neutrality of Belgium and The Netherlands to attack Germany at a spot unprotected by the Siegfried line.

W. C. FIELDS WINS DOCTOR BILL CUT

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Comedian W. C. Fields was feeling better today. A superior court jury lopped \$10,000 off a \$12,000 doctor bill.

Dr. Jesse Citron, Hemet physician, who treated Fields for 23 days in 1938 when he was ill with pneumonia, sued for \$12,000 and won judgment for the full amount in a case tried without a jury.

The district court of appeal held the judgment excessive and ordered a retrial. A jury of ten men and two women agreed with the higher court and Fields, returning a verdict for \$2,000 last night.

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Summer, taking a certain call on the Oregon coast, sent the mercury to 83 yesterday, a 45-degree climb from the Sunday night low of 38 degrees.

PASSING AUTOIST IS FIRST TO SEE FLAMES ON ROOF

Thousands of Pounds of Prize Meat Destroyed—Forest Service Fire Fighting Equipment at Scene

A spectacular fire late yesterday afternoon completely destroyed the Huber Packing company plant on Midway road, three miles north of Medford, burning up thousands of pounds of prize 4-H club steers, dressed lambs and hogs, as well as bacon, sausages, fresh meats and canned meat goods.

The plant was a total loss, according to Glenn M. Huber, vice-president and superintendent. Although he wouldn't venture an estimate of the exact extent of loss in dollars and cents, he said it was certain it would run into "thousands of dollars." Mr. Huber explained that he hadn't had time to check the company books, which were saved from the fire. The plant, he stated, was covered by insurance, though to what extent he wasn't certain at this time.

Started On Roof

The blaze started on the roof of the plant about 5:30 p. m. and inside two hours the 100 by 60-foot frame and concrete structure was a mass of smoldering wreckage. Cause of the fire was undetermined, although it is believed possible it started from defective wiring under the roof, Mr. Huber stated.

Earl Foy, bookkeeper and Louis Tonic, caretaker, were in the office when the fire started. Mr. Foy said that a passing motorist on Midway road, about 40 feet from the plant stopped and shouted, "Your roof's on fire." The two men investigated, then Mr. Foy telephoned Chief Roy Elliott of the Medford fire department and told him to notify the state forest department on Midway road. Chief Elliott called the state department and three pumper trucks were immediately dispatched to the scene.

In the short time it took the pumper trucks to arrive at the plant the entire building was a blazing inferno, too far gone to attempt to save. It was stated by Dwight Phipps, district fire warden. The three pumper trucks, each carrying a 300-gallon tank of water, were operated to save the smokehouse, newly built corrals and the tenant house. In charge of the trucks were Doris Coy, Ben Kinsley and Doyle Stockton. They were aided by eight other department employees.

Burns Rapidly

Mr. Phipps stated that the plant's insulated cold storage room, without the fire longer than any other section of the building. The rest of the structure, he said, rapidly leveled by the roaring blaze, which also ignited several trees close by but did them no serious damage.

Totally destroyed was the cold storage room, the slaughter house, store rooms and offices. All packing house and refrigeration equipment, including a newly installed Bonas de-hairing machine, was reduced to twisted and melted wreckage. Mr. Huber said one reason for the rapidity in which the building burned was the built-up roof. Additions had been made to the building frequently, he said, and added that when the fire began eating at these portions it was unstoppable.

Books Saved

Only the company books and an adding machine were saved from the office. Mr. Foy removed them to the safety of his parked automobile when the fire started.

Automobiles jammed the vicinity of the plant soon after the fire.

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Radio Highlights

By Associated Press (Pacific Standard Time)

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Rudy Vallee will go off the air after Thursday night's broadcast, and take a vacation until the first of the year. It will be his first rest in the 10 years he has been performing for the same sponsor.

Tonight: European schedule, WEAF-NBS, 9 p. m.; WABC-CBS, 9:55; WJX-NBC, 7:45 p. m. Rep. Hamilton Fish on neutrality.

What to expect Wednesday: American Legion convention, WJZ-NBC, 6:45 a. m., 8:15 p. m. and 10 a. m. WABC-CBS, 8:15 p. m. European schedule, WEAF-WJZ-NBC and WABC-CBS, 8 a. m., WEAF-NBC, 8:45 a. m.