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GERMANS SHOOT PRAGUE STUDENTS



Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—Smart politician that he is, Franklin D. Roosevelt without ostentation is showing the rank and file of labor that continuance of the war between CIO and AFL rests on the doorstep of the two leaders of those organizations, John L. Lewis and William Green. At the same time he has authorized Attorney General Frank Murphy to "go after" racketeering labor satraps for violation of the anti-trust act.

It is the sincere desire of Mr. Roosevelt that labor "get together" and cease the bickering and boycotts and strikes which have been (as new deal insiders privately admit) responsible largely for holding back recovery. In addition to this wish to better the conditions of the workingman, the president wants labor united in the presidential campaign of 1940.

Inviting Lewis and Green to the executive office to talk over peace was the first step Mr. Roosevelt has taken personally to restore harmony. He was rebuffed, at least by Lewis, who refused to succumb to the president's charm. Of the two leaders, Lewis has been most critical and denunciatory of Mr. Roosevelt; Green has been milder.

Every union member and every employer in the Pacific Northwest is concerned in the future actions of the president and the positions of Green and Lewis. High government officials have been assured that rank and file want an end to the strife, want employment and that the public is weary.

With the consent of the president, Attorney General Murphy is invoking the law to end practices which have flourished for years until little labor bosses imagined that anything they did in the name of labor was not to be questioned. Coercion, threats, personal and property damage, goon squads, the long list of practices which ran riot in Oregon and Washington in recent years, are henceforth "out the window."

The prosecutions are being conducted under the Sherman act, the same statute that will be used to break up price fixing agreements and monopolies.

BLACKSHIRT GUNS BRING QUICK END IN DISTURBANCE

Academies and Universities Closed for Three Years—Telephone Line Is Cut

Berlin, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A Prague dispatch to DNB, official German news agency, today said nine persons had been shot to death and a large number arrested in connection with student disturbances there.

The dispatch said Prague academies and universities had been ordered closed for three years. DNB said these extraordinary measures were taken after students, who were described as "followers of Benes," assaulted Germans.

Dr. Eduard Benes was the last president of independent Czechoslovakia. There was no indication of whether the nine were executed or killed in fighting.

The protective measures were described as having been adequate to restore order in Prague. The report was current in Prague that the Czechs had been shot after a raid on a secret printing plant.

Shortly after news of the disorders reached Berlin telephone communication with Prague was suspended.

Prague, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Czech high schools and the Karlovy university technical institute were occupied early this morning by German Schutzstaffel (SS) detachments and about 1200 students, boys and girls, were hauled away in buses.

Reasons for this action by Adolf Hitler's blackshirt elite guard were vague. Shots were heard at Masaryk college, but apparently no one was injured.

About noon SS armored cars were seen passing through the city, which then was reported quiet.

Philip B. Lowry Wins High Honor
Eugene, Ore., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Election into Phi Beta Kappa, the highest scholastic honor attainable in America, has been won by six University of Oregon seniors.

They are Loraine Vivian Jording, an English major and Wilbur Jack Grant, journalism, both of Portland; Philip B. Lowry, a law major, Medford; and Alice Mary Coldren, psychology, Lois Onthank, psychology, and Donald Castanian, romance languages, all of Eugene.

Lowry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert B. Lowry of the Bear Creek orchards. He has been outstanding in campus activities as well as scholastic endeavors.

Salem, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Major Elmer V. Wootton of Salem was promoted today to lieutenant colonel in the Oregon national guard. He will remain on the staff in the Salem headquarters.

General Motors Fined in Anti-Trust Violation

Firebugs



Robert Walzer (upper picture), 23, of Rome, N. Y., confessed to Chehalis, Wash., officers that he and Fred Stine (lower picture), 47, Rochester, N. Y., set industrial fires in Washington and Oregon causing an estimated damage of \$2,000,000. Both pleaded guilty to setting a fire in Chehalis.

Astoria, Nov. 17.—(AP)—John Kuluris, owner of a restaurant adjoining the Louvre hotel, told police yesterday two men who helped rescue equipment the night of the Louvre hotel fire were Fred Stine and Robert Walzer, confessed arsonists.

Kuluris said he recognized the men from pictures. Stine and Walzer, who admitted starting many serious fires in the northwest, were sentenced to penitentiary terms yesterday at Chehalis, Wash.

German Sailors Nearing Mutiny
Vera Cruz, Mexico, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Fears of a mutiny aboard the German liner Columbus were expressed today in maritime circles, as crew members of the ship are living on rations.

The Columbus took refuge at Anton Lizardo, about 15 miles southeast of Vera Cruz, at the outbreak of the war in Europe. According to reports reaching here from Anton Lizardo, the men get about a quart of drinking water daily and a short ration of food.

BUY 1,000 ACRES IN MEDFORD AREA AS SEED NURSERY

C. C. Hoover and Dr. Harry P. Poston Launch Large Seed Growing Enterprise

Establishment of the first major grass seed nursery in the Rogue River valley was revealed today when C. C. Hoover, Medford farmer, confirmed a report that 1000 acres had been acquired for this purpose.

The 1000 acres will be utilized as nursery land for the production of winter blue grass seed, lotus and ladino clover to be raised also, Mr. Hoover said. He disclosed that he had become associated in the enterprise with Dr. Harry P. Poston, a surgeon of Pasadena, Cal., who owns registered Hereford cattle ranches in Washington and California and became interested in the winter blue grass of southern Oregon a few years ago.

Number of Tracts
The two men recently acquired the 1000 acres through realty transactions handled by L. J. Upp and B. J. Palmer. The acreage is not in one piece, but comprises a number of tracts in the Medford and Eagle Point districts, including the Happy Valley ranch of 250 acres and the adjoining Butte Creek orchard farm of 250 acres in the Eagle Point region and the Bar-

SALEM CONCERN SUES UNION IN BURNING OF BOX FACTORY IN 1937

Portland, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The International Teamsters' Union, its Salem and Portland locals and five individuals were named defendants in a \$406,039 damage action filed yesterday in federal court by the Salem Manufacturing company.

The company charged the defendants with being responsible for burning the West Salem box factory in November, 1937.

Al Rosser, former Oregon teamster union head; Al N. Banks, ex-head of the Salem local; Ernest Carson, Cecil Moore and John Newlands were the individual defendants. All are serving prison terms in connection with the fire.

The action asserted the defendants conspired to set the fire which resulted in a \$135,346 loss. The company sought treble the damage.

The firm's suit to collect \$20,000 riot insurance was decided in favor of the First American Insurance company of New York last June. Federal Judge Claude McCulloch ruled no riot occurred when the fire was set and instructed the jury to return a directed verdict. Attorneys are preparing to take the case to the circuit court of appeals.

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WJZ-NBC, 9:30 a. m.—National Grange convention.

Leukemia Victim May Be Saved By Blood Donation

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 17.—(AP)—A six-year-old boy, doomed to almost certain death within a week by lymphatic leukemia, was given his one chance for life today by a 19-year-old girl who once faced a similar fate.

The child whose life is ebbing under the ravages of the rare blood disease is curly-haired Norman Dolinsky, St. Cloud, Minn. The girl whose aid might prolong his life is Lorraine Olive, St. Paul. She promised to go to St. Cloud tomorrow for blood tests that will determine if she would be a suitable donor for a blood transfusion.

BRITAIN, FRANCE IN FIRM ACCORD FOR WAR EFFORT

London, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The supreme allied war council met in London today and announced "complete agreement" on methods of using French and British forces for effective conduct of operations.

A joint statement issued by Prime Minister Chamberlain and French Premier Daladier said plans had been completed for common action in the fields of air, munitions, raw materials, oil, food shipping and economic welfare.

France was represented by Daladier, Gen. Maurice Gustave Gamelin, commander-in-chief of French and British forces, and other officials.

The communique announced prospective establishment of a coordinating committee for pooling of economic resources for war.

CONTEMPT FOR KUHN VOICED BY DEWEY IN BUND CHIEF'S TRIAL

New York, Nov. 17.—(AP)—District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, called as a defense witness, testified today he felt "contempt" for Fritz Kuhn, German-American bund leader, on trial for the alleged theft of bund funds.

The defense subpoenaed Mayor La Guardia for an appearance possibly today and Monday. The mayor was directed to present all correspondence he may have had with federal, state or county officials relating to Kuhn.

Dewey was sworn in as a witness—called in an attempt to support the defense assertion the prosecution of Kuhn was in fact a "persecution" based on politics and was for the purpose of "destroying him."

"Never having seen this man," he said glancing at Kuhn, "nor ever having had personal contact with him, I cannot say that I have animus against him, but I must say that I regarded him as a nuisance to the community and a threat to the civil liberties of the community if he became more important than he was."

"You have hatred for Kuhn," asked Sabbatino.
"If you want to use the word contempt, I'd say I have," Dewey replied.

EPIDEMIC OF FLU CUTS ATTENDANCE AT CITY SCHOOLS

617 Students Absent—Ailment in Mild Form; Rural Schools Also Hard Hit

A quarter of all Medford's public school students were absent from their studies today as a mild epidemic of flu, colds and infectious dysentery, or stomach flu, with occasional cases of whooping cough and mumps, kept a total of 617 young people confined to their homes for treatment or for safety's sake. The city's public school enrollment is 2,475.

City Health Officer L. D. Inskeep described the epidemic as "very mild," explaining the current influenza onslaught was not the severe type experienced by Medford in 1918 and 1919. He said most of the absent school students were suffering from a mild form of the flu or severe colds, and that the number of illnesses had remained about the same all week.

Eight Whooping
"There are about eight cases of whooping cough, a few cases of mumps and no diphtheria, so far as I know," Dr. Inskeep stated. "The flu epidemic is really no worse than any other average year, although it did strike all at once, the first of the week."

In a check today on the number of absentees from each of the city's institutions, it was discovered that Roosevelt grade school was the hardest hit by the sweep of winter illnesses. There, a total of 109 students were absent, or 35 percent of the normal enrollment of 307.

The senior high school has suffered the least from the epidemic with 115, or 17 percent of its normal enrollment of 675, being absent today. There were 170 absent Monday and Tuesday, indicating the epidemic is decreasing. Principal Leonard P. Mayfield said.

Junior High Worst
The school with the largest enrollment, junior high, had the largest number of students absent.

SEEK LIFTING OF BAN ON U. S. FRUIT

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, said today the American embassy in London was discussing with the British government the question of continuing British purchases of American fruits.

Great Britain yesterday issued restrictions on the importation of fruits.

British Scent Disagreement Between Hitler and Officers

London, Nov. 17.—(AP)—High British military authorities expressed "conviction" today that what they called Germany's "indecisive tactics" on the western front were the result of disagreement between Adolf Hitler and his general staff.

These authorities did not disclose what information they had to support this view but said they considered it bolstered because Germany had not organized direct, hard blows against Britain and France, which, they said, was the usual German plan.

Roosevelt Signals Inaugural Of 1940 War On Paralysis

New York, Nov. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signaled the start of the 1940 "fight infantile paralysis" campaign with a letter expressing "thorough approval" of plans for the nation-wide drive for funds.

The president's letter was addressed to Keith Morgan, chairman of the committee for the celebration of the president's birthday on January 30, 1940.

Morgan simultaneously announced that state chairmen in 45 of the 48 states have already accepted appointment.

FARMING INCOME FOR JACKSON CO. OVER LAST YEAR

The estimated income from agriculture in Jackson county this year is placed at \$8,080,000 by County Agent Robert G. Fowler, in a report completed today. The figures show an increase of \$505,000 over last year, when the income was estimated at \$7,575,000. The increase was due to heavier fruit production, chiefly pears, the county agent said.

The report shows a decrease in income from milk and milk products, hogs, turkeys, chickens, wheat and hay. Increases were estimated for beef cattle, sheep, barley, oats and corn. The estimated incomes from oats and corn were approximately doubled.

Estimated income from the chief products this year, as compared with last year follows (first figure for this year, second, last year, third, gain or loss):

Table with 3 columns: Product, 1939 Income, 1938 Income, Change. Includes items like All fruits, Milk, Beef cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Turkeys, Chickens, Wheat, Barley, Oats, Corn, Hay, Truck crops, Total.

CONVICTION SEEN BLOW AT CONTROL OF CAR FINANCING

\$5000 Fines Imposed On Each of Affiliates — 17 Officials Win Acquittal

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley imposed fines of \$5,000 each today on General Motors corporation and three affiliates convicted last night by a jury of violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

Prior to imposing the fines, the maximum provided by law, the judge overruled motions for a new trial and arrest of judgment.

The three affiliates convicted were General Motors Sales Corporation, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, and General Motors Acceptance Corporation of Indiana.

Government lawyers halted the conviction as a victory in the broad federal anti-monopoly drive and a blow at factory control of car financing. The corporations were charged with forcing dealers to finance sales of cars through GMAC.

The judge ordered General Motors and General Motors Sales Corporation each pay half the costs of the prosecution.

John Thomas Smith, New York attorney for the defendants, in arguing the motion for arrest of judgment, questioned the jury's verdict which convicted the corporations but acquitted 17 officials of the concerns, including president William S. Knudsen and board chairman Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., of General Motors; General Manager M. E. Coyle of Chevrolet who also is vice-president of General Motors, and John J. Schumann, Jr., president of GMAC.

Smith asserted the indictment charged a conspiracy to violate the anti-trust law was agreed upon by the individuals.

"Their acquittal," Smith said, has taken the flesh and blood out of this conspiracy."

POISON LEFT FOR DOG ENDANGERS LIFE OF LITTLE MEDFORD GIRL

Reported well on the road to recovery today was Krista Stelle, 2 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Stelle of 836 West 12th street, who late Tuesday afternoon ate what might have been poison left for a dog.

The doctor who prescribed for the child said the illness might have been caused by dog poison or by something else.

Krista entered her home Tuesday afternoon nibbling on a piece of bread she had picked up in the neighborhood. Her mother took the bread from her and threw it in the stove, so it was not available for examination later when the child became sick and Mrs. Stelle thought of dog poisoning because three dogs have been poisoned in the neighborhood. Mrs. Stelle explained. During the night the child had mild convulsions and the next morning a doctor was consulted and the city police were informed of the suspicions pertaining to dog poisoning, he stated.

LABOR DECREED FOR POLES UNDER NAZIS

Berlin, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Hans Frank, governor-general of German-occupied territory in Poland which has not been incorporated in the Reich, today introduced labor service for Poles. The study of the German language was made compulsory in all high schools of the Czechoslovak protectorate.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Forrest Harrison in a jittery state because of the advent of a new daughter, Shirley Ann, but able to pass out cigars.
Lloyd Williamson looking particularly manish in a fetching mackinaw predominating in green checks.
Constance Comany, Georgia Webb and Helen McAllister all presenting identical upset conditions as the time for their respective nuptials draws closer.
Frances Harrington being simply surprised to pieces over all of the swell birthday observations for her

Garner Toasted in Milk by Evil Texas Editorial Group

By Olin W. Clemons
Dallas, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Spittoons were placed 30 feet away from tobacco chewers and snuff dippers as a bunch of "evil old men and wicked old women" toasted Vice President Garner with milk.
But don't be misled by the milk in their goblets, it was no namby-pamby affair.
The vile occasion was "Dedicated to Sin and Corruption by the Friends of The Honorable John N. Garner, Vice President of the United States of America."
If it smacked of decency or of law and order "such incident or incidents were purely coincidental and had no reference to nice persons, living or dead."

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