

Russia Sidesteps Big 3 Agreement on Iran Withdrawal

PARTIAL FORCE TO STAY IN COUNTRY IS BLUNT NOTICE

Red Control to Continue in Northwest Area Where Radicals Have Set Regime

London, March 1—(U.P.)—Russia today sidestepped the Big Three agreement calling for complete withdrawal of all allied troops from Iran by March 2, and announced that part of the Soviet occupation force would remain "until the situation has been cleared."

All American troops already had left the troubled little country through which United States lend-lease supplies flowed to Soviet Russia during the European war. The last 600 British soldiers in southern Iran were scheduled to be out by the week-end.

No Date Set
But Radio Moscow announced bluntly that only part of the Red army's occupation force would "begin withdrawing" on tomorrow's deadline and it set no definite date for final evacuation from the country.

The Soviet broadcast said word of the Kremlin's decision already had been communicated to the Iranian delegation headed by Premier Ahmad Ghassemlou, which is now negotiating the dispute in Moscow.

The broadcast indicated that the areas which would remain under Red army control were in northwestern Iran, in the rebellious Azerbaijan district where left-wing elements already have broken with the Tehran government and set up their own autonomous regime.

Trouble Point

Azerbaijan was the focal point of the Soviet-Iranian dispute which for a time threatened to wreck Big Three unity at the recent United Nations organization meeting in London. Iran went before the UNO security council to accuse Russia of aiding the Azerbaijan revolt and of interfering with the country's internal affairs. A security council showdown on the issue was avoided when Iranian delegates agreed to negotiate the issue directly with Russia, with the stipulation that the UNO could take up the problem again if no settlement were reached.

U. S. Will Battle To Keep Charter
Byrnes' Warning

New York, March 1—(U.P.)—The United States will fight if necessary to defend the principles of the United Nations charter, "the only road to peace," Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said last night.

"In the interests of our common and traditional friendship we must make it plain that the United States intends to defend the charter," Byrnes said in an address at the overseas press club dinner.

Byrnes stated the United States' interpretation of certain of those principles which have been involved in recent international developments.

"We have no right to hold our troops in the territories of other sovereign states without their approval and consent freely given."

"We must not unduly prolong the making of peace and continue to impose our troops upon small and impoverished states."

"No power has a right to help itself to alleged enemy properties in liberated or ex-satellite countries before a reparations settlement has been agreed upon by the allies. We have not and will not agree to any one power deciding for itself what it will take from these countries."

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Movie Commentator
Jimmie Fidler Sued

Hollywood, March 1—(U.P.)—Movie Commentator Jimmie Fidler faced a \$1,000,000 libel and slander suit today for allegedly referring to the movie "Scarlet Street" as immoral and censor-baiting.

The suit was filed by Producer Walter Wanger and Diana Productions and also named as defendants the American Broadcasting Co., Fidler's radio sponsor, Carter Products, and agents Smell, Seiffer, Inc.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Weather
FORECAST: Increasing clouds tonight with light rain Saturday morning. Slightly warmer tonight.
Highest Yesterday 25
Lowest this Morning 29

NO. 290.

Admits Murder



(Acme Telephoto)
Newsboy LeRoy Harris Geiger, who confessed to Los Angeles police that he killed Mrs. May Despero, 31, beating and stabbing her 22 times in breast because he "wanted to see blood after she spurned his advances," Mrs. Despero, who has been arrested for drunkenness numerous times, was allegedly picked up by Geiger in a skid row bar and was found dead in a busline parking lot.

\$3 BILLION LOANS WILL BE ENOUGH TRUMAN BELIEVES

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—President Truman indicated to congress today that it probably should not be necessary for this country to lend over \$3,250,000,000 more to meet minimum needs of foreign nations.

The president's position on future foreign loans was made clear through his wholehearted endorsement of a report of the national advisory council on international monetary and financial problems.

The council said the \$3,250,000,000 figure was exclusive of the proposed \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain which it described as a special case of utmost importance to future world peace and prosperity.

NAB CHINESE IN EXTORTION TRY

San Francisco, March 1—(U.P.)—The federal bureau of investigation today announced the arrest of Way Linn Tom, 29, Sacramento, Cal., on a charge of attempting to extort \$100,000 from Bock Hing Chan, wealthy San Francisco Chinatown business man, on a threat of death and destruction of his home.

Clinton W. Stein, special agent in charge of the San Francisco office, said Tom wrote a letter to Chan Dec. 20, 1945, demanding payment of \$100,000. He threatened to kill Chan and blow his house apart with hand grenades.

Stein quoted Tom's letter that a "group of ten" had determined to obtain \$1,000,000 from wealthy men throughout the United States.

Tom, according to Stein, wrote subsequent letters Dec. 14 and 31, making the same threats but reducing the amount demanded to \$50,000.

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First Consideration Urged For Vet Housing Projects

Seattle, March 1—(U.P.)—Forecasting new regulations from the Civilian Production Administration, H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumberman's association, today urged building groups to give veterans' housing first consideration.

Simpson predicted that new regulations would divert scarce building materials from "worse than useless kinds of construction into the housing of our veterans and need and deserve."

"All over the United States there is what amounts to a riot of new construction on race tracks, roadhouses, night clubs, saloon halls and gambling halls and other underworld 'spots,'" he said. "They compete for the

HOOVER, TRUMAN DISCUSS CRISIS IN FOOD SUPPLY

Former President to Aid In Fight Against Starvation Abroad; Would Halt Waste

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—Former President Herbert Hoover spent 20 minutes today discussing the food crisis with President Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

Later today Mr. Hoover and Anderson will participate with others in a White House conference called by the President to develop a program to encourage less food consumption in this country in order to fight starvation abroad.

Second Visit
Today's White House visit was Mr. Hoover's second since Mr. Truman became President.

Twelve other prominent Americans assembled here for the food conference.

President Truman, who called the meeting, asked them to work out an "aggressive voluntary program" to prevent waste of food here so more could be sent to the "war torn countries of Europe and Asia."

The White House conference got underway after other parts of Mr. Truman's food conservation program went into effect.

Wheat Conservation
Beginning today, millers start extracting 12 per cent more flour from each bushel of wheat. The result will be a somewhat darker shade of flour, although it will be a few weeks before consumers generally notice a slight difference in the color of bread.

Also beginning today, brewers stopped using wheat or any wheat product in making malt beverages, including beer. The same order also restricts the total use of other grains to 70 per cent of the amount used by the brewing industry last year.

NEGRO CONFESSES MURDER OF GIRL

Columbia, Mo., March 1—(U.P.)—Col. Hugh H. Waggoner, superintendent of the Missouri highway patrol, announced today that Floyd Cochran, 34-year-old negro, had signed a full confession in the rape-strangulation of Marylou Jenkins, 20, pretty Stephens college graduate.

Text of the confession was not revealed but Waggoner said that Cochran, who was well known to the Jenkins family, had entered the home about 10:30 on the night of the slaying Feb. 6, on the pretext of collecting money for his garbage service.

The negro, an odd-job worker, recently had been employed by the city as trash and garbage hauler.

A short time before Waggoner's announcement, Cochran was arraigned before Justice of the Peace George S. Starrett on a double charge of first degree murder—the first in connection with the shotgun slaying of his wife and the second in the death of Miss Jenkins.

A total of 178,000 persons visited Yellowstone park in 1945.

PAULEY'S CONCERN PAID LEGISLATORS WITNESS ASSERTS

Two Given \$200 Month as Public Relations Men For Oil Company, Testimony.

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—A Los Angeles advertising man told the Senate Naval Affairs committee today that he hired two California state legislators as public relations men for \$200 a month on behalf of Edwin W. Pauley's Petrol corporation. The men were hired on Pauley's authorization, the witness said.

The witness, Chet Crank, said the legislators were John W. Evans and Cecil R. King. King is now a democratic member of the U. S. house of representatives. Crank said they were employed as public relations men in order to help get approval by the city of Los Angeles for improvements in the filling stations which used Pauley's gasoline.

Withdrawal Declined
The committee is considering Pauley's nomination to be undersecretary of the navy. He has declined to withdraw his name despite strong democratic pressure.

Under questioning by Sen. Millard E. Tydings, D., Md., Crank related that many state legislators had outside jobs. Their pay as legislators averaged only about \$1,200 per year, he said.

T. S. Petersen, vice-president of the Standard Oil company of California, testified that political practices during a fight over California oil legislation were "not decent—and that's an understatement."

"We did things that no man should be asked to do," Petersen was revealed to have told Sen. Charles W. Tobey, R., N. H., in a private conversation in the senator's office. "If we ever enter into a program like that again, we would resign."

Tobey's secretary took notes on the conversation, and read them to the hearing today with Petersen on the stand. Petersen confirmed that they were accurate.

Rotary Selects Frisco For Meet

San Francisco, March 1—(U.P.)—Word was received here today from the board of directors of Rotary International that San Francisco was selected as the site of the Rotary convention from June 8 to 13, 1945. Announcement was made by the San Francisco Convention and Tourist bureau.

Fifteen thousand delegates will come to San Francisco from all parts of the world.

James J. Jeffries Making Recovery

Burbank, Cal., March 1—(U.P.)—James J. Jeffries, 70, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, today was showing continued improvement since suffering a stroke here last week.

His physician, Dr. Winston Nethery, said the ex-champion was in the convalescence stage and if all goes well should be released from the hospital here in a few weeks.

Cigarette Blamed In Woman's Death

Marysville, Cal., March 1—(U.P.)—A fire apparently started from a cigarette was blamed for the death today of Mrs. Helen May Lemieux, 32, of Marysville.

Mrs. Lemieux was found burned to death in the front room of her home. Coroner's deputies said she apparently fainted while smoking a cigarette.

CORN FREEZE SOUGHT BY OPA REGION CHIEF

Omaha, Neb., March 1—(U.P.)—Rae E. Walters, regional administrator of the OPA at Chicago, asked today that a freeze order be issued stopping all sales of corn.

"Unless action is taken immediately, all corn will be off the farms and away from the elevators and feeders," Walters said in a telegram to Paul Porter, administrator of OPA, and Chester Bowles, economic stabilization director.

AFL TEAMSTERS TIE UP CALIFORNIA CANNERIES

RAILROAD STRIKE NEW THREAT ON LABOR HORIZON

Detroit, March 1—(U.P.)—A conference of CIO United Auto Workers delegates representing 175,000 strikers voted unanimously today to reject the latest terms offered by General Motors Corp. to end the strike.

By United Press
The General Motors strike, one of the most costly in U. S. labor history, appeared near an end today but the threat of a nationwide railroad tieup increased.

Negotiations were resumed at Detroit in the 101-day walkout of 175,000 CIO United Auto Workers after an unprecedented past-midnight session. It was reported that only a few minor issues blocked settlement.

300 L.I.E.s Involved
From Cleveland came a renewed threat of a strike by 300,000 members of two railroad brotherhoods, which would stop trains on 300 main lines. President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said nearly complete returns showed the workers unanimously in favor of a walkout.

Whitney said a strike date would be set March 6 unless there was a settlement of the dispute, involving changes in operational rules and a 25 cent wage increase asked by trainmen and locomotive engineers.

Meanwhile, fear of a third consecutive day of picket violence at Philadelphia was eased. Union leaders, considering "other actions," called off an expected demonstration. But the possibility of a sympathy strike of 150,000 CIO workers in the CIO-General Electric wage dispute remained.

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Destruction Aim
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The cardinal spoke pointedly of the refugee camps in the American and British occupation zones, where, he said, the Red army was trying "often at the point of a gun" to force unwilling exiles to return to their homes in the east.

"If the end of the war means an end of the 'right of asylum,' then mankind has lost every ideal of justice and charity," he added in an obvious appeal to the United States and Britain.

He reviewed in detail the plight of Ruthenian Catholics who, the Vatican has charged, are being persecuted by the Russians, and asserted that the Soviet actions were a direct violation of one of the four freedoms proclaimed by the late President Roosevelt and former Prime Minister Churchill.

Schism or Martyrdom
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The department's order increased the pork set aside for the government from 10 to 13 per cent of the live weight of hogs slaughtered in 37 states. It also extended to 10 states, previously exempt, the earmarking of beef, veal and mutton for government purchase.

The order becomes effective next Sunday.

The new states affected by the beef, veal and mutton regulations are: Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and Florida.

SPAIN SEALED OFF FROM MAINLAND

Paris, March 1—(U.P.)—Spain was officially sealed off by land from the European mainland today amid continent-wide protests against the Franco regime.

Just at midnight French border guards ceremoniously sealed the International bridge at Hendaye to the cheers of exiled Spanish republicans gathered in the frontier town.

France was reported to be ready to put the Spanish issue before the next UNO security council meeting single-handed, if the United States and Britain refuse to make a joint move.

The frontier shutdown was carried out without incident.

Bus Crash Kills Three, Injures 12



(Acme Telephoto)
Pacific Greyhound bus is moved from scene of crash with automobile driven by Jose Santos Aguilar, San Rafael, Calif., at Corte Madera, Calif., which took the lives of three persons and injured 12. Witnesses to accident said the car driven by Aguilar clipped passing car, went out of control, crossed an eight-foot center island to crash into bus. Aguilar and two riding with him were killed.

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New Measure Would Credit Farmer's Family With Wages

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—Rep. Stephen Pace, D., Ga., who believes the farmer's family should be credited with some wages in figuring farm prices, said today that he hoped for early action on a bill that would do just that.

Pace said he hoped the rules committee would okay the bill next week and that the house would act on it soon afterward. Rep. E. E. Cox, D., Ga., influential member of the house rules committee, said there was a good chance that was what would happen.

In figuring parity prices for farm products at the present time, the government considers as farm expense only such items as food, machinery, seed, interest and tax payments.

The bill would require the government to also consider labor costs—including the farmer's family as well as the hired hands—which the Georgia legislator feels have gone sky-high since the beginning of the war.

Pace said the original idea of parity was to provide a yardstick for judging "fair" relationships between the farmer's costs and profit. But he added, farm wages have gone up so sharply that it no longer provides a fair yardstick.

"If Chester Bowles is going to raise the price of meat to pay higher wages for meat workers why can't we adjust the farmer's pay to take care of his already increased labor costs?" he demanded. "It isn't fair, it isn't just."

SQUABBLE OVER JURISDICTION IS STOPPAGE CAUSE

Demand for Recognition as Bargaining Agent Instead Of CIO Basis of Action.

San Francisco, March 1—(U.P.)—The Teamsters Union (AFL) tied up the multi-million dollar fruit and vegetable canning business in northern and central California today with a work stoppage of approximately 98 processing plants.

Einar Mohn, international representative of the Teamsters union, announced members had ceased hauling to and from 68 canneries operated by members of the California Processors and Growers association, and 30 independent plants with which the teamsters held contractual relations.

Would Oust CIO
The work stoppage was called to support a demand that the teamsters be recognized as exclusive bargaining agent for 25,000 cannery workers, in opposition to the food, tobacco and agricultural workers (CIO).

The dispute arose when the CIO won a plurality over the AFL in a bargaining election recently set aside by the National Labor Relations board. The NLRB said each union could bargain for its own members but that neither was to be recognized exclusively pending a new election which probably will be called about July.

The embargo caught many canneries as they were preparing to operate for the 1946 season. The first major crops of the processing season—aspargus and spinach—will start maturing within the next two or three weeks.

In Sacramento, William Ross, Libby, McNeil & Libby plant manager said the shipment of canned goods out of the cannery and delivery of maintenance and repair materials had been stopped.

VETO CEILING ON EXISTING HOMES

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—The House today rejected an administration plea for price controls on both old and new homes. It tentatively adopted an amendment to the Patman housing bill to restrict ceilings to new construction.

The amendment was offered by the House banking committee. It was adopted by a teller vote of 154 to 68 but is subject to a roll call vote later.

Rep. Wright Payman, D., Tex., author of the administration-supported bill, fought vigorously against the amendment. But a solid bloc of republicans combined with a group of southern democrats to put it across.

VETERANS BONUS BACKED BY VFW

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—The Veterans of Foreign Wars today asked congress to give World War II veterans a bonus based on the length and type of service with a maximum of \$5,000 for those who served overseas and were wounded.

Onar B. Ketchum, the VFW's legislative representative, made the proposal to the House Veterans' committee.

He suggested giving veterans \$3 a day for domestic service and \$4 a day for overseas service.

The VFW suggestion would impose a ceiling of \$3,500 for veterans who served only in the United States and \$4,500 for those with overseas duty. The combat premium would be additional.

Ketchum estimated "the average payment to all who apply will not exceed \$2,500."

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Heinie Fluhrer living up to his obligations as president of the chamber of commerce and assuring Gov. Earl Snull that in Medford the sun shone every day.

H. H. (Hap) Gillette feeling very proud of his new bronze selective service medal and deciding not to mingle with the common people any more.

George Carter reminding Una Inch that unless she ate her vegetables at luncheon she wouldn't be given any dessert.