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U.S., Argentina Work To Dissolve Economic Tiffs

Washington, Apr. 6—(U.P.)—The United States and Argentina worked swiftly today to end their long-standing economic disputes. The prospects: 1. Argentina will give better treatment to American business interests. 2. The United States will grant Argentina financial help. The arrangements were being worked out by Ramon Cereijo, Argentine secretary of the treasury now on a mission to Washington.

Lattimore Denies Communist Ties Before Committee

Washington, Apr. 6—(U.P.)—Owen Lattimore swore under oath today that he never has been a Russian spy or a communist and challenged his accuser—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.)—to repeat his charges without benefit of congressional immunity or resign.

McCarthy said he will not repeat without congressional immunity his charges unless the government surrenders all its loyalty files on Lattimore. The president and the FBI have refused to do so as a matter of principle.

Reversal of Position This was a reversal of McCarthy's previously declared position. On Feb. 20 he told the senate that he would resign if the day ever came when he was afraid to repeat outside the senate any charges that he made in the chamber.

Testing before a senate foreign relations committee investigating McCarthy's charges that the state department is infested with communists, Lattimore sweepingly denied as "base and contemptible lies" McCarthy's accusations against him.

Then, in a firm voice barbed with sarcasm and ridicule, the short, stocky Johns Hopkins university professor tore into McCarthy's charges one by one and denied each categorically.

Senator Will Fall With McCarthy sitting opposite him in the jam-packed senate caucus room, Lattimore said "I shall show that his charges against me are so empty and baseless that the senator will fall, and fall flat on his face."

As McCarthy sat scowling and silent, Lattimore branded him as a "willing tool" of "the so-called China lobby," and said the senator now wants to "weasel" on his charges because of a threat of libel action.

Michaels Lose Custody Of Child Actress

Hollywood, Apr. 6—(U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Michael lost custody today of their foster daughter, Lora Lee Michael, because a judge decided the nine-year-old actress needed a new environment to make her a normal child.

After a brief hearing in juvenile hall Superior Judge A. A. Scott made Lora Lee a ward of the court. He said she would be placed with a well-adjusted family to give her a normal home life.

Her foster mother, Mrs. Lorraine Michael, 55, was acquitted last month on charges she mistreated and kept the girl on a sub-standard diet to keep her tiny for \$100-a-day movie roles.

Judge Scott emphasized his action was not intended as criticism of Mrs. Brodie, who adopted Lora Lee in Texas five years ago. He said, however, he believed she needed a new environment to repair damage done by "the glamour world of the movies."

At Least 19 Persons Drown As Portugal Boat Capsizes

Oporto, Portugal, Apr. 6—(U.P.)—Authorities reported today that at least 19 persons drowned and another 40 to 60 are missing in the sinking of a heavily-loaded ferryboat in the Douro river.

The sunken vessel was raised and towed into port this morning but no bodies were found aboard. The doors of the passengers' cabin were ripped off and it is presumed the bodies were pulled downstream by the strong current, an Oporto police spokesman said.

Capt. Francisco Santos and his three-man crew were among those rescued. Survivors were taken to hospitals but all except three were released after minor treatment.

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WEATHER
FORECAST: Clear to partly cloudy tonight becoming generally cloudy Friday. Cooler tonight.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 59, Lowest this Morning 34, Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today .01

ONE KILLED IN CROSSING WRECK

Truck Driver Dies; Wife, Son Injured As Train Hits Cab

Accident Occurs Near Alley Lumber Company

Amos Franklin Wyatt, 37, was killed today when a northbound Southern Pacific passenger train plowed into the lumber truck he was driving. He was dead when a Conger-Morris ambulance arrived at the scene near the Alley Lumber company south of Medford.

With Wyatt at the time of the accident was his wife, Osie, and his small son, Frank Jr. Mrs. Wyatt was still unconscious early this afternoon.

Community hospital attendants said they were unable to learn any details of the accident from the boy. They believed he was four or five years old. His injuries did not appear to be serious, they said, but x-rays were being taken. Mrs. Wyatt's condition was called "critical."

A report from the county coroner said the accident occurred as the truck crossed the tracks into the Alley mill in the face of train No. 328 that arrives in Medford about 12:15 p. m. The cab of the truck was demolished, the report said, and was torn completely off the bed. Ambulance attendants described it as "an awful mess." Engineer W. B. Kendall of Medford said his train was traveling between 38 and 42 miles per hour at the time of the collision.

An economic agreement would go far toward smoothing American-Argentine political relations, diplomats here believe. Many Americans have been alarmed at what they believed to be the totalitarian trends in the Peron regime.

Vets' Preference Changes Opposed By Local Demos

The executive committee of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee has gone on record opposing the recommendations of the Hoover Commission reports regarding changes in the civil service rating board's system.

The veterans' preference act of 1944 awards an advantage to veterans seeking government employment of five points to the veteran with an additional five points for the disabled veteran.

The committee's resolution said, "The adoption of the proposed change in the rating would eliminate the point preference of veterans, since there is not mention of guaranteed placement in the proposed category system."

The proposed change in civil service administration also provides for decentralization of the various government agencies at an additional annual cost of approximately \$40 million; we see neither economy or improved efficiency in this movement.

It continued that the executive committee places itself on record as protesting any change "except such change as would improve the status of the veterans" and that government economy drives "should not begin with reduction of benefits duly earned and awarded to the nation's wartime defenders."

La Grande Pair Held For Extradition

Vancouver, Wash., Apr. 6—(U.P.)—City police reported today Joseph and Alta Barbara had waived extradition and would be transferred to La Grande, Ore., to face embezzlement charges in connection with the Disabled Veterans' organization.

Police did not know what disposition would be made of the Barbarias' 12-year-old daughter, the couple was arrested here Tuesday night and the daughter was placed in a private home.

The Barbarias were to leave here today for La Grande. Bail has been set at \$1,000 each.

Suspended Sentence Given in Robbery Hoax

Sgt. Alden A. Marrs of the United States air force today pleaded guilty on a district attorney's information charging him with falsely swearing to an affidavit. Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna imposed a three-year suspended sentence.

Marrs was accused of reporting a hold-up that never occurred and not admitting it was a hoax until Tuesday night after state police and deputy sheriffs had scoured the county in an effort to find a "sailor" who, Marrs had told them, took \$75 from him at the point of a gun.



BRIDGES FOUND GUILTY—Longshore Union Chief Harry Bridges is kissed by his wife after a Federal Court jury in San Francisco found him guilty of perjury and conspiracy for swearing he was not and never had been a Communist. The jury deliberated 31 hours. Vincent Hallman, attorney for Bridges, announced the verdict would be appealed. J. B. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, longshore officials and co-defendants in the trial, were found guilty of both a conspiracy count and a charge of aiding and abetting Bridges in the commission of perjury.

4 Wards Employees Charged With Theft

After undercover investigations that lasted more than a week, Medford police this morning placed four trusted employees of the Medford Montgomery Ward store under arrest and will charge three of them with grand larceny and one with petty larceny.

Police Chief Clatous McCredie and Sgt. Charles Champlin were in the store at 8:30 a. m. today as the employees came to work and the arrests were made after all four had showed up.

Charged with grand larceny were Irey E. Mays, 37, head of the tire department at the Medford branch; Jack A. Rinn, 40, clerk in the auto accessories department; and Joseph P. Zash, 25, an employee in the tire department. James R. Daniels, 35, head of the auto accessories department, was charged with petty larceny. Sergeant Champlin said the four were to be arraigned on the charges in county justice court at 1:30 p. m. today.

Though shortages at the store had turned up in year-end inventories, police investigation was climaxed a few days ago when one of the men was seen carrying merchandise from the store and putting it in his car.

Local police worked with a special investigator furnished by Montgomery Ward in gathering evidence against the four employees.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Haviland said this morning that Mays, in a signed statement, had admitted embezzlement of funds from the store in addition to the theft of merchandise. Extent of the embezzlement will not be known until auditors have completed a check of the firm's books, he said.

All four men are being held in county jail.

Medford ORC Unit Given 'A' Status

Medford's 382nd quartermaster battalion, organized reserve corps, has been upgraded to "A" status by the department of the army, it was reported today by Maj. Walter C. Eingerhut, ORC instructor here. The unit is under the command of Lt. Col. William H. Prentice.

The new status means that the battalion will train and function as a full-strength unit, assuring personnel, including 40 officers and men, retirement credits, summer camp and four full days pay each month.

Three Years Old The battalion was formed just three years ago with eight officers and no equipment. Gradually standards of training and organization improved. Major Eingerhut reported, until the "A" status was awarded.

Only 20 other units in the sixth army area, which includes Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and Montana, have been given this recognition out of a total of 1,629 units.

President Offers Plan To Increase Unemployment Pay

Key West, Fla., Apr. 6—(U.P.)—President Truman sent to congress today a five-point program for increasing unemployment compensation benefits approximately 20 per cent and extending coverage to an additional 6 million persons.

The message was flown to Washington on a plane arriving there shortly after 1 p. m. (EST) and will be rushed to the house which is scheduled to start its Easter recess during the afternoon. The senate is in recess.

Message Expansion The president acted at this time because most of the state legislatures meet next year and state action will be necessary to put the program in force when and if the federal amendments are adopted.

The message actually was an expansion of the general recommendations contained in Mr. Truman's January state of the union message and his later report to the congress on the national economy.

The president recommended a nationwide coverage standard applying to employers of one or more persons. At present, coverage in many states is extended only to employers of eight or more persons.

50 Per Cent Of Pay Under the Truman plan, benefits would average 50 per cent of a worker's pay up to a maximum of \$30 a week. Benefits in various states now range between \$15 and \$27 a week with a national average of about \$20. Mr. Truman's recommendation would boost the national average to \$24.

The president's basic five points were not disclosed pending actual transmission of the message to congress.

White House aides explained that if the plan contained in the 1949, compensation payments would have been \$850 million higher than they were.

State Action Necessary State action will be necessary to put the new program into effect if congress passed it because the federal government supplies only administrative funds for the unemployment compensation system. Compensation benefits are paid from payroll taxes.

The president in his message asked for a nationwide standard of 26 weeks for the maximum period in which benefits could be paid. This maximum period now varies from 12 to 26 weeks among the states.

Optimism Sweeps Chrysler Negotiations Detroit, Mich., Apr. 6—(U.P.)—Optimism swept Chrysler strike talks today as the company "considered" the CIO United Auto Workers' new proposal to end the 72-day walkout.

Union and company spokesmen met separately while Chrysler pondered the UAW proposal, but conciliators were expected to call both sides together sometime during the day.

The UAW dropped its demand for a definite cents-per-hour contribution into a pension fund. It said it would accept a trust fund into which Chrysler would put enough money to pay \$100 monthly pensions to the 89,000 striking production employees.

Salem, Ore., Apr. 6—(U.P.)—Salem's annual Blossom day, which draws visitors from all parts of Oregon, will be held April 16, one week from Easter.

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Apr. 6—(U.P.)—A train crowded with Easter holiday travelers plunged into the Tanguis river northeast of Rio De Janeiro early today when a bridge collapsed.

Snowfall Reported In Eastern Oregon By United Press Winter paid Oregon a return mid-April visit Thursday.

The weatherman didn't predict it, but the combination of rain and falling temperatures simply was too much for the old get to pass up without getting in a last lick at snow-weary residents.

Kamela in the Blue mountains between Pendleton and La Grande recorded five inches of snow early Thursday. LaGrande and Pendleton each had two inches and Prineville had three inches. Four inches fell in the Ochoco national forest.

State Officials Ordered into Hunt For Mystery Killer

Pendergast Successor Waylaid in Clubroom

Kansas City, Mo., Apr. 6—(U.P.)—Charles Binaggio, democratic north end boss who unseated the old Pendergast machine in the city's river wards, and his top lieutenant, Hoodlum Charles Gargotta, were shot to death early today in Binaggio's clubrooms on Truman road.

Gov. Forrest Smith, elected with Binaggio support two years ago, immediately ordered all state agencies into the investigation and appealed to the FBI to assist. Both Binaggio, 43, and Gargotta, 51, were under federal grand jury subpoena. The FBI had no comment.

All-Out Inquiry The grand jury in its investigation of underworld activities has been working with special assistant U. S. attorneys general, who also have been assisting similar inquiries at Miami and Los Angeles.

Police unlimbered an all-out inquiry. Gamblers and known underworld characters were picked up and taken to headquarters. One man questioned was Homer Cooper, widely known since death of 1949 Oldsmobile was found parked in front of the clubrooms.

Keys which fit the car were found on the floor beside the body of Gargotta. Cooper was found at a tavern and questioned behind closed doors at headquarters.

Cooper told police he lent his car to Binaggio and Gargotta at 8 p. m. yesterday and then worked until 4:15 a. m. at the "Last Chance Tavern" night club and gambling place.

Believed Imported Police Chief Henry W. Johnson ordered all detectives to work in bringing in the hoodlums. Johnson said, however, he believed the killers probably were imported because "there is no one tough enough or brave enough here to pull this job."

Position of the bodies indicated, though, that the shots came as a surprise to Binaggio, who had been seated at the reception desk in the clubroom from which he has directed democratic party workers for the last four years. Some officers felt Binaggio and Gargotta knew the killer or killers.

Bodyguard Found Nick Penna, Binaggio's bodyguard, was located late in the morning. He told police he last saw his boss at 8 p. m. yesterday in a tavern here. Gargotta was with him. That was about four hours before the men were slain.

Each man had been shot four times. All but one of those eight shots took effect from six to 12-inch range. The exception was a shot which struck Gargotta in the back of the neck, apparently as he broke for the front door.

Markets Will Close During Good Friday

By United Press The nation's major commodity and security markets will close on Good Friday and some will extend the holiday over the balance of the week-end.

The New York Stock and Curb Exchanges, the Midwest Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade will close Friday but reopen Saturday. The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will be closed both days.

The Toronto, Montreal and London stock exchanges will close from Friday through Monday, inclusive, but the Winnipeg grain market will close only on Friday.

The department of agriculture will issue its usual livestock markets on Friday and Saturday.

Tokyo, Apr. 6—(U.P.)—The Japanese government announced today it is planning to loan about 16 million yen during the next two months for new ship construction.

Striker Crushed by Truck During Picketing at Plant

Kansas City, Mo., Apr. 6—(U.P.)—Emergency police maintained a midnight-to-dawn patrol today at the Rupert Die Casting plant, where a striking worker was crushed to death yesterday under a truck loaded with materials.

George Keath, 26, driver of the truck, said he did not see the victim, Leland Martin, Independence, Mo.

To File Charges The sheriff's office said charges would be filed against Keath. Martin lived only a few seconds after he was struck. Three other pickets and three police officers also were hit but suffered only minor injuries.

Don Hayward, president of local 32 of the United Automobile workers, CIO, said Martin had been "run down" by the truck, which was stopped about two blocks from the plant.