

Memoirs of Senator Vandenberg Printed; Tell of Secret Talks

Washington — (U.P.) — President Roosevelt gave British Prime Minister Winston Churchill "some sort of assurance" before Pearl Harbor that the United States would go to war with Japan, according to the memoirs of the late Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg.

The Michigan Republican's memoirs also disclosed that President Truman considered calling Soviet Premier Josef Stalin "on the phone" a month before the 1948 presidential election in a bid for closer U. S. Soviet friendship.

Papers Published

These other disclosures are contained in Vandenberg's private papers, which will be published in book form Tuesday.

1. Mr. Roosevelt, at the 1943 Quebec Conference with Churchill, gave Britain a wartime veto over American use of atomic bombs. This required Mr. Truman to get British approval before A-bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. The veto was eliminated in January, 1948.

2. Mr. Truman told Vandenberg and others at a high level conference on July 14, 1949, that this government proposed giving Britain "a full partnership" on atomic energy — "including sharing the 'know-how' on weapons making." Vandenberg successfully opposed the proposal.

3. Vandenberg had high hopes

that Gen. Douglas MacArthur would be the 1944 Republican presidential nominee.

Foresaw Ike Nomination

4. In 1949, Vandenberg expressed the opinion that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower might be the GOP presidential nominee this year.

5. Vandenberg, at the 1940 Republican convention, rejected an offer by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to be Dewey's running mate and countered with a proposal that Dewey be Vandenberg's running mate or that they flip a coin to see who should head the ticket.

Wendell L. Willkie won the nomination.

6. Vandenberg frequently made acid comments about Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, Sens. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) and Tom Connally (D-Tex.), Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and other public figures.

7. Vandenberg went to the 1948 GOP convention with an acceptance speech "to be available in the totally unexpected event of my nomination."

The 559-page book, entitled "The Private Papers of Senator Vandenberg," consists of documents and personal correspondence from 1939 to his death from cancer on April 18, 1951. This period covered Vandenberg's transition from an isolationist to an outright supporter of international collaboration.

In a Jan. 27, 1942, diary en-

Fire District Signing Brisk in C. P. Region

Central Point—Over half of the names for the petitions being circulated for the Central Point rural fire district have been secured, Fire Chief Richard Krupp reported yesterday.

Krupp said he expected that enough names would be secured by Saturday to complete the circulation of petitions. Only 200 signers or 25 per cent of the registered property owners are needed in the proposed district, Krupp added.

Around Hollywood



Alino Mosby

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Italian actor Vittorio Gassman has been accused of promoting his Hollywood career via his bride-to-be, Shelly Winters. But he turned out Tuesday to be a senior genius who's reached the top already.

Vittorio shrugged he's turned down one major studio contract here because "I want to be free to continue in the theater in Italy."

Besides, he added, he likes Shelly not because she's a star but because "she's a sweet girl and she likes to eat."

Newsmen have purred that the handsome Italian came to Hollywood with Shelly just to pursue a movie career. But, Gassman, the movie colony is finding out, is a top actor in his own right.

Recently he gave a reading of Italian poetry at the local Circle theater. Most of the movie luminaries there didn't understand Italian. But he held them spellbound for two hours, anyway.

Top Italian Actor

Gassman, 29, is one of the five top movie and stage idols in Italy. His father is a well-to-do construction engineer, and he studied at the Academy of Dramatic Arts in Rome.

Since then he's starred in 93 plays in nine years. His name has been up in lights for such stage successes in Italy as "A Streetcar Named Desire," "All My Sons," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Anna Christie."

He's also written a play, and

is a director of note in the Italian theater. He specializes in Shakespeare and classical Greek drama. He's had a book of poems and a short novel published.

18 Movies

Shelly's future husband has been a leading idol on celluloid since 1946, too. He's appeared in 19 movies, and was the villain who attacked leggy Silvano Mangano in the popular "Bitter Rice."

Furthermore, he says, he knew virtually nothing about Shelly when he met her in the lobby of a Rome theater last fall.

"Hardly any of her pictures had played in Italy and I had never seen her on the screen," he explained. "I just knew she was a star, which I'd read in the movie magazines."

"I didn't believe all I read," he added gallantly. "I'm interested in her future, not her past."

First Movie Due

Gassman starts his first Hollywood movie, "The Glass Wall," with Gloria Grahame, for independent writer-producer Maxwell Shane next month. For six months of every year, he and Shelly plan to stage English-language plays in Italy. He's opening a theater in Rome next fall, and it will be subsidized by the Italian government.

"I like Shelly because on our first date she was not pre-occupied with diet," beamed Gassman.

"In Europe actresses tend to be sophisticated and snobbish. They are impossible to talk to. But Shelly takes to everybody. This is a very sweet quality."

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Slight Rise Due In Living Costs

Washington — (U.P.) — The government's cost-of-living thermometer was due to register a slight rise Tuesday.

The Bureau of Labor statistics said it would issue a report showing what happened to consumer prices between February 15 and March 15.

Informed sources said the index would be up about 0.1 of 1 per cent. This would be the first time since December 15 that there has been any increase at all. Prices dropped sharply last month.

The rise leaves prices one half of 1 per cent below last December.

The slight rise will prevent any cost-of-living wage increases this month—and when balanced off against last month's drop may cause a wage cut for some groups. Contracts covering less than 100,000 workers are tied to this month's index, with major "escalator" contracts falling due on other months.

Among those affected are some 20,000 CIO electrical workers at the Sperry Gyroscope plant, Long Island, the Ford Instru-

Grain Spoilage Seen Investigation Subject

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) has called for an investigation to determine how much grain has spoiled in government storage bins.

Aiken made the demand as the Senate Agriculture committee continued its inquiry into shortages of grain stored in private warehouses.

The committee called representatives of the Plains Grain Co., Fort Worth, Tex.; Henderson Grain Co., Farwell, Tex.; and Garden City Grain and Seed Co., Garden City, Kan., to testify.

ment Co., New York, and several other plants.

42 Names Drawn Monday For Columbia Farmland

Othello, Wash. — (U.P.) — Forty-two names were drawn from a pool of 3,000 names of applicants seeking priority to full-time Columbia Basin farms here Monday.

The drawing, largest ever conducted in the basin by the reclamation bureau, will be followed on May 31 by the last drawing of the year.



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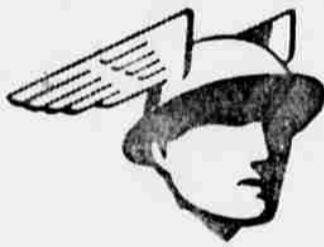
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