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Nation's Reds Call For Kremlin Ties; 'Rightwing' Purge

New York — (U.P.) — The nation's top Communist called Saturday for continued close ties between U.S. Reds and the Kremlin and a purge of "rightwing" party leaders who favor a "Titoist" break with Moscow.

William Z. Foster, 75-year-old Communist party chairman, made his demand in a speech read for him at the opening session of the party's 16th National convention.

Foster was on the platform while his speech was read by Benjamin J. Davis, a negro former member of the New York City council, who was convicted in 1953 of conspiring against the government.

The chairman's remarks put him in sharp conflict on some issues with the party's second in command, Eugene Dennis, general secretary.

Dennis, in his keynote address to the convention, called for adoption of a new Communist party constitution, declaring its independence from Moscow.

Foster took the opposite stand. He made his sharpest remarks on what he called a "grave crisis of leadership in the American Communist party."

He said top party members have failed their party during the last few "critical months."

Foster called for some members recruited from labor union ranks and fresh leaders, particularly among negroes, young people and women.

Foster expressed vigorous opposition to abolishing the Communist party and making it a political action association.

He called it a "disastrous step backwards" to the Communist political association of 1944 and 1945, which led to the ouster of Earl Browder as party chairman.

Communists distributed copies of both speeches but barred reporters from the convention sessions.

An estimated 250 to 350 Communists, most of them residents of New York, held their convention in a former Russian Orthodox church on New York's lower East Side.

For the last eight or nine years, the building has been used as a dance hall. It was the only building the Communists could hire for their convention after they were turned down by at least 20 midtown hotels, including the Astor and New Yorker.

The convention opened with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" which was followed by a moment of silence in memory of the late Joseph P. Kamp.

Lone Pine School Observes 100th Year

Lone Pine — The Lone Pine school is commemorating its 100th anniversary today as a registered school district.

The school district was registered on Feb. 10, 1857 and has been in continuous operation ever since.

Patrick Dunn was the first clerk and D. Linn was the first treasurer, according to county records.

John Flinn was superintendent of Jackson county schools as the time.

A description of the district, signed by Flinn, was as follows:

School District 10 has been formed by the division of District 1 by a line running from the mountain bounding the valley on the east and crossing the bridge over the gulch at the northeast corner of the Conroy's farm, thence up the gulch to the mountain bounding the valley on the west, leaving the Thompson's farm in district 5, and thence bounded by the mountain to the place of beginning, including all the territory in the upper part of the valley within the aforementioned line.

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey Saturday denounced the state department's move on travel of U. S. newsmen to Red China.

Weather FORECAST: Fair with some morning cloudiness today and increasing cloudiness tonight.

150,000 Israelis Display Solidarity In Demonstrations

Support Government's Refusal to Withdraw

Jerusalem, Israeli Sector — (U.P.) — More than 150,000 Israelis demonstrated in major cities Saturday in a display of solidarity behind the government's refusal to withdraw from Egyptian soil.

Banners protested against the United Nations demand for removal of Israeli forces from the Gaza strip and the southern Sinai desert.

Only France, of all the world's powers, drew applause at rallies, because France supports Israel in the dispute.

The government itself through interior minister Israel Ben Yehuda, denounced the new U.S.-Saudi Arabia arms agreement as being as dangerous to Israeli security as the Communist arms deal with Egypt.

The Israeli interior minister denounced all the Arab states as "Fascist."

Ben Yehuda also denounced Russia on grounds that it supported Israel in the 1949 Palestine war only to get even with Britain and now supports the "Arab Fascists" to settle accounts with the United States.

The Israeli government stood firm on its refusal to consider appeals from President Eisenhower for withdrawal of troops from Egypt.

Israelis charged that the United Nations is engaged in a "strangulation policy" against Israel.

Some 120,000 demonstrators turned out in Tel Aviv to march down Allenby street, past crowds of other Israelis, with banners defying the U.N. resolutions for withdrawal.

Another 15,000 gathered in Haifa to hear Mayor Abba Hushi and interior minister Ben Yehuda denounced the resolutions.

An estimated 5,000 demonstrated in the Israeli sector of divided Jerusalem with banners describing the call for evacuation of the Gaza strip as a surrender to Arab oil interests.

New Attempt Made In Tugboat Strike

New York — (U.P.) — Federal mediators made a new attempt Saturday to get contract talks going again in a nine-day strike of 4,000 tugboat and harbor workers that has cut off 70 per cent of the city's fuel supply and threatened a critical fuel shortage.

Federal mediators Harry Wining and Thomas Dougherty reported at a three-hour meeting with Mayor Robert Wagner and top city officials that both sides have been invited to resume negotiations at a 2 p.m. Monday meeting.

The mediators said both sides are still "very far apart" and that only "limited progress" has come out of the many meetings held.

Charles Preusse, emergency fuel oil coordinator, told the Mayor that although there was no crisis yet, the situation could easily take a turn for the worse by the middle of next week.

FUR SEALS PROTECTED Washington — (U.P.) — The United States, Canada, Russia, and Japan Saturday signed a new convention to protect North Pacific fur seals from indiscriminate slaughter.

The convention, subject to ratification by the four powers, was initiated after 14 months of negotiations. It replaces those in force since 1911 and will be effective for six years.

Legislators Discuss School Needs

Salem — (U.P.) — Pressing building needs of Oregon schools were down under discussion in the Oregon Legislature Saturday as the House Taxation committee started consideration of two bills designed to increase the bonding capacity of school districts.

Chairman Clarence Barton, Coquille, said it would be up to his committee to set policy on bonded indebtedness after studying the entire picture of school needs and the state's total bonded indebtedness. He said it would then be up to the Education committee to come up with a specific recommendation on bonding limits.

Cecil Posey, Oregon Education association representative, told the Tax committee Friday that the bonded indebtedness of school districts now runs to \$92 million. He estimated that elementary and high school building costs would run to \$155 million in the next eight years.

Districts Seen Distressed Rep. Allen Tom, Rufus, said that if the limit-raising bills were not passed, there would be more than 70 distressed school districts unable to meet building requirements. He said that number could be reduced to about 30 under the proposed bonding bills.

Tom said the study of whether or not the bonded indebtedness limits should be raised was related to what the Legislature does about doubling basic school support and providing \$7 million for relief of distressed school districts. Both bills are up for consideration.



REP. EDITH S. GREEN To Speak at Banquet

Mrs. Edith Green To Speak at SGD Banquet Feb. 18

Rep. Edith S. Green, Oregon congresswoman from the third district, Multnomah county, will be guest speaker at the Student Government Day banquet Monday, Feb. 18, at the Elks club in Medford, according to Dick Woodcock, exalted ruler of Medford Elks Lodge 1168.

The Student Government Day project, which is Elk sponsored, involves 125 upper division students from eight high schools in the jurisdictional area of the Medford lodge.

This annual event is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 18 and 19.

The Monday evening banquet is the highlight of the two-day activity, Woodcock said. At the dinner, parents of participating students, as well as city and county officials and high school faculty advisers, are guests of the Elks lodge.

The second day is devoted to student officials working with their official counterparts and participating in tours of government installations in this area.

Mrs. Green has long been active in state events, Woodcock pointed out. She is a graduate of Salem schools and has her degree from the University of Oregon. She also attended Willamette university and did graduate work at Stanford university.

She is married to Arthur M. Green and has two sons. Mrs. Green taught in Salem public schools for 11 years. Her record includes service as legislative chairman of the Oregon PTA, Congress, program director of the American Cancer society in Multnomah county and former director of public relations of the Oregon Education association.

She is a member of the League of Women Voters, AAUW, Urban League of Portland, United Nations association and the BPW. She was elected to the 84th Congress on Nov. 4, 1954, and was reelected at the last general election.

Mrs. Green is a member of the house education committee and insular committee. She has received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Alaska.

Second Round of Shots to Start

The second round of Salk anti-polio shots will begin at Jackson county schools Monday morning, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

The round of shots is the second phase of the county-wide polio immunization program started last month. About 7,700 youths under the age of 19 received the first shots at that time.

Dr. Merkel said vaccine stations will be in operation between 9 and 11 a.m. Monday at Phoenix elementary school, Butte Falls school, Jewett primary school at Central Point and McLoughlin Junior High school in Medford.

Physicians and nurses are contributing their services in support of the current Salk vaccine program.

QUEEN AMUSED London — (U.P.) — Queen Elizabeth was amused Saturday at reports of a rift between her and the Duke of Edinburgh.

A member of the Royal court said she shrugged off the rumor and gave the impression that her reunion with the dashing Duke in Portugal this week after the longest separation of their marriage would effectively squelch further gossip.

New Warning Being Prepared to Israel To Withdraw Troops

'Risk of War' May Be Increased in Area

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower and his diplomatic advisers are considering a stern new warning to Israel to withdraw her troops from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba, it was learned Saturday.

Failure of the Israelis to withdraw "very soon," administration officials said, could bring on a new explosion in the Middle East. They said the "risk of war" would be increased dangerously, particularly if the United Nations votes sanctions against Israel.

Clearing May Halt They also said clearing of the Suez Canal might be halted.

High level U.S. efforts are underway on several fronts to persuade Israel to withdraw.

From his vacation retreat at Thomasville, Ga., Mr. Eisenhower took time out Friday night and again Saturday to discuss the growing Middle East crisis by telephone with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Dulles himself conferred at his home throughout the day with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Murphy, William M. Roundtree, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern affairs and other officials.

Matters To Head Informants said Mr. Eisenhower and Dulles believe Israel's refusal to quit territory gained by her attack on Egypt, is bringing matters "to a head pretty sharply."

They predicted the administration will make some new move over the week end to convince Israel her own best long-term interests lie in obeying the overwhelming United Nations recommendation that she withdraw her troops.

Aside from the danger that force might be used again in the area, the administration believes that no more than one-third of the members of the United Nations would oppose sanctions against Israel if a vote is taken. The United States wants a "solution" of the problem rather than see sanctions invoked.

Sheriff's Office Collects \$4 Million

The Jackson county sheriff's office collected a grand total of \$4,353,910.88 in taxes, service and miscellaneous fees during the last six months of 1956, Sheriff Howard Gault reported today.

Collections of 1956-57 taxes totaled \$3,992,389.20, according to the semi-annual report. Back taxes collected for years between 1949 and 1956 totaled \$358,318.19. Total of all taxes collected during the six-month period was \$4,350,707.39.

Service and miscellaneous fees totaled \$2,341.04; personal taxes, \$26.53; gun permits, \$123; prisoners' board, \$31.90 and transportation of prisoners \$681. for a total of \$3,203.49.

Of the grand total collected, \$2,673,621.84 has been processed by the tax department and turned over to Treasurer Karl Janouch. The remainder will be turned over to the treasurer as soon as it can be processed, tax department officials said.

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Price Support Lowered On Eight Farm Products

'I Think We're Ahead'



Ex-Congressmen Said In Line for Federal Appointments Soon

By A. ROBERT SMITH Mail Tribune Correspondent Washington (Special) — Oregon's two Republican ex-congressmen, who were defeated in last November's election, are reportedly in line for appointments to federal jobs by the Eisenhower administration.

Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, who lost out to Representative Charles O. Porter of Eugene, is slated to become a member of the Civil Service Commission, possibly its chairman.

Sam Coon of Baker, who lost out to Representative Al Ullman of Baker, is in line for appointment as assistant administrator at Lima, Peru, for the International Cooperation Administration, the U.S. agency which handles foreign aid.

Ellsworth has been rumored for the Civil Service post for weeks but there have been no vacancies. Other reports had him heading for one of the seven posts on the Federal Communications commission. Commissioners for either agency draw \$20,000, and the chairman gets \$20,500.

The Washington Star reported Friday that Philip Young, chairman of the Civil Service commission, and George Moore, one of the five commissioners, plan to quit the end of the month to take other positions within the administration.

The newspaper said Ellsworth and Christopher H. Phillips, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization affairs, are reportedly set to move into the vacancies left respectively by Young and Moore.

The Civil Service commission declined comment on the report. Coon is awaiting security clearance for his overseas assignment.

Saud to Get \$50 Million in Arms

Washington — (U.P.) — King Saud of Saudi Arabia will receive \$50 million worth of U.S. arms in return for a new five-year lease on the Dhahran air base in his country, diplomatic sources told the United Press Saturday.

The Arab leader had hoped to obtain \$250 million worth of military equipment during his glittering two-week state visit which ended today. But he settled for the smaller amount with the understanding it would be over the five-year period of the lease and subject to possible changes — either increases or decreases.

The base is vital to Allied defense strategy. It is less than 1,000 air miles from the Soviet Union and forges a vital link in the ring of bases the United States has drawn around Russia to prevent an atomic attack on this country.

The State Department has kept the amount of the agreement secret. It declined to confirm the \$50 million figure. Officials said some details still must be worked out.

Sports Bulletins Central Point — Medford made it nine victories against one loss in the Southern Oregon conference by defeating Crater High's basketball team 49 to 32 here last night. Crater put up an interesting battle in the first half but ran into a third quarter scoring drought and the Black Tornado took the opportunity to salt the game away. Dick McLoughlin tallied 14 points for Medford and Dick Puhl 12. John Greb was high for the Comets with seven.

Phoenix — Illinois Valley high nosed out Phoenix 23 to 27 here last night in a Rogue league basketball game. Free shots made the difference with IV making 19 to the Pirates' five. Dan Slnaker of the Cougars was high scorer with 10. Jim James and Jim Stout each had eight for Phoenix.

Cuts Designed to Curb Surpluses; Protests Are Seen

Benson Uses Power Under Support Law

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson Saturday lowered 1957 government price supports for eight major farm products in a move to cut down surpluses but left dairy props unchanged.

Using his powers under the administration's flexible price support law, he cut the government-guaranteed "floor" price for 1957 on rye, oats, barley, sorghum grain, cotton, cottonseed, flaxseed and soybeans. He previously had announced lower supports for this year's corn crop.

Cut Market Value The reductions for the nine crops, if fully reflected in market prices, could cut their combined market value \$700 million below last year if production matches that of 1956.

While department officials said the cuts are designed to curb surpluses now tying up more than \$8 billion in federal funds, the action appeared likely to bring strong protest from the congressional farm bloc.

These legislators, many of whom have unsuccessfully fought for higher mandatory supports, point out the cuts come when costs of farm production have soared to record highs.

Benson set the 1957 support price for oats at 60 cents a bushel, down 5 cents from 1956; barley, 94 cents a bushel, down 8 cents; rye, \$1.15 a bushel, down 12 cents; sorghum grain, \$1.83 per hundred pounds, down 14 cents; soybeans, \$2.09 a bushel, down 6 cents; flaxseed, \$2.92 a bushel, down 17 cents; and cottonseed, \$46 a ton, down \$2 from last year.

Down In Price While down in actual price the 1957 cotton support figure amounts to 77 per cent of the current "fair price" parity level, compared with last year's 72 per cent of parity.

Benson promised the support price for cotton will be increased before the crop is marketed if farm production and living costs rise further. Officials also held out hope the cotton props may be raised before harvest time if prospects brighten for cutting down the cotton surplus.

Benson said producer prices for butter fat and milk will be kept at present levels for the marketing year starting April 1. This appeared to rule out lower consumer prices.

German Specialist Returns from Moscow

Cologne, Germany — (U.P.) — German blood specialist Dr. Hans Schulten returned from Moscow Saturday and said he still could not identify the mysterious patient he treated in the Kremlin hospital.

He refused to confirm or deny that he had treated Vyacheslav Malyshev, Soviet minister of machine building and former deputy premier. Schulten also declined to say what was wrong with the patient.

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