

Meany Agrees To Arbitrate Tiff Involving Marine Group

New York—UPI—An event unprecedented in labor annals will take place Oct. 21 when AFL-CIO President George Meany begins arbitration of a contract dispute involving one of the labor organization's member unions.

Meany has been agreed upon as arbitrator by the American Merchant Marine Institute, representing 20 major steamship companies, and the Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots, representing ships' officers. But no one could quite agree on the motives behind his selection.

Ships' officers had been on strike six days and 50 American flagships were tied up in New York harbor when the Merchant Marine Institute—not the union—invited Meany to arbitrate and promised to abide by his decisions. He accepted, the union agreed, and the strike was called off Monday night.

The shipowners said the invitation to Meany demonstrated their "good faith," but spokesmen for the union suspect it as a publicity-seeking move that backfired. Anyway, Meany vows to do his

"very best" to find a solution acceptable to both sides.

"If I didn't think I could be neutral in this matter, I wouldn't have taken the job," he said.

"It was a surprise, and a lot of people didn't take the Institute's invitation to me too seriously at first," Meany admitted. "But I decided to cooperate if both sides wanted me, and they did. I don't feel there's any particular honor in being selected for this job."

The veteran labor leader said selection of a union bigwig as arbitrator has never before occurred to his knowledge, and he doesn't "anticipate it happening again." He described the East Coast ship officers' dispute as a "very particular situation."

"Naturally I couldn't take the position of arbitrator in all types of strike negotiations," he said. "And I probably wouldn't be asked to in many situations."

Capt. Floyd Gaskins, chairman of the union's negotiating committee, bluntly described the Merchant Marine Institute's invitation to Meany as "a bunch of garbage—just a means of getting a lot of publicity."

Ralph E. Casey, president of the Merchant Marine Institute, said the invitation to Meany was extended as a demonstration of management's good faith. He said Meany's acceptance would have "far-reaching consequences" on the whole shipping industry.

Eddie Fisher Denies Quick Divorce Plan

Hollywood—UPI—Singer Eddie Fisher has said "there's no truth to the story" that he was planning to divorce actress Debbie Reynolds in Mexico to clear the way for marriage to Elizabeth Taylor.

Fisher, who squirmed Miss Taylor around New York before his separation from Debbie, denied the rumors Tuesday.

According to his agent, Fisher still plans to let his estranged wife obtain a divorce in California.



BORED?—Diana Humphries, 16, hiding under her father's jacket, and her mother (right) shun photographers at Houston, Tex., police station. Diana admitted shooting her 14-year-old brother, Robert Jr., because "Nothing ever happens around here."



IN ROME—Roman Catholics kneel in St. Castel Gandolfo. The latest advisory says that the Pope has rallied noticeably after "urgent treatment." There are, however, cerebral stroke at his summer home in still grave fears for his life.

Nixon Again Takes To Stump In Tour for Republican Votes

Washington—UPI—The new Republican "give 'em hell" campaign gets rolling today with Vice President Richard M. Nixon, its apparent author, at the throttle.

Nixon planned to leave here by chartered plane for his second stumping tour of the current congressional campaign. He scheduled a three-day swing through Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia during which he was expected to hammer the new GOP party line: That election of more Democrats to Congress would be a step toward socialism.

His first speech was slated for Philadelphia tonight at a testimonial dinner for retiring Sen. Edward Martin (R-Pa.).

Paying Dividends
The new GOP "get tough" approach showed signs of paying dividends, at least in the public statements of Republican leaders.

House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass.) told United Press International today he now thinks Republicans have a "fighting chance" to capture control of the House next month. Hitherto prevailing opinion among both Democrats and Republicans has been that Democrats will keep control of both houses or even increase their majorities.

Democrats had not officially decided whether to answer the GOP "socialism" charge. The Democratic National committee thus far was advising of gutter campaigning.

Trade Foreign Policy Charges
Both parties likewise traded charges on foreign policy.

Four Reach Safety As Train Hits Car

Eugene—UPI—A Creswell mother and her three daughters scrambled to safety on Tuesday when their car stalled on railroad tracks about one mile south of Creswell and was struck by a northbound Southern Pacific freight train.

Mrs. Delmer Hicks and two of the girls, Virginia, 14, and Ellene, 11, escaped unhurt. Carol Ann Hicks, 9, suffered cuts and bruises on her knees while getting out of the auto.

Mrs. Hicks said she was taking the girls to school as the auto stalled on the tracks just after 8 a.m. She said she saw the train approach, waved her arms to try to flag it down and then hustled the girls out of the car.

The impact knocked the auto about 50 feet where it struck a light pole and toppled into a ditch.

A crumpled can of red paint that had been in the trunk of the car caused alarm to the first people on the scene because they said it appeared the Hicks were covered with blood. It was paint.

Wheat Contract Signed With India

Pendleton—UPI—The U.S. Agriculture Department this week signed a contract to deliver more than 100 million bushels of wheat to India and more than 22 million bushels of the order are expected to be shipped from the Pacific Northwest, according to Dick Baum, administrator of the Oregon Wheat Commission.

Baum said he expected the sale to "firm up the wheat market," but not as spectacularly as two years ago. He predicted prices would rise because the Indian government would pay more than \$238 million under the contract, \$80 million for wheat and the rest for grains, corn and transportation.

Under the contract, the wheat must be delivered to Indian ports by Dec. 31, 1959, Baum said.

the Democratic candidates to stress unemployment and the high cost of living and not answer the socialism attack.

However Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler lashed out at Nixon personally, asserting the vice president was "back in his old form as the leading advocate

Hatfield Favors More Economy

Milwaukee, Ore.—UPI—Secretary of State Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for governor, Tuesday night called for more economy in state government and repeated his previous charge that Gov. Robert D. Holmes has not "lived up to his oath of office."

Hatfield, speaking at Milwaukee high school, said government cost can be cut by a revision of the state constitution, by greater efficiency in state operations and by appointment of qualified people to state positions.

Hatfield, continuing his attack on Holmes on the "respect for oath" issues, said it "strikes at the very heart of our form of government." He said the governor's public statement last week "that he would not, as required by law, visit state institutions because he did not agree with the law and because he had other things to do is almost unbelievable."

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VFW BUYS A TOWN

Tennant, Calif.—UPI—The Veterans of Foreign Wars has purchased this whole town as a retirement community for its older members. Tennant, in the northern county of Siskiyou, once was a logging town built by the International Paper Co. As the timber thinned out, the place fell into disuse until the VFW bought it. California VFW Commander B. C. Hesser said practically all of the more than 150 cottages and other buildings are in good shape, requiring only a "general cleaning and painting."

Leonla, N. J.—UPI—Dr. Bertam T. Butler, 86, retired college professor, died Monday in his home. Butler had been head of the Geology Department at City College of New York.

Cyprus Conflict Due for Mediation

Paris—UPI—The United States and Italy were reported ready today to mediate the Cyprus conflict in a NATO-sponsored conference with Britain, Turkey and Greece.

Reliable diplomatic sources said France also was invited to take part in the conference but would not accept the invitation until all three principals to the dispute agreed to accept mediation.

The sources that said NATO Secretary-General Paul-Henri Spaak suggested such a conference at Tuesday's meeting of the NATO council and that full acceptance could come at today's meeting. The conference would be held in Paris with Spaak presiding.

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