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Iran Ready To Fight

Canada Holds High Official On Spy Count

By HARRY T. MONTGOMERY

OTTAWA, March 15 (AP)—Canada accused a member of its parliament today of violating the official secrets act and charged four government scientific workers with transmitting confidential war secrets to Russia, including details of a super-explosive known as "RDX."

Fred Rose, known as the only communist ever elected to the Canadian house of commons, was arrested after a parliament session last night and formally charged today. Rose belongs to labor progressive party, which absorbed the communist party when it was banned in wartime. The Montreal labor leader had held communist offices in Canada and had spent six months in Russia, lecturing youth groups.

Supt. Josephat Brunet of the royal Canadian mounted police said in Montreal that charges against Rose "most definitely" were connected with the espionage case.

The royal commission, in a second interim report depicting Soviet agents as trying to ferret the war secrets of Canada and the United States, said Dr. Raymond Boyer, assistant professor of chemistry at McGill university, had admitted giving Russia full information of his secret work with "RDX."

"He said that with this information, competent persons would be in a position to design a plant to produce the material in quantity," the commission said. Boyer was accused of transmitting his secrets early in 1942 and into 1944, while Russia and Canada were allied in the death struggle against Germany.

The four persons previously accused were minor government workers, who were charged with working with the Moscow-directed espionage ring to obtain data on the atomic bomb, radar, electronics and the disposition of numerous United States corps and divisions which lately had fought the Germans. Five persons, other than the eight already named, still are under investigation.

\$196,000 Lost In Dice Game

RENO, Nev., March 15 (AP)—For 36 hours, onlookers reported, an unidentified man sat at a table and played dice, sending for coffee and never eating, and lost \$196,000.

That comes to spending money at the rate of \$5,444.44 an hour.

The game ended with a roll of a single die. Each got an ace. In the roll-off, the house man got a trey, the guest—described as an easterner—a deuce.

Club owners would not identify the player nor confirm his losses.

Tehran Will Be Defended At All Cost

General States Every Boy And Girl Will Battle Enemy

By JOSEPH GOODWIN
TEHRAN, March 14 (Delayed AP)—Gen. Ahmed Sepahbod Amir Ahmadi, minister of war, said today the Iranian army was "ready to fight to the last man" if Russian troops move toward Tehran from Karaj, 20 miles northwest of here, where he said trainloads of troops and ammunition are arriving nightly.

"Iran has shown to the world it is a peaceful nation, but if Russia commits an overt act, not only every soldier but every boy and girl in the streets will fight to defend their capital," the general said in an interview immediately following an audience with Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, shah of Iran.

The shah, he said, plans to present the Iranian question again to the United Nations security council, which will meet in New York City later this month.

Ahmed said the Russian garrison at Karaj had been "increased fourfold" and that there were "three times as many Russians in Azerbaijan as a month ago."

Quake Causes Earth Slides In California

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (AP)—Earthquake shocks felt over southern and central California this morning continued until midday and caused earth slides which broke the Los Angeles aqueduct in Sand canyon in the Owens valley, the city bureau of water and power reported.

An additional heavy shock was felt in Los Angeles and San Bernardino at 11:20 a. m. There were no immediate reports of damage.

Not As Strong
The California Institute of Technology said the 11:20 shock was not as strong as one at 5:50 a. m., which it declared compared with the disastrous Long Beach quake of 1933 and would have been quite destructive in a settled area.

The break in the Los Angeles aqueduct is about 150 miles from this city. There was no threat to the Los Angeles water supply, due to large storage reservoirs below the break.

The bureau reported shocks still were continuing at a late hour this morning, causing huge boulders to roll down the mountainside over an area about 10 miles long.

Center Of Disturbance
The center of the disturbance, it was added, apparently was in Indian Wells valley, near the community of Inyokern in the High Sierra.

One boulder tore off about 12 feet of the roof of the aqueduct and some five feet of the top of the side wall, releasing about half the water flow and spilling 100,000 gallons a minute across the state highway.

Some patrol roads along the aqueduct, main supply of Los Angeles' water, were closed by huge boulders or sections slipping down the mountain, the bureau said. Holes were knocked in the roof of the aqueduct at several points.

Shave, Haircut To Cost \$1.75

A shave and a haircut will cost a dollar six-bits here Monday.

Master and journeymen barbers last night voted to boost the price of haircuts from 75 cents to \$1, and to hike shave costs from 50 cents to 75 cents.

The barbers asserted the new Klamath price for this service is the prevailing price on the Pacific coast. Master barbers said the increase means a wage boost for journeymen barbers.

Ickes Yowls For Red Pact

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—Harold L. Ickes wants President Truman to "stand up aggressively for the foreign policies of President Roosevelt" including agreement with the Soviet Union "based firmly upon mutual concessions and a willingness to give and take."

Ickes also declared the American people "do not feel comfortable with the sniping at Russia which is being indulged in" and that "they know that without Russia we would still be fighting the war. They cannot envisage a peaceful future without an understanding with Russia."

The former secretary of the interior, who resigned in a dispute with the president over the latter's nomination of Edwin A. Pauley as undersecretary of the navy, said the American people looked to the president for the appointment of "fit and competent men for high public office."

Merrill Mills Sold To Co-Op

Merrill Mills, a seed-cleaning and feed manufacturing plant at Merrill, has been sold to the Pacific Supply Cooperative for an undisclosed price.

The sale was part of a transaction which also transferred ownership of the Deschutes Grain and Feed company at Redmond to the Pacific co-op. James J. Short, sole owner of the Deschutes firm, was a majority stockholder in Merrill Mills.

The co-op will take over the Merrill operation April 1. Gus Haglund, who has been manager of Merrill Mills, will become overall manager of the Pacific co-op activities in the Klamath basin. He will succeed J. D. Gillespie, who is moving to Portland to become general chief of the feed, grain and seed division of the co-op.

Merrill Mills has been in operation about seven years.

Yukon Crew Said Drunk

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Congress heard today that on the day the liner Yukon foundered off Alaska last month, with a loss of six soldier lives, ranking crew members "were so drunk that they could hardly get around."

The assertion was made by a Texas soldier-passenger aboard the Alaska Steamship company vessel in a letter to the parents of an Altona, Pa., soldier, Sgt. Lester S. March, who disappeared from the Yukon and is presumed dead.

In inserting the letter from Phillip W. Moss, Denison, Tex., in the congressional record, Rep. Brumbaugh (R-Pa.) said it indicates "gross criminal negligence."

Moss, who has since been discharged from the army, said he and Sgt. March became acquainted when both were stationed at Anchorage, Alaska. They were en route home together.

Plunge Injures Copco Lineman

John Gately, 38, lineman employed by the California Oregon Power company, suffered severe injuries late Thursday morning when he fell 12 feet from a pole on S. 8th street just beyond the viaduct. Gately is in Klamath Valley hospital receiving treatment for a fractured vertebrae and wrist.

Gately was working on the pole when one of his climbing hooks struck a knot and the hook slipped, causing him to fall. His condition was reported good today. Gately lives at 4806 S. 8th.

Heavy Snowfall Covers Portland

PORTLAND, March 15 (AP)—The first general snow of the winter blanketed Portland an inch and a half deep today, but was rapidly disappearing under the tread of cars and passersby.

The unseasonable arrival bent blossoming shrubbery, but the weather bureau forecast little damage.

Snow was expected to have vanished by nightfall except in the heights, where the cover was much heavier.

Plywood Plant Remains Struck

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., March 15 (AP)—The strike-bound Springfield Plywood corporation plant was still down here today, although CIO logging truckers dumped their log loads and took their trucks to their garages—awaiting the outcome of a dispute that placed CIO pickets around the mill.

AFL officials, who had recently gained the right to bargain for the plant employees, were still attempting to settle the dispute and a second closed meeting yesterday netted nothing but a few additional "converts" from the CIO to AFL ranks among the plant workers.

Another meeting of the workers will be held here Sunday morning.

Four Ballots In May Primary

There will be four ballots for voters in the May 17 primary election to choose from, one democratic, one republican, one non-partisan and one for the various proposed city measures.

County Clerk Charles DeLap has not received a certificate from the secretary of state informing him officially what names are to be placed on the ballots for state offices, but will rush the ballots to the printers as soon as the information comes.

Registration for voting is still going on in the clerk's office and the deadline for new or renewal registrations and changes of precinct is 5 p. m., April 17.

Action Will Be Held Up For 10 Days

Oregon's milk troubles came in for national recognition today and at the urgent request of the Washington OPA office local producers have decided to postpone the strike for 10 days, until March 25.

This is only a postponement and not a settlement, dairymen here pointed out this morning. Milk will continue to be bottled and sold here for the next 10 days.

Portland operators went into a caucus at noon today to decide whether to put off the stoppage there until March 25, and the feeling here is that the postponement will be okayed. Also, it was pointed out, in 10 days the whole state will be lined up for a general stoppage if one is necessary.

Oregon City milk producers had planned to quit today and Roseburg producers said yesterday they would go out next week.

Receives Telegram

This morning Wilbur Reiling, chairman of the Klamath Milk Producers association, received a telegram from Geoffrey Baker, deputy OPA administrator in Washington, stating that the OPA would reach a definite decision on the request for a ceiling price raise on butterfat in whole milk to \$1.15 a pound by March 25, and asked that the dairymen continue to bring in their milk until then in interest of public health.

Dairymen here already had made plans to ship their milk as sweet cream to California markets starting tomorrow morning.

The Washington action takes the situation out of the hands of the Portland OPA office, which had previously asked for a much longer period of grace in which to reach a decision.

Set Date

The strike will go on March 25 unless the OPA makes an offer acceptable to producers, dairymen here declared, and by that time the stoppage will be state-wide.

An office to administer the strike has already been set up in the chamber of commerce building with Julian Abbott in charge. That office would have the duty of seeing that hospitals did not suffer from lack of fresh milk and to act upon individual cases where milk is absolutely essential.

The dairymen's case here has become a very popular issue in the past few days and a number of local organizations have lined up behind the dairymen.

Bowles Given Farm Power

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Chester Bowles, economic stabilization director, today was given final authority over administration of the agricultural marketing agreement act by President Truman.

Under the presidential executive order, Bowles will have final authority "on behalf of the president" to pass on marketing agreements for such things as milk, fruits and vegetables.

The law permits producers of certain farm products to exercise a certain degree of cooperative control in the marketing of their products.

Lewis Asks Wage Boost For Miners

By The Associated Press
Negotiations for a new wage contract for 400,000 soft coal miners, who will be told by John L. Lewis to strike on April 1 if their demands are not met, held principal attention on the nation's labor front today.

The bituminous coal operators, to whom Lewis, president of the AFL United Mine Workers, presented nine general demands on Tuesday, haven't had an opportunity to reply. They complained that Lewis, without any actual bargaining, had consumed 20 per cent of the time available for negotiating a contract before the strike deadline on the present agreement.

Bad Conditions

The union officials headed by Lewis talked about what he called unsatisfactory health and safety conditions prevalent in the coal industry. He told the operators "the terrible conditions in the mining industry described by various district presidents were proper matters for discussion of the national wage conference."

In demands to the operators, Lewis proposed among other things, higher wages, shorter work week and a health and welfare fund for the miners.

In Washington, scene of the wage conference, Reconversion Director John Snyder, expressed hope there would be no strike in the coal industry. He said that with settlement on several major strikes—including the long work stoppages in General Motors and General Electric plants involving 275,000 workers—"the one hurdle remaining in reconversion is early, amicable settlement of labor contracts in the coal industry."

Gotham Crowd Boos Churchill

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—Winston Churchill—who drew cheers and boos on a motor tour of New York city's rain-swept streets—said today "the road to the future is open to all the people of the world if they will but tread that path in harmony and justice."

The former British prime minister spoke before 600 persons at an official reception in city hall after riding up lower Broadway.

Sitting in an open car, smoking his habitual cigar and waving a "V for victory" salute, Churchill received cheers along most of his route but was booed as his 10-car motorcade passed certain points.

As Churchill entered city hall to receive the city's gold medal and distinguished service certificate from Mayor William O'Dwyer, a police-estimated 1000 persons booed and hissed the Briton.

Black Tornado To Meet Axemen

The battle for fifth place in the Oregon State prep basketball world went on today in Salem, but the four top quintets, still in the running for the championship, will not get together until tonight.

Rainier and Marshfield play a consolation tilt this afternoon at 2 o'clock and Baker meets Lebanon at 3:15. Tonight Medford plays Eugene and Central Catholic meets Washington.

Today's scores:
Astoria 45, McMinnville 42, Hillsboro 38, Bend 36.

Arriving In United States

By The Associated Press
Glenn G. Kennedy, Sgt. Klamath Falls, arrived on D. Gaillard due in San Francisco March 11.



The annual firemen's ball will be given tomorrow night at the armory and Roy Rowe, left, and Ray Taylor, members of the department are displaying one of the decorations which will go up today. Gene Gheller is chairman of the dance and Pappy Gordon's Hill Billies will play. Money derived from past affairs was used for the fire department's toy fund. During the war the men bought "F" bonds for the firemen's fund. This year plans are being made to buy an oxygen mask from the navy, the mask to be used in rescue work in smoke-filled buildings. It will cost \$143 complete. The public is invited to the St. Patrick's party Saturday night.

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Britain (where, at this season, the weather is pretty sure to be cold and wet and miserable as of the time) coal is scarce, present, there is less than a 100,000 supply on hand.

Britain, practically the structure of normal daily life on a foundation of coal. Electricity is made in steam plants with coal. Gas comes from coal. Approximately all for all purposes comes from coal—so, if coal is short, section slumps.

After a raw, chilly, wet day, the tempers have been worn by going without most of things they want, Britons even come home at night to find away their troubles in a deep tub of steaming hot water. For they are honor-bound to rule of the five-inch bath and not more than five inches of water in the tub. Water is heated with coal. Water is pumped by engines run by steam made with coal.

L of this lends interest to a statement the other day by a British Broadcasting corporation news analyst. Coal is scarce, he asserted, because labor is scarce, and he added DELIBERATE ABSENTEEISM is the chief cause of the scarcity of mine labor.

When explains the reasons for the coal shortage, he says, "staying away from the job." Food is so short, he says, that by Thursday and Friday the miner has only bread and jam left in the house, partly to give vent to his anger and partly because he has no more to eat. He takes Thursday and Friday off (the next week's ration is available at the week-end, he starts all over).

He, the speaker adds, the miner has earned in his short absence all that he and his family can spend in the shops (because of the general scarcity of goods).

... broadcaster concludes: "More food is needed—more fuel for the mines. Also, more money for every man to dig more coal."

It is to say, INCENTIVE.

... British Broadcasting corporation is owned and operated by the British government. The present British government is a LABOR government.

... we have before our eyes a spectacle of a labor government promoting the idea of incentive payment—which means wages proportioned to amount of work accomplished.

... is in direct contrast to theory that a pint of man is worth more than a quart of man, and therefore no matter what the output of the man may be,

... system of incentive payment—piece work, commission, etc., everything having to do with the idea of higher pay for better work—is really fair. It provides higher wages for the ambitious ones who want to get ahead in the world and are willing to work in order to do so. It rewards those who would work less and earn less on a basis of hanging back on the job. By helping to stabilize prices it tends to get the economy on a fair Saturday.

Attlee Favors British Help In Free India

LONDON, March 15 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee told the house of commons today that if India chooses full independence from Britain "in our view she has the right to do so."

"It will be for us to help to make the transition as free and easy as possible," he declared during debate on the mission of three cabinet members who will go to India shortly to take up again the problem of self-government for India.

But, he said, "I hope the Indian people elect to remain within the British commonwealth."

Own Free Will
"If she does so elect," he added, "it must be by her own free will, for the British commonwealth and empire is not bound together by chains of external compulsion."

Attlee said the cabinet mission was going to India "in a positive mood."

The three cabinet members who compose the mission are Lord Pethick-Lawrence, secretary of state for India; Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the board of trade, and A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty.

They will leave next Tuesday and are due in India March 23.

Nazi Denies Art Looting

NUERNBERG, March 15 (AP)—An angry Hermann Goering denied to the international military tribunal today that he was a looter of Europe's art galleries, declaring that he paid for all he received and was "cheated" in many of the deals.

Sadly, he testified that Hitler made him produce photographic copies of all confiscated art objects whose Jewish owners had fled. Hitler took first choice for the museum he planned at Linz, he said, and left Goering only "seconds."

Although the former reichsmarshal has freely admitted many prosecution statements concerning his part in Nazi Germany's aggressions, he showed indignation at French charges of his part in the rifling of Europe's art treasures, and went into great detail to explain his actions.

He claimed that he planned to make reparation for all art objects by establishing a benefit fund for families of Frenchmen killed in the war, but he admitted this had never been done.

Millions Must File Tax Returns By 12 Midnight

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Millions of Americans—possibly 20,000,000 or more—must file tax returns by midnight tonight or face penalties.

A revenue bureau spokesman hazarded a "rough guess" that hardly more than half the approximately 50,000,000 individuals who must file returns on 1945 income did so before today.

Of those who did, however, 7,500,000 already have received refunds totaling more than \$300,000,000—an average of \$40 each—the bureau said, promising all refunds will be paid by July 4.

A minority of those yet to file before the midnight deadline—perhaps a fifth of them—must also file estimates of 1946 income. In general, these are:

1. Persons earning more than \$500 in wages annually.
2. Wage-earners getting more than \$100 in income from other sources.
3. Non-wage earners earning over \$500 a year, who do not have taxes deducted under the withholding act.

Treasury figures show all income tax collections since the start of the year have been higher than last year, running around \$6,300,000,000 so far this year against around \$6,000,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1945.