

Molotov Demands Action On Franco Regime

In The Day's News

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THE peace treaties for Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Finland and Hungary — as partially agreed on by the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and France — laid before the 21-nation peace conference sitting in Paris.

They disclose Russia as the chief beneficiary. She gets about a billion dollars in reparations and unchallenged domination of eastern Europe.

If you are interested enough to follow the situation carefully, you will note that Russia gets her fingers on about everything in Europe east of the so-called Stettin-Adriatic line — which is a line drawn roughly from the city of Stettin, on the Baltic sea, in northern Germany, to the head of the Adriatic sea.

If you will hark back in your memory to the closing days of the war, you will recall that whenever our forces or the British forces approached this line from the west, they STOPPED. Sometimes mere momentum carried them over it — as when they crossed the Elbe west of Berlin. In these cases, they PULLED BACK with little delay.

These facts lead us to conclude that some sort of POLITICAL line must have been established there which our military commanders were required to observe. There has been frequent denial of this, but nearly all careful observers know that denials sometimes confirm conclusions.

It would be interesting to know how much of the outline of what Russia has gained in eastern Europe was agreed upon at the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin conference at Yalta. Without such knowledge, it is hard to draw accurate and fair conclusions.

If Russia were PROMISED all of these things at Yalta, it is easier to understand her stubbornness in insisting upon them now.

MOST of us will agree that IF Russia WERE promised at Yalta that if she came in with all her military power (as she did) and helped fully in the final clean-up of Germany she would be given a free hand in all of Europe east of a certain line, we should now go through with the agreement — no matter what it costs.

It seems to this writer (purely on guesswork, with no inside knowledge) that Yalta may hold the key to much that puzzles us in connection with Russia's attitude.

WHAT may or may not be a significant development is the fact that these peace treaties were laid before a conference at which REPORTERS WERE PRESENT.

Secretary Byrnes proposed that this be done. The rules committee of the conference recommended it. MOLOTOV, OF RUSSIA, agreed to it.

Some of the contents of the treaties were snipped out with scissors, so that the reporters could not see what was provided on these points. That may mean that much else may be withheld from the press.

Still, a precedent has been set. It is a good precedent. If treaty making were OUT IN THE OPEN, so that there could be no secret agreements to come to light later, making a just peace would be a step nearer.

MOLOTOV, who has been strangely reasonable so far during the Paris conference (whose purpose is frankly to focus world opinion on Russia's stubborn resistance so far to what we and the British want), writes in his place today to insist that something be done about Franco.

He says: "It still remains to deal with the fascist regime in Spain. It is in the interest of freedom-loving people to demand action AGAINST FASCISM."

From this distance, to all straight thinkers in this country, COMMUNISM looks as dangerous as fascism. BOTH are contrary to our ideal of freedom of the individual. If Russia is going to demand destruction of fascism, it could be equally responsible for us to demand destruction of communism.

One suspects that in bringing up Franco Spain, Molotov is threatening to throw another monkey wrench.

IN Washington today, Paul Olson, former secretary of Representative Coffee, of Washington state, tells the senate war investigating committee: "The jails of America are going to be filled if the department of justice ENFORCES a law barring government contractors from making campaign contributions."

'Full Jails' Foreseen By Coffee Man

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — Paul A. Olson, former secretary to Rep. Coffee (D-Wash.), told the senate war investigating committee today that "the jails of America are going to be filled" if the justice department enforces a law barring government contractors from making campaign contributions.

"I warn you, you are treading on very delicate grounds," he told Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) in an angry exchange over the interpretation of the law. Specifically at point was how it affected a \$2500 check which Coffee received in 1941 from a Tacoma, Wash., defense contractor.

The six-year-old statute carries a penalty of \$5000 fine or imprisonment up to five years for violation.

Olson maintained that there is nothing in the law barring a person holding a government contract from making a personal contribution from his personal funds—a contention with which Ferguson sharply disagreed.

Ferguson also contended that the law applies to those who solicit a campaign contribution from a government contractor.

"If they (the justice department officials) had enforced that law," Olson commented, "there would have been many thousands of indictments involving a good many federal elected officials who innocently accepted campaign contributions."

Olson said that Elvind Anderson, the Tacoma contractor who sent the \$2500 check, tried to blackmail him into withdrawing last January from the race for mayor of Tacoma.

Anderson told him, Olson testified, that unless he withdrew from the mayor's race in which they were both entered, Anderson "would use the check to influence the election."

Ferguson produced a letter marked "confidential and personal" which Olson wrote "Dear Elvind" on May 11, 1941. This date was shortly after Anderson visited the capital to obtain assurance he would be awarded a \$936,317 contract for construction of an army hospital.

Boxcar Thief Gets 5 Years

Theo W. Lackey, 32, was given concurrent sentences of five years each on two counts of grand larceny in the theft of six automobile tires from a Southern Pacific boxcar Sunday night. He pleaded guilty in circuit court yesterday afternoon before Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Willmont W. Young, 28, who pleaded guilty to one charge of stealing three tires, was given a six-year jail. Official said that Young had a criminal record for auto theft and draft dodging.

The men will not be taken to the penitentiary immediately, but are being held in the county jail here to appear as witnesses at hearings for Robert A. Smith and Ellis L. Tuter, both of whom have posted bail on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property.

101-Year-Old Man Outlives Ailments

PORTLAND, July 31 (AP)—Constantin Brill, a Russian-born Portlander who celebrated his 101st birthday today, believes he has lived long enough to outgrow his ailments.

Retired at 78, Brill said he had heart trouble and asthma earlier, "but I think I just wore it out."

Russians Release American Officers After 27 Days Of Detention As Spies

BERLIN, July 31 (AP)—Capt. Harold Cobin and Lt. George Wyatt, American officers who were released last night by the Russians, said today they had been detained in the Soviet occupation zone for 27 days on the allegation that they were spies.

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WEATHER NEWS July 31, 1946 Max. (July 30) 69 Min. 38 Precipitation last 24 hours 1.27 Storm year to date 14.27 Normal 17.24 Last year 18.78 Forecast: Somewhat warmer tomorrow.

Peace Pacts Show Gains For Russia

PARIS, July 31 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, in a speech to the Paris peace conference today, called upon democratic countries of the world to put an end to the Franco regime of Spain.

Addressing the conference, called to confer on the peace that is to be written in Europe with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland, Molotov said: "If we have still to deal with the question of the fascist regime in Spain, then the time must not be too distant when democratic countries will be able to help the Spanish people who groan under Franco's regime to put an end to this survival bred by Hitler and Mussolini which is dangerous to the cause of peace."

"It still remains to deal with the fascist regime in Spain," he continued. "It is in the interest of freedom loving people to demand action against fascism."

Russia emerged today as the principal beneficiary of proposed peace treaties which would strip Italy, Finland and beaten Germany's Balkan satellites of their military power, redraw their frontiers and charge them at least a billion dollars in reparations.

The treaty drafts presented to the 21-nation peace conference last night by the big four agreed upon substantial territorial increases for the Soviet Union, upon payment of \$900,000,000 in reparations to Russia and left Russia's domination of eastern Europe intact.

In certain disputed sections of the treaty drafts, however, it seemed apparent that the western powers intend to try to whittle down some of the Russian gains in the east, at least in economic matters.

The United States and Britain want the vital Danube river opened to trade on a basis of complete equality, while Russia wants nothing said in any of the treaties about freedom of navigation on the Danube. The three western members of the big four also want "most favored nation" status for all allied nations in commercial dealings with the five defeated nations, while Russia would exempt all fields closed to private enterprise and would make exceptions for neighboring states.

Bulletin

Frederick W. McDonald of Seattle was critically injured this morning when a car in which he was riding hit the guard rail at the railroad bridge about one and a half miles north of Chehalis on highway 97. McDonald was thrown from the car over the railing, plunging some 100 feet to the tracks below. He was brought to Klamath Valley hospital for treatment for severe head and chest injuries. Three other people, whose names are not known, were in the car but were not seriously hurt.

Senate Approves GI Terminal Pay

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The senate approved a \$2,400,000,000 servicemen's terminal pay bill today, putting the measure one step from the White House.

The house of representatives still has to act on the bill. Senate approval came on a voice vote.

An estimated 15,000,000 former members of the armed services would share in the payments, which would be in lieu of furloughs earned but not granted during the war emergency.

President Nominates Minister To Austria

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — President Truman today nominated John G. Erhardt of New York to be minister to Austria.

He would become this country's first full-fledged postwar diplomatic representative to the Vienna government.

Erhardt has been in Vienna the past year serving as American political representative to the Austrian government.

He also acts as political advisor to Gen. Mark Clark, commander of American occupation forces in Austria.

Plane Service Inaugural Set For Tomorrow

Klamath Falls will make its debut in air transportation tomorrow and become a permanent part of the nation's vast air transportation network for the first time in its history when United Air Lines inaugurates daily passenger-cargo-mail service here.

A big day is planned for Klamath Falls residents at the airport, with special features taking place from 9:30 a. m. throughout the day. Special ceremonies will begin with the arrival of United Air Lines' inaugural northbound and southbound flights, landing here shortly after 10 a. m.

John Houston, president of the chamber of commerce, will act as master of ceremonies. He will introduce the airport commission, Mayor Ed Ostendorf, and other civic officials who will participate in the program. These will include C. A. Dunn, chairman, city airport commission; L. A. Murphy, member of city airport commission; Wilbur Whitcomb, airport manager; E. A. Thomas, city engineer, and Phil Hitchcock, chairman of the chamber's aviation committee. Henry Semon, state representative, will also be present. Mrs. Rose Poole, state representative, will be unable to attend.

McIntyre, in Tower W. T. McIntyre, United's station manager here, will bring in the first flights from the control tower and through a special connection with the public address system, the Mainliner captain's voice will be heard in accepting instructions to enter the field and make the initial landing.

Two former basin residents will be members of the Mainliner crew on the northbound flight from San Francisco. Assisting Capt. H. L. Taylor at the controls will be First Officer Duane C. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald of Malin, who joined United Air Lines as a copilot in October, 1945.

Miss Dolores Trout, daughter of Dr. F. M. Trout of Malin, who was employed as an air hostess by United in 1943, will be the stewardess aboard the same trip. The crew of the southbound flight from Seattle will include Capt. J. B. Willard and First Officer G. E. Millard, both of San Francisco.

During the years that most of Timmy's neighbors were amassing millions, Timmy was assembling in his front yard a very impressive collection of old lumber and other discarded articles. Mrs. Peyton Van Rensselaer, who presented to the city board of review a petition hearing 39 impressive signatures, claims she measured the "trash heap" of wood, tin cans, mattresses and other articles.

Judges Called In OPA Suit

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31 (AP)—Two federal district judges in Oregon — James Alger Fee and Claude McColloch — were instructed today by the ninth circuit court of appeals to appear before the San Francisco court on August 29 to explain a ruling in an OPA case. The hearing will be on a petition for a writ of mandamus, applied for by the OPA.

The OPA declares the Portland judges refused to let OPA attorneys file a treble damage action.

With the two judges, the Portland federal court clerk, Lowell Mundorf, was also instructed to attend the hearing, which has the elements of a test case.

The OPA is testing a rule set by the Oregon federal court declining to hear "any civil action instituted by or on behalf of the United States, or department or officer, or non-corporate agency, unless the U. S. attorney . . . shall appear in such action as one of the attorneys for the government."

Members of the display committee besides Mrs. McLeod are Fred Houston, Mrs. Lyle Kimball, Mrs. R. E. Wattenberg and Kenneth McLeod Jr.

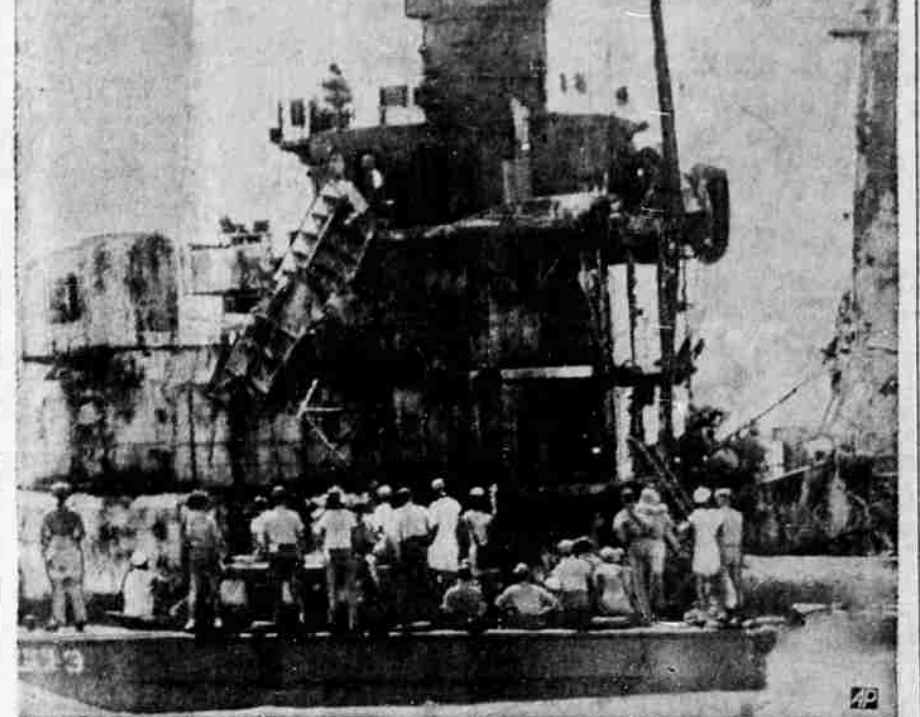
Council Transfers Heating Franchise

At a special meeting Tuesday night the city council transferred the franchise from the Klamath Heating Company, Inc., to the newly-formed Consumers Heating Company.

The transfer of the city franchise was another step in the job of turning the heating company over to its users. Recently a campaign for financing the company resulted in sufficient money subscribed by users to complete negotiations for the sale.

Young dancers will rehearse at Roosevelt hotel Friday, 10 a. m. Chorus rehearsal Thursday, 8 p. m., in Fremont school. All new applicants report to rehearsal.

Press Inspects Blasted Destroyer



Newsmen aboard a small cutter come alongside to inspect the bomb-damaged USS Hughes, a destroyer, beached at Enyu island after the underwater atom bomb blast at Bikini. They were not allowed aboard because of radio activity. Note part of hanging superstructure to left of center. Joint army-navy task force 1 photo via navy radio to San Francisco from USS Appalachi.

Timmy 'The Woodhooker' Riles Newport Neighbors

NEWPORT, R. I., July 31 (AP) — Timmy "The Woodhooker" Sullivan regarded with high disdain today a petition of his wealthy neighbors in Newport's swank summer colony to compel him to clean up the grounds of his humble, weatherbeaten home, which nestles among palatial summer residences and marble palaces.

"Nothing more than snobbishness and spite," is Timmy's rebuttal. "During the years that most of Timmy's neighbors were amassing millions, Timmy was assembling in his front yard a very impressive collection of old lumber and other discarded articles."

Mrs. Peyton Van Rensselaer, who presented to the city board of review a petition hearing 39 impressive signatures, claims she measured the "trash heap" of wood, tin cans, mattresses and other articles.

Shops To Show Pageant Dress

Display windows of Klamath merchants will soon be blossoming out in Centennial dress, according to the window display committee of the Centennial association who are now contacting owners, urging them to decorate for the celebration.

Mrs. Edith McLeod, chairman of the committee, expects to receive some historical material, to be used for decorating, from the Oregon Historical society in Portland. Local people have also contributed merchandise which will be available to merchants for use during the commemorative period. Mrs. McLeod stated that all objects are covered by insurance and merchants may contact her or other members of the committee for assistance in preparing displays.

Objects of historical interest will soon be placed in chamber of commerce windows and the U. S. National bank, Mrs. McLeod said. This is a continuation of the work being done by the Klamath County historical society.

Pageant Calendar

Young dancers will rehearse at Roosevelt hotel Friday, 10 a. m. Chorus rehearsal Thursday, 8 p. m., in Fremont school. All new applicants report to rehearsal.

Pageant dancers are still needed. Indian children parts in pageant have been filled. The orchestra will meet tonight, 8 o'clock, in the high school.

Cardinal Threatens Black Marketeers ROME, July 31 (AP)—Alfredo Cardinal Schuster, archbishop of Milan, has warned black marketers they will be denied the sacraments of the Catholic church.

The warning, according to a Milan dispatch to Rome's "Il Minuti" was contained in a letter to clergymen of the archdiocese, written by the cardinal after the prefect of the city had asked for his cooperation in the fight against the black market.

Serum Rushed To Troop Ship

BOSTON, July 31 (AP)—With one dead, others stricken and a diphtheria epidemic feared, the coast guard today rushed antitoxin by air to the troop ship Colby Victory, several hundred miles off Argentina, Newfoundland, and enroute to Bremerhaven, Germany.

The coast guard estimated the supplies would reach the Colby Victory this evening.

A specially-rigged parachute equipment will be used to drop the supplies, packed in a watertight package, to the deck of the troop ship, which left New York July 27.

Supplies rushed by plane from New York consisted of two million units of gas gangrene antitoxin, a million units of tetanus antitoxin, 250,000 units of diphtheria antitoxin and one vial of tetanus toxoid.

In an "urgent" message for the supplies, the chief medical officer aboard the Colby Victory said the death of one soldier was "strongly indicative of diphtheria" and that "other patients are showing similar symptoms."

The war shipping administration, for which the ship is operated by the U. S. lines as general agent, said the ship carried 1008 replacement troops. It also said that the army had control of medical facilities aboard.

Truman Signs Judges' Raise

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation raising the salaries of the nation's 300 federal judges by \$5000 a year.

The raise blankets the federal judiciary, from district judges to the chief justice of the United States.

Thus, Chief Justice Vinson will get \$25,500 annually and the associate justices \$25,000. Pay of circuit court judges goes up to \$17,500, and that of district judges to \$15,000.

One constitutional effect of the bill is to ban appointment of present members of congress to the federal judiciary until next January, at the earliest.

In the case of some senators, they will have to wait as long as four and a half years—until their present terms expire—before becoming eligible for any federal judgeship.

OPA Ups Tops On Machinery

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—In its first official action under the new price control law, OPA today authorized an average six per cent increase in retail ceilings for all farm machinery and replacement parts.

The increase, effective immediately, restores dealers' peacetime profit margins as required by the OPA revival act.

OPA had reduced the margins of retailers last May 18 when it granted a 10 per cent increase in manufacturers' and wholesalers' price ceilings.

In the case of farm machinery, retailers were required to absorb half of this while on replacement parts they had to absorb the full 10 per cent increase.

The 10 per cent price boost previously granted to manufacturers and wholesalers' distributors remains unchanged under today's action.

OPA also restored the two per cent handling and transfer charge for distributors. This had been eliminated under the old law.

In the office is a boost in cotton clothing prices. OPA has agreed to raise textile ceilings an average of about 16 per cent.

Prophetic Sketch Published Again

LONDON, July 31 (AP)—The laborite Daily Herald reprinted today the prophetic cartoon published on May 17, 1919, in which the late Will Dyson, Herald artist, predicted the failure of the Versailles conference.

The cartoon, to which Prime Minister Clement Attlee referred yesterday in his speech to the current Paris conference, depicts the 1919 "Big Four"—David Lloyd George, Woodrow Wilson, Georges Clemenceau and Vittorio Orlando—leaving Versailles palace, the peace treaty written, while behind a palace pillar a child bearing the label "1940 class" is weeping.

Clemenceau is saying: "Curious, I seem to hear a child crying."