

Vandenberg Raps 'Rigged' Vote; Asks Big 3 Action

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) called today for "frank and immediate" Big Three consultations on what he called "a rigged and rigged" election in Poland.

Vandenberg, chairman of the foreign relations committee who served as adviser to former Secretary of State Byrnes, told the senate he believed that there must be immediate clarification by the United States, Great Britain and Russia of "who is who and what is what in Poland."

Supporting official state department criticism of the conduct of the election in which a new government was chosen Jan. 19, the Michigan senator

declared that the solemn promises of the Big Three at Yalta and Potsdam for a "free and unfettered" election had been violated.

Noting that the state department had protested in much the same vein, Vandenberg asserted "we must establish the total truth in respect to the state department charges of yesterday and then we must face realities."

These realities, he said, must go beyond the filing of a mere unpunished "indictment" beyond which nothing would be accomplished.

"We must have frank and immediate consultations between the Big Three with facts summarily acquired to find out who is who and what is what in Poland," he declared.

He was not suggesting anything but a peaceful settlement, the Michigan senator added.

Any settlement must come, he said, as a part of the "torturous" process by which "peace-loving" nations are striving for international integrity.

Taylor Act Change Asked

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29 (AP)—The National Wool Growers' association wants the Taylor act amended to permit private individuals to purchase public lands.

The association, in annual convention, criticized the present federal policy, which, "it is apparent . . . contemplates permanent federal ownership and management" of public lands. It adopted a committee report recommending that the federal government make the lands available for purchase.

Frederick P. Champ, chairman of the National chamber of commerce's sub-committee on public lands, discussing the problem before the convention, said that while "we may agree" to application of the present federal policy "to some lands and some resources . . . we object strenuously to the distortion of these policies and the assumption by the executive branch of the government of prerogatives relating to public land withdrawals, disposition and administration."

"Our objective," Champ said, "should be to get lands subject to private use into ownership by citizens of the country, rather than to hold them for management and control by the federal government."

Chinese Vary On U.S. Move

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29 (AP)—Chinese student groups which have been demanding American withdrawal greeted gleefully the news of the U. S. abandoning mediation efforts, but political and business circles, fearful of a protracted civil war, expressed no great elation.

Business elements which have clung to hope against hope for settlement of the civil war and the beginning of a sound economic recovery were not happy to see the U. S. abandon its efforts at mediation, fruitless as they have been.

Many expressed fear that the war surely would accelerate.

The British-owned North China Daily News called the move a "natural corollary to Marshall's memorandum to Truman and Marshall's ascendance to the post of secretary of state."

China, the newspaper said, must now work out her own solution.

In no quarter was the news viewed as a concession to Russia, for as immediate change expected in Soviet policy in north China and Manchuria as a result.

US Spokesman Rejects Yugo Claim Of Treaty Violation

By JACK S. SMITH
LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—An American spokesman rejected today as "entirely untrue" a Yugoslav charge that the United States in its dealings with Austria, had violated the Paris agreement of 1946 on German reparations.

Dr. Mladen Ivekovic, Yugoslav spokesman, told the deputies of the four-power foreign ministers' council yesterday that "the U. S. A. abandoned their claims to German assets (in Austria) in favor of the Austrian government." This, he declared, was a "flagrant violation of the agreement because the agreement permitted the relinquish such claims only in favor of other allies."

"The United States," commented the American spokesman, "announced last July that it did not intend to exact reparations from Austria. At the time it transferred certain German assets to the trusteeship of the

Austrian government. But it did so without prejudice to any nation's reparations rights. The transfer of this German property was necessary so that certain Austrian industries could continue to function."

Another American source said U. S. Deputy Robert Murphy was working on an American plan for Germany which would defer from that submitted by the Russian deputy, Feodor T. Gousev.

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—AP wirephoto.

Austin To Tell Security Council U.S. Atomic Plans

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 29 (AP)—Authoritative sources said today Warren R. Austin probably would make a major announcement on U. S. atomic arms policy when the United Nations security council resumes international disarmament discussions next week.

These sources said they expected the American representative to the United Nations to give a sharper definition of U. S. ideas on how the council should proceed with atomic control and disarmament.

Austin's talks with Secretary of State Marshall and President Truman in Washington were believed to be aimed at working out this definition so there could be no doubt as to where the United States stands on these issues.

American sources here said there would be no change in America's basic policy on atomic control and disarmament as far as they knew. They said the U. S. still was opposed to the proposal made by Russia to establish a disarmament commission until the procedure for handling the atomic question is settled.

The disarmament commission and the atomic energy commission might work concurrently, they explained, if the atomic issue was not by-passed and made secondary in discussions.

Meanwhile, the security council was more or less stymied today by postponements.

The vital arms question cannot be tackled until next Monday, the date that the U. S. requested when it obtained postponement

two weeks ago to give Austin and Marshall time to confer.

The council was still awaiting word from the Albanian government when its representative could be expected here to answer British charges of mine sowing in Corfu channel.

A telegram was sent to the Tirana government yesterday by the council after agreeing to further postponement of the case.

Ankeny Arrives In Klamath Falls

Lewis H. Ankeny, under two indictments here for embezzlement and larceny by bailee, was returned to Klamath Falls from New York City last night and is now in the county jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

The former stockbroker was brought back from New York by Deputy Sheriff Marlin Barnes, who said that Ankeny was a "model prisoner" on the trip across the country. No date has been set for an arraignment in circuit court.

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Basic School Support Bill Faces Fight

SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—House bill 9, the measure to distribute to school districts the \$16,000,000 basic state school support fund, will result in a tremendous fight and probably won't be passed in its present form. State Senator Paul Patterson, Hillsboro, chairman of the senate education committee, said last night in addressing the Salem Business and Professional Women's club.

He said no clear-cut issue has yet been made on the equalization feature of the plan, and said serious thought must be given to this phase.

"Stop and think—equalization of what? Is it to be equalization of costs, or equalization of educational opportunities?" he asked.

He reminded the group that many school districts will face the problem of raising special tax levies, regardless of what funds they may get under the school support law, and he warned against thinking the law is the answer to all school difficulties.

Southbound Traffic Sets New Record

EUREKA, Calif., Jan. 29 (AP)—Motor traffic southbound out of Oregon over U. S. 101 (the Redwood highway) more than doubled in 1946 as compared with 1945, according to the state quarantine checking station. There were 164,725 southbound cars in 1946. The station has no record of northbound traffic.

Teachers To Ask Special Tax Levy

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Portland school board voted last night to ask a special tax levy for increasing teachers' salaries.

Teachers' representatives, however, said increases were needed sooner than could be granted through a special tax election. Separate meetings of the school board and the teachers were scheduled for tonight to mull the problem further.

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year, the board said, while 12 committed suicide by that means. "It has been estimated that the American people are now consuming sleeping tablets at the rate of about two billion doses annually," said the board. "The game is not worth the candle."

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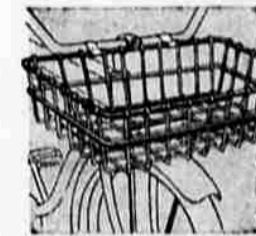


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