

COMMITTEE REFUSES MB FUNDS



By FRANK JENKINS

FOR at least a couple of years, the biggest question facing Americans has been this one: "What is Russia (governed absolutely by the communist party) up to?"

It was answered dramatically late yesterday afternoon by William C. Bullitt, our first ambassador to Moscow after our recognition of the Soviet Union in 1933. He gave his answer in defining the communist party.

The communist party, he said, is a "SOVIET AGENCY DESIGNED TO WEAKEN AMERICA FOR THE ULTIMATE ASSAULT ON THE UNITED STATES."

THAT is to say (in Bullitt's opinion) Soviet Russia, through the agency of the communist party, is softening us up for the kill, which is to come later.

THIS question naturally occurs to you: "WHO IS BULLITT?"

As already stated, he was our first ambassador to communist Russia. He was married, for several years to Louise Bryant, Louise Bryant, when he married her, was the widow of John Reed. John Reed, when he died in Moscow, was one of the GREATS of Russian communism, ranking somewhat below but ALONG WITH Lenin. His body now lies enshrined in Moscow. Louise Bryant was an upper bracket communist, along with her husband.

John Reed, incidentally, came from Oregon. Louise Bryant, at one time lived in Oregon and attended the University of Oregon. Their dramatic careers in communism came later.

AFTER Reed's death, she was married to Bullitt. They were later divorced. Some years after their divorce, she died in Paris.

All this is cited as indicating that Bullitt had unexampled opportunities for studying communism, its trends, its meaning, and its PURPOSES.

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Green Warns Against Outlawing Communism

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—AFL President William Green said today that outlawing the communist party would help spread communism.

Green testified before the house committee on un-American activities, whose members have been stirred up by yesterday's testimony from former Ambassador William C. Bullitt that Russia definitely intends to "assault" and "conquer" the United States.

The AFL president told the committee that proposed legislation to destroy the communist party would merely drive it underground and open the way to "witch hunts" victimizing innocent people.

Green also expressed fear that the legislation might lead to persecution of liberals and "a most dangerous thrust at academic freedom and freedom of the press."

Oppose Communism

He testified that he and his organization are against communism. The way to combat it, he said, is by:

1. Stopping both legal and illegal across-the-border traffic in funds, men and propaganda destined for use in subversive activity.

2. Weeding out disloyal persons in congress and the courts as President Truman proposes to do in the executive branch of the government.

3. Preventing collaboration between private organizations in this country and the communist international.

4. Creating a national commission "to restudy the internal and external security of America" and recommend a broad program.

5. Submitting communism to "merciless" exposure.

6. Educating Americans to the benefits of their system.

7. Legislating to guard against poverty, insecurity and fear with which "the fires of communism and every other totalitarian ideology are fed."

Green said the AFL in national convention has instructed its member unions to deny membership to communists.

Bullitt Reaction

Former Ambassador Bullitt's testimony produced: A call from Chairman Thomas (R-N.J.), for an immediate "showdown" to put American relations with the Soviet Union on a strict give-and-take basis.

Suggestions from Rep. Bonner (D-N.C.), for a "show of strength" to Russia and for "arousing America to the Soviet menace."

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Bullitt appeared before the committee yesterday at hearings on bills to outlaw the communist party. He said the time is not ripe for that.

He said Americans are not yet sufficiently aware of "the danger to them in the existence of the party and the determination of the Soviet Union to conquer us" to support the heavy penalties which would be necessary to enforce such a plan.

Testifying under oath, Bullitt declared that if Russia had the atom bomb, "It would already have been dropped on the United States."

Bonner asked the question that brought that statement. He told a reporter later he was so "shocked" he neglected to ask what should be done about the

danger and about safeguarding America's atomic bomb secrets.

"It took the wind right out of me," he said.

Bullitt called the communist party a "Soviet agency designed to weaken America for the ultimate assault Soviet Russia intends to make on the United States."

He said it is composed of "potential traitors." And he said it is "a conspiracy to commit murder on a mass scale."

The former diplomat—this country's first ambassador to Moscow after the United States recognized the Soviet Union in 1933—agreed "emphatically" with Rankin on keeping plenty of a-bombs, planes and pilots ready for an emergency.

He said America should "run our relations with Russia on a complete basis of reciprocity" so far as possible.

Bullitt said communism is "much the greatest threat there is to any form of decent life on this globe."

But he cautioned against making "martyrs of anyone."

"I am not at all sure," he said, "that this is the time to declare it a crime for anyone to belong to the communist party."

Instead of outlawing the party, the one-time envoy recommended: Strengthening the FBI and backing it with enough money so it could seize communists "when the crisis comes" as easily as it did members of the German-American Bund.

Requiring the communist party to list all dues-paying members.

Making it a legal basis for charges of fraud when a communist applies for citizenship.

WEATHER

Max. (Mar. 24) — 58 Min. — 34
Precipitation last 24 hours — .00
Normal year to date — 6.15
Last year — 11.66 Normal — 8.96
Forecast: Cloudy, rain tomorrow.

Action Spells Virtual Death To School Plan

SALEM, March 25 (AP)—The joint ways and means committee voted unanimously today against appropriating money for the state to operate the Klamath Marine Barracks as a vocational school for veterans.

The action came when the committee, whose action virtually kills the proposal, voted to accept a sub-committee's report recommending the project be killed.

The sub-committee's grounds were that the estimates of attendance at the proposed school are too high, and that consequently more state appropriations would be needed than are now estimated. The sub-committee also said that the

proposed school is too far away from the population centers to be operated profitably.

The state board of vocational education asked for an appropriation of \$820,652 to operate the school for the next two years, while a total state appropriation of \$1,769,384 would be needed in the next 10 years.

Rep. John R. Snellstrom, Eugene, suggested the Barracks might be used to educate veterans who are squeezed out of the state university and colleges.

The federal government had offered the \$7,000,000 plant to the state for nothing, provided it be used either for an institution to teach veterans or for a hospital.

Members of the sub-committee are Sens. Howard C. Belmont, Canby; Carl Engdahl, Pendleton, and Rep. William B. Morse, Prineville.

The committee also said that vocational education for veterans would be adequately provided by schools which will be started in several cities.

Members of both school boards, No. 1 of the elementary system and No. 2, Klamath Union high school, gathered at KUHS last night and worked on the proposed budget until midnight.

The boards will meet again the second week of April at which time there will be a joint session with the 10-man budget committee. There will be five members of the group working with district No. 1, five with district No. 2. At that time the teachers' salary scale will finally be determined and subject to an approval vote.

The budget, which will include the salary scale as decided by the boards, will be published immediately after a decision is reached and inasmuch as 20 days and required before an election can be held, work on the matter is expected to get under way immediately. Present plans call for the election the first week in May.

Supt. Arnold L. Gralapp said today that there are four carry-over members on each committee and one new member will be named to both budget groups, making a total of 10.

"We feel the legislature will consummate its session by the time we have the next budget meeting and all new legislation affecting education will be cleaned up at that time. This will make it possible to relate our expenditures for next year to this legislation," Gralapp said.

Observers said the ice ground into the amusement park and crushed a bathhouse in its path. It was threatening to topple a roller coaster and other amusement buildings.

The same area suffered \$800,000 damage March 9, 1946, when similar flows moved inland on cottages.

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(AP)—The volume of trade and production on the Pacific coast declined 1.5 per cent on the Barth index of west coast business activity for the week ended March 15. The index stood at 178.7 per cent of the 1930 average, approximately 7 per cent higher than for the corresponding week of 1946.

This was the second consecutive weekly decline of 1.5 per cent on this index, kept for many years by J. Barth & company, security dealers. Of the five components of the index there were declines in the week in electric power production, lumber production and carloadings. Slight gains were registered in crude oil production and bank debits.

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Today's 9 o'clock Special, with Wes Guderian behind the lens, catches George Scherer polishing a window at the Model Shoe store as he prepares for the day's work. This is the second of a 9 o'clock Special series snapped at that hour and will be a daily feature in The Herald and News.

Mysterious Phone Call Offers Murder Tip Today

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 25 (AP)—The parents of 21-year-old George Gollum, accused in the yacht deaths of his fiancée's wealthy mother and father, reported today an anonymous telephone call in which they were told that a man carrying a package stepped aboard the boat shortly before it was ripped by an explosion.

Dr. Joseph Stomel said his wife, Gollum's mother, had received several such calls and that he and his attorney put little stock in them because the informant declined to identify himself or meet with them, despite an offer of payment for the information.

The latest call relayed a report that the yacht was boarded after Gollum and Louise Overell rowed ashore on a trip they told investigators was to buy hamburgers.

Miss Overell, 17-year-old university freshman, has been named sole heir to the estimated \$800,000 fortune of her socially prominent parents, for whose deaths she and her fiancée are held on murder charges.

Two wills, signed December 31, 1937, by financier Walter E. Overell, 62, and his wife, Beulah, 57, were filed for probate in Los Angeles yesterday, disclosing that their only child had been named beneficiary.

The bodies of the mother and father were recovered from Newport harbor March 15 after their small yacht was shattered by a dynamite blast. Sheriff James Musick of Orange county has advanced the theory that Mr. and Mrs. Overell were bludgeoned to death with a hammer before the dynamite, connected to a clock, exploded.

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Marshall, Bevin Clash On Question Of German Treaty

MOSCOW, March 25 (AP)—U. S. Secretary of State Marshall proposed to the foreign ministers council tonight that the whole German people be required to accept the forthcoming peace treaty, rather than any German government.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault supported the American view, but British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said he doubted the legality of such a clause.

Along with this revolutionary proposal, which Marshall said logically followed from the unconditional surrender imposed on the Germans, the American secretary urged acceptance of a principle that "no state that contributed to victory should be denied a voice in the peace."

He added a proposal that the United States, Russia, Britain and France, along with China, jointly call a peace conference which would have great power in determining the final substance of the treaty.

As the four-power council took up the discussion of procedure for the German treaty, Marshall referred to some Latin-American nations which he said had refrained from sending armed forces into the theater of war on the advice of the major powers because they could contribute more usefully in other ways. These nations, he said, should not be penalized for this.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov urged that Albania and Iran be included among the members of the consultative and information conference which would assist in drafting a preliminary treaty. The question of participation of these two countries was referred to the minister's deputies.

Marshall proposed that the foreign ministers conference, with China, call a peace conference of all states which had been at war with Germany and that all have full and equal rights.

Committee members then suggested that Morse draft a resolution.

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