

UAW HEADS DENY RED CHARGE



By FRANK JENKINS

CONGRESS is planning an Easter recess. During the recess members will head for home to talk things over with their constituents.

It is quite possible that congressional approval of President Truman's stop-Russia-before-it-is-too-late foreign policy may be delayed until the middle of April, or later.

THAT, it seems to this writer, would be quite all right. This new program of ours—in which Greece and Turkey are only INCIDENTS—is the most important foreign policy announcement we have made since the Monroe doctrine. It involves the lives and the property of all of us. Unless it is backed by ALL OF US, it will be worse than useless—for if the PEOPLE are cold to it Russia's spies in this country will so report to Moscow, in which event Moscow might easily get tough on the assumption that we are only bluffing.

Such an assumption on the part of Moscow could lead to war.

THERE is a lot of time ahead. Two or three weeks more can make little difference in the long run. The more members of congress can talk to their constituents, the more likely it is that their final action will be in accord with the temper of the people.

This is no time for a rush act.

IN Essen (center of the German coal-steel industry) 4000 German coal miners strike in protest against short food rations. The strike is accompanied by much angry demonstrating.

This strike of German coal miners shows us plainly what hunger people will do. The strikers know they could all be shot down. They aren't free workers in a free democracy. They are CONQUERED ENEMIES. Their lives are in pawn.

But they are so desperate with hunger that they don't care.

THAT has happened over and over in the world. When people get just so hungry and hopeless, they don't care much what happens to them. They feel that their situation is so bad that it couldn't get much worse.

Hunger is the result of LACK OF PRODUCTION of food. Cold (meaning cold people) results from lack of production of fuel and shelter and clothing.

In this modern world, lack of production of things upsets nearly everything. Until we get back to something like full production, there will be nothing but brief and trouble on every side.

ENGLAND'S cold and hungry people (cold and hungry because of lack of sufficient production of things) get a great thrill today.

In the Grand National steeplechase, at Aintree, run in the (Continued on Page 9, Column 2)

Butter Price On Skids Here

Local butter prices skidded another four cents Friday on the local market in keeping with the decline in other coast cities. This makes a total drop in the local butter prices this week of 7 cents. According to representatives of the Klamath Falls creamery this is one of the fastest drops in the price of butter ever seen. Friday's drop brought butter to 70 cents wholesale, lowest since death of OPA.

The sharp drop in butter prices has been caused more on the anticipation of increased supplies rather than any burdensome supplies on hand. In fact, local production is barely keeping up with demand here it was stated by creamery officials.

WEATHER
Max. (Mar. 28) 57 Min. — 28
Precipitation last 24 hours — .00
Average year to date — .15
Normal — .27
Forecast: Partly cloudy, rain Sunday.

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Senate Passes Major Legislation

Britain Asks Nazi POW's Be Returned

MOSCOW, March 29 (AP)—Britain proposed tonight to the Soviet Union, France and the United States that all prisoners of war be returned to Germany by the end of 1948.

This action was disclosed as the foreign ministers council decided to come to grips Monday with the key questions of German economic, military and political problems, in line with Secretary of State Marshall's plan to complete discussion of these matters by Wednesday night.

German Plan Talked
The British recommended that France, Russia, Britain and the United States furnish to the allied control council for Germany not later than June 1, 1947, their plans for repatriation of the prisoners, including provisions whereby such repatriation would be completed by December 31, 1948.

Russia holds more prisoners than any of the other nations. An authorized source, meanwhile, said talks were taking place between Soviet and British officials concerning revision of the British-Soviet alliance, but that no concrete developments were expected for some time. The discussions grew out of the talk Monday between British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Prime Minister Stalin.

In a one-hour session, the shortest of this conference thus far, the ministers agreed on a schedule for the German discussions and set up a special committee to attempt to draw up a directive on the lesser problems of the report of the allied control council for Germany.

"Egg" Authoress Faces Libel Suit

SEATTLE, March 29 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Bishop, farmers at Center, Jefferson county, today filed a \$100,000 libel suit against Betty Bard MacDonald, Seattle author, stating they were exposed to hatred, contempt, ridicule and obloquy, through portrayal of characters in Mrs. MacDonald's best-selling book, "The Egg and I." The author's husband, Donald C. MacDonald, was named a co-defendant.

Mrs. MacDonald was to leave tonight for New York City for the motion picture premieres of "The Egg and I." Publication of her latest book, "Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle," a juvenile, was announced last Wednesday.

Holiday Delays Greek Loan Move

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—Congressional plans for an Easter holiday lengthened the odds today against final action on the administration's \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid measure before the middle of April.

The homeward trek by the lawmakers—many want to talk over the diplomatic issues with their constituents—also stymied the separate measure to authorize \$350,000,000 of relief for Italy, Greece, Hungary, Austria, Poland and China.

Solons Accuse Agencies Of Hampering Budget Slashes

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—Senators Reed (R-Kan.), and Cordon (R-Ore.), complained today that government agencies are battling every attempt of congress to whittle down government agencies are battling every attempt of congress to whittle down government costs.

"The people very definitely voted for economy in government in the last election," Reed told a reporter, "but we have yet to get any real help from any government department, bureau, agency or official."



Nine O'Clock finds some people drinking coffee, planning daily labors, or unlocking doors, but this morning our 9 o'clock photographer found that some people actually are at work at that hour. Here is Marjorie Harkins, hard at her daily labors for West-Hitchcock corporation, with books, papers, a typewriter and adding machine scattered around to make her task lighter. Some people certainly go to work early!

Oil Companies Attacked

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—James A. Moffett declared today that oil companies "deliberately defrauded the United States government" in charging the navy \$1.05 a barrel for Arabian-produced petroleum.

Moffett testified to the senate war investigating committee that the British admiralty had been buying oil in the Persian gulf area for less than 40 cents a barrel. He said the navy should have been able to make purchases at a similar price.

Moffett, an oil man and former federal housing director, said that a 1941 offer of Arabian oil to the navy for \$30,000,000 had been "overlooked by government authorities" when contracts were signed in 1945.

Under the 1945 contracts, the American-Arabian Oil company and the California-Texas Oil company delivered \$59,879,594 worth of oil to the navy.

Asked if he thought oil companies were "culpable" in not offering a contract at the 1941 prices, Moffett testified: "I say they deliberately defrauded the United States government, in my opinion."

US Broadcasts "Sabotaged"

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—Assistant Secretary of State William Benton declared today that American short wave transmitters in Munich, aimed at Russia, had been "sabotaged."

The result was, he said in a statement, that "Voice of America" broadcasts to the Russians were beamed to South America rather than to Moscow.

Miners To Quit Pits In Memory Of Blast Victims

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—John L. Lewis called on 400,000 soft coal miners today to quit work from Tuesday, April 1, to Sunday, April 6, in memory of the 111 victims of the Centralia, Ill., mine disaster.

He said his government contract authorized such a period of mourning.

Lewis noted that next week is Holy Week in Christian churches and he told his bituminous coal miners that the memorial period is appropriate.

He fixed the mourning time from midnight Monday, March 31, until Easter Sunday.

In a communication to the officers and members of his union, mailed out of Washington today, Lewis said:

"During this period, coal production will cease and memorial ceremonies, church services and other exercises should be conducted to honor our dead and to pray to God in his infinite mercy to provide consolation for the bereaved families."

He said it is "a sacred coincidence that the greater part of this designated period of mourning will be during 'Holy Week.'"

Lewis repeated that "criminal negligence" on the part of Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug, who heads the coal mines administration in charge of the bituminous pits under federal operation, "is responsible for the deaths of these brave men and the future impoverishment of their families."

Australians Visit Here

Visitors from Sydney, Australia, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McDowell, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown of Henley for a few days.

Cooper Brown, son of the Jess Browns, was a guest in the home of a month while he was in the service and invited them to visit if they ever came to this country.

The McDowells are on an educational tour visiting the main colleges and universities throughout the United States and some in Canada.

They will finish their tour in New York where they will remain for 20 months taking an advanced study course.

The travelers are enjoying scenic spots in Klamath county and will visit Crater Lake national park with the Browns this week-end.

GERMAN COAL STRIKE

ESSEN, Germany, March 29 (AP)—Four thousand Ruhr coal miners at Dortmund struck today in the latest German demonstration against short food rations.

It was the first such action since unrest over the food situation developed several days ago.

Early End To Session Hoped For

SALEM, March 29 (AP)—Oregon's legislators, growing weary and irritable because of their unusually long session, finished their 11th week today in the hopes they can adjourn by the middle of next week.

The senate, which had been bogged down most of this week, came to life late Friday and disposed of major welfare, teacher salary, hospital and fair employment legislation. About all of the major bills which must be acted upon next week are those dealing with taxation and appropriations, to give more highway revenues to counties and cities, and to make Oregon a community property state.

Bills Passed
In short order, the senate disposed of the following bills late Friday:

1. Passed and sent to the governor the \$2,143,000 deficiency public welfare appropriation, which must be signed by Governor Snell by April 1 in order to prevent complete collapse of the public welfare system during April, May and June.

2. Approved 24 to 6 a house bill to give school teachers minimum salaries of \$2400 if they have college degrees, and \$2100 if they don't have them. The senate amended the bill so that teachers would get \$300 less during their first two years of experience, so the house has to decide whether to accept this amendment.

3. Passed 18 to 12 and sent to the house a bill ordering the board of control to acquire Camp White for use as a state hospital, thus overruling the joint ways and means committee which had said there isn't any money to operate the proposed new hospital.

4. Approved 22 to 8 the bill to discourage the state and its subdivisions from refusing to hire any person because of his race or religion. The bill goes back to the house, which had included sex and union membership clauses in the bill. The senate eliminated these latter clauses.

Crouch Given Virginia Post

Carlisle Crouch, since 1935 chief ranger of Crater Lake national park, has been advanced to the post of assistant superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, headquarters in Roanoke, Va., and leaves with his family for the east coast April 15.

The Blue Ridge Parkway is a comparatively new park established shortly before the war. It is 480 miles long and joins Shenandoah national park in Virginia to the Great Smokey national park between North Carolina and Tennessee. The Blue Ridge is especially famous to park officials in the country as no commercial development is permitted on the beautiful drive, 3000 feet above sea level.

Crouch entered the park service at Mesa Verde national park, Colorado, his second appointment bringing him to Crater lake. With the exception of time in service, he has been with the park continuously. Crouch said today that he and his family hoped to return west to some later date.

Gale Sweeps Klamath Basin

Runaway hats, flying coats and watery-eyed shoppers were common sights along Klamath Falls streets this morning as a stiff gale whipped the basin area. The California-Oregon Power company reported a blast of wind from the south that reached a peak velocity of 40 miles an hour at 11:45 a. m., with a 26-mile average between 10 and 11 a. m.

Clouds of sawdust were whisked from the Consumer's Heating company's stock on Klamath avenue through that end of town combining with dirt and dust to chase tearful Klamath folk indoors for comfort.

In late February, the wind velocity reached 40 miles and early this month registered 38 miles an hour, but in both cases the high wind was during the night and few people noticed the gale.

Apartment Walls Threatened By Gale Force Winds

A 40-mile gale, blowing from the south, whipped out the upper section of the rear wall of the fire-quilted Evans apartments at 10th and Main late this morning, and the east wall threatened to collapse under pressure as police officers roped off the corner and kept a growing crowd at a safe distance.

The tile wall, braced at three points to steel girders, was swaying and buckling in the stiff wind which carried with it tulle dust and dirt from the south section of the basin.

William Kuykendall, attorney for the Evans family, said today that negotiations are still under way with the insurance company to reach a settlement as to disposition of the building, and advised that owners could not go ahead with razing the walls until an agreement was reached and the signal given. The insurance adjusters were in Klamath Falls only this week but no decision was reached.

The apartment house structure was destroyed by fire early the morning of February 16 and five persons lost their lives in the holocaust. Only the four walls remained.

Police and fire officials ordered early evacuation of buildings adjoining the apartment house, including the Horseshoe cafe, Renis jewelers, Gray real estate offices and the Whitehouse rooms.

Co-Ed To Ask Dismissal

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 29 (AP)—Louise Overell's attorney announced today that he will move next week for dismissal of a murder indictment against the 17-year-old university freshman, charging her with slaying her parents.

Otto Jacobs, the lawyer, told a reporter that the motion will be based on a contention that the transcript of a grand jury testimony fails to produce any evidence against his youthful client.

Jacobs said that if the motion for dismissal is denied, his client will enter a plea of innocent and innocent by reason of insanity, if ordered to stand trial in superior court with her sweetheart, George Gollum, 21, a pre-medical student.

Woman Killed In Auto Wreck

GRANTS PASS, March 29 (AP)—One woman was killed and five persons are in hospitals here and at Ashland as the result of a head-on traffic crash seven miles north of this city during a rain-storm late yesterday.

The dead woman is Mrs. Helena Shearon, 34, of Glendale, Ore.

The injured include Mrs. W. R. Purvine, 50, Mrs. Sylvia Carter, 22, and Catherine Carter, two years old, all of Glendale.

All are believed seriously hurt. Two Ashland men, Walter E. Pierson, 70, and William E. Hutchison, 44, were taken to a hospital in this city.

Hutchison, one of the drivers involved and the only victim who could be questioned, said that slippery pavement caused both cars to skid together.

Survey Plane Reaches Tokyo

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—A C-54 air transport command plane checking weather, communications and navigational aids along the Great Circle route to the Orient landed at Tokyo last night after a 15-hour and 39-minute flight from Adak, Alaska.

The ATC announced here. The plane took off from Adak on the 2454-mile flight at 1:32 a. m. (PST) yesterday. The ATC is surveying the route for northern flights to Tokyo.

Auto Union Said Free Of Communism

DETROIT, March 29 (AP)—Top leaders of the CIO United Auto Workers took sharp issue today with Michigan Governor Kim Sigler's testimony that the communist party has gained "absolute control of certain unions."

Sigler's remarks yesterday before the house committee on un-American activities were described by UAW President Walter P. Reuther as "part of the current all-out drive which organized reaction has launched against labor and liberal forces in this country."

Quick Denial
Vice President R. J. Thomas and Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes, two of the three UAW high officials who Sigler testified were "captives of the communist party in the United States," had quick denials to the charges.

Addes, who said he spoke for both, called the republican governor's statement a "falsehood" which apparently was obtained from "poisoned sources." There was no personal comment from Richard C. Leonard, UAW vice president and the third member of the trio attacked by Sigler.

Governor Rapped
Reuther, known in the UAW as opposed to communist influence within his union, criticized the governor's remarks and said he would fight "republican party interference in our internal affairs."

The CIO opposes communist interference in our union, and I stand foursquare for that policy," the UAW chief declared.

"But handling of that problem is an internal union concern and we are just as vigorously opposed to republican party influence in our internal affairs."

Then Reuther added that Sigler "performed a valuable service for communism by allowing members of the party to be behind genuinely liberal and progressive forces."

Broken Life Boat Found

HONOLULU, March 29 (AP)—The missing lifeboat from the broken tanker Fort Dearborn was found last night by the steamship China Victory, but there was no sign of the 12 men who disappeared with it on the stormy night of March 12.

The China Victory, en route from the Philippines to San Francisco, radioed the Hawaiian sea frontier that the Fort Dearborn motor lifeboat No. 3 was found drifting bottom-up 665 miles northeast of Midway island.

Boat badly damaged. Propeller gone from shaft. No sign of life," the China Victory radioed.

The 12 who launched the lifeboat minutes after the tanker cracked in half were the only crewmen unaccounted for. Thirty-two men were rescued from the bow and stern sections by navy and merchant ships.

An extensive search of vast areas of the central Pacific was made for the lifeboat by navy planes, a cruiser and 15 destroyers.

Four Die In Train-Car Wreck

AUSTIN, Tex., March 29 (AP)—Four Latin American boys were killed and three others and a priest were injured when a southbound Missouri Pacific switch engine crushed a pickup truck at the 35th street railroad crossing here today.

All the victims were from Austin. The public safety department reported that the pickup truck was headed west and the locomotive south when they collided at the crossing near Camp Mabry, state police headquarters.

Senate Votes 29 Per Cent Road Fund Split For City

SALEM, March 29 (AP)—The senate voted today to give counties and cities 29 per cent of the state highway fund, compared with 32.5 per cent which the house had voted to give them. They now get 20.7 per cent of the fund.

The bill now goes back to the house, which will vote on whether to accept the senate version of the two bills.

The bill to increase the counties' share from 15.7 to 19 per cent was passed 18 to 11. The house had voted to raise it to 20 per cent. Based on estimated increases in gasoline tax and truck license receipts, the counties' share would be increased from about \$5,000,000 a year to \$6,000,000.

The measure to increase the cities' share from 8 to 10 per cent was passed 21 to 8. The house vote was for an increase to 12.5 per cent. Cities would get about \$3,200,000 a year, compared with \$800,000 they now get.

Supporters of the bills said that counties now are having to use road funds for welfare purposes, and that county roads and city streets are badly in need of repairs. They said that the highway fund could easily stand the allocation of more revenues.

Opponents said it would take 25 years to complete the state highway program, and that every cent is needed for it. Several senators who opposed the bills said they would support them if gasoline taxes or motor vehicle license fees were increased.

Voting against the counties bill were Cornett, Ellis, Folland, Gibson, Hilton, Jones, Marsh, McKay, Newbury, Parkinson and Walsh.

Those voting against the cities bill were Folland, Gibson, Hilton, Marsh, McKay, Newbury, Walsh and Cornett.

Senator P. J. Stadelman, The Dalles, was absent.