

Bridges Raps Shipping Of Lend-Lease Contracted Refining Tools To Reds

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) asserted today the state department is "attempting to carry water on both shoulders" by seeking to complete lend-lease shipments to Russia and head off communism in Greece and Turkey at the same time.

Bridges, chairman of the senate appropriations committee, told a reporter he will do all he can to block sending the Russians \$17,000,000 worth of oil refining equipment and machine tools they had on order when lend-lease exports were halted last December 31.

"I am startled, surprised and shocked that the state department and my colleague, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), still advocate carrying out this agreement," Bridges said.

Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson said at a news conference yesterday he hopes congress will clear the way for delivery of the supplies to Russia as well as another \$8,000,000 worth in the same category for 10 other countries.

Binding Contract

Acheson said the United States had made solemn, binding contracts to ship out the goods even though lend-lease has ended. In a memorandum to the state department reported the United States sold Russia \$233,000,000 worth of supplies, mainly machine tools and other industrial equipment, between V-J Day and the December 31 shut-off date ordered by congress.

"It is almost unbelievable to me," Bridges declared, "that the state department and the administration are, on the one hand, seeking \$400,000,000 to stop the spread of Russian communism to Greece and Turkey and at the same time continue to press congress to ship the most modern oil refining equipment in the world to Russia."

Vandenberg, chairman of the foreign relations committee, told the senate yesterday in debate on the Greek-Turkish assistance bill that he does not believe the United States can afford to go back on its agreement with Russia, despite his desire for a "consistent policy" in foreign affairs.

Negroes Claim Discrimination

PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—Pacific Northwest labor unions are discriminating against the negro, Noah W. Griffin, west coast regional director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said last night.

The unions have a ban on negroes, he told a meeting of the local NAACP unit, and added, "this discrimination was beaten in California by a state supreme court ruling and it may be necessary to take such court action eventually in other states."

Flashes Of Life

GOT ONLY VACANT STARE

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. April 19 (AP)—H. G. Marden had a sign, "chickens and eggs for sale," in front of his home on North Liberty road. A windstorm blew away everything except the "for sale" part. Twenty-two persons asked "How much do you want for the house?" before he could get the sign fixed.

STRONG FAMILY TIES

NANCY, France, April 19 (AP)—When the four sons of farmer Brier of the village of Xivray began going out with the four daughters of farmer Goujon of St. Jour it looked like a good "boy-meets-girl" story.

When one of the couples became serious, it looked like a marriage. Now they're all married—the last of them today.

The naval reserve held their second meeting with much encouragement for the men. You, too, can join.

Irrigation Outlook Good

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—Irrigation water prospects in Washington and Oregon for 1947 are good, and the outlook in other western states is only slightly less favorable than a year ago, the agriculture department says.

Washington water supplies are expected to range generally somewhat above to only slightly below normal with storage generally exceeding the 1936-45 average. The main Columbia river appears assured of sufficient water for electrical power, with high river stages and some flood damage possible.

In Oregon, 72 per cent of irrigated lands will have good-to-fair supplies, mainly from reservoirs containing substantial carryover from 1946. Most lands dependent on unregulated stream flow will have fair to adequate supplies. Crop land soil moisture is generally good and wetter than average watershed soils favor the flow from the mountain snow cover which is below average on 91 per cent of the snow cones.

The report was made on final April snow surveys by federal, state and private agencies cooperating with the soil conservation service.

Investors Syndicate Holds Meet Here

Divisional meeting of Investors Syndicate was held here today under the supervision of Maile B. Sweetman, divisional manager with offices in Eugene.

Attending were Milo Reed of the bay area, Coos county; Arch Townsend, Bob Mitchell, Howard Berge and Lyman Palmer of Eugene; Harold Talley and Elmer Lahnerer, Bend; Walter Lake, Roseburg; Martin Putnam and L. A. Baker, Klamath Falls, and J. M. Hoffmann, auditor from the home office in Minneapolis, Minn.

Dinner was scheduled for 6:30 p. m.

The naval reserve is now having regular meetings. The Herald-News will keep you informed, or contact your naval reserve recruiter.

Fort Stevens Loses Out

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—Secretary Forrestal of the navy department has written Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.), that Del Monte, Calif., is considered a better site for the proposed navy post graduate school than Fort Stevens, Ore.

Forrestal said the structures at Fort Stevens are not of the type that may be adapted for the school without considerable expense, which probably would exceed that required at Del Monte.

The secretary said if the Del Monte property is acquired a general line school for 500 men can be provided with existing structures.

Dr. S. Spaeth To Speak Here

The Knife and Fork club will have as its next guest speaker the famous commentator and popular speaker and writer on music, Dr. Sigmund Spaeth. The meeting will be held at the Williams hotel on the night of Wednesday, April 30, according to Fred Southwell.

Dr. Spaeth—and one should not let that formidable title scare him, for the doctor is a most charming and personable gentleman—has gained national fame as America's "Tune Detective" and as a general commentator and author on musical subjects.

As the "Tune Detective" he has traced the origin of many of our popular songs. Sometimes when the trail led back to Chopin or Beethoven, the detecting was relatively simple, but when it led back to the lesser known composers of the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, the matter was more difficult. This, however, did not daunt Dr. Spaeth whose genius in ferreting out these tunes of obscure origin might almost be called miraculous.

His fine sense of proportion, however, can be seen from the fact that he is equally well-known for his "Barber Shop Ballads" and "Read 'em and Weep," popular collections, criticisms and songs of yesteryear which he selected with unerring good taste and accuracy.

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