

THE KOLON ASSAULTS LABOR BILL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE four-power foreign ministers conference in Moscow "ends in a stalemate," "collapses in a deadlock," "breaks up without accomplishing anything" — however you choose to say it. But there is NO SHOOTING, yet. That is the big thing.

IF we can just keep on long enough without shooting, we may get peace yet. History teaches us that the world is apt always to come out of great wars in a trigger-happy mood. While this mood lasts, peace is in a precarious position.

WE are all jittery about Russia. Did the foreign ministers conference (which tried to write peace treaties with Austria and Germany, but got nowhere) better or worsen our relations with the Soviet Union? That is what we all want to know.

WELL, as already stated here, no shooting started. Russia swallowed no more small countries. May be that, in itself, is a partial answer to the big question.

OUR State Secretary Marshall more or less put it that way when he said to Congress last night before his plane took off for Washington, where he will give to President Truman and the foreign relations committees of Congress the low-down that is so delicately explosive to put into print.

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IT is a cryptic remark, but it isn't an utterly pessimistic one. One imagines that Marshall's feeling, as he wings his way homeward over the foggy North Atlantic, is that while the Moscow conference wasn't very good it could have been worse. Time will tell us a lot of things we don't know now.

PORTLAND dispatches inform us this morning that the Oregon highway commission is "reading an attack" on acts of the recent legislature that increase the amount of money diverted from the uses of the state highway program to the uses of the cities and counties.

THE trouble is that EVERYBODY spends more money these days. The highway commission says it needs all it can lay hands on for dollar-for-dollar matching of federal highway funds.

The cities and the counties make bones about their needs. They've got to have everything they can get to make their budgets come out anywhere near even. They made such a good case along this line before the legislature that they were given a considerably larger split out of the highway revenues.

THIS situation arises out of the simple fact that more and more FROM GOVERNMENT. That is the inevitable backlash of the "leave it to Papa" era — of the "leave it to Papa" era — of the "leave it to Papa" era.

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Price Reductions Face Slows Down

Marshall To Make Report On Meeting

MOSCOW, April 25 (AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall winged through European skies toward home today to report to the American people on Big Four negotiations which broke up last night in almost complete disagreement on the major issues involved in concluding peace treaties for Austria and Germany.

"I am sorry that we did not make more progress," Marshall said just before boarding the four-engine plane which is scheduled to set him down in Washington tomorrow night. "But I imagine that as we look back in the days ahead we will see that much more was done than we realized at the time."

Radio Report said he was not certain when he would make his radio report, but that it probably would be some time after Sunday night.

Accompanying Marshall were John Foster Dulles, his republican adviser; Col. Marshall Carter, his secretary; Charles E. Bohlen, his interpreter; and H. Freeman Matthews.

Dulles, in a statement issued for release at takeoff time, said the United States had hammered out during the 46 days of the Moscow conference "specific policies which in the long run should accomplish more than agreements which inevitably would have involved much compromise."

Blast Probe Gains Heat

GALVESTON, Tex., April 25 (AP)—Rear Adm. Gordon T. Finlay, chairman of the coast guard board investigating the Texas City disaster charged here today that some of the witnesses who appeared before the inquiry group "lied in their testimony."

"It's apparent someone is lying," Finlay said. "We've had too many contradictions about too many points."

Finlay made his charge while confirming an announcement by U. S. District Attorney Brian S. Oden that the federal government is investigating the disaster for possible violations of federal criminal laws. The hearing was recessed to Monday.

During the morning Mayor J. C. Trahan of Houston told the board that a lot of sightseers were watching a fire aboard the Grandcamp when the freighter exploded disastrously in the town's harbor.

Youths Stage Candy Strike

CHEMUNUS, B. C., April 25 (CP)—Now it's a chocolate bar strike, the small fry in Chemunus and Ladysmith declaring a boycott against the eight-cent bar.

"Chocolate bars were not worth six cents, but at eight cents we think we are being robbed," was the comment today of one teenager.

Adults were the only ones to purchase bars in Chemunus and Ladysmith stores yesterday, and they were confronted by picketers and greeted with hoots and jeers.

"We want nickel bars," is the strike slogan borne on printed cards, pinned to dresses and jackets. "Before you asked for bars on your knees. Now they throw them in your face. Don't be a sucker."

Spread of the strike to other Vancouver Island towns was forecast today as members of teen town groups supported the boycott.

Plans Under Way To Plant 140,000 Trees In Fremont

Planting of 140,000 trees — the most ambitious program of the kind ever attempted on the Fremont — started this week in the Silver Lake and Warner districts and will be expanded into the Bly district, according to Merle S. Lowden, Fremont forest supervisor, who was in Klamath Falls Friday.

The Warner district crew of 10 men under the direction of Ranger Jack Groom and with District Guard Lewis Harris as foreman, will plant 60,000 trees on Cox creek north of Lakeview. This area is in the old Cox creek burn of 1931. Much of this burn has not reforested and is rapidly growing up to various shrubs and brush plants.

The forest service is particularly anxious to get the best sites planted before brush completely takes over the area, Lowden said.

On the Silver Lake district 24,000 trees will be planted along the Fremont highway east of Shevlin. This planting will be done in open spots in the forest area which need reforesting. The work will be done under the direction of District Ranger Don Peters, who is being assisted this week by Forest Guard Jones of the Lakeview office.

A third project on the forest will be started next week on the Bly district where 40,000 trees will be planted in Spring gulch near Fish-hole creek. This project will be under the general direction of Ranger F. H. Armstrong, with Harold Powell in active charge of the work. This is another area which received a severe burn several years ago and has not come back to trees.

There have been several planting projects previously in the Fremont forest, but none equal to the 140,000 trees planned for planting this spring, according to Lowden. Many large desirable areas still remain to be planted on the forest, he continued, and it is the forest service plan that this planting will be done as fast as funds are available.

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Price Reductions Face Slows Down

Some price reductions were reported today in scattered sections of the nation, both on the community plan basis and on specific items by individual firms, but the pace appeared slower.

Multnomah, Portland suburb, today became the first Oregon town to follow the 10 per cent retail price cut plan initiated at Newburyport, Mass.

Food Cuts
Two store chains — the Kroger company, with 2611 stores in the Middle West, and Albers Supermarkets, Inc., with 45 stores in Ohio and Kentucky — said they were passing on food price reductions to the consumer as fast as manufacturers and processors marked down their prices.

In New York the Borden company and Sheffield's Farms announced the price of milk would be cut one cent a quart May 1. Similar cuts have been announced in New Jersey and some parts of New England.

Newburyport, Mass., where the 10 per cent across-the-board retail price cut plan originated, reported retailers were extending it indefinitely beyond the 10-day limit first set. Other communities adopting the plan included Virginia, Minn., Told Town, Maine, Chester, Pa., and Mechanicsville, N. Y.

Directors of the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers in Grand Rapids, Mich., voted down a proposal to reduce prices on an industry-wide basis.

Phoners Hold Demonstration
SAN FRANCISCO, April 25 (AP)—Police, aided by a top union official, today halted and dispersed a march of striking telephone workers and sympathizers on the Central telephone building.

Eight men and four women marchers were arrested and charged with "refusing to move on."

In Oakland a crowd of strikers and sympathizers estimated at 500 surrounded the telephone company building without police interference. Lines moved around the entire block, but police said that as long as they kept moving, and did not interfere with others, the lines would be permitted to continue.

The San Francisco demonstrators dispersed after hearing a plea through a police loud speaker by Joe Selly, international president of the CIO American Communications association. They reassembled at the CIO union hall.

The march, estimated by Selly to number 2300 persons, was stopped by 100 police a block and a half short of the telephone building.

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The committee's demand came at the same time the teamsters announced picket lines would be placed at seven warehouses. The union said other pickets would go out later with banners charging a lockout to parade before warehouses of all 66 members of the Portland Draymen's and Warehousemen's association.

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Pat McMillan Named Queen

Pretty Pat McMillan, 17-year-old Klamath Union high school junior, was elected queen of the 20-30 invitational track meet to be held Saturday at Modoc field.

Pat's attendants, given in order of the number of votes cast, will be Helen Eckert, senior candidate; Sandra Moore, freshman candidate; and Beverly Young, sophomore candidate. An honorary princess was also chosen by Queen Pat and she is Patty Myers, senior and one of the candidates in the semi-finals.

The coronation will take place at a dance tonight, Friday, in the armory when Pat will be crowned by Bob Hendershot, assistant coach at KUHS and member of the 20-30 club. The queen and her court will appear at the Saturday afternoon try-outs and also tomorrow night at the meet.

Communists Free Officers

NANKING, April 25 (AP)—Two U. S. army officers came back to Nanking today to report to their embassy on their experiences during the 55 days they were held by Chinese communists in Manchuria.

Maj. Robert Ring of Chicago and Capt. John W. Collins of Evanston, Ill., assistant military attaché, flew here from the Manchuria capital of Changchun with a brief stop at Peking to pick up Riggs' wife. Mrs. Collins greeted her husband at the Nanking airport. Their first child is expected within the next week.

Captured March 1 north of Changchun while observing Chinese military operations, the two officers were released to American officers yesterday.

United States Minister Walton Butterworth told correspondents they would be able to interview them as soon as their official reports were completed.

Truax Condition Said Unchanged

The condition of Dr. L. L. Truax, pioneer Klamath county physician who suffered a heart attack while fishing on Rogue river late Wednesday afternoon, was reported unchanged Thursday night from a Gold Beach hospital where Dr. Truax has been a patient since his illness.

Friends here were advised, however, that Dr. Truax was "holding his own."

Truck Tieup End Sought

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Ives Against "Coercion" Amendment

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—Senator Ives (R-N.Y.) today assailed as "definitely anti-labor" a proposal to prohibit unions from interfering with workers in their free choice of unions.

Ives told the senate he opposes a drive by republican Senators Ball (Minn.) and Taft (Ohio) to put more teeth in the committee-approved labor bill.

The amendment Ives particularly attacked would make it an unfair labor practice for a union or its agents to "interfere with, restrain, or coerce" employees in the exercise of their rights to self-organization and to bargain through representatives of their own choosing.

Good Squad Action
Ives said the proper answer to any "good squad" move where men go to a plant and try to disrupt the work, is "complete and positive police action."

Senator Ball (R-Minn.), predicted today that the senate will write more restrictions on unions into its general labor bill — and Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) said that would "assure" a presidential veto.

Both members of the senate labor committee, they expressed their views in separate interviews as the senate got set to resume debate on legislation to curb strikes and limit union activities.

Ball claimed that at least 50 senators would vote for four amendments which would add fresh checks on labor organizations to the senate measure. That is two votes more than needed to assure adoption.

Police Slate Hunt For Body

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 25 (AP)—A sheriff's posse and state police will make a roadside search along the Pacific highway between here and Myrtle Creek in the somber belief the body of a missing Seattle boy may be found there.

Police Chief O. A. Kennerly said today there was no clue to the whereabouts of Lee Bohn of Seattle who has been missing since borrowing his grandfather's car at Tacoma Saturday.

The car was recovered here Sunday night. Its driver, John William Hixon, 27, at first held on a charge of possessing a stolen automobile, was given a sanity hearing yesterday and committed to the Oregon state hospital at Salem.

Kennerly said Hixon's story that he drove with young Bohn to Sacramento and was returning the car to Seattle, had not been confirmed. The time element, he said, made it questionable. However, the California agricultural inspection station has been asked whether the car crossed the state line. The answer is awaited.

Kennerly said he believed the roadside search—if the California report is negative—would hold the answer to the boy's fate.

Election Law Redrafted

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—A bi-partisan bill redrafting all laws regulating federal elections and making a sky the limit on spending in presidential campaigns will be introduced Monday by Senator Ellender (D-La.).

Ellender said today the measure will have the backing of both republicans and democrats on the 1948 senate campaign expenditures committee which he headed.

It is designed, he added, to wrap into a single package changes advocated by members of both parties as a result of experiences with the Hatch clean politics and corrupt practices acts.

Ellender told a reporter the bill, which would replace both of these laws, will (a) tighten existing provisions calling for reports of campaign contributions and expenditures, but (b) relax those limiting expenditures and restricting donations by individuals.

The bill will cover only elections for president, vice president, senator and representative.

PINE UP

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25 (AP)—Orders, shipments and production of western pine were up in the week ended April 19, the Western Pine association reported today.

9 o'clock Special

Since time immemorial the milkman has been the symbol of early rising. Our 9 o'clock photo doesn't want to brag—but this morning he did catch a picture of the cow juice salesman making his rounds. Here is Fran Miller delivering his wares to the downtown merchants.



Fran Miller