

Big Four Postpone Meeting To Allow Tempers To Cool; Reds Refuse To Cooperate

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The foreign ministers' session scheduled for today was postponed until Monday on British initiative, in order to allow tempers to cool after last night's violent argument.

The postponement was announced by the conference secretary.

A member of the U. S. delegation said it was agreed that another session today would only result in quick tempers and confusion. The two-day recess will give the ministers time to plan a course of action.

Authoritative sources said the conference was "hopelessly deadlocked" on the subject of reparations and that without agreement on reparations, discussion of economic and other subjects was useless.

Secretary Marshall is expected to decide over the week-end whether to try and break off the conference immediately or go through the function of finishing the agenda before doing it. Part of the decision will depend on the attitude of Foreign Minister Molotov of Russia at the opening of the Monday meeting.

Molotov was understood to be willing that the sessions continue. A Soviet spokesman said the future of the parley would depend on Marshall.

Marshall was scheduled to meet Molotov and his deputy, Andrei Y. Vishinsky, at luncheon today at Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas' residence.

Some of Marshall's advisers said privately they believed Molotov's attack yesterday, when he denounced the whole range of the western powers' policy in Germany, had killed all hope even for superficial Big Four agreements on Germany and that little if anything could be accomplished by going on here.

Others contended Marshall might better avoid a move to end the conference immediately because of the possibility of the upsetting effects throughout Europe of such a formal Big Four break.

"Threw The Book"

The speech in which, as some western diplomats said, Molotov "threw the book" at Marshall, Bevin and Bidault came as a surprise, because delegations of the western powers went into yesterday's meeting expecting a continuation of Molotov's mild, conciliatory tactics of last week.

What Molotov charged had all been said by various Soviet officials or propaganda agencies. Molotov charged the western powers were profiting on German exports, were buying up German firms, were piling up economic obligations on Germany and trying to "perpetuate the division of Germany."

All this, Molotov declared, was part of a strategic scheme to convert the western zones into a basis for an attack on the "democratic"—that is the communist—countries of Europe.

What was new, however, according to American officials, was to have Molotov organize all these charges into a single bombshell speech and explode it in the faces of Marshall, Bevin and Bidault. Among them the three had already denied each of the charges. In bringing up the same points again Molotov had in effect labeled their denials as false.

Two Gunmen Grab Money; One Caught

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—Two gunmen attempted to rob a department store of \$17,533 yesterday, but within minutes police arrested a fleeing man in Christmas shopping crowds and recovered the money.

Disarmed, he confessed two previous department store robberies here. Detective Chief James Purcell said.

He was booked as Richard M. Moore, 42, Portland, whose name was listed on police records as a former convict in the Oregon state prison and the Washington state reformatory.

Purcell said Moore refused to name the others who participated in previous robberies here, or the name of his companion in the attempt yesterday on the Olds, Worthman & King department store. Questioning was continuing.

Purcell said an alarm was broadcast within minutes after the hold-up man snatched a money bag from the cashier at the store. As the gunman fled downstairs, a store employee, M. E. Friend, tackled Moore, but before Moore was wrestled to the floor, the second gunman forced Friend to let go. Purcell said. The pair ran outdoors, going in opposite directions.

Police cars converged on the store. The first on the scene, Patrolmen Arnold Oathes and Claude Cochran, saw Moore running and ordered him, via fender loudspeaker, to put up his hands. After some hesitation, he did. They found the bag of money and a pistol on him, Purcell said.

Purcell added that Moore confessed these previous robberies: at the same Olds, Worthman & King store last June, \$117,000 in checks and \$304 in cash, taken by three men; the Lipman, Wolfe & Company store in July, \$11,563 in cash and \$26,000 in checks, taken by three men; Kress & Co., \$1500 cash on Armistice Day, 1946, two men; McDonald Candy company, \$1000 in cash, February 24, two men.

Greek Loan Up Planned

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13 (AP)—An increase in the \$300,000,000 aid program to Greece to give military help to Greek government forces fighting communist-led guerrillas is under "serious consideration" by the state department, George C. McGhee, coordinator of American aid to Greece and Turkey, said last night.

He spoke before the Tacoma World Affairs council at the College of Puget Sound.

He made no estimate of the additional amount the administration might ask of congress. The Marshall plan, he said, can take care of Greece's economic needs but not the "equally important" military requirements.

"Communist nations are fully aware of the importance to the democracies of a free Greece," McGhee said. "They are aware that so long as Greece remains free the spread of communism throughout Europe and the Middle East will be impeded."

"They are also x x x determined in their efforts to impose upon the Greek people a totalitarian government aligned with international communism."

Soviets Protest French Arrests

PARIS, Dec. 13 (AP)—A foreign ministry spokesman said today the Soviet embassy had protested new French arrests of Russian citizens at Paris and Marseille.

He said the note had been delivered this morning and was being translated. He said he was unable to give any details as to its contents or comment upon it.

Earlier this week the French government refused to accept a Soviet note protesting the expulsion of 19 Soviet citizens from France last month and last night it informed Moscow that it considered the action had been entirely legal and proper.

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Big Tree Ready For Christmas



This huge fir, donated by Weyerhaeuser Timber company, was being moved yesterday to Modoc field where it will be placed in front of the grandstand and decked out in colored lights for the big community Christmas program Tuesday night, December 23. The program is one of several holiday projects sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce.

Youth Guidance Officer Speaks At Eagles Confab

Speaking before the Eagles' youth guidance rally Friday night at Fremont school, Gerald W. Mason, vice chairman for the national youth guidance committee, FOE, said "children are not delinquent."

Mason laid the blame for children's misdeeds firmly on the shoulders of parents, whom he said were the delinquent ones, citing case histories from his experience as a parole officer to illustrate his point. He spoke rousing of the adverse effect of sending youths to the penitentiary, and said the Eagles are moving to get an intermediate institution so that committing auto theft and such offenses will not be punished by the stigma of a prison brand to be carried to the grave.

"Childhood Tragedies," a picture was presented to Judge David R. Vandenberg by Mason.

When Recreation Director Sam

Powell Wins Grid Trophy

TULELAKE, Dec. 13 — Kenneth Powell, who turned in a creditable year of work as fullback for the A Honker football string, was awarded a trophy recognizing him as the most valuable athlete this year at a banquet last week-end given by the Girls Athletic association. The dinner, at which some 70 guests including members of both squads, their girl friends and members of the faculty were present, was in the church annex.

Talks were given by Principal Norman Esser who, with the coaches, Charles Waters and Harold Fosberg, were presented with small gold footballs to the team members by George Reiben, first principal of the high school, who reviewed early football history, and by members of the squads.

The tables, carrying out the high school colors of blue and white, were centered with small goal posts. The Honkers won the Siskiyou county football title this season.

China May Breed World War Again

TSHINAN, China, Dec. 3 (AP)—A government official today described China's civil war as "an international struggle preceding a third World War."

The official, Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chi-tien, added that the Chinese communists were "backed by a sinister power which is creating greater problems for the world than Japan ever was able to do."

Chen spoke at a dinner in this Shantung province capital celebrating the arrival of the first train over the Pukow-Tshinan line since it was cleared of communists.

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Pauley To Bring Books To Hearing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The senate appropriations committee today promised an early decision on whether to touch off a full scale investigation of commodity market speculation by government officials.

The group has decided in any case that it wishes to hear further from Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to the secretary of the army, who already has disclosed himself as a speculator in the million dollar class. The date of the next appearance by Pauley, a former democratic national treasurer, has yet to be fixed.

Grain Drives Gain Ground

LA GRANDE, Dec. 13 (AP)—Union county's drive to collect a carload of flour for the Northwest Christmas Ship gained momentum today. Donations of cash and flour began pouring in to collection points before the campaign was scarcely under way.

Classified Ads Bring Results

"Choose Your Worries" Says Knife-Fork Speaker

If you feel you simply have to just lying in bed and going around and around and getting nowhere. That, he added, will kill anybody sooner or later.

Most of our worries, he asserted, arise out of not knowing ourselves completely. "Accept yourself as you are," he advised, "and then go ahead and make the best of it with what you have. Don't spend your life apologizing to yourself for what you aren't and being humiliated by it."

He took the other side of the old high school debating society subject of "environment." "Don't waste your life trying to adapt yourself to the wrong environment," he said. "Find an environment that is constructively suitable, and then wade in and get somewhere. Don't try to grow cactuses in a marsh, or pond lilies in a sandy desert."

He closed with a serious statement that the world is now at a moment of crisis. We haven't learned the art of living, he said, in a mechanical age. In a world full of potential dynamite, we haven't yet learned how to get along with each other. Unless we can learn these things, he concluded, the world is headed for destruction.

Dr. Seabury was introduced by Dr. Merle Swansen, and member of the medical profession here sat at the head table. His address was humorous, and his points were driven home with clear, simple illustrations.

Voters To Try Again On Pool

LA GRANDE, Dec. 13 (AP)—Voters here faced the prospect of voting a second time on a \$30,000 swimming pool bond issue after city officials said today that the original election October 7 was invalid. March 2 was set for the second election.

The original election, in which the bond issue passed by a margin of 80 votes, did not meet state requirements, according to Carl Heim, city attorney. The ballot title and text of the issue were not printed on the voters' pamphlet.

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