

# COMMUNISTS MOVE IN ON FINLAND

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THERE are straws today in the news winds over FINLAND.

Moscow has sent Helsinki (Finland's capital) a proposal for a new treaty. The proposal seems to have been in the form of a letter addressed directly to Finnish President Paasikivi. A semi-official "source" says the letter was signed by Stalin.

It's all very secret. Nobody is giving away what the letter contained. But the Finnish cabinet met with the president this morning. Dispatches from Helsinki report that an "atmosphere of tension, suggesting a government crisis," prevails in the city.

Is liberty-loving Finland to follow its liberty-loving Czechoslovakia into the grim, dark night of communism?

WE don't know as yet, of course. But a glance at the map discloses to us that Finland lies EAST of the Stettin-Adriatic line, which was agreed upon at Yalta. As things are working out (possibly not as was HOPED at Yalta) the Stettin-Adriatic line is becoming the boundary between TWO WORLDS—the world of communism and the world of freedom of the individual.

IN Washington this morning State Secretary Marshall informs the leaders of the house of representatives and the senate that "it will be necessary to make an additional \$75 million dollars available to keep the pipelines to Greece and Turkey FULL OF MILITARY SUPPLIES after April 1."

The dispatches add: "Marshall's request for the new aid program was his first major action in the 'cold war' with Russia SINCE THE COMMUNISTS SEIZED POWER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

GLANCE again at your map. It will tell you that Greece and Turkey ALSO lie east of the Stettin-Adriatic line.

FROM Seoul (Korea) the U. S. Army reports this morning that 19 Koreans have been killed in attacks on police boxes (presumably police sentry boxes) in SOUTH Korea. Our army authorities describe these attacks as "communist inspired."

WE occupy South Korea. The Russians occupy North Korea. The Russians are using their communist friends in South Korea to stir up trouble.

NOTE the pattern: Stir up a ruckus. Use the ruckus as an excuse to bring in plug-uglies. Then, when the TIME COMES, use your plug-uglies to take over by force.

We've seen that pattern in Romania. We've seen it in Bulgaria. Within the past week we've seen it in Czechoslovakia. We're seeing its faint outlines in Finland.

RUSSIA is celebrating today the hundredth anniversary of the communist manifesto. The communist manifesto was written in Germany, a century ago, by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, both Germans. It preaches the doctrine of the class war.

MOSCOW newspapers devote most of their front pages to the celebration. One of them says: "The power and vitality of the ideas of the manifesto are shown in the fact that 100 years ago there were not more than 300 communists in the world. TODAY there are 20 million people in the ranks of the communist party."

Another (the Russian army's Red Star) says: "Communism has broken through into the wide open spaces. Forward!"

MARX and Engels were dreamers who apparently REALLY WANTED more rights and better conditions for the common man. For a while Lenin had the same vision.

NOW communism is a racket—a device to get vast power into FEW hands.

WHAT an opportunity Lenin, and after him Stalin, had! They MUFFED it. The old lich for POWER FOR THEMSELVES supplanted in their minds the ideal of service to the downtrodden Russian people.

What we're seeing now followed.

## Former Truman Manager On Mat In Parole Probe

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—Paul Dillon, St. Louis attorney and one-time campaign manager for President Truman, has been served with a subpoena to testify before a federal grand jury investigating the paroles of four former Capone gangsters.

This was announced today by Otto Kerner Jr., United States district attorney in Chicago. FBI agents served Dillon, absent from his home and office for weeks, in Newton, Mass.

**WEATHER**  
Max. (Feb. 26) 47 Min. 24  
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00  
Sixteen year to date 1.14  
Last year 2.30 Normal 1.89  
Forecast: Cloudy with rain tonight and Saturday.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## WTC Down For Week

### School District Boundary Changes Okayed By Voters Except In "Parcel One"

Changes in boundary lines were approved in all but one section involved at yesterday's school district election when property owners of various areas were given the opportunity to come into the Klamath Union high school district.

## Reds Take Over Today

PRAGUE, Feb. 27 (AP)—President Eduard Benes today swore in a new government loaded with communists—a cabinet he is reported to have said "could have only evil results."

The frail, weary president received Communist Premier Klement Gottwald and the 12 new members of the cabinet at the presidential palace and told them "the decision to accept you was difficult personally for me."

The meeting was polite and stiffly formal. As the president spoke, communists throughout the country were going ahead with swift determination to reorganize the country's entire industrial, educational and everyday life.

A presidential secretary said Benes has not resigned, but declined to make any further comment for the time being.

The government radio carried an account of what happened at Hradcany palace today. It said Gottwald promised the president his government would be "constitutional, democratic and parliamentary," and that he thanked Benes "for your confidence."

The London Daily Graphic said today Benes is under house arrest in the palace. It did not say where it got its information.

A close friend of the president said last night Benes had told Gottwald this new government could have only evil results and that he yielded to communist pressure only because he feared civil war.

## SF Cops Hold Local Man

James B. Stephens, for whom a larceny warrant is held by police here, is in jail at San Francisco and probably will be returned to Klamath Falls, Sheriff Lloyd Low said this morning.

## Jolson Story "Regrettable"

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Feb. 27 (AP)—"If you don't laugh, get the hell out of here," were the first words Al Jolson's radio audience heard last night.

Jolson's quip, not intended for broadcast, was directed at the studio audience at the end of a preliminary warmup, but the program already was on the air.

A National Broadcasting company spokesman called it "a regrettable incident."

## Bayocean Has Bridge Again

TILLAMOOK, Feb. 27 (AP)—An expectant mother from Whiskey Creek road and 2489 other Bayocean peninsula residents were back in easy contact with civilization today.

The Trask river bridge, which broke in a flood last Sunday and forced 2500 peninsula denizens to resort to boats to reach the mainland, was reopened last night—two temporary center section in the flood, will be repaired next.

# Local and News

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## Box Factory, Mill, Woods All Close

Officials of Weyerhaeuser Timber company announced that the mill, box factory and woods would be down for a period of one week, starting March 1, for necessary repairs.

The plant was closed yesterday at 7:30 a. m. when the big turbine which provides power for the mill, went out. A crew was set to work immediately and the source of the trouble was located before the turbine was completely dismantled. It is understood that all necessary parts are on hand and repairs should be completed within the coming week.

The mill and box factory should be ready for operation Monday morning, March 8, and starting time for both, the mill and woods will be announced over The Herald and News, and over radios Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7.

## Petrillo Hit By Industry

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—The industry music committee said today James C. Petrillo's conditional offer to lift the recording ban was not regarded as a "genuine offer to bargain."

Petrillo's offer was outlined in a statement issued yesterday by the American Federation of Musicians, of which he is president. It said the union stood ready to resume the making of recordings if an agreement could be reached to protect musicians from "mechanical competition."

The industry music committee replied with a statement saying this represented a delayed reply to the record companies' offer to bargain months ago. The committee includes representatives of broadcasters, recording and transcription firms and radio and phonograph manufacturers.

The statement said Petrillo's reply is not regarded as a genuine offer to bargain "because it apparently contemplates an amendment of federal statutes, which does not lie within the power of private parties."

## Greeks Launch Big Offensive

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (AP)—Press reports said today the Greek army had launched an offensive on a 16-mile front northwest of Ioannina near the Albanian border.

Guerrillas were reported fleeing in disorder and offering no resistance. Five towns fell, the accounts said. These were Vissani, Delvinaki, Meropi, Paliopyrghon and Kato Meropi.

The dispatches said the front is between the Aous river and the highway between Kujepaki and Kakavia. The drive was pointed north from Delvinaki towards Dhokos and Pogoniani and northwest toward Kivraltos.

## Dog Saves Owner's Life

PORTLAND, Feb. 27 (AP)—A small Chow dog which last November led mountain rescuers to his lost mistress, today was credited with saving his owners from death by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike La Tosh said they were awakened early today by Thumper scratching on their bedroom door. They opened it and found flames spreading through their apartment.

They escaped unhurt. La Tosh said that last November he and Mrs. La Tosh became separated on Mount Hood when a sudden snowstorm came up. After hours of fruitless searching, he and others followed the dog to where Mrs. La Tosh had halted, exhausted.

## Barge Line Rate Hearing Slated

PORTLAND, Feb. 27 (AP)—Columbia River Barge Lines' request for joint rail-barge rates on petroleum products and grain will come before the interstate commerce commission again in a hearing starting here March 22.

The barge lines presented their case last July. Railroads, which asked a postponement to prepare their arguments, will testify at the March hearing on why they do not want joint rates established.

The joint rates would be 20 per cent below the rate charged for freight moving via rail.

## Late Spud Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 18 broken, 33 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Florida 1, Nevada 1, California 5, Idaho 18, Utah 2; by truck 4; Idaho Russets No. 1-A \$5.15-5.35; Oregon White Rose A-1 washed \$6.00.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 11 cars on track; arrivals, Oregon 1; market about steady; Deschutes Russets No. 1 bakers \$6.25.

## Bachelors Have Rough Time Of It In Aurora

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 27 (AP)—Aurora's bachelors made themselves scarce today—if they didn't want to ride in a brand new paddy wagon.

Eighty-six girls, 18 years old and over made up the "paddy wagon" administration which ran this city of about 50,000 on its annual Leap Year Day.

They ran the whole works. Twenty-three were members of the police force, with a new paddy wagon borrowed from Chicago—Aurora didn't have any—they planned to raid clubs, taverns and other likely spots and bring bachelors into court. In court Police Magistrate Irene Youngen—a drug store clerk on other days—was to fine them silk stockings, candy or other dainties.

The girls could "pinch" the man of their choice, or operate catch-as-catch-can. The magistrate's clerk was to record the loot subtracted from the bachelors. That's so it will go to the cute copper who made the arrest.

## U. S. Vetoes Red Proposal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The state department indicated today the United States will reject Russia's proposal that Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia be consulted before the western powers decide anything about Germany's future.

At a conference in London the United States, Britain and France are now trying to work out plans for the economic unity of Western Germany. They met without Russia because they couldn't reach any agreement with Russia for unification of all Germany.

Russia occupies the eastern part of Germany. The United States, Britain and France occupy the western part.

The Soviet embassy sent to the state department today a note saying it thinks the three Russian satellite countries—Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia—should be permitted to attend the London session.

The Russian note was announced last night by the Moscow radio.

Russia's action followed a formal request from the three smaller countries to attend the London meeting.

## WTC Workers Meet Tonight

A special meeting of Weyerhaeuser Timber company employees is called for tonight at 7:30 in the IWA hall, 234 Main, for a vote on whether employees will take the week of March 1 for the first week of their 1948 vacation.

The mill and woods employes are members of International Woodman of America (IOWA) and Tim Sullivan, IOWA business agent here, estimated 900 workers were idle because of the breakdown of the timber company's power turbine.

The employes are due two weeks' vacation and could easily take the first week starting March 1, as the mill is to be closed.

All employes are urged by Sullivan to come to tonight's meeting and voice an opinion on the vacation period.

## Texas Hit By Four Twisters

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 27 (AP)—Four tornadoes lashed Texas last night and early today and a Denton county woman, pinned in her twisted wrecked home, was burned alive.

Other tornadoes struck Ballinger and Woodson, in West Texas, and Itasca, 45 miles southwest of Dallas. Twenty-five homes were practically destroyed today at Woodson, 120 miles northeast of Ballinger, and McBride's cotton gin and Master's store were wrecked. No casualties were reported.

Returned to death in Denton county was Mrs. Sam Patterson.

A tornado partially wrecked their farm home at 1 a. m. today and Patterson managed to free himself. He found his wife alive but one of her arms was pinned by a timber. Unable to remove the timber, he walked to the home of a neighbor, a mile away, for help.

When Patterson and the neighbors returned, they found to their horror that the wreckage had caught fire and wind-driven flames prevented them from reaching Mrs. Patterson.

## Coveted Award Received By Troop 6



Scoutmaster Art Peterson of troop 6 presents the coveted commissioner's award to George Nischelm, (right) senior patrol leader of the troop which is sponsored by the Salvation Army. The commissioner's award was granted troop 6 for being the outstanding Salvation Army corps troop in Oregon and Southern Idaho. The presentation took place last night.

## Anti-Poll Tax Proposal OK'd By Rules Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Anti-poll tax legislation was approved today by a senate rules subcommittee which brushed aside a southern senator's demand for hearings.

The measure would let voters ballot in federal elections whether or not they have paid state poll taxes. It is one of the laws President Truman has asked as part of his "civil rights" program.

Many southern party leaders are lobbying against the program which also includes anti-lynching, anti-job discrimination and anti-Jim Crow proposals.

The anti-poll tax bill already has been approved by the house. The senate subcommittee's action sends it along to the full committee, advancing it one step toward the senate floor.

Senator Stennis (D-Miss.) appeared before the subcommittee and asked for hearings.

Chairman Jenner (R-Ind.) said Senators Bricker (R-Ohio) and Myers (D-Pa.) voted with him that there is no need for hearings.

"We decided that no public hearings were necessary because this matter has been explored fully by congresses in the past," Jenner said. "Both sides have been presented in extensive hearings."

Stennis said he suggested to the committee that it not only hold public hearings, but that some of these be conducted in the seven states which still maintain poll tax requirements.

In the last three congresses, the house has passed anti-poll tax bills but senate action always has been blocked by a southern filibuster. But this year nose counts indicate the GOP-dominated senate may be willing to vote a limit on debate. This would shut off filibustering efforts to talk the bill to death.

From Senator George (D-Ga.) came a prediction that all the rowing between democrats will lead to a party shake-up after the presidential election.

## Barton Eyes Sheriff Post

A new wrinkle in the interesting and crowded race for the republican nomination for sheriff appeared today when Guy Barton, Lakeview jurist, started circulating petitions to have his name placed on the ballot.

There are already nine republican candidates, all of whom have filed by paying their \$20 fee. Barton is the first to take out petitions.

To have his name added to the list of candidates, Barton will have to get the signatures of 413 registered voters, scattered among at least 15 of the 75 precincts in Klamath county. The law is that a candidate for sheriff filing by petition must obtain the names of 5 per cent of the number of county voters who cast ballots during the last election for governor or president.

In Klamath county 413 will be sufficient. A further regulation provides that the petition must contain names of voters registered in one-fifth of the precincts in the county.

## Prisoners Walk Out Of Service

CLINTON, Mo., Feb. 27 (AP)—Three prisoners escaped from the Henry county jail while a religious service was being conducted for them last night.

Rev. Allen Pontius and his wife were conducting the regular Thursday night service in the jail lobby for 11 inmates. They said one escapee went out the jail door into the hall about 15 minutes after the service began. The other two followed him a short time later.

Sheriff Bob Eberling identified the three as William Lee Berry, 21, Kansas City, and Laverne Berry, 22, and Walter Bartel, 23.

## Better Late Than Never!

CHURCHVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 27 (AP)—Christmas returned to this Monroe county community today.

Scores of residents received Yuletide greetings, 10-week-old checks or newspapers with the notation "only five more shopping days until Christmas."

The delayed mail was in a bag found by a section gang.

Postmaster Vincent L. Keenan theorized a mail handler "must have been a few seconds late in speeling train last December 19."

## House-Senate Pledge Savings

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The house today joined the senate in a pledge to try to hold government spending to \$37,200,000,000 in the fiscal year starting July 1.

This is \$2,500,000,000 less than President Truman proposed in his budget for the year.

The ceiling is merely a goal for congress to seek and is not binding.

House approval came on a 314 to 126 roll call vote.

The senate passed the legislation last week. It does not require the president's approval, nor can the president veto it.

## Stalin Asks Signing Of New Pact

HELSINKI, Feb. 27 (AP)—Prime Minister Stalin has informed Finland he should sign a pact with the Soviet Union similar to those linking Russia and its other neighbors, sources close to the government said tonight.

A diplomatic note from Stalin to President Juho E. Paasikivi said such a pact is desirable.

Tension suggesting an atmosphere of a government crisis hung over Finland.

The news burst upon the Finns even as the communists in Czechoslovakia were consolidating their grip on that country.

It is well known that Finnish leaders for some time have been studying closely the agreements the Soviet Union has made one after another with the Balkan countries, a network of pacts linking those countries closely to Russia.

Trip Planned  
An authoritative source said Karl August Fagerholm, speaker of parliament, would go to Stockholm, perhaps to inform the Swedish government of the Russian proposal.

Diplomatic quarters said the Russian letter was a "Soviet program declaration." Reports persisted that high-level discussions were under way in the Finnish government concerning a "new development in Russian-Finnish relations."

The cabinet met with the president this morning. Its discussions were kept strictly secret.

Informed sources said they believe the Soviet letter asks for some kind of friendship or mutual defense pact, or both, from the Finns. Such a pact has been discussed previously many times, the Finns themselves taking the initiative shortly after the armistice in September, 1944.

Area Ceded  
Under the peace treaty Finland ceded the Petsamo (Pechenga) area to Russia and gave the Russians a 50-year lease for a naval base on the southwest coast overlooking sea routes to Helsinki. Finland ceded the strategic Karelian Isthmus and agreed to pay reparations of \$300,000,000 in six years.

Last month a stir was created in Helsinki when the Soviet minister visited the president twice. He was reported to have told Paasikivi the Russians would prefer Finland, the smaller nation, to take the initiative in the matter of a defense pact. Paasikivi was reported to have replied Finland would like to take up the whole problem after the parliamentary elections scheduled here in July.

## More Foreign Aid Demanded

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Two top republicans proposed today that congress lump military help for Greece and Turkey at \$275,000,000. Secretary of State Marshall asked for Greece and Turkey.

Senators Taft (Ohio) and Bridges (N. H.) told reporters they will suggest that some funds be found to help Chiang Kai-shek's government fight communists with bullets when the Greek-Turkish proposal comes before the senate.

Taft heads the senate's republican policy committee. Bridges is chairman of its appropriations committee which helps decide how wide to open the government's purse.

In letters to both houses, Marshall yesterday said it will be necessary to make an additional \$275,000,000 available to keep the pipelines to Greece and Turkey full of military supplies after April 1.

The cabinet officer coupled with his appeal this warning: that the leaders of Russian expansion are counting on American weariness in helping "far off Mediterranean countries" to let the communists take over "by default."

## Klamath Youths Held In Reno

Two young Klamath Falls men are held in jail at Reno today for a return here in connection with two runaway Klamath Union high school girls, and probably will be returned here.

The men were identified as Willis Glen Pigg, 21, and Norman Priest, 20.

Reno police informed officers here that the girls, both 14 years of age, were also in custody there. The girls were reported missing from their homes here late Tuesday night.

## Soviet Spy Pipeline Tale Told At Capitol Hearing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Congress heard a Soviet spy and a denial today that Soviet spies opened a pipeline to President Roosevelt's desk through a high state department official.

The setup was said to have been so efficient that a telegram President Roosevelt intended for China reached Moscow before it left Washington officially.

The claim was unfolded by the house appropriations committee in the printed transcript of hearings on the state department money bill for next year. Along with it was the department's reply discrediting the whole affair.

The story was told to the committee by one of its investigators who said he obtained his information from departmental files. Now of the characters was identified by name.

The committee's records refer to the principal as "No. 52" and "formerly a high ranking official (who) presently occupies a high diplomatic post."

The investigator's report quoted a memorandum by a state department investigator.

Here's what the state department had to say about the case: "The reference described as X-3 (a high OSS official) has been interviewed subsequent to the submission of the report referred to by the committee representatives. It now appears that the informant who quoted the comments of X-3 to the departmental investigator was mistaken. . . . No investigation is now being conducted in this case."