

Scandinavian Leaders Line Up With Western Europe Against Communism; Reds Accused Of Italian Maneuver

By The Associated Press
Scandinavian leaders joined the Western European lineup against communism today. Premiers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark took their stand while delegates in Finland, to the east, got last-minute instructions for Moscow negotiations toward a Soviet-Finnish treaty.

The communists were accused at the same time of having a five-nation committee working on Italy, where an election is scheduled April 18, and on France. They also were charged with having an international brigade ready to attack Greece.

The Moscow radio said today President Truman's preparedness speech to congress Wednesday and the five-power Brussels pact signed that day favor American imperialism and militarism.

Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi said the nine-nation communist international information bureau (cominform) has a special five-nation secret committee to "issue directives to synchronize the conduct of communists in Italy and France."

He made the statement in an outdoor speech in Bologna. It opened by Christian democratic party's campaign in Italy's communist north.

De Gasperi said the committee met first in Poland last September shortly before the cominform was organized there. He said it includes Col. Gen. Andrei A. Zhdanov, Russian communist secretary general; Luigi Longo, Italian vice secretary general; Romanian Foreign Minister Anna Pauker; Jacques Duclos of France, and Milovan Djilas of Yugoslavia.

Three Divisions
Official dispatches to Washington from Athens, the U. S. state department said yesterday, estimate that three divisions, or 30,000 men, are in an international brigade near the Greek border in Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria.

The department said the men are believed to be mostly Albanians and Greeks with overall Russian military direction, though no Soviet tactical officers. It said an attack is thought most likely from Albania.

The heads of the three Scandinavian countries told a Stockholm audience last night their countries will fight aggression from any quarter. All condemned communism. They spoke after a day-long conference, as social democratic party leaders of their countries.

Premier Einar Gerhardsen of Norway called communists "a grave danger to freedom and peace."

Finland's negotiators with Russia say to leave Helsinki by train Saturday to start talks next Monday on Prime Minister Stalin's proposal for a treaty of friendship and mutual assistance. Premier Mauno Pekkala, hospitalized with an ear infection, may follow later by plane.

Finnish President Juho K. Paasikivi completed his instructions to the group yesterday. Two military experts were appointed to go along to Moscow.

A Moscow radio announcer said President Truman claimed European economic recovery is impossible without a military alliance.

Mr. Truman said, "economic recovery... must be afforded some measure of protection against internal and external aggression."

Only Appendix
"Actually, however," said the announcer, "economic cooperation under the Marshall plan is only an appendage to military and political cooperation which is being arranged under the direction of American militarists."

United States immigration authorities held Mrs. Irene Joliot-Curie, 50, Paris scientist and daughter.

Association Officers



Henry Gerber, (left) president of the Klamath Cattlemen's association, and Jim Elings, secretary, look over important data of the association.

ter of the discoverer of radium, after her plane reached New York last night.

An official of the joint anti-fascist refugee committee said she had come to speak of the needs of Spanish republicans in exile. The committee is on the attorney general's list of subversive organizations.

In Paris, a spokesman for the French security police said today they had arrested 11 Russians in a private home. He did not give their names. The interior ministry said yesterday France will deport leaders of the banned Union of Soviet Citizens.

Turkey's military attache in Sofia, Bulgaria, and his assistant returned home last night. Official sources would not say whether they had been recalled or kicked out.

Three Hungarian diplomatic workers in Turkey were reported ordered back to Budapest.

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Staley Out Of Mayoralty Race

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—The number of prospective Portland mayors apparently was down to eight today.

The city attorney ruled that Talmadge F. (Jack) Staley lived outside the city limits and was ineligible to run for the office with eight others on the primary ballot.

Staley said his house was squarely on the city boundary and that he would fight the disqualification.

Churches To Combine Services

The Peace Memorial and First Presbyterian churches are holding a combined meeting at the First Presbyterian church this evening, Friday, at 7:30 when Alice McGuire will present film strips and a sound moving picture explaining the new curriculum prepared by the Presbyterian board of Christian education for young people. Although the meeting has been arranged especially for the teachers and parents of children from cradle roll through high school, anyone who would be interested in this new approach to teaching the Bible is urged to come.

Rev. David Barnett, chairman of the committee for Christian education in the presbytery of Southwestern Oregon, says of this meeting: "This presentation is no dull procedure... the sound movie dramatically portrays the motives and needs which initiated the curriculum." The film strips which show its use in each department are marvellously clear in their implications.

The new curriculum, entitled, "Christian Faith and Life: A Program for Church and Home," aims to bring church and home closer together in the religious education of the child by a series of graded books for the children, magazines for the parents in each age group, and workbooks for the teachers.

The result is the gradual acquiring by the child of a library of some 30 books giving a comprehensive view of Biblical history. The art work is a special feature of these new books, having been done by 25 outstanding artists after special attention was given to insure authenticity in the details portrayed. The books of the new course will be on display, and Miss McGuire will answer questions about their use at the meeting.

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The posse is a unit from George R. Reilly, general posse chairman, to Captain E. E. Ivory of the posse.

"Nearly 200,000 San Franciscoans braved unfavorable weather on Sunday, March 14, to watch the annual and traditional St. Patrick's Day parade with Eamon De Valera, Governor Earl Warren, Mayor Robinson and Parade Chairman George R. Reilly in the reviewing stand watching some 15,000 parade entrants pass by in the greatest St. Patrick's parade in the city's history.

"These San Franciscoans had the unique privileges of witnessing one of the finest and most colorful sheriff's posses, the Klamath Falls posse mounted on magnificent steeds, drilling and parading up world famed Market street with the applause of the crowded parade route ringing in their ears.

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Judge Says 'No Soap'

LOS ANGELES, March 19 (AP)—"This court will take judicial notice that Russia is kicking the United States in the teeth," a superior judge declared Thursday from the bench.

Judge Newcomb Condee then refused to approve a settlement providing for part of an estate to go to a Russian citizen, saying "there isn't any private property in Russia."

"I am convinced," he continued, "that if the money is sent to your client, the Russian government would take it from her. There is no reciprocity (of bequests) with Russia."

A heated argument on this point developed between Attorney George Loring, whose firm represents various foreign consulates, and Judge Condee. Loring seeks approval of a settlement whereby half the \$7000 estate of the late Jack Sarkisian, 65, would go to a daughter, Lucuber Pogossova, who lives near Tiflis. The other half was lived Sarkisian's widow, Pauline, who lives here.

The judge continued the case to June 1.

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