

LEWIS BOWS TO US COURT ORDER

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE is tension in Italy over the coming election in which communism is the big issue. The tension grows as the day passes. Campaigners on both sides, this morning's dispatches report, are being mauled, beaten, pelted with over-ripe fruit and thrown from platforms.

In the little town of Samoglia, near Milan, two communists were killed. There is street fighting in Bari, in the far south of Italy, and one man is stabbed.

Temperatures are obviously hot. THESE election killings give us something approaching a chill. We have some of them in this country, occasionally, but not often. So far, however, we've never had to face an issue like communism vs. personal liberty.

There's no telling what we might do if we did come face to face with such a choice. THE communists, we read, are trying to convince the Italian people that a communist victory on April 18, would mean MORE, not less, American aid. We can understand that kind of campaigning better. It's the old tactic of promising everything if our side wins.

THERE is a curious and probably significant development in Washington today. The house of representatives votes three to one to invite Franco Spain into the European Aid Program (better known as the Marshall plan).

Why? It's probably some more mass instinct in action. In the present state of the world, we NEED FRIENDS and allies. As the pinch tightens, we get less particular.

IN Jersey City (N.J.) Catholic war veterans picketed a Russian freighter that is believed to be carrying goods that might be useful to Russia in the event of war. This is the second Russian ship that has been picketed.

It is mass instinct in action again. We saw it before Pearl Harbor, when Japanese ships carrying scrap steel from our ports to Japan were picketed here on the Pacific Coast.

As it turned out, mass instinct then was sound. This steel came back to us later in the form of shells and bombs.

WATCH Bogota, in Colombia, South America. Top diplomats of 21 American nations are convened there. Their job is to solidify the Western Hemisphere front against communism.

It isn't too easy. Latin-America, in many ways, is feudal, rather than democratic. In such an atmosphere communism can grow.

We have a job ahead down there. HENRY WALLACE breaks out again. In Washington this morning he says:

"I charge that an artificial crisis was deliberately manufactured to stampede congress and the people into accepting universal military training and conscription."

Wallace is dealing in HALF truths again. It is probably true that the gravity of the world situation is being used to pressure congress into strengthening our military defenses. But back of that pressure lies NOT the sinister purpose to make this a conscription nation to "promote big business," as Wallace charges, but real fear that if we don't make ourselves strong we will pay a price that we don't want to pay.

IN times such as these, you have to size things up for yourself. Whether rightly or wrongly, this writer believes that if we don't make ourselves too strong to tackle well wish we had.

WEATHER

Max. (March 30) 51 Min. 34
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date .3-24
Last 24 hours normal .00
Forecast: Fair tonight; cloudy with possible snow Wednesday.

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Nevada Divorce Ruled Invalid

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American Republics Voice Aims

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 30 (AP)—The American republics agreed at a preliminary session today that the ninth international conference of American states could and would discuss foreign inspired subversive activities in the western hemisphere.

Delegates prayed for divine guidance before the opening meeting. President Mariano Ospina Perez of Colombia was to open the conference late this afternoon with a welcoming address to the representatives of 21 nations.

As each delegation arrived at the cathedral for the services, the assembled crowd applauded. For U. S. Secretary of State Marshall the applause became an ovation.

Three basic projects face the delegates:
1. Moulding of the inter-American system into a strong regional bloc within the framework of the United Nations.
2. Creation of a program of economic aid for Latin America.
3. Enactment of a pact providing for a peaceful solution of differences between the American republics.

Not on the agenda, but certain to play an important role in the discussions are the issues of communism and colonialism in the western hemisphere.

Red Stand Asked
Chile, Paraguay and Cuba have expressed hope the conference will take a stand against communist infiltration in the Americas.

Some members have contended it is preferable to have each nation settle its own communist problems. Joao Neves de Fountoura, chief delegate from Brazil, told newsmen his country would not bring up the communist question. But, he added:

"If the matter is brought up by some other delegation, Brazil will take a position consistent with its internal policy communism, which culminated with a break of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia."

Mystery Rises Over Shooting

FRESNO, Calif., March 30 (AP)—A policeman was shot in the wrist today as he approached a man seated in a car outside a tavern. A fellow policeman then shot and killed the man.

Now there's a mystery: Who shot the first policeman? A search of the slain man failed to produce any weapon.

The officers had been summoned by the wife of the tavern owner. She said the man had been in the tavern, kept his hand in a pocket as if holding a gun and she feared a holdup.

As Patrolman John Pavlovich approached the man in the car, a shot rang out and Pavlovich shouted "I'm shot."

N. Y. Stock Exchange Is Picketed

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School Boards Plan Budgets

Both boards of education, No. 1 of the elementary schools and No. 2 of Klamath Union high school, were devoting their time this week to inspecting Klamath Falls schools with members of the two budget committees. This is done each year prior to drawing up the budget.

Board 1 members, with Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp, started out Tuesday morning to look over the seven city plants. The group had lunch at the Mills cafeteria. Each board member appoints a member to the budget committee. Named by Board 1 were R. E. Hooker, George McIntyre, Percy Murray, R. E. Wright, Vance Vaupeil and C. S. Elliot.

At noon Wednesday, members of Board 2 of CUHS will make a tour of that plant. The committee is made up of Roy Rakestraw, E. H. Thompson, Vern Owens, Frank Eberlein and William Metler. If there is a full attendance of Board 2, a meeting will follow inspection of the building and at that time there will be a discussion of coaching assignments. Superintendent Gralapp said that if all members are not present, the meeting will not be held.

Picket Line Charges Cops

NEW YORK, March 30 (AP)—Violence broke out in the new stock and curb exchange strikes today as waves of picketers rushed police at the entrance to the New York stock exchange.

Men were knocked down, women screamed, some police were thrown to the sidewalk. One detective was picked up, his head bleeding.

Uninformed police swang clubs and calls were sent for ambulances, police, emergency squads and patrol wagons.

The skirmish began just before 9 a.m. as the pickets lined up before the exchanges on the second day of the strike in the heart of the world financial center.

Within six minutes the disturbance was ended. Just before the flareup, a woman identified by police as Claire Johnson, 19, of the Bronx, was charged with disorderly conduct when she attempted to force her way into a picket line that was restricted in number.

Ski Trek Turns Into Foursome
EUGENE, March 30 (AP)—Jack Meissner's ski trip along the Cascade range has become a tour for four.

Military Cost Won't Up Cost Of Living, Taft Says

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio), expressed belief today the cost of military preparedness would have no "very material effect" on domestic prices.

The Ohioan, senate republican policy chief, told reporters he was assuming the extra cost would run between \$2,000,000,000 and \$4,000,000,000.

"That would not make any tremendous difference in an economy running at the rate of about \$230,000,000,000 a year," Taft said. (Taft was referring to gross national production, rather than national income.)

He talked to newsmen after a meeting of the senate-house economic committee which he heads. Earlier, other senators had revived talk of another OPA by linking inflation dangers to plans for proposed big spending for universal military training, a temporary draft, and a stronger air force.

Taft said he still is opposed to setting up authority to revive wage-price controls, rationing and other domestic economy curbs, to be used when needed.

"Legislation on a standby basis is impractical," Taft said. "Either you do it or you don't do it."

Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), also a member of the joint economic committee, took sharp issue with Taft as to the effect of military preparedness on the domestic economy.

Redistricting Meeting Held

DORRIS, March 30—A public hearing was being conducted in Yreka, Siskiyou county seat, today on a proposal by the county board of supervisors to redistrict the county.

Action of the board was generally interpreted as a counter measure to state of another charter election. Last year a vote to institute a charter form of government in Siskiyou was defeated.

The eastern portion of the county contains more than half the Siskiyou population, but has only two seats on the board of supervisors, while the western portion, with less population, has three.

Two years ago the board of supervisors voted to redistrict, but the act was never accomplished.

Any Old Car In A Pinch
PORTLAND, March 30 (AP)—When C. R. Rayner drives into a gas station, pedestrians back away in alarm and attendants—hose in hand—circle the car futilely looking for the fuel intake.

The car wheezes and snorts. Steam emerges from the neighborhood of the rear wheels.

When the excitement simmers down, Rayner explains all he wants is water for the Stanley steamer he is driving while his modern automobile is being repaired. He has owned the old-timer for years.

Move Puts Hundreds In Doubt

The Oregon state supreme court today ruled a Nevada divorce granted to a Portland man invalid and put a dark cloud on hundreds of other Reno divorces and subsequent remarriages existing among citizens of this state.

The high court upheld on all counts a Portland ruling made several months ago by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg of Klamath Falls in a test case that Multnomah county judges had kept hands off for almost three years.

Judge Vandenberg was substituting on the Portland bench when he made the ruling.

The decision was given in the case of Mrs. Anna Kelley against Emery B. Kelley, both of Portland.

Over three years ago Kelley sued his wife for divorce in Portland and also entered a counter suit for separate maintenance. Judgment was made in her favor.

When he got the decree he returned to Oregon and was immediately made defendant in a suit brought by his wife to test the validity of Kelley's Reno divorce.

After a trial he ruled that Kelley's Nevada decree was invalid because Kelley hadn't actually changed his legal residence from Oregon to Nevada.

He went to Reno for the sole purpose of getting a divorce and returned to Oregon. He established the fact that he had not changed his legal residence by voting in an election on a registration made prior to the Nevada stay.

Support Awarded
Judge Vandenberg awarded Mrs. Kelley a separation and \$10 a month support money.

The case was taken on up to the state supreme court and today that body upheld Judge Vandenberg's ruling.

"The decision means that most Nevada divorces obtained by Oregon citizens aren't worth the paper they are written on as far as Oregon is concerned," a high court official said.

There is no estimate of the number of Oregon people who hold Nevada divorce decrees, obtained by establishing the six weeks' residence in that state, but today's ruling apparently would nullify most of the decrees.

Many persons holding such divorce decrees have later remarried and in the eyes of the law could be held guilty of bigamy.

A unanimous decision was handed down by the supreme court, the first dealing with the subject of Nevada's divorce law which requires only six weeks' residence.

Accused



Lt. Gen. Helge Jung (above), Swedish military commander-in-chief, was accused by Russian newspapers of planning to build bases on Swedish soil for U. S. planes and parachute troops.

Two Klamath Men Killed In Truck Crash

Two Klamath Falls men were killed at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon when their car plunged off highway 99, 11 miles north of Redding, Calif.

Dead are Earl Howard Allred, 50, 900 Owens, and Brock Lynn Brown, 1, 5620 Miller.

California state patrolmen said Allred was at the wheel of a pickup when the truck failed to make a turn, shot across the highway and struck a large oak tree. Both men suffered skull fractures and multiple injuries. They died within five minutes after the crash.

The bodies were moved to the Meisinger Mortuary and will be sent to the Earl Whitlock Funeral home here. Final rites will be announced later.

Allred, who worked as a sawyer in mills here, had recently taken a job with Erwin and Grant mill near Lewiston in Trinity county, 40 miles northwest of Redding. Last week-end he drove to Klamath Falls to pick up Brown, who was a grader.

The two were en route to Lewiston at the time of the crash. The point where the accident occurred is known as the Pit river grade.

Allred is survived by his wife, Anna, of this city; one stepson, Archie Huff, of the city police department; his mother, Mrs. Ralph Scott, of Elk Grove, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Ora Stoeber of Dairy, Brown's survivors include his wife, Olivene, nurse at Klamath Valley hospital; two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Wallin of Klamath Falls, Mrs. James Little of Cave Junction, Ore., and two sons, Leonard and John Brown, both of Klamath Falls.

College Kids Hit It Rich

COEUR D'ALENE, Ida., March 30 (AP)—Because three college students went to the city dump for material to make a ski tow belt, they are splitting up more than \$2000 today.

Police Chief Arnold Engen said the boys found the money in a rusty metal box. They turned it over to police but a two-week search failed to disclose the owner. An FBI check assured that the cash was not loot from any robbery.

The students, all in their second year at North Idaho Junior college, are Malcolm Stahl of Dayton, O.; Dewey Sells of Sandpoint, and David Keith of Coeur d'Alene. They said they would use the money to continue in school.

Norman Linville, 23-year-old Klamath county road department employe, was recovering at Klamath Valley hospital today from injuries received early yesterday afternoon when his rock loaded dump truck overturned.

Boss Beats Deadline By Ten Minutes

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP)—John L. Lewis today bowed to a federal court order and appeared before a presidential board inquiring into the soft coal strike.

Lewis, flanked by more than 20 aides, walked into the board's chamber at approximately 10 minutes before the meeting was to begin at 11 a. m. (EST).

Federal Judge Edward M. Curran had given Lewis this choice: Either to appear at the hearings, which Lewis had refused to do voluntarily, or face a possible heavy fine or jail term for contempt of court.

Lewis told the board he appeared "under compulsion."

The conference room of the labor department was crowded when the chief of the United Mine Workers showed up. Lewis strode solemnly to a chair. Photographers went into action as he sat down.

Outline Asked
Judge Sherman Minton, head of the board of inquiry, asked Lewis if he would be good enough to outline his position in the pension dispute which has shut down operations in the soft coal mines.

"I might say that I am here today under the compulsion of a decision of the United States court," Lewis said.

"I have no particular statement to make other than responding to interrogation."

Curran acted quickly after Lewis' attorney raised the question of adequate time to reply to the summons and challenged the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley act.

Wesley K. Hopkins, attorney for the chief of the United Mine Workers, had argued barely 10 minutes when Curran ruled. Lewis did not appear personally to explain why he should not appear before the board of inquiry.

Curran told Hopkins the court had been lenient in granting Lewis an opportunity to "show cause." The judge said there is no opinion he could have directed Lewis to appear before the board without the formality of today's hearing.

Atom Talks Break Down

LAKE SUCCESS, March 30 (AP)—Talk on formation of a world atomic control agency broke down today in a United Nations committee.

Without a formal record vote, the majority of the control committee of the United Nations atomic energy commission decided there is no use talking further how to organize the world agency until the nations decide what the agency will do.

The committee adjourned without setting a date for another meeting.

The United States was the first to propose suspension of the talks. Frederick H. Osborne, U. S. atomic deputy, told the control committee of the United Nations atomic energy commission there is no use discussing the agency in view of the differences between Russia and the committee majority.

Britain, France, Belgium and Canada quickly endorsed the U. S. view. This was the second atomic meeting in two days at which representatives of the majority on the commission had called for discontinuing talks on Soviet proposals.

DIES AT 104
PENDLETON, Ore., March 30 (AP) Umattila county's oldest resident died today at the age of 104. Mrs. Sarah Jane Endicott, who had three brothers in the Confederate army during the Civil war, died in her sleep at the home of a granddaughter here.

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace said today the Truman administration created a "false crisis" and is deliberately leading the American people toward war.

"I charge," said Wallace, "an artificial crisis was deliberately manufactured to stampede congress and the people into accepting universal military training and conscription."

The third party presidential candidate denounced administration policies in a 5500-word statement prepared for the senate armed services committee. The committee is hearing testimony for and against UMT and a temporary revival of the wartime draft to back the administration's new halt-Russia policy.

Wallace's testimony was distributed to reporters several hours before Mr. Truman struck out anew last night at his ousted cabinet officer by suggesting that he go to Russia.

The president spoke extemporaneously at a dinner meeting of Greek-Americans. He declared that his country "never wants war."

"But," Mr. Truman asserted, "there are certain things which are worse than war. One of them is slavery."

Among accusations the former vice president leveled in his prepared statement at the chief executive and his policy makers were these:

1. The current international crisis was " concocted " not only to promote big business, but also to stave off an economic crisis at home.

2. Forced labor for workers will result from a demoralization program.

3. The administration "is arming up for a war without limits or inhibitions—a war as dangerous for ourselves as it is for others."

4. The administration's military policy intends to impose "military control of every kind."

5. America is threatening the security of the world.

Wallace said "our country is in danger." But he insisted the danger comes from our own policies "which will bring war—unnecessary war—upon our country."

"The crisis lies in the war fever itself—not in real threats of invasion, but in the synthetic 'threats of invasion' pumped out to support the arms program. x x x"

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