

# Ratification Of Red-Finn Pact Certain

HELSINKI, Finland, April 7 (AP)—Heisinki political sources today predicted swift ratification of the new Soviet-Finnish mutual aid treaty.

They expressed the opinion parliament might give its approval by the end of next week. The new treaty was signed last night in Moscow.

President Juho K. Paasikivi is expected to put all his personal prestige behind a drive for smooth conclusion of the pact, which most Finns regard as a good deal. They got concessions from the Russians and they kept their political independence.

**Final Round**

In Moscow, the Finnish delegates who negotiated the treaty during the last two weeks, prepared for their final official duties and for a round of toasts and speeches at a gala dinner given by Prime Minister Stalin tonight.

Stalin personally proposed the treaty in a letter to Paasikivi on February 22.

A majority of parliament is needed for ratification. There are 200 members, divided as follows: 51 popular democrats (communists and pro-Moscow social democrats), 48 social democrats, 48 agrarians, 29 conservatives, 15 Swedish party and nine liberals. The first three parties comprise the government bloc.

Russian ratification of the treaty is a foregone conclusion.

The opening clause of the new treaty spells out Finland's territorial independence if either country becomes the object of aggression. It says that if either is attacked by Germany or another state allied with her, Finland will fight. But it specifies that Finnish forces will stay within Finland's territorial boundaries.

No other nation was named in the aggression clause.

The treaty also states that Russia can send troops into Finland in case of aggression only by mutual agreement.

In the treaty Russia also agreed not to interfere in Finland's internal affairs.

# Negro Slayer Held Insane

TACOMA, April 7 (AP)—A commission of three doctors has adjudged criminally insane James B. Mitchell, 21-year-old negro who has been charged with two murders.

The commission, in a report to Superior Judge Fred G. Remann here Monday said Mitchell "is one of the most dangerous men" they have ever examined.

Once convicted and sentenced to hang for the murder of Dr. John R. Thompson, Mitchell was recently granted a retrial by the state supreme court because of an error in the trial charges. He has also been charged with the fatal shooting of Bruce Guillet, a Tacoma taxi driver.

The sanity commission was appointed on his return here. He has been committed to the Medical Lake hospital.

# Be Kind To Pigs Move Is Good One

DEWITT, Ia., April 7 (AP)—Clifford Crane, herdsman on the Dr. M. J. Huls farm near DeWitt, says being kind to sows pays dividends in cutting down baby pig losses.

He says "get to know your sows and have the sows get to know and like you." By doing this, he adds, the sows will have a better disposition. They will not be easily excited and will be less likely to crush the little pigs, he reports.

# Three-Way Pile-Up In Snowstorm



These three cars piled up in a late afternoon snowstorm Saturday, causing considerable congestion in rush hour traffic. At right is a 1948 Chevrolet sedan, driven by Mrs. John Ashley, and a 1939 Oldsmobile, owned by Mrs. C. L. Michael is at left. Center car is a 1941 Buick, owned by Roy T. Burns.

# MacArthur Hit For Book Ban

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—The Authors League of America took Gen. Douglas MacArthur to task Tuesday for allegedly banning books written by John Hersey and Edgar Snow.

In a terse cablegram, the league "vigorously protested" the alleged ban throughout Japan of Hersey's "Hiroshima" and four books by Snow.

The league intimated the ban was imposed more than four months ago, but said it had learned of it only recently.

Oscar Hammerstein, II, president of the league, sent the cablegram to Gen. MacArthur in Tokyo, a spokesman said and asked "clarification of your policy of censorship."

There was no reason given for MacArthur's reported action, the league said.

The four Snow books are "Red Star Over China," "The Battle for Asia," "People on Our Side," and "The Pattern of Soviet Power."

# Britain Eases Tax Load For Some

LONDON, April 7 (AP)—Britain's labor government exempted half a million small wage earners Tuesday from paying taxes, but placed new levies on the investment-derived income of the wealthy.

Sir Stafford Cripps, presenting the 1948-49 budget to the house of commons, ruled out a capital levy as "impracticable at the present time."

Higher duties were ordered on tobacco, beer, whisky, wines and other luxuries.

Sir Stafford, the chancellor of the exchequer, said the new tobacco tax would increase the cost of a package of 20 cigarettes from three shillings, four pence (67 cents), to three shillings, six pence (70 cents).

# O. O. Bowers Quits Odell Lodge Post

CASCADE SUMMIT, April 7 — Manager and Mrs. O. O. Bowers of Odell Summit lodge have resigned their position as of April 13, and will leave for Portland immediately.

The J. E. Badleys will personally manage the lodge for a few months in order to become acquainted with new operating problems. Bob and Gladys Bowers have purchased a five-acre filbert ranch and intend to acquire a motel in the Portland vicinity.

# 20-30 Readies For Convention

At the 20-30 club meeting Tuesday night at the Willard the members practiced songs for the district convention to be held here June 19 and 20, and for the international convention slated for September at Catalina Island.

The annual 20-30 track meet to be held May 1, was talked with plans laid to make it one of the most outstanding meets held. There will be trophies awarded for all first places instead of medals.

Schools are being contacted for entrants and several schools have already accepted. It was brought out at the meeting. The Teen Age club will sponsor the track queen dance and arrangements were made by the 20-30 club to present her with a crown at the dance.

The basketball banquet to be held in honor of the KUHS basketball squad and the presentation of the cup to the outstanding player of the year will be made at the meeting set for April 20.

Guest of the club Tuesday night was Fritz Thoke of Cummins Hardware company.

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# Baby Slayer Gets Prison

LOS ANGELES, April 7 (AP)—Mrs. Shirley Kunin, 24-year-old Beverly Hills housewife, today was sentenced to one to 10 years in prison for the death of her daughter, Denise, two.

She took the judge's announcement calmly, although a tear or two glistened in her eyes. She had been convicted of manslaughter in the death of her daughter following a spanking.

Before sentencing, a motion for a new trial was denied. Attorney Richard Maddox then filed an application for probation. Superior Judge Harold B. Landreth also denied this, commenting:

"I do not think she is eligible under the law. And even if she were eligible, I can't conceive of granting probation in this case."

A jury of seven women and five men convicted Mrs. Kunin last Saturday. The state charged that she beat the baby to death with a hairbrush. Mrs. Kunin testified that she spanked the child but didn't beat it. She said Denise was fatally injured when she fell from a bathnet to the bathroom floor.

While Mrs. Kunin was in custody awaiting trial she gave birth to a son a month ago. The infant is now a juvenile court ward.

# Crowds Throng To Freedom Train

SALEM, April 7 (AP)—The Freedom Train was visited in Salem Tuesday by 7079 persons. It was open to the public for only one day, although it was in Salem two days.

When the train was closed at 10 o'clock last night, only a few persons had to be turned away. Thousands of others, however, are believed to have given up rather than stand in the long lines in the cold, rainy weather.

# Coal Strike Idles Half Million Men

PITTSBURGH, April 7 (AP)—The number of workers idle, due directly or indirectly to the 24-day-old soft coal walkout, passed a half million today.

Heading the list were John L. Lewis' 400,000 soft coal miners. Out on a sympathy strike which started yesterday were more than 24,500 Eastern Pennsylvania anthracite miners. Both groups are members of the United Mine Workers.

About 60,000 transportation workers, mainly railroaders, were jobless because there was no coal to move. Most of the other idle were steel-makers, scattered over a dozen states.

**Roving Pickets**

Bands of roving pickets, riding automobiles, halt operations at non-union strip mines in three states. A half dozen such workings were shut down in Central West Virginia. Several strip operators said they would resume work today, using armed guards if necessary. One truck driver said a picket told him there would be a "big day" if operators tried to mine coal.

Other pickets closed two strip mines in Perry county, Ohio, and halted operations at a coal-loading ramp at Cumberland, Ky., where a truck driver was beaten. Several truckloads of coal were dumped by pickets in West Virginia and Ohio.

U. S. Steel corporation and subsidiaries announced outbacks in the Pittsburgh district, slashing steel operations in that area to about 80 per cent of normal.

# 90 Delegates Named In NY

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—Ninety uninvited national convention delegates were elected by each of the two major parties in New York state yesterday with the GOP choices all informally committed to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

One of the democratic delegates chosen, State Assemblyman Philip J. Schupler of Brooklyn, has been outspoken in his opposition to President Truman. He has announced Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as his choice.

Schupler is the first democratic national convention delegate elected who is openly anti-Truman.

The other 89 democratic delegates elected, many of them prominent in the party's affairs in the state, are uncommitted.

The spring primary, one of the duldest in years, brought out only a negligible percentage of the voters.

# Amendment Asked In Highway Aid

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Amendment of the federal-aid highway act to provide \$500,000,000 a year for three years to extend and improve federal aid highway was recommended today by Senator Morse (Ore.).

Funds would be available in the fiscal years ending June 30 in 1950, 1951 and 1952.

The amendment would allocate 45 per cent to the federal aid highway system, 30 per cent to secondary roads and 25 per cent to federal projects in urban areas.

Forest highways would receive \$25,000,000; forest development roads and trails \$12,500,000; national park road and trail maintenance construction \$4,500,000; national

park parkways \$10,000,000, and Indian reservation roads, \$6,000,000.

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