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Tito Double-Edges Gesture To Stalin

Fist Shaken Along With Peace Move

BELGRADE, Aug. 23 (AP)—Yugoslavia expressed willingness tonight to reach a settlement with Russia on "all disputed questions" between the two feuding countries.

In a new note to the Soviet government Yugoslavia told Moscow that Premier Marshal Tito was willing to end the bitter fight with the Kremlin.

At the same time, Yugoslavia served a stern warning to Russia's rulers to keep their hands off the internal affairs of this Balkan communist country.

The note was the first cooling word in a war of words that had become white hot in the past two weeks. It was the seventh note in an exchange between Belgrade and Moscow.

Yugoslavia formerly expressed her "readiness to approach the solution of all disputed questions with the U.S.S.R. in accordance with and in the spirit of the international obligations undertaken by both governments."

There was no immediate indication of what Moscow's reaction would be to this extension of the olive branch. Tito has been at odds with the Kremlin for 14 months.

The Moscow-directed cominform (communist international information bureau) expelled Tito and his Yugoslav communists for nationalistic deviations from what Russian leaders regard as orthodox communism. The Russians have called on the Yugoslavs to overthrow Tito if he did not change his policy. Tito has maintained his position, however.

There was no attitude of kneeling in today's Yugoslav note.



ON THE FIRE LINE—Here's an intimate picture of a segment of the immense Sheep Well fire. A helmeted fire-fighter is shoveling dirt against the blaze that is crackling around the big stump at right, while in the background flames are rolling through the brush and have climbed the trunk of a pine. This night shot was made by Herald and News Photographer Wes Cuderian near the Medicine lake road. The big fire was under control today.

BUT there is some new stuff out. Some time back the Norwegian General Federation of Trade Unions got curious and sent delegations to study conditions in both Russia and the United States. These Norwegian union workers made a report of their findings. The report was addressed to their own organization. It has just been made public. Among other things, it mentions that:

"An average American worker earns a loaf of bread with five minutes of work; it takes an average Russian two hours of work to earn a loaf of bread.

"An American buys a pound of meat with half an hour of labor; a Russian has to work a whole day to earn a pound of meat.

"An American can buy a woolen suit after 25 hours of work; a Russian has to work two months to earn a woolen suit."

Grain Harvest In High Gear; No Spuds Yet

Grain harvest in the Klamath basin is moving ahead at top speed now and the first heavy shipments were being made today.

At the Great Northern's Stronghold station 14 carloads of barley were headed out for Vancouver, Wash., this morning for diversion east. Agent C. H. Hendricks said.

The Southern Pacific moved one carload of rye on August 14, two carloads of barley the next day and today had 15 cars from Tulelake designated for northern and eastern points, according to Agent H. E. McGehee.

There has been no definite price established for barley but there are reports that \$2.80 and \$2.85 a hundred pounds have been paid for No. 1 Haachen maling grain.

A reliable report this morning indicated a \$3 a hundred price paid for at least two lots of the grain.

One buyer said that the quality of the grain is good this year, but there is a decline in overall yield because of serious damage to considerable dry-land grain and some damage in spots to irrigated fields. The acreage planted to barley this year was also lower and the acreage of wheat higher.

Most of the barley crop is being harvested in bulk. The big grain operation at Tulana Farms and Winema Farms are being harvested now, and the peak probably will be reached next week.

Principal buyers are the Tulelake Grain company, Archer-Daniels-Midland company and the Continental Grain company.

No spud digging has been reported yet and potato shipments probably will not start until the middle of September.

'Pick You Ups' Let You Down, WCTU Is Told

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23 (AP)—Too many Americans of school age have a false idea of liquor's effect on the human body, the director of the Pennsylvania school of alcohol studies said today.

Dr. George F. Dunkelberger, former dean of Susquehanna university, told a symposium at the 75th annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, that "it is quite common to believe alcohol is a stimulant, whereas it actually lets you down, pulls you down and keeps you down."

Such "erroneous notions," Dunkelberger said, must be corrected through education. Too frequently, the liquor problem is avoided in schools because of "the popularity of drinking and the criticisms to which teachers think they would be subjected."

Total abstinence, the educator said, is the only "safe, sane and sensible program of living for the youth of our nation."

"The excessive drinker," he said, "comes from the moderate drinker. The moderate drinker comes from the occasional or social drinker and the social drinker comes from taking the first drink."

Tomorrow Is Round-Up Day In Pendleton

PENDLETON, Aug. 23 (AP)—Gene Rambo, Shandon, Calif., leads the pack as the nation's top rodeo performer come up to one of the West's biggest shows—the annual Pendleton roundup.

The roundup, which claims the nation's highest daily pay-off for performers, opens its four-day run tomorrow.

Rambo, winner of the international rodeo association all-around cowboy championship in 1946 and 1948, has compiled 5146 points in rodeos this year. Behind him come Jim Shouder, Tulsa, with 4590; Casey Tibbs, Ft. Pierre, S.D., 4483; Harry Tompkins, Cimmaron ranch, Peck, N. Y., 4160; and Bill Linderman, Red Lodge, Mont., 4108.

Rambo will be seeking his second title here. He won the Jackson trophy, awarded to the best all-around cowboy at this event, in 1944.

The annual highlight, the Westward Ho parade, featuring 5000 Indians and whites in pioneer-day vehicles and dress, will come at 10 a. m. Friday.

Sports Bulletins

CARDS BEAT BUMS
BROOKLYN, Aug. 23 (AP)—Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter collected five of St. Louis' eight hits and his four of its runs to lead the Cardinals to a 3-3 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers today. The triumph increased the Redbirds' first place margin to three games, their highest lead of the year over the Dodgers.

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Lanier, Wilks (3), and D. Rice; Matten, Erskine (6), Minner (8) and Campanella.

PEG KIRK WINS
CHICAGO, Aug. 23 (AP)—Medalist Peg Kirk of Findlay, Ohio, advanced to the second round of the women's western amateur golf tournament yesterday by defeating Margaret Gunther of Memphis one-up in 19 holes.

UP AND DOWN
PORTLAND, Aug. 23 (AP)—Operating revenue of the Portland General Electric company was up in the last fiscal year but net earnings skidded. The company reported sales brought \$19,646,238 in the 12 months ended June 30. This was 9.4 per cent higher than the previous fiscal year. Net earnings dropped to \$2,096,320 with per share earnings down from \$2.76 to \$2.10.

Charge State Prisoner Allowed To Slowly Bleed To Death Alone In Cell

PORTLAND, Aug. 23 (AP)—The Oregon Journal said today that Gov. Douglas McKay was launching an investigation into the death of a penitentiary inmate who, the newspaper said it was told, lay unattended for six hours and bled to death.

A signed news story by Tom Humphrey, associate editor, said Oren A. Brownlee, 34, sentenced from Lane county for car theft, died last March 17 and hospital records listed it as suicide.

Humphrey's story said the newspaper learned "from what it considers unimpeachable sources" that Brownlee lay unattended in his cell from 4:20 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. March 15 although the guard on duty in his cell reported promptly that he was slowly bleeding to death from self-inflicted wounds.

The Journal said its attention was called to Brownlee's death by a state senator and by prison guards after a Journal series on the state penitentiary mentioned a suicide. The governor was advised yesterday, Humphrey wrote, and said he would start an investigation today and probably would ask the attorney general to conduct it.

"This is a serious matter," the Journal quoted the governor as saying. "I shall make a complete investigation, starting immediately. We did not like some of the things the Journal said about the state penitentiary, but it belongs to the people of Oregon—and the warden or the governor—and they have a right to know what goes on there."

Brownlee's body was sent to Okanogan, Wash. His home was at Riverside, Wash.

Brownlee, the paper said, was known to fellow inmates as mentally disturbed and was in frequent trouble with authorities. He attempted suicide several times. His prison record shows that he was in military service for five months and was discharged for nervous instability.

No Signs Of Life Around Missing Plane

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 23 (AP)—The Royal Canadian air force announced today a search plane has found the wreckage of a two-engine plane reported missing in northern Manitoba with 21 persons aboard since Sunday.

The announcement said there was "no signs of life" around the craft which had crashed and burned 250 miles northeast of Winnipeg.

The RCAF announcement said a paratroop-rescue team is proceeding to the scene of the crash, using three amphibious planes.

Aboard the craft were seven crew members, eight sick Eskimos, a Canadian Press reporter, four meteorological department men and a woman physiotherapist.

Hurricane Threatening East Coast

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 23 (AP)—The Atlantic hurricane whirled 300 miles at sea off Jacksonville today and hammered at the steamship Mormac Surf with 90-mile winds and mountainous seas.

At the same time a new storm was generating in the Atlantic about 300 miles east of Puerto Rico. Winds in this disturbance were mounting swiftly and at 12:30 p. m. (EST) were blowing at 50 miles an hour.

The Mormac Surf reported by radio that she was in no trouble.

Death Of Eugene Man Probed

EUGENE, Aug. 23 (AP)—The Lane county coroner's office was investigating today the death of Robert Ivan Toppendorf, 26, Swisshome, found at home with a .22 caliber bullet in his head.

Deputy Coroner Fred Buell said the pistol was found beside the body. The body was found Saturday night when the parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Toppendorf, went to his room. They had thought the young man was in Eugene.

Another Big Foreign Arms Aid Fund OK'd

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—The combined senate committees on foreign relations and armed services today approved \$211,370,000 for Greece and Turkey, and \$27,640,000 for Iran, Korea, and the Philippines.

The committees delayed until later this week a decision as to how much military assistance shall be given European members of the Atlantic Pact under President Truman's arms aid program.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the foreign relations committee announced that the combined groups approved \$211,370,000 for Greece and Turkey, and \$27,640,000 for Iran, Korea, and the Philippines.

Connally told reporters that the committee also approved amendments by Senator Smith (R-N.Y.) pledging the United States to exert maximum efforts to provide the United Nations with armed forces and to obtain an agreement for universal regulation and reduction of armament.

Connally said the committees approved another amendment by Republican Senators Vandenberg (Mich.) and Dulles (N.Y.) intended to give congress, as well as the president, power to terminate foreign arms aid at any time.

Local Church In 'Goats To Okinawa' Drive

Goats to Okinawa is the latest trend in relief efforts! Three groups of the First Christian church here are contributing to this inter-faith relief project at present. Each group has contributed 50 with which a goat is bought and shipped to San Francisco where a government boat awaits to carry it along with hundreds of its four footed companions to its destination.

The "get your goat" project is affiliated with the Heifers for Relief project committee which has been designated by the U. S. government to solicit funds for the testing, care, feeding and transportation of the goats until they reach the ship's side. Goats are being sent to the Pacific area instead of helpers since the locale there is more favorable to their existence.

These milk and meat bearing animals are one of the mainstays of life on the island, however during the war over 100,000 goats were destroyed—and only some 2000 remain.

NEEDLESS DRAG
ASTORIA, Aug. 23 (AP)—Firemen fruitlessly dragged the fishing boat basin slips for the body of Ouy Murphy, a boat puller thought to have been aboard the Sandra Lee which caught fire yesterday. Murphy was found sleeping safely in a local hotel all the time.

Backfiring Helps Night Attack On Sheep Well Lines

Efforts of a huge force of men and equipment, highlighted by an immense backfiring operation, had brought the Sheep Well fire under control today after it had covered 16,000 acres in two national forests and a national monument.

Release of fire-fighters was started this morning, but two late-morning flare-ups on the fire lines halted this procedure and indicated the blaze might still make trouble.

Fire-fighters backfired over approximately 3000 acres along the west boundary of the Lava Beds national monument last night, stopping the blaze on the northeastern front where it made a long sweep after breaking out of lines Sunday. The big backfire cast a glow on the sky visible from Klamath Falls 30 miles away.

Patrol was maintained on the fire lines today as the weather continued dangerous, with wind and lowering humidity creating a condition similar to that prevailing at the time of Sunday's outbreak.

Hopes Upped For Klamath Vet Hospital

The House veterans committee approved legislation today to force President Truman to restore a 16,000-bed slash in proposed veterans hospital construction, an Associated Press dispatch reported from Washington.

The legislation, introduced August 12 by Representative Rankin (D-Miss.), specifically lists a 206-bed \$3 million Klamath Falls hospital project for restoration.

Last January, Truman cancelled \$237,000,000 of contract authority voted by congress for additional VA hospital facilities, cancelling plans for 24 new hospitals and curtailing the size of 14 others.

The appropriation bill left the discretion with the president to determine what hospitals would be built.

Rankin's measure, the one approved today by the veterans committee, removes the discretionary authority and makes the hospital expenditure mandatory.

Its approval by the committee is just one step in the possible restoration of the cancelled construction projects. The measure has to be acted upon by the house of representatives, the senate and finally would have to face a possible presidential veto.

The Klamath Falls hospital was to have been built this year and a site (Boulevard tract) on the hill back of Hot Springs has been purchased by the government.

Some road-building and well-drilling work had been done at the site before the cancellation order.

\$1,022,000,000 For B-36 Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—The air force gave congress an estimate of \$1,022,000,000 today on the cost of the B-36 bomber program.

The figure came out in testimony by Lt. Gen. W. Rawlings in the house armed services committee investigation of the giant atomic bomb carrier.

Rawlings followed other high-ranking air force witnesses who chorused denials that political influence or corruption had anything to do with orders for more B-36's. Rawlings is comptroller, or finance man, for the air force.

Strategists decided on the backfire yesterday afternoon, and this operation was started along the road to Whitney Butte, and from the Gold Digger road to the Dome mountain road. Roads are customarily used as starting points for operations of this nature, providing already-made cleared line to start the flames in the proper direction.

Heads of the fire fighting organization were well enough satisfied with their work that they raised the big fire as controlled late in the night.

Named for a landmark in the center of the fire area, the Sheep Well fire began Saturday, apparently springing from a shepherd's campfire. It was brought under control.

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BIG ONE—Ernest Puddy of Bonanza is shown with head of antelope he shot in the Plush area Sunday which is right up there in the records for size of horns. The horns have a spread of 19 1/4 inches, and a length of beam of 18 1/4 inches, the latter measurement rating it as the third largest ever taken anywhere. The books show 18 1/16 in beam length as the third place holder previous to Puddy's bog. The local measurements will be sent in for official filing.