

U.S. COMMUNIST BIGWIGS CONVICTED

In The Day's News

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TODAY'S big news comes from New York, where a federal jury convicts 11 top-ranking American communist leaders of conspiring to teach overthrow of the government of the United States by force.

It is only the first round, of course. The last round will be fought in the supreme court of the U. S. But a clean-cut victory in the first round is important in any fight.

The fight against communism is a FIGHT.

HERE'S an interesting little sidelight:

It was hinted during the trial that conviction of these top-ranking leaders MIGHT DRIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY UNDERGROUND in this country.

Pool! Pool! The communist party, in this country and every other country, is like an iceberg. What you see ABOVE THE SURFACE is only a trifling and relatively unimportant part of it. The bulk of it is UNDER the surface.

That is to say:

The communist party is underground already in the United States.

The fact that an official part of it has stuck up where we could see it hasn't changed the situation in any particular. The part of it that shows above the surface is mere booty-trap.

It is what is below the surface that causes the real trouble.

COMMUNISM loses a round in America.

IT WINS A ROUND IN CHINA.

The round the communists have lost in the United States is the first one. It looks like the round they have won in China is the last one.

Any way, there can be no doubt that China has gone communist.

FOR many years we were told that the Chinese communists were simple, earnest, struggling peasants who were seeking for themselves and their children a way of life that the corrupt Nationalist government WOULD'NT give them. This story was embroidered with the assertion that the Chinese communists and the Moscow communists had nothing in common but the name.

Note this fact:

WHEN THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS GOT STRONG ENOUGH, THEY WALKED IN WITH GUNS IN THEIR HANDS AND TOOK OVER ALL OF CHINA BY MILITARY FORCE.

That's what the communists will do in this country if they ever get strong enough.

HERE is a pregnant question:

Will the conquest of China strengthen or weaken the cause of Russian communism?

I WOULDN'T know.

The communists (whose hard, tough core is Russia) now have all of China in their physical grip. The news of the past few days leaves no doubt of that.

Their next job is to make the Chinese like it.

Remember this:

THERE ARE A HALF BILLION CHINAMEN. Making a half billion Chinese like it is a tougher job than handling the relatively few millions in the satellite countries that communist Russia has taken over.

And among these satellites ALREADY little Yugoslavia is showing signs of not liking the Moscow brand of communism.

IT is a slim hope—probably ringed strongly with wishful thinking.

But the fact remains that down through the centuries China has swallowed up a lot of conquerors, as the tar pits at La Brea swallowed up the huge prehistoric animals whose bones we find there now.

The conquerors didn't change the Chinese mind.

It was the Chinese who changed their conquerors.

History might repeat itself in China.

Farm Prices Bill Still Deadlocked

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP)—A three-hour conference of senators and representatives today failed to settle any part of the congressional deadlock over price support legislation.

"We met, we talked but we failed to agree upon anything as yet," Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.), head of the senate conferees and chairman of the senate agriculture committee, told reporters.

"We'll start again at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon."

Truman's Wish

President Truman has said he expects an agreement he can sign into law.

Chairman Cooley of the house agriculture committee and head of the conferees from that branch, confirmed what Thomas reported but added there had been much discussion about cotton supports and acreage cutbacks.

At issue is the question of what size price supports millions of farmers may expect from the government for their crops. The senate stand is for a long range flexible system of support, with the price for basic crops ranging from 75 to 90 per cent of parity. The house wants flat 90 per cent supports.

Lewis Seeks Steel Strike Funds Aid

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Oct. 14 (AP)—United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis today asked AFL President William Green to throw in \$2,500,000 a week to assist CIO President Philip Murray in his steel strike and promised the miners would help.

Lewis, in an amazing bid for labor union cooperation in the two major strikes now on, called upon Green to create a fund in which 10 AFL unions would put a quarter-million dollars every week to help the steel workers "win beyond peradventure."

Lewis said he would match the \$250,000,000 every week from the treasury of the United Mine Workers. His 400,000 miners have been on strike since September 19.

Fetters Gets Parole After Short Hitch

A parole has been granted Wayne Addison Fetters, who was convicted here of manslaughter and served less than 20 months in the Oregon state prison.

Fetters was released this week and reportedly has been promised a job in Eugene.

The state parole board, according to information received here, granted the parole "because of the many letters" written in Fetters' behalf and "because of the nature of the crime."

7-Year Sentence

He was given a seven-year sentence and ordinarily would not be automatically eligible for parole until he had served 28 months.

Fetters was convicted in connection with the death of Melvin Larson, 33, after a brawl at the Fetters home on Oregon avenue July 6, 1947.

Larson, according to the prosecution, was kicked and beaten in the fight and died two days later. Fetters was charged with second degree murder but the charge was reduced to manslaughter after a justice court hearing. He was indicted for manslaughter and convicted in a jury trial March 6, 1948.

Fetters' defense was that he fought Larson after the latter displayed an unseemly interest in Mrs. Fetters.

Local and News

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Spud Queen Candidates



EVA MAE ALEXANDER Healey



PAT EAGAR Bonanza



MARY REED Tulelake



LILA WINEBARGER Merrill



SALLY SMALLEY Malin

Bad Grazing Conditions in Oregon

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 (AP)—The worst grazing conditions in Oregon in a decade were reported today by the U. S. department of agriculture.

The USDA said that the summer and early fall drought had dried ranges by October 1 to the lowest point since 1939, and the fifth lowest in history.

More Hay

Since then, rainfall has improved Western Oregon range, but Eastern Oregon still faces unfavorable winter grazing conditions. Stockmen are feeding much more hay to their animals than usual at this time.

The USDA called the condition of Oregon cattle the poorest since 1939. Many raisers have been marketing their animals early because of the decreased food supply.

House Agrees To Stop-Gap Service Fund

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP)—The house today agreed to create a stop-gap financing of the armed services until next Tuesday but flatly refused to go along with senate proposals to run it into 1950.

By a standing vote of 109 to 4, members slayed today the senate's plan to fix January 15, 1950, as a new deadline for passage of the regular appropriation bill for the army, navy and air force.

It countered with a proposal to extend the stop-gap period until October 18.

The senate's idea already had met an indignant reception from Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.) in the house.

Fair Weather For Week-End

Fair weather with low temperatures of 30 degrees expected throughout the basin area.

The mercury fell to 30 degrees early this morning but clear skies and sunshine was the order for the day. It will be crisp and cold, but clear for tonight's game with Medford on Modoc field.

Bulging Crowd Seen for Grid Game Tonight

There will probably be upwards of 2000 persons witnessing the traditional Klamath Falls-Medford grid game tonight on Modoc field.

Athletic Director Joe Peak said that with the addition of an extra stand of bleachers this year, and plenty of standing room available, the clash will draw a capacity crowd.

Medford fans received approximately 325 reserved tickets this year, all of section A with a few left over. Medfordites snapped up the tickets in a hurry.

The opening kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. sharp.

Movie Guilds Fight Crime

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 14 (AP)—The motion picture industry has declared war on criminal elements in the film capital. And it is planning to steer newcomers to the movies on a straight moral course.

The recently-formed motion picture industry council, comprising nine major Hollywood guild, labor and management groups representing some 35,000 individuals, announced the new program today.

It was outlined at a recent meeting, held under the chairmanship of Ronald Reagan, president of the Screen Actors guild. Others present included Producer Cecil B. De Mille, President George Marshall of the Screen Directors guild and Producer Dore Schary.

The council adopted a resolution asserting "the Hollywood area long has been made a special target of extortionists, shakedown artists and other criminal elements who seek to entrap, and prey upon, the unwary and the unwise."

Downtown Streets Due 'New Look' in December

Downtown Klamath Falls may have a "new look" by December 2, if the present rate of progress on the new 88-unit lighting system continues at its present pace, Copco Manager Sam Ritchey said today.

Spud harvest is going along great guns, with a high percentage of the harvest in. Farmers are getting their sacks out of the fields before they cease work for the day, and pickers are meeting with fine weather conditions including dry soil.

RENT BARS DOWN

SALEM, Oct. 14 (AP)—Governor Douglas McKay today approved decontrol of rents in Oregon City.

House Group OK's Big Arms Fund

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP)—With record speed, the house passed and sent to the senate today a bill providing \$1,314,016,000 to arm non-communist nations. Passage will be by voice vote.

In sending it to the house floor, the appropriations committee also sent along a state department assertion that Russia no longer can be trusted.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP)—Spurred by a state department assertion that Russia no longer can be trusted, the house appropriations committee today voted \$1,314,016,000 for foreign arms aid and \$187,000,000 for new military construction.

The bill carries \$814,016,000 in cash to help arm friendly nations and \$500,000,000 for military projects in Alaska and Okinawa.

Open Accounts

In addition, there is \$500,000,000 of contract authority for foreign arms and \$92,000,000 for the military projects. This authority amounts, in effect, to telling the officials administering the programs that they can run up debts to that amount and that Congress will pay them.

Actual cash in the bill totals \$1,328,506,280. Along with the big items for foreign aid and military construction here are smaller amounts for shipbuilding, hospital construction, veterans' facilities, unemployment compensation, schools, and public works planning.

Red Troops Awaited in Canton

CANTON, Oct. 14 (AP)—Nationalist troops departed Canton today and this sleepy South China city expected the cohering communists to march in at any time.

Municipal officials already were reported to have opened negotiations for surrender of the deposed government capital.

Rumors spread that the reds may take over this afternoon.

10 Miles Out

The reds were last spotted only 10 miles from the center of Canton. Nationalists passed quickly through the city, going south and away from the path of the oncoming enemy.

Police still held good control. This dispatch was timed four hours later than one from Chungking, the new nationalist capital, saying there were reports of disorder in Canton.

Gunfire

Intermittent gunfire echoed through the downtown part of the city during the night.

At daylight this city of more than 1,000,000 population stirred back to life. The streets filled with pedicabs, bicycles, cars, trucks, buses and pedestrians.

Public utilities continued to function. Food markets, which had been closed with iron gates during the night, reopened. Some newspapers put out editions. The few Americans here are safe.

Premier Has Narrow Squeak

PARIS, Oct. 14 (AP)—Socialist Jules Moch got off to a shaky start as France's new premier today by narrowly winning a confirmation vote from the national assembly.

In a tumultuous session the assembly saw him win approval by a 311 to 223 vote. Thus he had only one vote to spare since he needed a minimum backing of 310 deputies.

Announcement of the final result could not be made for almost three hours after the ballots were cast because of disputes over the votes of several deputies. Two absentee votes put the new premier across.

Rita Gets Title Of Princess

PARIS, Oct. 14 (AP)—It's official, movie fans. Rita Hayworth is really and truly a princess.

Some in the international society set have been scoffing that Rita did not deserve the title she's been using since she married Aly Khan. Their argument: Aly's title of prince usually has been regarded as a courtesy handle, because his father is the Aga Khan, spiritual leader to a large Moslem sect.

But yesterday Iran's ambassador informed the Aga Khan that the Iranian government considered him as a prince of the last dynasty of Iranian kings. This would make Aly an Iranian prince, too, and his wife gets the title of princess.



HELD — Toni Hughes, 29-year-old model, was arrested in a New York night club at the request of Los Angeles police, who accused her of being a member of an extortion ring which preyed on Hollywood playboys. Miss Hughes denied the charge and said she would fight extradition.

High School Clubs Hit In Portland

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 (AP)—School officials called today for a crack-down on secret high school societies here, just one day after Salem high school suspended 19 students there.

John S. Griffith, assistant schools superintendent, said the secret society situation in Portland was the worst on the coast.

Girl Molested

Griffith reported on a Washington high school street brawl in which a girl, recently arrived from Europe, was knocked down, called names, and partly disrobed. He blamed a secret fraternity.

He said the boys were grabbing girls as they emerged from school and kissing them. When the referee girl resisted, someone shouted, "Knock her down," and the brawl was on, Griffith said. He added he will ask for expulsion of at least two of the boys.

KF Children Rescued From Burning Auto

Two small Klamath Falls boys owe their well-being today to a Klamath Falls creamery route man who yanked them from the family car when he noticed the front seat in flames.

Clarence "Shorty" Eastburn, 1608 Austin, had just come out of the post office around noon Thursday. As he climbed into his creamery truck he noticed fire in the front seat of a nearby parked car.

Boys In Car

Two boys, about 3½ and 1½ years old inside the car, apparently left there while their parents were in the post office.

He got the youngsters out of the automobile and turned the situation over to the Klamath Falls fire department, which arrived in time to prevent severe damage to the car.

Name of the family is not known. Matches on the seat of the car caused some belief that the youngsters might have started the blaze.

Judge Denies Alger Hiss Trial Switch

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (AP)—Alger Hiss' motion for transfer of his second perjury trial to Vermont was denied today.

The former high state department official had asked for the transfer on grounds that he could not get a fair trial in New York, where his first trial ended in a jury disagreement.

Federal Judge Alfred C. Coxe rejected the transfer motion.

His second trial is scheduled to begin November 1.

He is accused of lying when he denied passing state department secrets to Whitaker Chambers for transmittal to a prewar Soviet spy ring.

Judge Also Jails Reds' Attorneys

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (AP)—A federal jury convicted 11 top-ranking American communist leaders today of conspiring to teach overthrow of the U. S. government by force.

The 11 defendants, all members of the communist national board, were remanded to jail to await sentencing next Friday at 10:30 a. m. They face sentences up to 10 years in prison and \$10,000 fine each.

Eight of the defendants had been free on \$5000 bail.

Immediately afterward, Federal Judge Harold Medina found five

GOOD NEWS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP)—Applause greeted an announcement on the house floor today that the 11 communist leaders had been convicted in New York.

The announcement was made by Rep. Quinn (D-NY), who said: "The verdict firmly establishes the fact that the communist party has for its purpose the overthrow of the government by force and violence."

of their lawyers guilty of criminal contempt during the nine-month trial and sent them to jail for terms varying from 30 days to six months.

Eugene Dennis, a lawyer who acted as his own defender, also drew a six-month contempt sentence.

Thus ended, after seven hours of jury deliberation, a brain-ridden trial unprecedented in American history.

It was hinted during the trial that conviction of the leaders, who are certain to appeal to the U. S. supreme court, might drive the communist party underground in this country.

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the party, faces trial later on the same charge. He was indicted with the 11 others but was granted a postponement because of a heart condition.

A dead, shocked silence greeted the verdict. There was no demonstration. The defendants and their lawyers leaned forward eagerly, then sat back, impassive, when the word "guilty" was pronounced.

Defense Attorney Harry Sacher demanded and got a poll of the jury for the verdict against each defendant.

The unanimous federal court-room, scene of many a jangling out-

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Meet the People



HOLD THAT HAMMER—Don Kitterman, one of the carpenters on the Collier building under way at 11th and Main, pauses between hammer strokes as the Meet the People photographer walked by garnering informal shots.