

Solons From Both Parties Blast Unionist's Comment

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Meany's statement that the American labor movement may launch its own political party drew critical comment today from senators of both major parties.

Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, told a New York state labor convention Tuesday that organized labor will form its own party "if we have to do that to lick the people who want to drag us back to the past."

Senators commented generally in interviews that labor would do better to work through the present two-party system, and that formation of a special-interest party would be undesirable and wrong.

Some of their criticisms paralleled that of Walter Reuther, an AFL-CIO vice president and head of the United Auto Workers, who told a news conference he thought Meany had been misunderstood.

"The American labor movement is committed to work within the framework of the two-party system," Reuther said. "I think a labor party is wrong in terms of America's social structure. It only would further fragmentize our society."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-NY) hoped no labor party movement would be started, but added that "it is up to us in the two major political parties to have a broad enough base" to offer organized labor adequate representation.

Sen. Carl Curtis (R-Nebr.) said he thinks both the Democratic and Republican parties already have a broad enough base for the purpose. He said he is opposed in general to forming "political parties with occupational or class distinction."

Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D-Ohio) contended the two party system has proved itself, and said that countries with multiple parties wound up with "government by a minority — it has not worked out in the interests of the public." He cited France as an example.

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) said he would regard a labor party movement as undesirable.

Chief Seeking Full Powers

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — President Fulgencio Batista planned to try again today to push a bill through Congress to give himself virtually unlimited powers for 45 days.

A walkout by opposition senators prevented a quorum and a vote Wednesday night on the government's request for a 45-day stay of emergency.

The House of Representatives already had approved the bill to allow Batista to rule by decree. Some sources believed the President would order economic measures to support the costly campaign against Fidel Castro's rebels. New taxes were expected.

The rebel radio claimed capture of two towns in southeast Cuba's Oriente province, where Castro has his greatest strength.

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"I'M GLAD," says Tom Dunn of Ed's Shoe Shop, "that this Success Dollar effort is being made. I think most all of us have given, but this gives us a chance to add to it, so that what we have already given will be protected and the United Fund agencies will be able to do a real job for the community (which is us) in 1959. Let's all help them."

Big Four Ministers Meet May Ease Crisis In Berlin

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Big Four foreign ministers conference next spring is being mentioned by many diplomats as a means of easing East-West tensions over Berlin.

Some officials are predicting, however, the three Western Allies will propose that such a meeting deal with the entire problem of Germany's future as well as Berlin.

American, British and French diplomats are reported giving increasing thought to the advantages of a new round of talks with the Russians. This prospect has been weighed carefully in considering a reply to Premier Nikita Khrushchev's demand that West Berlin be turned into a free city.

The feeling that such new talks would be desirable appears to be gaining ground among Western diplomats. But a decision is being delayed until after the 15-nation Atlantic Pact Council meeting which starts in Paris next Tuesday.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, now hospitalized by an intestinal ailment, is planning to attend the Paris conference, assuming he recovers in time. The State Department reported that Dulles is doing some work in his hospital suite in preparation for the meeting.

Allied authorities are in no hurry to rush an answer to Khrushchev's Berlin proposal.

The Atlantic Pact foreign ministers will discuss the reply generally, informants said, but will not seek to draft a reply. This conference would approve guidelines which diplomats would follow in drafting a formal note a few weeks later.

At this stage it is not decided whether the American-British-French answer to Khrushchev should propose the foreign ministers meeting. Some diplomats favor delaying this bid until later.

Those favoring it believe it would be a positive reply of the kind that is needed. It would be a mistake, they believe, merely to reiterate Western determination to stand firm in Berlin regardless of Soviet pressure.

State Preps For New Case

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A physically deadlocked jury and physical exhaustion of defense attorneys have delayed proceedings in the case of George Bright, charged with bombing a Jewish temple.

Judge Durwood T. Pye Wednesday declared a mistrial after the jury said it still couldn't agree on a verdict after 26 hours of deliberation.

Immediately after the mistrial, the state started preparing for selection of a new jury to try Bright. But James R. Venable, defense attorney, sought and received a postponement on grounds that he and his associate Essley B. Burdine were physically unable to proceed at this time.

After Pye granted the postponement, Solicitor General Paul Webb said Bright would be retried "as early as his case can be put on the January-February term calendar."

Bright was indicted along with four other Atlanta men—Wallace H. Allen, Kenneth Chester Griffin and Robert and Richard Bowling—in the Oct. 12 bombing of the temple. The others are also awaiting trial.



TRAVELER — Felisberto Laurence, Merrill rancher and livestock producer, left December 9 to spend some time with relatives in Sitio do Lambo, Ponta do Pargo, Maderia Islands. He traveled by bus to New York City where he will board a Pan American Airline for the Azores. From there he will travel by boat to his home, arriving on Christmas Eve.

CHILE DEVALUES PESO — SANTIAGO, Chile (UPI) — Chile devalued its peso by 6.2 per cent Tuesday night in an effort to attract foreign investments and increase its exports.

Officials Imposed Bans, Witnesses Inform Judge

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A parade of Negro witnesses has told a federal judge that state officials erected one barrier after another to keep Negroes out of Georgia State College.

Judge Boyd Sizane is hearing the suit of three Negro women who claim entrance requirements at the college discriminate against their race. There is no jury.

Edward Jacob Clements, an Atlanta insurance underwriter, said in U.S. District Court Wednesday that his application was endorsed by two white ministers. It was rejected, he testified, because the ministers were not alumni of Georgia State College.

One was the Rev. James L. Weldon, Decatur, Ga., and the other a Rev. Jordan, not otherwise identified. Both were identified as graduates of the University of Georgia.

A requirement, under fire by counsel for the women, is that an applicant must be endorsed as to character and fitness by two graduates of Georgia State, plus the county ordinary or clerk of the County Court.

Plaintiffs are Miss Iris Mae Welch, Mrs. Myra Holland and Mrs. Barbara Hunt. All three testified earlier in the trial, now in its fourth day.

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