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PAUL MALLON NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

Washington, April 1.—The New York Herald Tribune, press citadel of the Republican party (Stassen branch) has published a full page advertisement of the Communist party, USA (March 31).

Just a few days before, the State Department had discovered sabotage of its program to Russia. An antennae in the Munich relay station had been reversed so that news, views and songs of this government program—our propaganda if you wish to call it that—was wasted on Latin American ears which could not translate it. The sly Communists no doubt considered it ironically funny to direct our Russian program to a hemisphere the Communists considered fascistic.

THE CONTRAST of these two events are contrasts of two civilizations now vying for control of the world. A simpler, clearer example of the crisis of our age cannot be imagined. The mildest friendly propaganda of the United States government to the Russian people was denied penetration of the Red Iron curtain, while the far more valuable space of a full page in our leading metropolitan press was given Communists. And these U. S. Communists had been called that very week the dangerous fifth column of this nation by the head of our Bureau of Federal Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover. This is an exhibition of our weakness in both tactics and intelligence such as has caused the philosophers to predict Communism will certainly defeat us in the end (Santayana for one).

The U.S. government radio program dealt accurately with current news, conditions, beauties and accomplishments within the United States and our songs, thus being more of a normal promotional than a political revolutionary nature. As propaganda goes, it was almost innocuous. But the advertisement of the Communist party was a statement by the party secretary which he said was denied presentation to the House un-American activities committee because the secretary would not even tell his right name. The statement contained the usual name and timeworn fragments of the Communists, including attacks on J. Edgar Hoover, a defense of Marxism and other material headed: "What The House Un-American Committee Did Not Hear," meaning of course the material was not sound enough to get into the record of a committee of Congress which will take nearly anything. It was sheer Communist propaganda, with strictly political intent.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE did not need the money for the ad even on a Monday morning. It's Republican favorite, ex-Gov. Harold Stassen is now traveling in Moscow investigating things. Presumably he may have desired simultaneously to exhibit the great freedom of attitude toward

Ministers Meet Alone to Quarrel

Still No Decisions But Some Bitter Words Are Reported

Moscow, April 1 (AP)—The four-power Foreign Ministers Council conferred fruitlessly for more than three hours tonight in a semi-secret meeting. They failed to reach any decisions, and discussions were said to have been "often blunt and bitter."

Informed quarters said that because of the deadlock, U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall probably would seek a meeting soon with Prime Minister Stalin. American sources have maintained consistently that Marshall would not ask for such a meeting until it was apparent that the conference had reached a stalemate.

Such a stalemate was evident tonight, after the executive session of the ministers failed to reach any decisions. Talks on reparations with those of Britain and the United States.

An official announcement said the discussion today was limited to the subjects of level of industry and reparations and "it was agreed to return to formal sessions tomorrow."

Reparations First
All four delegations are agreed that unless reparations are settled, decisions on other questions will be largely academic, particularly in view of the Soviet stand

US Ready to Ration Coal Again as Threat of Long Holiday Looms

Miners Say They Won't Return Until They Are Satisfied That Mines Are Safe; Illinois Head Mine Inspector Quits

Washington, April 1 (AP)—Faced with the possibility that the "mourning" work stoppage may extend beyond six days in at least some of the soft coal pits, the government tonight extended the life of the Solid Fuels Administration to apportion coal in case of emergency.

The agency's authority to issue orders expired at midnight last night, but Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug, in charge of the coal mines administration, ordered that the organization be kept in existence.

Should the shutdown continue and coal stocks dwindle, there would be need for an agency to apportion supplies, as in previous soft coal strikes, an official of the Interior Department said.

And a possibility appeared that many miners might say out of the pits indefinitely if they class them as unsafe. The six-day memorial for the 111 victims of the Centralia mine blast began today, and there was word from the field indicating a longer tie-up could develop.

Hugh White, president of UMW District 12, said at Centralia his union's members will not return to the Illinois mines Monday unless they are found safe by inspectors and union members. He added, however, that steps taken since the disaster "may remedy many of the unsafe conditions."

A short time earlier, Adolph Pacifico, president of UMW District 6, instructed his followers to abandon mines they considered unsafe. District 6 embraces Ohio and the West Virginia Panhandle.

At UMW headquarters here, officials were inclined to minimize these actions, indicating they would not set a pattern for the whole industry. However, no UMW official was ready to be quoted by name on the subject.

Meanwhile, President Truman directed Dr. R. R. Sawyers, outgoing director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, to remain on the job indefinitely, while Congress investigates the Centralia disaster.

STATE DIRECTOR QUITS
Centralia, Ill., April 1 (AP)—Robert Medill, director of the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals, resigned today after a controversy over responsibility for the Centralia coal mine disaster which took the lives of 111 miners.

Gov. Dwight B. Green announced Medill's resignation shortly after Green arrived at Centralia, where a state investigating committee began an inquiry into the blast which entombed the miners a week ago today.

Medill and Disraeli O. Scanlan, state mine inspector, had engaged in a verbal controversy in which Medill said Scanlan had the power to close the mine if he found it unsafe and Scanlan said he had told Medill conditions in the mine might result in an explosion.

Medill told newsmen the ruling error had not asked for his resignation, but that he and Gov. Green had "discussed the situation" (Continued on Page 6)

Commons Passes Concription Bill

London, April 1 (AP)—The House of Commons approved tonight a long term peacetime conscription bill for Britain's armed forces.

Ruling on Council Vote May Apply Here

An opinion given by Cleon H. Foust, attorney general, on the plea of Whiting, apparently would apply to Logansport and clear up the confusion over the election of councilmen this year.

An Associated Press story says Foust notified the state election board that councilmen must be filed as representing recognized districts; that in case of six districts and seven councilmen, six of the candidates must be filed as representing the districts and the seventh would file at large. In Logansport there are five districts and seven councilmen and they have been elected the last two city elections as specified for Whiting.

The law says—and was confirmed with in one election here—that seven are to be filed by each party and that no more than five can be of the same political faith. However, it was ruled in 1933 that filing must be by districts though all voters of the city vote for men from all districts.

Dewey Schmidt, county clerk and member of the county election board, informed of this ruling for Whiting last night, said it appeared to apply here. In any case, unless there is word to the contrary, the election will be conducted that way, which has been the recent custom, he said.

Cliffhanger Whodunit



Precariously held only by a jutting rock which caught the crankcase, the car seen above was saved from crashing down a 100-foot cliff into the ocean near Carmel, Calif. Closeup shows how car was stopped. Police are searching for the owner, James Hudell, of Monterey, who had not been seen for several days.

Plane Has Accident; 2 Injured

Monticello, April 1 (AP)—George Needham, 50, and his wife, Nellie Needham, of Lafayette, were injured Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 when their Republic Sea-bee plane crashed in Lake Freeman.

The plane, piloted by Needham, turned upside down when he failed to raise the wheels in attempting to land. It crashed in 6 or 8 feet of water, about 100 yards from the bank of the lake, at C & C Beach, three and one-half miles south of here.

Charles Robertson and Robert Clafflin, of Williamsport, and Noble Corey, who were fishing in a boat nearby, rowed to their rescue.

Needham had unlatched his safety belt, gone up for air three or four times, and pulled his unconscious wife by the hair to a point of safety on the plane when help arrived. Artificial respiration was given Mrs. Needham by Robertson, a Navy veteran, Lacy Bobo, who lives 300 yards from the scene, took the couple to Monticello for treatment by a physician there.

They were then taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital at Lafayette, where after treatment, Needham was discharged. He suffered bruises, cuts and shock. His wife, reported last night to be getting along satisfactorily, has a broken toe. (Continued on Page 2)

Steel For Electric Line Tower Is Here

Steel for the tower the Public Service Company will build on the north bank of Elv river opposite the city light plant, has arrived and is to be unloaded to string the new standby service wires across the river from the north bank, where a sub-station will be constructed soon. This will be fed by a 66,000 volt line coming here from Kokomo.

The city will build a 55 foot tower on the south bank by the light plant.

PLANE CRASHES

Clinton, Ind., April 1 (AP)—Everett Stark, Canton, Ill., was burned to death today when his small plane crashed during air re-seeding of barrea Indiana strip mine workings.

Jury Out 4 Hours Finds Two Guilty, Recommends Life

Columbus, Ind., Apr. 1 (AP)—A Bartholomew circuit jury tonight convicted two 17-year-old Evansville youths of slaying a state trooper and recommended a life sentence for each.

The jury convicted each of the youths, William Price and William Johnson, of first-degree murder.

The jurors returned to the courtroom with the verdict just five minutes under four hours after receiving the case at 3:45 p. m.

Judge George W. Long said he would formally sentence Price and Johnson at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Price paled and then reddened as Judge Long read the jury's verdict.

Johnson maintained a smile on his face throughout. The boys had been taken to the jail after Judge Long had instructed the jury and were brought back to hear the verdict.

Two girls, Vera Hornback, 16, and Mary Ruth Ward, 15, Evansville, also indicted for first-degree murder in the shooting Dec. 5 of Trooper Herbert W. Smith on a road near Shelbyville, were not in the courtroom at the time. They are to be tried later.

Mrs. Margaret Johnson, mother of Johnson, began crying when the verdict was read.

She remained in the courtroom until the crowd had thinned out. She waited at jail.

The mother of Price, Mrs. Virgil Davis of Evansville, remained at the jail while the youths were taken to the courtroom. When Price and Johnson were brought back to the jail she grabbed them around the shoulders and exclaimed: "What a relief!"

The jury, in returning a verdict of guilty to the charge of first-degree murder, had the alternative of setting sentence at death in the electric chair or life imprisonment.

The trial lasted for 22 days and was in its fifth week when it came to a close tonight.

The defense did not indicate immediately whether the verdict would be appealed.

Defines Crimes
In instructing the jury, Judge Long explained the theory of "reasonable doubt" and defined murder in the first and second degrees, and voluntary and involuntary manslaughter.

There were 18 possible verdicts—ranging from murder in the first degree to a verdict of "not guilty"—which the jury could have returned.

Price, dressed in a white shirt and gray trousers, sat with head in hands while the judge read his instructions, and Johnson, still wearing his army uniform, never took his eyes off the judge's face.

Kick Russ Out of UN Byrd Says

Veto-Of U. S. Aid To Greece Would Be Good Time Senator Feels

Washington, April 1 (AP)—Senator Byrd (D-Va.) proposed today that President Truman's plan to combat Communism in Greece and Turkey be turned over to the United Nations and that Russia be kicked out of the U. N. if she vetoes it.

"If Russia is an enemy, and persists in being an enemy to free peoples," Byrd told the Senate, "it is better to have her outside the family than inside the family."

"If we cannot get along with Russia, what is the use of trying to appease her at the Council table, as we have done from time to time in the past, thereby strengthening her hand for a future showdown with us?"

Byrd said Mr. Truman's plan for a \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid program overlooks "the great power which this country and associated nations could exert through economic sanctions and other measures for retaliation against Communistic influence."

Sen. Byrd's Idea
Byrd suggested that we request our representative in the United Nations organization to present the problem of Greece and Turkey. (Continued on Page 2)

Price Of Milk At Indianapolis Cut

Indianapolis, Apr. 1 (AP)—Nineteen Marion county milk dealers, members of the Milk Foundation of Indianapolis, today reduced the retail price of milk one cent a quart. The new price is 17 cents.

FREIGHTERS LEAVE
Indiana Harbor, Ind., April 1 (AP)—Inland Steel Company announced three of its bulk freighters left today to load the first cargoes of the 1947 navigation season.

King George of Greece Is Dead at 56

Brother Paul Takes Throne As Heart Attack Takes Ruler

Athens, April 1 (AP)—King George II, twice exiled King of turbulent Greece, died this afternoon at the height of an international storm over the future of his nation, and his brother, Prince Paul, ascended the unsteady throne.

Death, tentatively attributed to heart trouble, came unexpectedly to the 56-year-old monarch who, in the 25 years that he bore the title of king, spent only seven years in his capital.

Back 7 Months
Accession for his brother, 45-year-old Prince Paul, was automatic under the law. The third son of King Constantine took the scepter of government less than seven months after his brother returned from his latest exile in London. Paul's son, Prince Constantine, who will be seven years old June 2, became crown prince.

The new king took the royal oath in the presence of the cabinet, members of parliament, civil and military dignitaries and Archbishop Damaskinos, who served as regent of Greece before last September's plebiscite recalled George.

The assemblage formed a semi-circle about a table adorned with a crucifix and candles, for the solemn ceremony.

George died at 1:55 p. m. (5:55 a. m. Central Standard Time). The new king took the oath at 8 p. m.

Cabinet Tries To Quit
Immediately after Paul was sworn in, Prime Minister Demetrios Maximos formally tendered the cabinet's resignation. Paul, however, refused to accept it and requested Maximos to carry on.

Meanwhile, it was announced that George's body would be removed to Athens Cathedral Thursday to lie in state until the funeral Sunday. Burial will be in the royal family tomb at Tatol, the country residence where he was born.

George's death came at a time when his nation was the focal point of a diplomatic tug-of-war between the Russian orbit and the western powers. The future of Greece was being debated in London, Washington and Moscow in the light of the proposed loan President Truman urged as an attempt to stem the tide of totalitarianism in the Middle East.

George was the target of bitter attacks from the left, which blamed him for the fierce inter-ethnic warfare in the north. Even as tolling church bells brought news of the monarch's death to the people, a commission of the United Nations was sitting in neighboring Yugoslavia, examining the causes of Greece's border strife.

Everything But Greek
Flags throughout Athens were half staffed for the childless monarch whose blood was not Greek but Danish, German and Russian. Funeral dirges were broadcast by the Athens radio between bulletins on the king's death. Theaters, movie houses and entertainment centers were closed, and large crowds gathered outside the palace.

The king died of a circulatory ailment—apparently either from a clogged artery or from heart disease—associates said. Members of his entourage reported he had complained this morning of pains from angina pectoris, an ailment brought on by a disease of the coronary arteries. He had declined luncheon and later called an aid to keep him company in the dining room.

The aid found the monarch in a coma. The court doctor was (Continued on Page 6)

Bad Month for Crooks

Six Caught Red Handed In Larcenies

Thieves had a bad month in Logansport in March according to the police report, which shows \$5 arrests for the period.

Six were caught red handed in larcenies, including a car and a bicycle. Total value of loot during the month was \$2,051 but amount of loot recovered was \$2,455, the latter being larger because of recovery here of an automobile stolen elsewhere.

Intoxication led at the cause of arrests with 18 "there were also 18 held for disorderly conduct and all traffic arrests numbered 20, mostly speeders.

The police collected \$17 for the city general fund in \$1 traffic tickets.

Cashier Admits His Peculations

Indianapolis, Apr. 1 (AP)—A Francisco bank cashier Earl H. Wetzel, pleaded guilty in Federal court today to a charge of embezzlement of bank funds.

Wetzel was charged in the indictment with embezzling sums as small as 18 cents and up to \$29 for a total of more than \$1,000 over a period of two years.

GATES RETURNS

Indianapolis, Apr. 1 (AP)—Tanned from a southern sun, governor Gates returned to his capitol office today after a 10-day vacation.