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Warns of Big Three Power-Bloc Against Russia

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—Elements within the American, British and French governments were accused Monday of deliberately fostering Big Four disunity in an apparent effort to create a three-power western bloc against Russia.

Russell A. Nixon, former official of the American military government in Germany, told a senate subcommittee that this trend was evident in the fact that the United States, Britain and France had squeezed Russia out of the allied hunt for German assets in neutral countries.

If Russia were allowed to join in, Nixon said, it would "lay bare the fascist or reactionary regimes in countries such as Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden and Argentina and would reveal all the elements of collaboration of certain interests in the allied countries with these regimes."

Leads to Suspicion
"This unwarranted and diligent effort to disunify the four powers," he said, "leads to a profound suspicion that it is being sought by at least some forces in the U. S. State Department and in the British and French foreign offices who are sympathetic to the creation of a western bloc versus the east."

Nixon formerly was acting director of the division of investigation of cartels and external assets in the U. S. military government in Germany. He testified before a senate military affairs subcommittee headed by Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, D. W. Va.

He also told the subcommittee that:
Economic Aggression
1. The I. G. Farben chemical trust—"Germany's greatest single instrument of economic aggression"—is being permitted to reorganize along a pattern devised by Farben officials themselves in 1944, when they anticipated a German military defeat.

2. British opposition has prevented a destruction of the German cartel system.
3. The denazification program in the American zone of occupation has failed because "We do not have staff in Germany which from top to bottom, possesses the will and understanding to carry out denazification."

Nazi Assets
Nixon said that under an Anglo-American backed plan, Russia was having the dominant voice in getting German-owned valuables from Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Finland and eastern Australia. Other overseas assets of the nazis are being handled by the U. S., Britain and France, Nixon said, although Russia has never acquiesced in such a program.

Besides trying to avoid creating "too radical" regimes in the future, Nixon said, "there is serious indication that it is the intention of at least some involved in this question to trade with the neutral countries on the question of Germany's assets in return for concessions of one sort or another."

Nixon pointed out that Switzerland, Sweden and Spain had balked occasionally at handing German assets over to the allies. He said the best way to get them was with "an economic loaded gun"—economic sanctions, which, he said, must be a cooperative effort by all allies.

Weak-Kneed Approach
He said the "weak-kneed" approach to Spain on the question of nazi property "has been nothing short of scandalous."
Nixon charged that allied military government officials had put out misleading statements on the extent of the destruction of German factories, and the wiping out of nazi influences.

"Dismantling and demolition in Farben-owned affiliated and operated plants have so far been on an extremely limited scale," Nixon said. "Some materials, office furniture and equipment are being returned to other Farben plants—a form of Farben restitution which appears to be taking precedence over restitution of allied nations and which is facilitating the reconstruction and regrowth of the I. G. Farben trust."

Call Me Mister!

Six men reported their discharges from the armed forces on Thursday to the Cass county selective service office, it was announced Monday. The selective service office was closed Friday and Saturday.

From the army: Erwin Brooks, Nehawka; Forrest Hardnock, Alvo; Richard Hess, Lincoln and Robert Arfmann, Neola.

From the navy: Walter Bryant, Plattsmouth and William Conley of Weeping Water.



CARDINAL SPELLMAN RECEIVES POPE'S RED HAT—Before an American flag at the American College on Janiculum Hill, at Rome, Italy, Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York, center, receives from Magr. Emanuel Toraldo di Francisca, left, the Pope's messenger, the red hat which the present Pope received when he became Cardinal Pacelli. (NEA Radiophoto)

Basketball Game to Be Played Tonight Instead of Tuesday

The basketball game between Plattsmouth and Weeping Water, originally scheduled to be played Tuesday night, will be played tonight instead, according to Superintendent T. I. Friest.

Friest said the Weeping Water team must start their tournament Tuesday night so the game was moved up to accommodate them.

Friest also said that an electric scoreboard, which was ordered last summer, has finally been received and will be used in the game Monday night. This being the last home game of the season for Plattsmouth the sign will not get much use this year but will be ready next season.

Demarest to Speak At Feeder's Day Program, March 8

Bryon P. Demarest, managing editor of the Omaha Daily Journal-Stockman, will deliver the main address at the Cass County Feeder's Day program in the Weeping Water auditorium March 8, according to Willard Waldo, county extension agent. Demarest will discuss general livestock problems as they apply to farmers in Cass county.

Miss Agnes Arthand, home extension agent of Fillmore county, will present a demonstration on washing the separator and will lead a discussion on sanitary milk control. Miss Florence Atwood, state home extension leader, will also be present.

Elton Lux, extension service, will preside at the meeting and has promised there will be plenty of fun mixed in with the program, Waldo said.

Bill MacDonald, of KFAB, and George Round, extension editor, will assist with the meeting and make transcriptions during the day using new equipment.

The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. and luncheon will be served by ladies of the Methodist church in Weeping Water.

Grassman Funeral Services Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Hillard Grassman were held at the Sattler funeral home Sunday afternoon with Dr. H. G. McClusky officiating.

Frank Clويد sang two favorite songs, "Saved by Grace" and "The Last Mile of the Way." Mrs. Verna Goos played the accompaniments.

Pall bearers were Hilt Wescott, L. D. Hiatt, Fred Busch, August Kopp, Louis Tiekotter and Otto Keck. Interment was made at Forest Lawn cemetery in Omaha.

Troy Davis Still in Serious Condition

Troy L. Davis, of Weeping Water who suffered a stroke last Thursday and was found in his parked automobile, remained unchanged Monday and had not regained consciousness, according to his brother, Searl S. Davis.

Troy Davis was mayor of Weeping Water for many years and represented Cass county for three terms in the state legislature.

Frank Davis, of Broken Bow, another brother, was expected to arrive in Plattsmouth Monday.

Fined \$1
Levi E. Hunt was fined \$1 and costs Saturday by County Judge Paul E. Fauquet after pleading guilty to a charge of driving without an operator's license.

Caldwell Funeral Home Receives New Hospital Bed Today

The Caldwell Funeral home received a regulation hospital bed Monday morning which is the property of the city of Plattsmouth and is for the use of anyone who is in need of that type of bed during an illness. L. A. Caldwell announced today.

The bed was procured for the city as a premium for a subscription campaign carried on for the promotion of magazine sales.

Anyone who wishes the use of the bed, which is equipped with springs and mattress, may make arrangements, without obligation, by calling the Caldwell funeral home and by making arrangements for delivery to the place it is to be used and back to the funeral home, Caldwell said.

Two Cars are Stolen Here Saturday Night

Two cars were stolen in Plattsmouth Saturday night according to Sheriff Joe Mrasek.

A 1941 black Ford coupe, owned by Beverly Sutton, was stolen from in front of Eckenberger's grocery store, Mrasek said. License number on the car is 20-1502. The car had not been found Monday morning.

Another car, a 1935 Dodge sedan owned by Lester Taylor, was stolen from in front of his house. The sheriff said the car was found wrecked Sunday morning in Iowa. Francis Schwartz is being held by authorities in Shenandoah, Ia., Mrasek said, in connection with the theft.

24 Coyotes Killed

Twenty-four coyotes were killed Sunday in a hunt which started in Elmwood. Some 800 persons were on hand for the hunt. They formed a seven-mile square, part of them starting in Ctoe county.

American Communists Look to Union And Farms for New Party Recruits

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—American communist leaders are calling Monday for a left wing recruiting drive looking to a third party movement in the 1948 presidential elections.

Party Secretary William A. Foster has passed the word that "the difficult political and economic problems in the United States" provide an opportunity for recruiting drive which will greatly increase the number of his followers. The communists are looking to labor unions and the farms for their recruits.

Third Party Plans
They are depending on the political action committee machinery set up by the congress of industrial organizations to give their third party plans a big boost toward reality. The program was discussed in detail at a closed meeting of the Communist party which took place in mid-February in New York city. The plans were revealed publicly yesterday in "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the communist newspaper organ which is published in New York.

The membership campaign objective is stated as:
"Building a mass communist party firmly entrenched in the key industries and shops as the indispensable instrument of the working class in defeating the reactionary drive of American imperialism at home and abroad."

Gradual Break
The program means a gradual break with the Truman administration which inherited the sup-

To Make Plea for Extension of Price Controls

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—Federal reserve board chairman Marriner S. Eccles said Monday there was a possibility the cost of living may increase by another 10% under President Truman's new wage-price policy.

Eccles told the house banking committee that the cost of living now is 30% higher than during the period immediately preceding the war.

"I should think that with the increased wages and prices under the new wage-price policy," he said, "there is a possibility according to some estimates of an increase to a maximum of 40%."

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the federal reserve board, goes before the house banking committee Monday to bolster the administration's plea for a year's extension of price control.

Eccles, who is considered an outstanding expert on the effect of money and credit on the nation's economy, was ready to tell the committee that:

Inflation Threatens
1. Dangerous, if not disastrous, inflation threatens unless industrial production is stepped up sharply to match the vast amount of money in the public's hands.

2. Continuation of price control is absolutely necessary to keep inflation in check during the time production is expanding.

The committee is considering a bill which would extend price and rent control for another year beyond June 30.

It already has heard from Chester Bowles, newly-appointed economic stabilization director. Bowles said the explosive force of

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"Wait-and-See" Policy Adopted Toward Argentine

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—State department officials Monday adopted a strictly wait-and-see attitude toward the Argentine election pending announcement of the results.

Despite high interest in the balloting, officials declined to speculate on possible future developments in keeping with the policy of non-investigation in domestic affairs of other American republics.

Results Not Known

Results of the election will not be announced until later this month and possibly not until sometime in March. Reports from Buenos Aires indicated about 3,100,000 votes were cast in the contest between Col. Juan D. Peron, running on the labor party ticket, and Dr. Jose Tamborini, representing the democratic union.

News dispatches from the Argentine capital indicated that voting in large centers was calm and orderly.

Two important things now remain to be seen, according to observers here: (1) whether any large groups absented themselves from the polls for possible fear of violence, and (2) whether an honest count of the ballots will be forthcoming. This was said to rest largely in the hands of the army and navy.

Corollary Question

A corollary question is whether, if Tamborini wins, he will be installed in the presidency. It was noted here that while the decree convoking the elections specified that the president would serve the customary six-year term, no mention was made of a date for his inauguration.

It is no state secret that if Peron becomes president, relations between Argentina and the United States are likely to continue strained. The United States "blue book" issue on Feb. 11 condemned Peron as a Nazi-fascist collaborator whose followers sought creation of a totalitarian state in this hemisphere.

Strikes At a Glance

By United Press
Strikes and shutdowns across the nation kept an estimated 886,000 U. S. workers away from their jobs Monday. The major disputes:

Power—Pittsburgh area utilities workers went ahead with plans for a strike at one minute after midnight tonight against the Duquesne Light Co., which would shut off power in two Pennsylvania counties.

Milk—A federal conciliator reported both parties were making an "honest effort" to settle the Detroit milk strike, which has halted deliveries to two million persons since last Thursday.

Automotive—Negotiations continued in the 97-day-old strike against General Motors with company and CIO auto workers officials still at odds on three major issues.

Transit—CIO transport workers president Mitchell Quill warned of a strike anytime after midnight Tuesday which would cripple New York City's vast transportation system.

Farm equipment—The vanguard of 17,500 CIO farm equipment workers began returning to their jobs at the Caterpillar Tractor Co. today after accepting a company wage offer.

Seeks Divorce
Edward Van Horn has filed petition with the district court for a divorce from Norma Van Horn.

Wherry Considered For Head of GOP National Committee

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—Prominent republicans both in and out of congress were mentioned Monday as possible successors to Herbert Brownell, Jr., as chairman of the republican national committee.

GOP sources reported that Brownell, who took over the chairmanship at the party's 1944 national convention at Chicago, had resigned effective April 1. He was understood to be anxious to devote more time to his law practice in New York.

Republican leaders in congress were eager for speedy action on a successor to prepare the party for the crucial 1946 congressional elections, in which they have high hopes of winning control of the house. Brownell conferred with a group of them here Sunday.

GOP sources said no definite choice had been made but that consideration had been given to Sen. Kenneth Wherry, Neb., Sen. Arthur H. Vanderberg, Mich., Rep. Charles Halleck, Ind., and Rep. Clarence J. Brown, O.

Speculation also touched upon the names of Harrison Spangler of Iowa, Brownell's predecessor; former U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts; and Werner Schroder of Illinois and Ralph Cake of Oregon, both members of the national committee.

Spellman Speaks In Ceremony Sunday From Vatican City

VATICAN CITY, (U.P.)—Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York challenged Monday the "attackers of religious freedom in many parts of the world" and declared it was the duty of the church to stand against the "wave of militant atheism."

The challenge was issued as he took over the titular church of Sts. John and Paul in a colorful ceremony. The speech was broadcast to the United States starting at 3 p. m. (9 a. m. CST).

The ceremony took place one hour before an unprecedented collective papal audience called by Pope Pius XII for the sacred college of cardinals and the diplomatic corps. The audience, virtually a fifth consistory, brought speculation that the pope would make important pronouncement on world affairs.

Cardinal Spellman declared the church must "face a tidal wave of militant atheism, unbridled immorality, vile injustices, blinding hatreds and cruelty that, in this atomic age of godless materialism, threatens the death of civilization."

He said the anxiety the pope had expressed for portions of his flock "extends to many parts of the world where man's right or religious freedom is violated with diabolical deceit and satanic fury."

Workmen Remove Debris From Main Street Gutters

Workmen got an early start Monday morning cleaning away the dirt and debris collected in the gutters along Main street. By noon the general appearance of the street was greatly improved.

The workmen were hindered somewhat by the parked cars but managed to work around them.

Pittsburgh Utility Workers Continue Plans for Power Strike at Midnight Monday

By United Press
The threat of a shutdown of the Houston, Tex., gas, water and sewage disposal systems was eliminated Monday but Pittsburgh area utilities workers went ahead with plans for a power strike, scheduled for one minute after midnight Monday.

Despite threatened walkouts, the national strike total dipped to slightly under the million mark when 17,500 CIO farm equipment workers voted to end a strike against the Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill. There were approximately 886,000 workers away from their jobs as a result of labor disputes.

MacArthur Issues Order on Supplies
TOKYO, (U.P.)—Gen Douglas MacArthur Monday instructed Eighth army headquarters not to procure items labeled "critical" from Japanese sources without authorization. Food heads the list of items MacArthur deemed critical.

Other scarce items included medical, dental and veterinary supplies and equipment; salt and salt products; charcoal, petroleum products, motor vehicles, tools, spare parts, tires, tubes, clothing and silk.

Final Pay Checks Are Written for City Employees

HOUSTON, Tex., (U.P.)—Acting city manager J. M. Nagle, Monday ordered final pay checks prepared for Houston's striking workers as a back to work invitation was ignored and some 200 additional city employees joined the walkout.

City officials estimated that 700 municipal workers were off the job as the strike entered its sixth day.

Hearing Postponed
A hearing in district court where the city sought a permanent injunction to outlaw the strike was postponed till 9 a. m. Tuesday at the request of AFL authorities who said they had insufficient time to prepare the case.

Mayor Otis Massey, said no meeting of the city council was planned Monday unless a back to work movement materialized.

A full scale walkout of other city employees which would have affected gas, sewage and alarm systems was cancelled Sunday evening by D. W. Maxwell, secretary of the AFL building trades council.

However, 14 water and sewage treatment plants were operating with only skeleton crews. Maxwell said about 300 employees in these and other installations had been called out in sympathy with striking garbage workers.

Rejects Offer
The city council, meeting in closed session Sunday night, rejected an offer by Maxwell to end the strike. Maxwell had said the strikers would return to their jobs if city authorities would bargain with agents of the AFL council, with which the striking city-employees union is affiliated.

The city council, which steadfastly has refused to negotiate with union representatives, reiterated its stand in rejecting the offer. Councilmen said they would negotiate with individual strikers after they have returned to work.

Japs Seek Democracy
TOKYO, (U.P.)—The Japanese communist party Monday formally demanded the abolition of the "feudalistic emperor system" and asked that it be replaced by a peoples democratic government with a diet composed of a single House. The demand was contained in a declaration adopted at the opening of the three-day fifth national communist congress.

Argentina Counts Election Ballots; No Returns Ready
BUENOS AIRES, (U.P.)—Argentina, once again under a state of siege, Monday began counting the estimated 3,100,000 ballots cast Sunday to determine whether Col. Juan D. Peron will be its next president.

First returns in Peron's contest with Dr. Jose Tamborini, candidate of the four-party democratic coalition, are not expected for two or three days. A complicated procedure of assembling and checking ballot boxes comes first.

The state of siege was reinstated by the government at midnight after a 48-hour suspension for the election.

War minister Gen. Francisco Sosa Molina ordered the 100,000 army, navy and air force troops who supervised the orderly election to return to their barracks late last night. He said their job was finished.

Both Peron and Tamborini headquarters claimed victory. Dr. Enrique M. Mosca, Tamborini's running mate, said, "We have won everywhere." Rear Admiral Alberto Testa, one of Peron's managers, said his reports showed that Peron had swept the country.

WEATHER

Nebraska Forecast—Partly cloudy with increasing winds Monday and Tuesday; warmer east Monday; little change in temperature Monday night; low Monday night lower to upper 30's; somewhat colder north and west portions Tuesday.



PRESIDENT RECEIVES 2,000 CHICKS... COLLECT—A few of the 2,000 baby chicks which were shipped to President Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson by William Lathrop of Richmond, Ind., are pictured at the Railway Express Office in Washington. D. C. They were shipped by Lathrop in protest against the government's request that chicken producers should cut down their flocks to stop overproduction and save grain. P. S. Lathrop shipped the chicks COLLECT. (NEA Telephoto)