

CONFERENCE

C.I. - P. & G. Tuesday, June 20, 1949.

In Paris today, the Big Four apparently agreed on the raising of the Berlin Blockade and the Austrian Peace Treaty. ^{They} and issued a bulletin to that effect. But, Vishinsky wasn't happy about something. He ~~had~~ talked to Moscow after the adjournment. Then ~~he~~ called another meeting; ~~and~~, he wanted today's press communique help up. But it was too late, the news of agreement already had been flashed around the world.

Then after the new, final meeting, ^{the one} called by Vishinsky, Secretary of State Dean Acheson came out to tell reporters that the previous communique was still valid. Meaning that whatever Vishinsky ~~had~~ said at the final session, it must not have been important enough to cause the early bulletin to be cancelled.

What have the Four Power Ministers agreed on after those four weeks of talk, the sessions we hear today ended with toasts in champagne and good cheer all around? The principal item agreed on seems

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to be that the New York agreement to end the Berlin Blockade will stand, Both sides to do everything →

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hundred and fifty million dollars in reparations -

her claim to Hitler's assets there. *Austria*
to be independent. The peace treaty
to be signed in Aug. or Sept.

CZECH CATHOLICS

The Church of Rome strikes back at the Reds in Czechoslovakia who are trying to take over all church property and form a State Church. The Vatican announces that all members of the Czechoslovakian Catholic action group are excommunicated -- barred from the sacraments of the Church.

This excommunication of Czech Catholics accuses Prague of fraudulently appropriating the name - Catholic Action, and calls all who joined the new Government-Catholic-Action-Group Renegades.

The Czech government recently claimed that some some fifteen hundred Czech priests had signed up with the Government's Catholic party. But, on Sunday, the pastoral letter from Archbishop Beran was read in many churches, a letter saying that the Priest's names were used without their knowledge. The Archbishop also, although reported to be under arrest, warned the Czechs that there can be no compromise on issues of religious freedom.

Also from the Vatican we hear that the Pope may raise the Archbishop Beran to the rank of Cardinal -- in recognition of his stand against the Red Government.

Tonite the nine million Czech Catholics are wondering, what has happened to Archbishop Beran? On Saturday he appeared on the balcony of his palace in Prague to warn that he might be silenced; and that the world should beware of any admission of an agreement between the Church and the State that might be attributed to him. Then, yesterday, when he began to preach in the Cathedral of St. Vitus in Prague, he was shouted down by the Reds. Since then, no word! The belief being that Archbishop Beran has been taken away -- probably to prison.

COMMUNISTS

According to news from the satellite countries, Soviet Russia is planning to wage a ruthless war [^] against Communism's most formidable enemy -- Patriotism. From Romania, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the same story. Local politicians put in office by Local Communist votes, ^{are} opposed to the Kremlin's party line. -- ^{Moscow demands} complete subservience, [^] to Moscow.

A London dispatch tells of the Reds in the satellite states expecting a wholesale purge, by Moscow. With prominent Romanian Government Officials -- some ^{even} say Foreign Minister Anna Paulka ~~herself to be~~ [^] ~~arrested, like Hungary's number one Communist, Laslo Rajk. He charged with espionage.~~

In Warsaw, Vice Premier Hillary Minc is said to have been summoned to Moscow, to be purged -- because he favored his own country, Poland, when making a Commercial treaty with the Soviet Union. While in ^{already} Prague, the Kremlin's purge experts [^] are said to have moved in. Only to be forced to hold their hands while

the Czech Government settles its dispute with Archbishop
Beran and the Roman Catholic Church.

~~While Belgrade reports the return of the
Soviet Ambassador. He has been away for four months,
and word in the satellite countries is that the Kremlin
has sent him back, to Yugoslavia -- to lead a
Cominform offensive against Marshal Tito -- and other
Beds who put patriotism before Communism~~

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Conflicting reports from the Dominican Republic about today's invasion. An official dispatch from Ciudad Turjillo, the capital, says that two flying boats landed a small invasion force in the northern part of the Carribbean Republic. That the flying boats were sunk; and all the invaders killed by local minute men and the Dominican naval forces. Not a survivor.

But from nearby Cuba, a report that four of the Dominican provinces are still in rebellion. With seven government garrisons helping -- and the city of Puerto Plata, in the north of the island, in the hands of the rebels. The invading Army, headed by General Miguel Ramirez who commanded an unsuccessful rebellion two years ago. As for those flying boats, says the Cuban dispatch they were scuttled by the invaders and didn't fall into the hands of the Dominican government.

All radio and telephone circuits are reported to be out of order. So perhaps there is something in the invasion story. One more attempt to unseat Dictator Turjillo.

REORGANIZATION

President Truman signed the new Government Reorganization bill today, and sent Congress seven plans ^{for cutting} ~~to cut~~ federal expenses. Former President Herbert Hoover's Commission-Report ^{says we may} ~~said we might~~ be able to save ~~as much as~~ three billion a year, ~~by streamlining~~ ^{TP Pres.} ~~government departments.~~ But Truman says that these plans he has just sent to Congress will not cut spending immediately. But he thinks they will help the government ~~to~~ get along more smoothly, and with less spending -- in time.

One of the ^{things he asks} ~~plans~~ ~~Mr. Truman asked~~ Congress to consider promptly is, ~~to create~~ a new Department of Welfare headed by a ^{new} cabinet member. ^{This to supplant} ~~in place of~~ the present Federal Security Agency. Another plan, to turn over the U. S. Employment Service to the Labor Department -- which the Hoover Commission report ^{says is a must.} ~~termed this imperative~~

MINERS

John L. Lewis' four hundred and fifty thousand miners are back at work today, beginning what may be their last week of work -- for a long time. On Saturday, the miners are due for an annual two weeks' holiday, and then Lewis is expected to call a strike, if the Mine Owners don't meet his new demands. According to the Trade Journal Steel Magazine, the owners anticipate a walkout of the miners - ~~one~~ which, the magazine says, may last -- ninety days.

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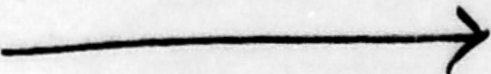
James ~~Caesar~~ Petrillo calls John L. Lewis a betrayer of labor. In a telegram to Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, the Musician's union leader urges Congress to pay no attention to John L. Lewis; *and just go ahead and* pass the best labor legislation possible. Petrillo charges ~~that~~ ^{es} that Lewis wants "all or nothing". The Miners ~~in~~ leader operating on a rule or ruin policy. Also says Petrillo, although ninety percent of American labor wants the entire repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, labor is ready to support any modification of that law which liberal Senators can put through Congress. Better that, than nothing ^{adds} Petrillo. He ~~believes~~ ^{believes} that this Congress will not have the time to repeal the present ~~in~~ labor law.

MASKED BANDS

From Birmingham, Alabama, a report of the Night Riders -- hooded terrorists calling themselves protectors of the home. Today a thirty-five year old mother told how she was beaten, her two daughters forced to watch - with ropes around their necks. The mother flogged because the night riders complained they didn't like the company the daughters were keeping.

And, on the same night, one of the daughters' suitors was abducted. He also cruelly beaten and threatened with hanging.

The assault by the mysterious night riders on the Birmingham mother brings the total of such incidents to eleven -- since the masked riders began their campaign.



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ASSAULT

Clark Stawloworth, a reporter for the Birmingham Post, was slugged and beaten when investigating the hooded riders of the night. A man who volunteered to give information lured him into the back of a store where he was savagely beaten.

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WEATHER

The weather we're having in these parts gives added point to a scientific paper I've been reading - an article to show that the world weather is becoming warmer. ^{Polar Exp. Finn Ronne handed it to me today.} ~~Not an unusual thought, especially~~
^{TP} ~~among~~ New York and New England farmers ~~who~~ like to tell of the icebound winters they used to have - winters nowadays much milder. Which is usually dismissed as mere cracker-box talk among farmers - who have all sorts of legends. But here comes the Royal Geographic Society ^{of} London, with a paper presented by a ^{Scandinavian} ~~Swedish~~ Geographer - who sets forth a myriad ^{array} ~~lot~~ of evidence to show that during the past hundred years there has been a change for the warmer.

Professor Hans Ahlmann of the University of Stockholm points out that weather reports have been kept for the longest period in Holland, thermometer readings ever since the beginning of the Eighteenth Century; and these indicate that an era of colder weather existed until about a hundred years ago, when average temperatures began to rise.

The same thing is shown by glaciers, in Scandinavia, for example, the masses of ice have been decreasing, glaciers receding. The same in the Alps, where some well known glaciers, famous as scenery, have almost disappeared. But that's nothing to what has happened in Alaska, where, as American Glaciologist Maynard Mitler recently told me, the vast Muir glacier retreated more than thirteen miles between Nineteen Two and Nineteen Forty-six.

The Swedish Professor tells us of the lakes in East Africa, which have been decreasing, some of them nearly dried up. The level of Great Lake Victoria falling seven feet in the past ten years. Then there is our own great Salt Lake in Utah, losing nearly fifty per cent of its water, and becoming twice as salty between Eighteen Seventy-Seven and Nineteen Forty.

The scientific paper doesn't mention tropical South America - which gives me the idea of consulting a friend from the wilderness of the Matto Grosso, Sasha Siemel, the Tiger Man, back with some of the most

interesting films I have ever seen. He'll be a good man to ask about the little known spaces of South America, whether he noticed anything about Lake levels - while out hunting the ferocious jaguar with bow and arrow and spear. That's his profession.

Water in the North Atlantic, says the Swedish scientist, is warmer than it used to be, an increase in the temperature of the Gulf Stream off Norway, with evidence in the form of - fish. The shoals of Cod have been moving Northward, with cod-fishing now off Greenland farther North than ever before! The same goes for haddock, halibut and herring - migrating farther Northward, Arctic waters growing warmer. In parts of Scandinavia, Northern types of bird-life are giving way to birds from farther south. Trees growing farther North - the timberline advancing.

The North Polar Icecap has been receding, so, what about the South Pole? Evidence is lacking. So much study still to be done which suggests other

questions to ask another friend, explorer Finn Ronne, who recently returned from an expedition of the vast icecap of the Antarctic.

There seems to be plenty of piled up evidence that the world climate is becoming warmer. And what's the reason? That still remains shrouded in mystery, but the Swedish Geographer believes there may be a change in the amount of heat from the sun - variations in solar heat and radiation, variations of sunshine, accounting for changes of climate.

So maybe the farmers in these parts are not wrong about those warmer winters. But how about all that ice and snow under which our Western States were buried this winter? I wonder if any American Scientist can explain that?

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The three-week drought in New York and New England so far has caused crop damage amounting to over fifty million dollars. Also, thirty-nine deaths.

SCIENTISTS

Moscow is rushing a scientific expedition to the Polar regions -- the Siberian Arctic, to excavate a Mammoth - a hairy elephant. The great beast bogged down in the marshy plains in the Stone Age. Frozen there and completely preserved. Even its flesh and hide intact; and, the food it ate thousands of years ago still only partially digested in its stomach.

The Soviet Scientists are being flown to the Arctic, to excavate the prehistoric monster, take it out of Nature's deep freeze, and haul it off to Moscow. That Mammoth just as it was when it ambled across Siberia in the Stone Age. Remember the Stone Age, Nelson?