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STATES ACCUSE EACH OTHER OF DELAY TACTICS

Arizona's Legal Position In Water Rights Issue Is Stated by Knapp

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—California and Arizona accused each other today of attempting to delay settlement of a dispute over Colorado river water.

While Cleon T. Knapp, Tucson attorney, argued Arizona's legal position before a house public lands subcommittee, Californians protested Arizona's failure to supply witnesses on the same subject for a house judiciary subcommittee hearings.

The public lands subcommittee on reclamation, headed by Rep. Murdock (D-Ariz.), is considering an Arizona-sponsored bill to authorize the \$738,000,000 Central Arizona project.

Ask Court Settlement The judiciary subcommittee headed by Rep. Byrne (D-N.Y.) has before it a California-sponsored resolution to authorize settlement of the water dispute in the U. S. Supreme Court, California contends that the water needed to operate the Central Arizona project belongs to California.

Both measures also are being considered by the senate interior committee. Its hearing, in recess today, will be resumed tomorrow.

The judiciary group last week heard California's reasons for wanting to take the case to court. When it met today to hear Arizona's opposition, Chairman Byrne announced that Senator McFarland (D-Ariz.) had requested a postponement until hearings on the project authorization are finished.

Postponement Opposed Representatives Hinshaw (R), and Douglas (D), all of California, objected. So did Arvin B. Shaw, assistant California attorney general.

Hinshaw said Arizona is trying to "stall" the work of Congress and California's effort to take the case to court. He said Arizona hopes to get the project authorized on the theory that adjudication of the claims would be unnecessary.

Engle said that if the project is authorized, California will be forced to court to prevent construction. The injunction suit, he added, would merely hold up development and not settle the controversy.

Knapp Charges Delay Knapp told the reclamation subcommittee that California wants delay. He said it has taken the supreme court eight, ten and 12 years to settle water disputes between only two states. This case, he said, involves all seven states in the Colorado basin.

Murdock called for another session of his subcommittee tomorrow. Chairman Byrne of the judiciary subcommittee set a meeting for his group tomorrow afternoon. He said he would try to determine meanwhile whether Senator McFarland or any other Arizona witness will be able to appear. If not, he said, he will call a meeting for Wednesday.

Arizona's Share Knapp told the subcommittee that representatives of the seven Colorado river basin states clearly understood when the compact was signed in 1922 that Arizona was to receive all of the 1,000,000 acre feet of water allotted in article 3-B of the compact.

That water was designed to compensate Arizona for including the Gila river in the Colorado river system, he said.

California contends that the 1,000,000 acre feet of water is part of the surplus and that California is entitled to half.

Knapp said he was present at the compact deliberations in Santa Fe, N. M., and knows that Arizona delegates would not have signed the compact without an understanding

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N. Y. Taxicab Drivers Offered Terms to End Three-Day-Old Strike

New York's union taxi drivers were offered terms Monday for settlement of their three-day strike.

Mavor William O'Dwyer made the proposals but did not make them public. Meanwhile, operators claimed the strike is already broken. The union, however, said it was 94 per cent effective.

Striking brewery workers bridged the six tunnel and bridge portals to Manhattan from New Jersey a second day in an effort to dry up the borough's beer supplies. Several beer trucks were turned back.

A strike of 400 trolley and bus workers kept the Scranton, Pa. transit facilities motionless. The strike began Sunday, but its full effect was felt Monday when workers scrambled for other means to get to their jobs.

Things quieted down at the Fawcett Airfield company, Cleveland, O., after a scuffle between officers and 300 marching pickets resulted in four arrests and some minor injuries. Monday, 10 persons were arrested at the Columbus, O. plant of the American Zinc Oxide company for defying a court order prohibiting picketing.

RIVER AUTHORITY



CLEON T. KNAPP

CONTROL ENDED IN MORE AREAS

Rent Ceilings Lifted From 792 Arizona Units in Newest Action

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—The government tonight removed rent ceilings on 29,000 dwelling units in nine states.

Housing Expediter Tighe Woods announced the action, the second decontrol move in three days. By week's end, he said, ceilings will be removed from approximately 148,000 rental units in 27 states.

Twenty-six areas of Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, West Virginia, North Carolina, North Dakota, Minnesota, Ohio, and Texas are covered by Woods' latest action. He previously lifted ceilings on 36,500 houses, apartments and rooms in Alabama, Indiana, New Jersey and Texas.

In disclosing the new decontrols, Woods repeated an earlier statement that his agency—and local rental advisory boards—will continue to police areas in which ceilings are abolished. He promised a "reimposition of controls" if severe rent gouging occurs.

Congress last week gave Woods authority to replace ceilings in any part of the nation under provisions of the newly enacted 15-month extension of the rent control act.

A breakdown of the areas and the states affected by today's action includes: Arizona—792 units in Coconino (except the city of Flagstaff) in the Prescott-Flagstaff rental area.

BIG SNOW STILL YIELDING VICTIMS

DUPREE, S. D., April 4.—(AP)—The big blizzard of 1949 is still giving up its victims.

Farmer John Lemke of near Dupree dug into a large snow drift deposited Jan. 2 and freed what had been a 300-pound sow. The porker still had strength enough to walk three-quarters of a mile to a feed trough, Lemke said today.

Shortly after the blizzard Lemke dug out 38 live hogs and two dead ones from the same drift. Now he has hope of finding one sow still missing.

BULGAR LEADER OUSTED

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Tuesday, April 5.—(AP)—The central committee of the Bulgarian Communist party said today it had removed Traicho Kostov as deputy premier.

New Liquor Location License Policy Waiting on Master Plan

County Board Will 'Act' Technically Within 10 Days Of Receipt of Applications, But Only to Docket Hearings, Until Zoning Statute Takes Effect

The Pima county board of supervisors yesterday agreed unofficially to dam a flood of applications for new locations for beer and wine licenses until receipt of the master plan on which county zoning will be predicated.

Although the board is required by law to act on such applications within 10 days after the end of posting periods, action may be in the form of setting hearing dates at some time in the future, it was explained.

The suggestion that action be held up was made by Chairman J. Homer Boyer and concurred in by Supervisor G. T. Alley to the extent that it affects locations other than those in which business already has been established.

Alley in Agreement Alley said he is in complete agreement except where the sale of liquor already is in effect, such as in regularly established business districts like Oracle road and South Sixth avenue.

The county zoning act passed by the 19th legislature will become effective in June. Meanwhile, work is proceeding on the master plan so there will be a minimum of delay in effecting zoning.

GOP ATTEMPTS WRITE-IN COUP IN VOTE TODAY

Republicans Enter Full Slate in City Race; Demos Forewarned

By LESTER N. INSKIP The Republican city committee last night threw a "write-in" slate into the race as Tucson voters prepared to go to the polls today to elect a mayor and three members of the city council. Official candidates are all Democratic incumbents.

Details of the attempted Republican coup were shrouded in secrecy until late in the evening. At that time, one of the Democratic candidates secured a mimeographed copy of the GOP slate and made it available to the Star.

Dr. P. R. Meis, chairman of the Republican city committee, confirmed the plan, as did Douglas

See Page 12 for polling place map.

Holsclaw, campaign chairman, and Karl Barfield, the party's candidate for mayor.

250 Workers Out The chairman said between 250 and 300 party workers were out last night distributing the mimeographed copies from door to door in an attempt to upset the Democratic ticket.

Meanwhile, Mayor E. T. Houston and other members of the city council were in conference at the city hall, having met following the regular council session. They, too, had a copy of the Republican slate and were preparing to counteract it.

The polls will open at 6 a. m. today and close at 6 p. m. Sale of intoxicants will be prohibited between these hours within the city limits.

Vote in All Wards Although only three of the six members of the council are running this year, voting will be in all six wards since councilmen run at large in general elections.

All voting in Tucson is by machine. These have been set up with only the names of the Democratic candidates, the Republicans having placed no one in the field either in the primary or general elections.

Mayor Houston is running for his second term. He is a Southern Pacific engineer, a former member of the board of regents of the University of Arizona, and a former member of the Arizona Industrial Commission.

Running for re-election in Ward 1 is Charles A. Brady, head of the

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Vets Told War Close Unless Reds Fear Us

PHOENIX, April 4.—(AP)—Arizona's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. A. M. Tuthill, today told a veterans' meeting that, unless the United States is so strong Russia will be afraid to attack, war is "imminent."

He added: "It is about time that the veterans, instead of seeing how much they can chisel out of their government, see if something can't be done about national defense.

"You have been very busy passing resolutions to put more eggs in your own basket. But when have you ever written your congressman asking more money for national defense?"

"Certainly, unless we are strong enough so that Russia will be afraid to attack, war is imminent."

Nationalist China Voted 'Token' Aid

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—Senate and house today overwhelmingly approved a \$54,000,000 "token" of American aid to non-Communist areas of China.

In the senate, the action was unanimous. The house tally was 279 to 70.

Differing only slightly in form, the two bills would let President Truman decide how the money can best be spent to help China.

The house version authorizes Truman to aid any democratic Chinese government, with the money available until Feb. 15, 1950.

The senate measure bans aid to Red China, but leaves Truman free to determine when an area is not Communist-controlled.

The house foreign affairs committee said the money is intended to tide Nationalist China over until Congress decides on long-range aid.

Meanwhile, Majority Leader Lucas (D-Ill) sought to speed final action on the administration's request for \$5,580,000,000 to carry on the European Recovery Program for the next 15 months.

ATLANTIC PACT SIGNED BY 12 NATIONS; TRUMAN TERMS HISTORIC DOCUMENT SHIELD AGAINST FEAR OF AGGRESSION

Defense Treaty Prompts New Blasts From Pravda

Western Europe's Military System Now Destined To Become Branch of U. S. Army Under Pact, Paper Says; Pacific Alliance Predicted

MOSCOW, April 4.—(AP)—Pravda said today plans were afoot to turn western Europe's military system into a branch of the U. S. Army under the Atlantic pact.

The Communist party newspaper devoted its major attention to the treaty. In a long international review the paper also said the U. S. State Department was being converted to a great degree into an arm of the U. S. general staff for Americanization of western Europe's armies.

The paper reported that a special assistant in the state department would be in charge of a huge new military lend-lease program.

Aggression Preparation Seen "The export of different kinds of arms and building up preparations for aggression is becoming one of the most important problems of American foreign policy," Pravda asserted.

"This problem is to be tackled by the state department," Pravda said the statement Saturday of the 12 foreign ministers assembled in Washington to sign the treaty doused the straightforward issues raised by the Russian note on the pact.

The statement declared the alliance was purely defensive against aggression and within the United Nations charter. The Russian note to the seven original sponsors of the pact charged it was aggressive in intent and was directed against the Soviet Union.

(The note also was sent to Norway, Denmark and Italy Monday.) Pacific Alliance Predicted Pravda said Anglo-American plans were under way for creating a "Pacific ocean bloc" as a subsidiary to the Atlantic pact. The paper said the southeast Asia conference at New Delhi, in January, while ostensibly held to consider the Indonesian question, actually had as its main part the preparation of the ground for a Pacific alliance.

The newspaper said American ruling circles hoped "to entrench themselves in the British dominions" through a Pacific bloc, and that Japan was "assigned a special role" in the scheme.

"Collusion with the Ruhr magnates in Europe and the Japanese magnates in the Far East—is not this the American variant of the Japanese-German anti-Comintern pact?" Pravda asked.

FARMS' BUDGET GETS APPROVAL

\$701 Million Supply Bill For Agriculture Given Committee Backing

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—Launching one of its biggest peace-time spending weeks in history, the house appropriations committee today approved a \$701,122,079 money bill for the agriculture department.

And it promptly was accused by its top Republican member, Representative Taber of New York, of "juggling of figures" in an effort to reflect a savings.

The agriculture bill is one of four big money measures the committee plans to send to the house this week. The others finance the state, justice and commerce departments; the army, navy and air force; and a group of miscellaneous agencies including the Atomic Energy Commission.

Half of Budget Their over-all total accounts form about half of the President's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The agriculture bill, scheduled for house debate tomorrow, emerged from the committee with a note of caution that the problems facing farmers "will perhaps become worse before they become better."

Insisting on the "right of the farmers of this nation to export surpluses," the committee said two-price farm system, should be used to retain America's fair share of the world markets. (Under a two-price system, products are sold abroad at a lower price than at home, with the government making up the difference to farmers.)

\$50,000 Is Added To strengthen the department's position in foreign trade matters, the committee added \$50,000 to establish a foreign contact service.

Taber took exception to the committee's claim that the total cash it recommended represents a reduction of \$25,798,829 from what President Truman asked and a cut of \$70,814,314 from what the department requested.

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Europe Splits East, West Over North Atlantic Pact

LONDON, Tuesday, April 5.—(AP)—Europe split along the usual east-west line today over whether the North Atlantic defense treaty signed in Washington is a shield of peace or a weapon for war.

Non-Communist newspapers said it is the world's best guarantee of peace yet devised. The Communist press called it a step toward a third world war.

The Moscow radio said Russia sent four more signers of the pact—Italy, Norway, Denmark and Iceland—official protests that the treaty is aggressive and aimed at her.

Giuseppe di Vittorio, Italy's Communist labor boss, branded the treaty a "pact of war" and called for a "pact of peace" to counteract it. Di Vittorio, leader of more than 5,000,000 workers in the Confederation of Labor (CGIL) spoke to a public gathering last night in Taranto.

GROMYKO BIDES TIME TO BLAST WESTERN MOVE

UN Assembly Set to Hear Communist Reaction to Security Alliance

NEW YORK, April 4.—(AP)—Aloof as ever, Russia's Andrei A. Gromyko stayed in seclusion here today during the ceremonial signing of the North Atlantic pact in Washington.

Some United Nations delegation sources believed he was preparing a blast at the treaty some time during the general assembly opening tomorrow at 3 p. m. (EST).

Gromyko, new first deputy foreign minister, has been a familiar figure at U. N. meetings. He is an old hand at keeping his plans to himself. But this time he appears to have outdone himself.

He arrived last Wednesday, refusing to talk about the North Atlantic pact. He sped to the Soviet delegation home on Park avenue. As far as is known he has stayed there.

Avoids Meetings He has not attended any meeting at Lake Success. Not even the working committee of the United Nations atomic energy committee which he once insisted on attending every time it met.

No one in the U. N. will venture to speculate on Russia's course in coming debates on a variety of issue in the assembly.

But some U. N. observers who follow Russian moves are sure an attack on the North Atlantic treaty is in the works.

They point out that Moscow already has laid the groundwork by its protest that the pact is aggressive and is aimed at Soviet Russia. Moscow also argues that the pact violates the United Nations charter.

But old hands at the U. N. are left wondering when Gromyko will open the assault and how he will do it.

Evatt Plans Program Australian Herbert V. Evatt president of the assembly, went to Lake Success during the day for last-minute conferences. He plans to open the spring session in Flushing Meadow park with an other plea for big power cooperation and then push the business along as rapidly as possible.

The U. N. is aiming toward adjournment by May 7 or 14 if possible.

The official invitation list showed that invitations had gone only to members of the senate and house foreign committees; the chairman and ranking members of all other committees, leaders of both parties in house and senate, the house speaker and the senate presiding officer, Vice-President Barkley, as well as their wives.

That meant 43 senators and 64 house members. Department officials did not explain why other senators weren't asked. Presumably this was to avoid overcrowding.

But to newspapermen, Connally and Lucas displayed their vexing for rain. Friday rain began to fall. Today the army and the Red Cross were called out to rescue 50 families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by flood waters in a workers section. There was flooding in other parts of the city, too, though less serious. There were no casualties.

Views by Wilson, Ling Muddle Question of Williams' Powers

Commissioner Can Adjust Grazing Land Rentals, Says Attorney General; Deputy States Law 'Implies' He Can't, But He Sees No Real Contradiction

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The Associated Press yesterday quoted Ling as saying there is nothing in the law which gives "specific authority" to the land commissioner to make the appraisals.

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Called last night in Phoenix, Ling said both his statement and that of the attorney general are accurate. He said the implication that the land commissioner does not have the right to make appraisals arises from the fact that the law provides

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Ceremonial Accompanied By Diplomatic Pageantry

Foreign Ministers Offer Blunt Warnings to Any Country Contemplating Violence; Signatures Placed on Pact in Alphabetical Order

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—Amid solemn diplomatic pageantry, 12 North Atlantic nations today signed a treaty designed to confront any Russian aggression with a united defense.

After hearing President Truman's hail it as a "shield against aggression," the foreign ministers stepped up one by one to put their names to the historic, 1,040-word pact.

Previously they, like Truman, had proclaimed to Russia and all the world that their only purpose was peace and security.

The text of President Truman's speech will be found on Page 4.

LATE INVITATION ANGRERS SOLONS

State Dept. Fails to Send Bids to All Senators to Attend Pact Signing

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—The state department failed to send formal invitations to all senators to see the Atlantic pact signed today and thereby drew a public rebuke from Democratic leaders who had to smooth things over.

Majority Leader Lucas (D-Ill) called it a "blunder." Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the foreign relations committee said the department acted in "poor taste."

After a frank telephone talk with department officials, Lucas was able to announce in the senate a few hours before the ceremony that all senators and their wives were invited.

Treaty 'Guides' Upon Lucas and Connally will fall a major share of the job of guiding the treaty through the senate. They have to help muster a two-thirds majority.

So when Lucas rose confidently shortly after the senate convened and announced that he would ask a recess at 3:30 in order that members could go to the ceremony, he was surprised to learn that not all of them had been invited.

This came out when Senator Donnell (R-Mo.), a leading critic of the pact, said he had not received an invitation. Admission was by invitation only.

Lucas hastened to fix things. The official invitation list showed that invitations had gone only to members of the senate and house foreign committees; the chairman and ranking members of all other committees, leaders of both parties in house and senate, the house speaker and the senate presiding officer, Vice-President Barkley, as well as their wives.

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President Holds Hope Solons Will Speedily Ratify Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—The administration hoped tonight that Congress will give swift consideration to ratification of the North Atlantic pact now that it has become a living document.

The job of ratification rests with the senate. President Truman would like the pact to get the right of way there. But the prospects aren't too good.

There is even a possibility that action might be deferred until some domestic legislation can be handled.

Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex), chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, wants the treaty ratification pushed.

Majority Leader Lucas, however, would only say that the treaty will get to the senate floor for debate "this session."

Connally says he thinks prompt action is necessary. "But he expects at least a month of hearings on the pact, which must be approved by two-thirds of senators voting before it becomes a final instrument of U. S. foreign policy.

Although the house plays no part in the ratification of the treaty, Rep. St. George (R-NY) was critical of it. He said it signals the day when "the United States assumes the role of empire officially."