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EXPECT VITAL AGREEMENTS FROM MOSCOW CONFERENCE

U.S. CONGRESSMAN AP REPORTS BYRNES AS HIGHLY COMMITTS SUICIDE PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF MEETING

Washington, D. C. (ANS) -- Representative Joseph H. Wilson Ervin, 44-year-old freshman Congressman from Charlotteville, North Carolina, was found dead yesterday in his gas filled home. Homicide police said there was no doubt in their minds that he had committed suicide.

When the police arrived, after a phone call from a neighbor, gas was pouring from the open jets of the stove in his apartment kitchen. In one hand, Ervin held a pistol and in the other, a straight razor. His body was found lying across two lounge chairs in the living room.

The police said that Ervin, a Democrat elected to congress on the 7th of November 1944, had turned on the kitchen gas jets full blast, after sealing off the outside doors so that the deadly fumes could not escape.

Representative Ervin was a bachelor who had practiced law for about ten years in Charlotteville before he entered active politics last year.

His family was immediately notified and it is expected that the body will be returned to Charlotteville today and that funeral services will be held on Friday.

SECRETARY OF STATE EXPECTS TO LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON

Moscow, U.S.S.R. (ANS) -- (Delayed) -- The Big Three foreign ministers, after a lengthy Christmas Day session, arranged yesterday evening to announce the results of their eleven day conference, in which their achievements were reliably reported to have included concrete agreements on several "vital" world issues.

The three foreign ministers already have reached an important accord on the procedure for drafting the European peace settlement, authoritative quarters told the Associated Press office in Moscow.

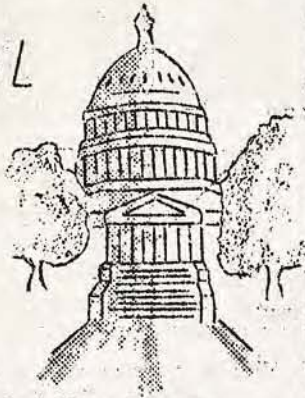
United States Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes -- was reportedly "highly pleased" with the results of his cordial discussions with Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov and British Foreign Secretary Ernest J. Bevin.

Far more has been achieved, these sources say, than was even contemplated when Mr. Byrnes left Washington. One of the accords, was said to deal with the control of Japan, which was high on the list of complicated problems on the agenda. Whether an agreement was reached on the number one problem -- the control of atomic energy -- remained a matter of speculation. Byrnes yesterday expressed hope that he would be able to fly back to the U.S. sometime Thursday afternoon.

Previous to Mr. Byrnes trip to Moscow, the international atmosphere was tense to say the least. The failure of the London meeting of the three foreign ministers was believed to have been more damaging than most diplomatic agencies of the three governments were prone to admit to the press. Great Britain was blasting Russia for days on end with the bitter prose of Winston Churchill paving the road. In the States, the Patterson-McCormick newspaper chain beat their drums with cheery notes of a future conflict with the Soviet Union. But once again, Mr. Byrnes seems to have sensed the Soviet line -- receive as many advantages as possible and then come to an agreement -- Russia received no concession from the United States and Great Britain and within time, came about to our views.

Associated Press reports that Administrative sources believe the peace conference will take place sometime in the late summer.

CAPITOL HILL



The Coast Guard, which played such an important war role as part of the Navy, will be returned next month to its peacetime position as a branch of the Treasury Department. This announcement was made by the United Press.

More than 600 Americans will go into all parts of Greece shortly as election observers, in a project believed unique in all history. Informed government sources said yesterday that they knew of no parallel for observation in one country's elections by citizens of another, on such a scale. Gt. Britain and France have also accepted the Greek invitation to send observers.

The Allied Far Eastern Commission which significantly has dropped word "Advisory," from their official title, left yesterday for Japan and a looksee into the MacArthur administration. The members of the commission made it plain that they do not expect to find any fault with the General's administration, but they want to study carefully how the commission directives have been carried out. Some members believe the time is fast approaching when the commission should take over actual power to formulate policy for Japan.

President Harry Truman has issued a Christmas proclamation granting a full pardon to several thousand ex-convicts who served meritoriously in the armed forces. The proclamation, the White House said, applied to men who entered the service on or after the 29th of July, 1941 and who have served honorably for at least one year. Excluded are men convicted of offenses after their induction into the service. "Somewhat more than 2,000 prisoners were paroled from Federal jails for induction into the Army," Attorney-General Tom Clark was quoted in the White House statement as saying. "It is known that several thousand more had completed their sentences before induction. A large number of persons similarly situated joined the other armed services," the statement said. One effect of this action is to restore voting rights of men involved. The proclamation is limited to Federal prisoners and covers offenses that have taken place outside of War and Navy Department regulations, as published during the war.

CHRISTMAS IN MISSOURI

Independence, Mo. (ANS) — President Harry Truman flew half way across the nation, through heavy clouds, rain and ice late Tuesday and then drove to the suburban home of his 93-year-old mother, to wish her a merry Christmas.

Braving hazardous weather, which grounded commercial planes in the east and made "blind" instrument flying necessary, the President headed for his mother's small home after landing at the Kansas City airport, his arms filled with Christmas bundles.

She had not expected to see her son since his trip had been delayed for hours by the weather, but Mr. Truman was determined not to break his record for spending every Christmas with his family. He arrived at the K. C. airport at 5:54 P.M. after leaving Washington at 12:08 P.M. and making just one stop, at St. Louis.

G.M.C. AND C.I.O. MEET ONCE AGAIN

Detroit, Michigan. (ANS) — Representatives of the General Motors Corporation and the C.I.O. United Auto Workers Union met at the bargaining table yesterday for first time since they appeared before the Truman Fact-Finding Board last week.

The negotiations were resumed as the G.M. strike entered its sixth week. Walter P. Reuther, U.A.W. vice president said the session would deal only with the procedure for handling local union grievances in the absence of a working contract, which was cancelled by the corporation several weeks ago.

MUSICAL PROGRAMS FROM FOREIGN LANDS BANNED BY JAMES PETRILLO

Chicago, Ill. (ANS) — James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians said yesterday that American radio stations have been told to ban all musical programs originating in all foreign countries, with the exception of Canada, where the musicians are affiliated with the American AFL union.

Mr. Petrillo said the order, suspended during the war, was being reinvoked "to protect American musicians against foreign competition."

He declared that through short wave radio, a foreign musician could displace the services of an American without even entering the United States.

The union announced that this order is effective immediately.

WEATHER REPORT

Amchitka, Als. 27 December, 1945. — Cloudy in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon and evening. Slightly cooler in the evening. Temperature: min., 31, max., 36. Wind: N to N E 20 to 25 mph. Sunrise: 0908, sunset: 1700

THE FUTURE OF THE ATOMIC BOMB

Washington, D. C. (ANS) — The American soldier — as well as the man in the street — has been told that someday a scientist may turn a switch that could set off a chain of radio activity capable of destroying the earth.

This fact the average American is as yet unwilling to believe. The story of the atom and the terrible effect it might have on our destiny is too vast a story for him to comprehend. It doesn't — as yet — effect his personal well being. But some day it will.

Some day — says Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who was head man at the atomic bomb's research and development laboratories at Los Alamos, NM — our cities will be heated and lighted by atomic power, our machinery will be driven by it and our lives will be made fuller by the employment of nuclear force in everyday living.

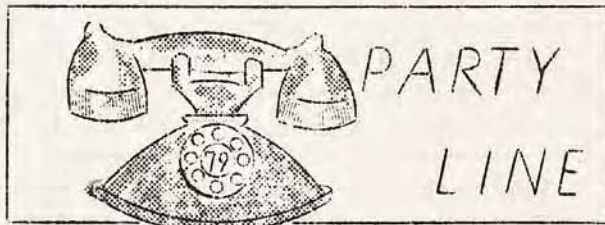
"It is quite feasible," said Dr. Oppenheimer in a recent interview, "That a city the size of Seattle could be completely heated from an atomic energy source in less than five years."

"Of course," he adds, "it will take much longer than that for the full technological benefits of atomic power to make themselves felt."

Other scientists are less optimistic than Oppenheimer. Dr. Henry D. Smyth, official historian of the atomic bomb, wrote in his report that in the fall of 1944, the possible uses of nuclear energy in industry were considered by a technical committee. "While there was general agreement that a great industry might eventually arise, comparable, perhaps, to the electronic industry," wrote Smyth, "there was disagreement as to how rapidly such an industry would grow."

The committee concluded that "there is no immediate prospect of running cars with nuclear power or lighting houses with radioactive lamps, although there is a good probability that nuclear power for special purposes could be developed within the next 10 years."

Most believe that atomic power can only be used on a large scale, ruling out small unit use for private homes, autos and the like.



New York City, N.Y. (ANS) — Mrs. Stanly Mortimer, socialite society editor of a monthly magazine, was picked yesterday by fashion critics as the best dressed woman of the year for the second straight year. She was followed in order by Mrs. B. Foy of New York, Mrs. Willicent Rogers of New York, Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett wife of the opera star, Duchess of Windsor, Mrs. George Schlee, fashion designer, Mrs. Harcy Hopkins, screen star Rosalind Russell, Mrs. Robert Sarnof and Representative Clare Booth Luce.

Chicago, Ill. (ANS) — Christmas joy was absent Wednesday from the homes of at least 341 American victims of violent deaths throughout the country. At least 192, were traffic fatalities — they met their deaths through accidents on ice-covered highways at intersections or through speeding. California lead the rest of the states with 37 traffic accidents and 18 miscellaneous deaths.

San Francisco, California. (ANS) — A break in the jam which has held nearly 170,000 servicemen in Pacific coast ports over the holiday, appeared yesterday to be near its end. Los Angeles and San Francisco, principal bottlenecks in the transportation jam which has prevented returning servicemen from proceeding to their homes at eastern points, both reported far fewer men coming in than going out. Seattle and Tacoma, were clearing several times as many men as were arriving. Portland reported no arrivals at all.

Paris, France. (ANS) — France's Constituent Assembly turned to consideration of the Bretton Woods monetary agreement yesterday following the promulgation of a government decree devaluating the franc with a view to stabilizing the nation's currency. The government's actions cut the value of the franc by more than one half, fixing it at slightly over 119 to the dollar. Since the liberation of France, the franc has been pegged at 50 to the dollar.

Hayward, California. (ANS) — There's always room for one more in Harold Sexton's taxi. The other night Harold was arrested while carting 18 people in his cab.

VETERAN LOOKS AT STATESIDE GIRLS

New York (ANS) - - The bubble of American womanhood has burst, as far as Robert C. Ruark is concerned. Ruark, an ex GI recently returned home after long months in the Pacific, is now a staff writer for the New York World-Telegram.

Civilian Ruark has poured out his heart in a 600-word theme of disillusionment and despair. His overseas dream of the girls back home, it seems, has been seared, sheared, speared and smeared by the home-front habits of women's fashions.

"Since I have been, from Boy Scout days, an ardent admirer of American female beauty," he wrote, "I am pained, as a returned serviceman, to discover I have been dead wrong."

The visions of loveliness that made the foxholes and K-rations bearable, he said, turn to bitter gall when GIs return and find.. "What we find shouldn't happen to a war criminal."

"Our girls," he continued, "the same creatures who kept our souls alight when we were sleeping in the mud and being ill on destroyers, look like something Salvador Dali might muster up after a midnight snack of welsh rabbit and raw onion."

"The lovely hair we remembered, which curled sweetly about ladies' shoulders, now has been tortured into two patterns, both repulsive. Either the lass has snatched it up in one pink fist, hauled it tight with a windlass and screwed it into a silly topknot; or else it is clubbed into a nauseous bundle and hangs down the neck like a sackful of mud, or maybe a beaver's tail."

"When God made little girls and little boys, he made the little boys wide on top and narrow at the bottom, and the girls vice versa. So it is shocking to observe the trend in ladies' suits, shoulders padded so that the slightest of females resembles a professional football player in battle dress..The new dresses with pleats and bulges at the waist, succeed only in making their wearers appear far advanced in what is known as the delicate condition." (Ed's note: Now, now Mr. Ruark - let's keep it clean.)

Yes Mr. Ruark was pretty disgusted. Maybe he'll re-enlist for overseas duty, so some of us guys still up in the Aleutians can take his place back home, with all those horrible, ill-dressed, spike-shoed American women. I'm sure we would be more than willing to give them an even chance of satisfying us - Any volunteers?

G I NEWS

Sharp increases in venereal disease rates among American troops at home and abroad as fighting ended or diminished were reported by the Army Medical Department.

The Army doctors said these were among the reasons: Post-combat "let down" and increased leisure; Exposure to population with high venereal disease rates; Diminished fear of infection as a result of improved treatment procedures.

A report in the December bulletin of the Medical Department gave these figures:

In the European theater, the venereal disease rate rose from 62 cases per 1000 men in May (V-E month) to 155 in August.

In the Pacific area the rate increased from five cases per 1,000 men a year in January to ninety-seven in June.

In the United States the rate was forty-three cases per 1,000 men a year in May and fifty-three in August.

"A further post V-J Day increase in the United States is anticipated," the report said. "In the Army in the United States the increased rate is due primarily to infections acquired by returnees during the thirty to forty-five day period after reporting to reception centers and assembly points. The Army has taken steps to insure that the number of men discharged with infectious venereal disease will be held to a minimum."

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The Army and Navy contemplate a joint test of atomic bombs against Naval vessels, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal announced recently. Planning is already underway for the operation which will involve large problems of logistics including the assembly of many naval vessels, extensive instrumentation, and assembly of necessary personnel.



This guy doesn't know what I have up my sleeve Bob Horney

SPORTS CHATTER

Boston, (ANS) - - The Montreal Canadiens took a one point lead in the National Hockey League race Monday, beating the Boston Bruins 4 - 1, while the Chicago Blackhawks were tied 4 - 4 by Detroit. Toronto beat New York 4 - 3.

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New Orleans, (ANS) - - St. Mary's and Oklahoma Aggies football teams arrived for the January 1st Sugar Bowl battle.

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Tuscaloosa, Alabama, (ANS) - - Thirty-four Alabama football players departed for the New Year's Rose Bowl game with Southern Cal. in Pasadena, California. Nine players who were flu victims missed the final practices, but were able to travel.

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New York, (ANS) - - Alex Hetzeck, unseeded Detroit, Michigan tennis player, gained the eastern indoor junior finals, beating Walter Dockerill of New York also unseeded, 6 - 3, 4 - 6, 6 - 2. Top-seeded Sidney Schwartz of New York, beat the fourth seeded Stewart Robinson of New York, 6 - 3, 6 - 4.

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Denver, (ANS) - - Gay Adelt, an Army veteran who came back to Utah University and played fast and loose with Rocky Mountain conference football teams, won unanimous acclaim from football writers who helped choose the Associated Press 1945 All-Rocky Mountain team.

Adelt, a halfback, received 45 points out of possible 45. The 25 year old triple-threat back lives in Salt Lake City.

Denver, Utah and Colorado each landed three first team nominees. The lineup: Ends - Johnny Putnik, Utah State, and Harold La Porte, Colorado Teachers. Tackles - Joe Tangaro, Utah, and Ken Knieval, Colorado. Guards - Chet Latcham, Denver, and August Peters, Colorado. Center - Laurie Mauss, Utah. Backs - Joe Dorough, Colorado; Johnny Adams and Johnny Karamigios, Denver, and Adelt.

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Orlando, Fla. (ANS) - - The Orlando, Fla., Dubsdread golf course holds no terrors for the pros. Les Kennedy, of Pawtucket, R. I., fired an eight-under par 63 over Dubsdread in the first round of the \$10,000 Orlando open, only two days after Stan Horne of Montreal performed a similar feat in a warmup round. Kennedy shot 31-32, while Horne posted an erratic but terrific 37-26. The Orlando golf course has been the site for many of Ben Hogan's triumphs.

BURLESQUE BEING STRIPPED-OF-STRIPPERS

Newark, N. J. (ANS) -- Things are not the same in the old burlesque houses back home. Even the old "Take it off!" is gone; the only things being taken off now are the strip-teasers---

For this we have the word of Jess Myers, manager of the Empire theater in Newark, biggest emporium of bumps and grinds in the New York area. Gotham itself has been stripless, except for various amateur and -- "tease-easy" performances, for several years.

Root of the whole problem, says Myers, is women. Too many women in the audience.

"Women started coming in groups during the war," he reports. "What they liked was comedy. They were most of the audience, so we gave 'em comedy."

Now that men are coming back, he added, they have to bring their women with them, and the show remains mostly vaudeville.

"We've cut our strippers down from six to two," he said. "We give 'em fancier wardrobes and call 'em exotic dancers."

But there are other reasons for the near-extinction of the torso-teasers. According to Myers, you can't fool even some of the people all the time.

"Even if there weren't women in the audience," he explained, "the men wouldn't be enthusiastic. They all know now that no stripper strips. The purple light don't fool anybody any more."

The trend now, the veteran burlesque manager said, is to comedians.

"Six minutes of stripping is all the customer will take now. Frankly, I'm glad. Them strippers got so tempermental when they were making big money. Now they know they have to work because they're a dime a dozen."

But Myers is going even further. Next season he's going to amputate almost to the last bump, carrying only one stripper in his show that has long been famous for its nudity. The rest of the show will be music and comedy. For most of us that haven't seen a burlesque show in so many years, this will be an awful shock for us to take. And as a final blow to burlesque as it used to be - the chorus girls are going to learn to dance! Heavens what is this world coming to - we may never see a stripper again.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Tailor to work one or two nights per week at the Post Service Club. Will be paid for services. Any-one interested, please contact the Post Service Club, Dover 75.

FOR SALE: Simmons Bed, steel, 3/4 size, complete with inner-spring mattress and springs. Excellent condition. Reasonably priced. (12)

FOR SALE: Set of 12 Audell's Electrical Books (complete set). Reasonably priced. (13)

FOR SALE: De Jour Exposure Meter. Brand New. (15)

Any individuals having knowledge as to the where-abouts of a Wallace & Tiernan water purification unit which has been removed from the EAST CAPE outpost system of the 3rd 4th Infantry, within the last 30 days, are requested to call Lt. Russell at Dover 7. The complete nomenclature is as follows: WATER PURIFICATION UNIT, postable, Wallace & Tiernan Motor #169106; Pump #P-32611; Filter #55885; Hypochlorinator #L-2287.

FOR SALE: Electric Clippers in excellent condition. (16)

Calls concerning classified ads will not be accepted before 1500.

AMERICANA

The Springfield Marine Bank had to take down the No. 13 sign over a teller's window. Superstitious customers had been avoiding the window and the teller in No. 13 had so little to do that the other bank employees were complaining...A wife sued her husband for divorce before Circuit Judge Chester D. Adams, alleging cruel and inhumane treatment. The cruelty, she charged, consisted of her husband insisting on preparing her bath, even to testing the temperature of the water, and on getting dinner and doing most of the housework when she came home after a day of office work. (Ed's note: No - we don't get it either!) Thieves used an electric hoist to get a 500 pound safe aboard a truck. But when the safe fell off at a downtown intersection, there was no hoist handy. Disgusted, they left the safe and the truck - - which also was stolen - - in the street and fled on foot...Arthur Hedin is one wrestler who doesn't crave publicity. Admitted to the hospital for lacerations, he refused to divulge the source of his injuries.

HOLLYWOOD SHOTS

Remember hearing about "The Outlaw" No? Well, it was the movie that Howard Hughes made four years ago, starring Jane Russell and never exhibited. It also made Jane, who busted out all over in pin-ups. Since then she has probably been the most publicized actress ever NOT to appear in a film. "The Outlaw" ran into difficulties with the censors. It seems that Jane's peek-a-boo shirtwaist had too much "peck" so the censors said "Boo!" In the intervening years, Hughes has been fighting the censors' ruling that too much of Jane's best points were visible on the screen. And finally he has won. "The Outlaw" will open nationally February 8 - uncut and unchanged, with the original luster of the Russell charms undimmed...With Doc Stork's visit imminent, Judy Garland's director-husband permits her to work in only one sequence a day.. The Andrews Sisters, who went pheasant hunting with Curt Massey, were too squeamish to kill or eat the birds, but they filed a bid for the feathers which make elegant hat trimmings..

MOVIE — GUIDE

WILLIWAW:

2:00, 7:00, 9:05

"SAN ANTONIO"

With Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith.
Added: News of the Day.

RADIO REPORT

2:15.....Melody Roundup
2:30.....Great Moments in Music
3:00.....Short Wave News
3:15.....Jack Kirkwood
3:30.....Russell Bennett
4:00.....SW News and Sports
4:15.....Across the Board
4:30.....Music America Loves
5:00.....Short Wave News
5:15.....GI Jive
5:30.....Tommy Dorsey
6:00.....Serenade
6:15.....Bulletin Board
6:30.....One Night Stand
7:00.....Short Wave News
7:15.....At Ease
7:30.....Frank Sinatra
8:00.....Jimmy Carroll
8:15.....Yank Bendstand
8:30.....Charlie McCarthy
9:00.....This is the Story
9:30.....Bob Hope
10:00.....Mystery Playhouse
10:30.....Joan Davis
11:00.....Short Wave News
11:15.....Remember
11:30.....Relax and Listen
11:45.....Words with Music
12:00.....Sign Off