

CIO Hits Business On Antitrust Drive

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9 (AP)—The CIO's chief attorney said today an "unreconstructed" group of employers is pressing a drive to "cripple" labor unions by bringing them under the antitrust laws.

Canadians Sell Whiskey To Troops

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP)—An American liquor executive told a congressional subcommittee today that Canadians sell 64 per cent of all whiskey bought by U.S. troops in Europe.

The Army's European headquarters in Heidenberg said it sold eight million dollars worth of hard liquor last year, yielding a profit of 5 1/2 million for the troops' welfare fund.

The Army disputed the claim that 64 per cent was Canadian whiskey. It told reporters annual sales were 43 per cent American whiskey, 42 per cent Canadian and 15 per cent Scotch.

Walter Kemp, European sales manager of Publicker Industries, Inc., Philadelphia, said in a statement to the House Armed Services subcommittee on Defense Activities:

"My people (Publicker's) told me that we had little difficulty getting our reasonable proportion of the market in all overseas military establishments throughout the world with the exception of USAREUR (U.S. Army in Europe).

"Here, they told me, a strange situation exists.

"Canadian whiskeys sell 4.1 per cent of the entire American domestic market. My people have reports that, in USAREUR, Canadian whiskey sells over 50 per cent of all liquor sold.

"That is a big difference—4.1 per cent of all sales at home, 64 per cent of all sales in USAREUR, and USAREUR is also under the American flag."

GOP Men Battle For Floor Leader

HARRISBURG, Dec. 9 (AP)—Sens. Rowland B. Mahany (R-Crawford) and James J. Berger (R-Potter) today faced off as the principal opponents for Senate Republican floor leader in the 1955 Legislature.


The two senators will be the leading opponents at a caucus of the 27 GOP senators scheduled for next Monday at Hershey.

On the outcome of this battle may hinge the destiny of Sen. M. Harvey Taylor (R-Dauphin) who will be seeking another term as Senate president pro tempore.

Meanwhile, Miles Horst, Republican state chairman, postponed until "late January" his selection of members to the 19-man Republican State Executive Committee.

Churchill Statue Asked

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—The London Star suggested today a statue of Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill should be erected while he still lives, and placed beside one of Abraham Lincoln in Parliament Square.



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Hatoyama Elected Japanese Premier; Pledges Elections

TOKYO, Friday, Dec. 10 (AP)—Ichiro Hatoyama, a pro-U.S. conservative, yesterday was named prime minister but his Socialist supporters forced from him a pledge of new elections which they expect to win:

The Socialists, who oppose U.S. bases in Japan, rearmament, and Japan's pro-West foreign policy, obtained as a price of their support a promise that he would dissolve the Diet and call new elections by March 10.

Socialists then joined Hatoyama's Democrats in the lower house and gave him a 257 to 191 victory over Taketora Ogata, president of former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's Liberal conservative party. The only Communist in the house abstained.

Yoshida who steered Japan through seven trying postwar years by aligning it closely with the United States, resigned Thursday before the Socialist-Democrat coalition could pass a no-confidence motion.

The switch in prime ministers promised little immediate change in Japanese foreign policy. Hatoyama says Japan must maintain her place among free nations.

Hunters Find Hidden Pennies

LEWISTOWN, Pa., (AP)—This central Pennsylvania community today buzzed with accounts of a robbery—a train robbery that took place more than 45 years ago. The talk started yesterday when three deer hunters reported they accidentally stumbled across what might be part of the loot taken from a Pennsylvania Railroad train near here in an early-morning holdup in 1909.

The uncovered "loot" consists of about 3700 Lincoln head pennies which old-timers say the train robber mistook for pieces of gold.

Police said about a million dollars in gold bullion was being carried on the train from Washington to Cincinnati when it was dynamited to a stop.

The gunman, however, got into the wrong car and ended up with several sacks of pennies.

Conference Attended

The conference was attended by both employer and union attorneys, law school professors and labor arbitrators.

Goldberg said an advisory committee named by Atty. Gen. Brownell is studying possible revision of the antitrust laws including a proposal to remove a present labor union exemption.

"Those who are pushing down this road and who I fear will push much harder in the months to come," Goldberg said, "are not employer representatives who genuinely subscribe to a desire for satisfactory relations with unions, but the same unreconstructed fringe which basically regards all unions as evil and wishes to return to conditions which existed in the 1920s."

Previous Legislation

Goldberg said previous unsuccessful legislation seeking to apply antitrust laws to unions has not been aimed at barring unions and employers from cooperating to the public's disadvantage. He said the proposals have always sought privately to "destroy or limit the economic power of unions to deal with management."

Convention delegates approved a resolution asking Congress to investigate the "present and prospective impact of technological developments on our economy." It said that automatic machines and new production techniques are displacing workers at a rapid rate.

"The facts allow no room for the illusion that expansion of employment in the manufacture of the revolutionary machines will compensate to any substantial degree for contraction of employment in industries using them," this resolution said.

Surprise Coalition Weakens Adenauer

MUNICH, Germany, Dec. 9 (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's firm hold on the Bonn Parliament's upper house was shaken today in one of the biggest domestic setbacks he has suffered this year.

The antirearmament Socialists and three Right Wing parties announced a decision to form the unprecedented state coalition which would end Adenauer's eight-year control of the Bavarian state government.

The surprise move seemed virtually certain to deprive Adenauer of his two-thirds majority in the Bonn Bundesrat upper house, since the new state government will appoint its six representatives in the federal body.

If Adenauer loses his two-thirds majority in the Bundesrat it would pose a serious threat to implementation of the Paris treaties on German rearmament.

Leaders of the Christian Social Union, which is the Bavarian ally of Adenauer's Christian Democratic party, said there still was a possibility, however, that the new coalition would fall apart in trying to agree on apportionment of seats in the state Cabinet, thus opening the way to new negotiations with the Adenauer party.

Observers pointed out, too, that unlike those from the other German states Bavaria's senators in the Bundesrat are not bound by instructions so that some of them might still vote for rearmament.

This upset in strongly Catholic Bavaria, which has been a heavy supporter of the predominately Catholic Christian Democrats, occurred as the Bonn government and Allied diplomats were becoming alarmed by a mounting hostility to rearmament in West Germany.

'Worst Flood' Hits Northern Dublin

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 9 (AP)—Flood waters surged through almost all the low-lying northern area of Dublin today, trapping thousands of Irishmen in their homes. It was the worst flood in the memory of this Irish capital of more than a half-million population.

Freezing winds and torrential rains whipped much of Europe. Ice, sleet and snow added to the misery. Shipping was hard hit with 64 French fishermen feared lost in seven trawlers which vanished along the French coast during fierce gales. About 100 seamen were known dead or presumed lost in two weeks of almost continuous heavy weather.

Army Joins Rescue

In Dublin the Irish army joined with police and fire services in the rescue of thousands of persons marooned in flooded homes. Waters poured out by raging rivers hit the northern part of the city bordering Dublin Bay—an inlet of the Irish Sea.

Flood victims by the hundreds received quick hospital treatment for shock, exposure and exhaustion after 12 hours and more of battling the surging waters.

30 Injured

At least 30 were injured. Some had fractures dealt out by floating furniture.

Lord Mayor Alfred Byrne called the floods "the worst I have ever known." He declared a series of emergency zones in the flood areas and ordered every aid for stricken families.

Maid is Missing, So Are Valuables

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—A newly-hired maid and an estimated \$20,000 worth of furs, jewelry, luggage, clothing, linens and silverware disappeared yesterday from the home of a sportswear manufacturer, police said.

The manufacturer, William Weiner, told police his wife had hired the maid Monday after the woman was referred to them by an acquaintance. Mrs. Weiner said she had taken it for granted the friend had checked the woman's references.

Mrs. Weiner said she left home in the morning after giving the maid dinner instructions. Their two sons, Morris, 18, and Ronald, 15, left for school at the same time, she said.

The younger boy discovered the house had been ransacked when he returned home.

Andrews Forecasts Drop

HARRISBURG, Dec. 9 (AP)—Rep. H. G. Andrews, the Democratic House leader, forecast today that the state's unemployment compensation fund will soon fall below the legal danger point and that quick legislative action is imperative.

Pope Pius In Improved Condition

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 9 (AP)—Medical experts announced tonight Pope Pius XII is gaining strength, his hiccups have ceased and his general condition has improved perceptibly.

The 78-year-old pontiff underwent a two-hour examination—his second in a week of grave illness that brought fears for his life—by three specialists and his personal physician, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi.

"As foreseen, the state of health of the Holy Father has improved perceptively and progressively in the last few days," the doctors' bulletin said.

"Disturbances have disappeared, among them the hiccups, and it was possible gradually to resume direct feeding, which has permitted a satisfactory recovery of strength.

"Restful sleep, in part, has returned. The conditions of the cardiac-circulatory and respiratory systems remain good, as well as the blood condition.

"The abdomen is normal everywhere and is no longer painful in its right superior quadrant. This pain, together with the sudden painful tension of the abdomen, had caused serious preoccupations."

Mail-Stealing Postman Gets 8-Month Sentence

BAYFONNE, France, Dec. 9 (AP)—A court sentenced Paul Fayet, 52, a postman, to eight months in prison today after finding that:

For 10 years he had taken five letters a day from his bag of mail. He picked them at random. The ones he found interesting he kept. The others he tore up in little pieces.

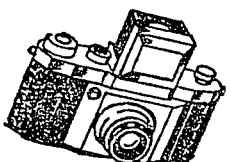
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