

French Cabinet Decides To Dissolve Assembly

PARIS, Nov. 30 (AP)—The French Cabinet decided tonight to dissolve the National Assembly and hold new elections.

At this stage, Premier Edgar Faure appeared to have turned a seeming defeat into victory. He has been campaigning all along for early elections, but the devious approach to them was a surprise—even in French politics.

Report States Schools Unable To Meet Needs

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—The White House conference on education today accepted a report saying that few states seem ready to meet their school building needs for the five years ahead.

This is true, said a report drafted after discussions among the 1800 participating delegates, even though no state has demonstrated it couldn't raise the money.

The report on "What Are Our School Building Needs?" was drawn up by Earl H. Beling, a Moline, Ill., consulting engineer, and Elmer W. Rowley, head of Joliet Junior College in Illinois. It was received with applause and without objection by the delegates.

Under the rules of the conference, there is no actual voting on reports. These findings are drafted by representatives of study groups composed of delegates.

While the Beling-Rowley report said nothing specifically on the subject of federal aid, it got at the question indirectly, by stating: "Some territories and a few states may need outside financial assistance."

What states and territories were meant was not disclosed.

As soon as this report was read the delegates plunged into the critical question of federal aid.

The report on the subject won't come until the conference winds up tomorrow night.

Leader to Weaken Tax; Foes Testify

HARRISBURG, Nov. 30 (AP)—The Leader administration, declaring a desire "to protect the economic growth of Pennsylvania," proposed changes today in its manufacturers' excise tax that would cut 25 million dollars from the estimated revenue of the levy.

Henry B. Leader, the governor's legislative secretary, submitted the administration amendments to the Senate Finance Committee also heard testimony from opponents that the tax would impose "an unfair burden" on industry and business.

The governor's younger brother and Sen. John H. Dent, Democratic floor leader, were the only proponents appearing for the levy. They were followed by a day-long parade of opponents of the measure representing industry, business, and farmers.

Chairman Edward J. Kessler (R-Lancaster) of the Senate's Finance Committee presided at the unprecedented scene from the chair of the lieutenant-governor. Extra chairs had to be placed in the aisles to accommodate the numerous spectators and persons waiting to testify.

Committee members—10 Republicans and six Democrats—flanked Kessler on the rostrum. It will be up to them to decide whether the House-passed bill which has stirred up a storm of controversy will go to the Senate floor for a vote.

"I don't think the testimony here today has converted any Republican opponents to the bill," Kessler commented as the day's hearing ended. He has declared himself against the levy.

Dent said at the same time: "The people that are here today have been here for the last 20 years to my knowledge protesting every kind of tax unless they are left out of it."

The opposition will complete presentation of its side tomorrow.

Yesterday the Assembly gave Faure a vote of no-confidence, usually the signal for the government's immediate resignation. But the size of the Assembly vote against him brought into play an obscure constitutional provision permitting the Cabinet to order dissolution.

The unprecedented decision was announced tonight following a 3 1/2-hour Cabinet session at the Elysee Palace, the French White House. No date was given for the elections, but they must come between 20 and 30 days after the dissolution order is handed down.

Faure told newsmen later this constitutional time limit raises problems. If the order is handed down immediately the voting would come during the Christmas vacation—perhaps on Christmas Day.

There was some speculation that publication of the dissolution decree will be delayed so the voting can be held Jan. 8, the first Sunday after the holidays. The French traditionally hold their elections on Sunday.

The Premier said the final decision on the polling date would be taken within the next 48 hours.

Faure and most of his associates will remain on the job to handle the government's day-to-day affairs and oversee the elections. But five ministers opposed dissolution of the Assembly and said they would not associate themselves with the move. All five are members of Faure's Radical Socialist party.

Faure said the attitude of the five ministers presented a problem. Since the government itself is in a period of transition, he added, there is a question whether they could be permitted to resign.

The group of administration amendments would:

Permit Pennsylvania firms buying industrial machinery and equipment to elect to pay the excise tax on such items from both state and out-of-state manufacturers so as to qualify for federal tax deductions.

Exempt from the levy all products immediately consumed in the manufacture of tangible personal property, such as coke and limestone used in making steel.

Exempt from the levy publication of magazines and newspapers, along with boxes, paper cartons and other items used in distributing and marketing products.

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Lodge Hits 'Hypocritical' Disarmament

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 30 (AP)—Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. today accused the Soviet Union of advocating "paper disarmament." He said the Soviet proposals are "hypocritical" and the United States will not take part in them.

This was the answer of the chief U.S. delegate in the UN Assembly's Political Committee to a 10,000-word speech by V. V. Kuznetsov, first deputy foreign minister of the Soviet Union, opening the long-awaited disarmament debate here.

Kuznetsov put forward the Soviet position on disarmament voiced by Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov at the Geneva foreign ministers conference and rejected by the West. The gist of this is for disarmament to take effect immediately without first setting up controls and inspection.

The Soviet delegate also called for the liquidation of U.S. bases on foreign soil. He said the Western approach to disarmament "cannot produce positive results." The West wants inspections and controls to be operating before disarmament by stages takes effect.

Kuznetsov also rejected once more President Eisenhower's "open sky" inspection plan unless it is made part of a general disarmament program. Lodge and other American delegates have said the President's plan for a mutual exchange of aerial inspection with Russia is the gateway to disarmament.

The uncompromising stands taken by Lodge and Kuznetsov at the start of this discussion boded ill for later agreement and indicated the nine-year stalemate on disarmament in the UN will continue. The best the delegates hope for is a directive from the Assembly for the Disarmament subcommittee to continue meetings, perhaps in London next February.

Ike May Campaign By Radio and TV

CHICAGO, Nov. 30 (AP)—Republican leaders today considered the possibility that President Eisenhower may campaign mainly by television and radio—if he decides to seek a second term.

Leonard W. Hall, the GOP national chairman, mentioned that possibility after he told newsmen that the President's decision may be delayed until late February or early March.

Hall held a news conference while members of the Republican National Committee laid the groundwork for a 1956 election drive pegged to a "peace and prosperity" theme.

The chairman, who Monday had his first meeting with Eisenhower since the President's Sept. 24 heart attack, reiterated his belief that Eisenhower will run "if he feels he is able."

Hunter Found Dead

RIDGWAY, Pa., Nov. 30 (AP)—A search party today found a hunter, missing since Monday, dead in a wooded section 20 miles south of St. Marys in Elk County.

Another deer hunter, Carmen Labate, 23, a University of Pittsburgh freshman from Aspinwall, walked out of the woods after having been missing for 16 hours.

Big Three to Protest Russian Power Transfer

BERLIN, Nov. 30 (AP)—The Big Three Western powers were reported today to be preparing a sharp protest against Russia's transfer of her occupation powers in East Berlin to the East German Communist government.

American, British, and French officials are fearful the Russians' change of rules on divided Berlin might lead to blockade conditions for the Western sectors of the isolated city.

In Bonn the Western ambassadors held an emergency meeting, drafting a full report for submission to their home governments. Informed sources said the report will form the basis of the Western protest.

London informants said the West likely will accuse the Soviets of violating previous big four agreements which defined the status of Berlin as a zone of American, British, French, and Russian occupation. The informants added the West will refuse to have any dealings with the East German regime—which they do not recognize—on matters affecting the affairs of the old German capital.

The latest clash with the Russians developed from an incident involving the four-hour detention Sunday of two American congressmen. Reps. Edward P. Boland (D-Mass) and Harold C. Ostertag (R-NY), along with Mrs. Ostertag and a military escort, were detained by East German police because their U.S. Army staff car was equipped with radio telephone. The Communists said this was in violation of East German laws.

AFL Completes Merger Plans

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (AP)—The AFL and CIO today completed final plans for a quick merger into a 16-million-member union federation to be voted at separate conventions opening tomorrow.

The AFL Executive Council unanimously approved the merger arrangements, a step taken a day earlier by the CIO Executive Board. This endorsement meant smooth sailing for the merger since top AFL and CIO leaders compose the two policy groups.

Leaders received word that President Eisenhower will address the opening session of a joint AFL-CIO convention Monday from his Gettysburg, Pa., headquarters by a closed telephone circuit.

It had earlier been indicated Eisenhower would send a written message.

Union chiefs were inclined to interpret this change in plans as meaning the administration placed considerable importance on what the President will say. Some felt the President will use the occasion to keynote Republican party policy toward organized labor.

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AF Reports Jet Crash Killed 14

FAIRBANKS, Alaska Nov. 30 (AP)—The Air Force reported today the death toll had reached 14 in yesterday's explosive crash of a jet fighter plane into housing units at Eielson Air Force Base.

At least six children in two families were killed. Three women also were listed among the known dead.

Eight others were injured as the veering plane demolished one eight-family building and spread flames to five others at the base 26 miles southeast of this interior Alaska city.

In announcing 14 as the known death toll, Maj. John Orr, the Eielson information officer, said he was almost certain there were no others.

However, cranes continued to pull at the wreckage of a demolished eight-family building in the search for any other victims and for clues to the tragedy.

Six children were among the 12 dead whose names were released today. Three of them were 11-month-old triplets of an Air Force sergeant. The other three also were of a single military family.


One of the 14 died early today of injuries received in the tragedy. Six of the injured reportedly had serious burns.

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