

Mollet Reaches Moscow; Seeks to Ease Friction

MOSCOW, May 1 (AP)—French Premier Guy Mollet, a schoolmasterish Socialist, arrived in this capital of world communism today for talks he hopes will help ease East-West friction. But he said France will remain true to her Western partners.

"France belongs to alliances—I would even say a community—to which she will remain faithful," Mollet told Premier Nikolai Bulganin and other Russians who welcomed him in spring sunshine at Ukova airdrome.

"This goes hand in hand with a continual incessant concern to seek the peaceful settlement of all disagreements which exist in the world," said Mollet, the first top political figure from the Big Three Western powers to visit Moscow since World War II.

Believes in Continuities
"We believe in the continuation of a slackening of strained relations between nations and our presence here witnesses this. Our countries are interested in the rapid solution of a large number of international problems—European affairs questions of the Middle and Far East, and general disarmament. We shall have talks about all this with the Soviet delegates."

Those talks, opening tomorrow, will take up the rest of the week. Accompanied by Pineau, the 50-year-old Premier, a one-time English teacher who took the helm of France's government 3½ months ago, is accompanied by his Socialist foreign minister, Christian Pineau.

Flying with them to Moscow in a four-engine French transport was a party of 40, including French Foreign Ministry experts, newsmen and the Soviet ambassador to Paris, Sergei Vinogradov.

Rep. Smith, Republican Floor leader, said the GOP found itself in the position of agreeing that the July 1 starting date in the present law is too early to begin the stamp plan.

"The governor hasn't enforced the law in that he didn't even start to prepare for the stamp plan," Smith told a newsmen. "If he now wants Jan. 1, that's all right with us."

The change, approved at a House GOP caucus, will be incorporated into proposed amendments to the sales tax. This has been a major point of controversy for more than a month.

The lawmakers pushed into high gear a drive to adjourn this week. The Senate adopted unanimously a resolution fixing Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m. (EST) as the time for final adjournment.

Budget Bureau Reports On Government Services

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—The Budget Bureau reported today the government is operating 19,771 commercial and industrial activities producing goods or services for its own use. Capital assets of these installations were set at \$11,863,990,569.

Besides making such things as guns, tanks, and ships, the report showed the government also is engaged in such activities as: Making of ladies' underwear and other clothing at prisons and hospitals as a part of rehabilitation and therapy, logging operations, printing and engraving, operation of farms and experimental and rehabilitation work, mining to develop improved mining methods, maintenance of storage facilities, making of rubber products, operating shoe repair and barber shops, transportation, communications and even a funeral service through the Veterans Administration.

Percival F. Brundage, Budget Bureau director, said the inventory is "another step in the administration's long term program to eliminate unnecessary government competition with our free enterprise system."

At least 32 government agencies and departments have been working since January, 1955 to prepare the inventory, described as the first on a governmentwide basis showing federal activities in producing goods and services for its own use.

The bureau said the survey was made in line with an objective laid down by President Dwight D. Eisenhower early in his administration to turn over to private enterprise or to state and local governments such activities as could be handled more efficiently that way.

The Budget Bureau said the next step in the program will be for the departments or agencies to evaluate their activities and

Nebraska held its presidential primary Tuesday with the chief interest being the percentage division of votes in this usually strong Republican state. President Dwight D. Eisenhower was unopposed on the Republican side and the same was true of Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee on the Democratic ballot.

In the 1952 Nebraska primary Republicans polled 65.5 per cent of the vote to 34.5 per cent for the Democrats. Eisenhower carried the state in the 1952 general election over Democrat Adlai Stevenson by a 69-31 percentage margin.

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Company Plane Crashes Killing Eight Passengers

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., May 15 (AP)—Six executives of a Chicago business firm and two crew members were killed today when a twin-engine company plane crashed on an Indiana farm while attempting an emergency landing.

The plane literally buried itself in muddy land. Removal of the bodies took almost two hours.

State police said there was a remote possibility that a ninth body was buried underneath the wreckage.

An official passenger list, however, gave the names of only eight people.

Eleven minutes out of Louisville's Standiford Field, the pilot made routine radio contact with the tower, giving no indication of trouble.

A private pilot, John Vissing, had telephoned police before the crash that a plane was in trouble and circling for an emergency landing.

Six of the victims were executives of the Crane Co. of Chicago, on their way to Louisville to attend a convention of the Heating, Piping and Air Conditioners National Association. The other two were crewmen. The company identified them as:

- J. A. McMurry, director of branches.
- J. A. Dwyer, vice president.
- George L. Erwin, vice president.
- Charles E. Towner, assistant to the vice president in charge of heating.
- G. G. Lindholm, a departmental manager.
- Fred J. Wilkey, special representative.
- Randy Mulherin, pilot.
- Robert Robinette, copilot.

Nuclear Disaster Insurance Urged

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission urged Congress today to provide for insurance against the remote chance of a nuclear power plant disaster—which it said could cause some 50 deaths and \$200 million damage.

AEC witnesses told the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee that the government should insure against the "mathematical possibility" of a nuclear plant running wild, because the financial burden would be too great for private insurance firms.

They emphasized that the chance of a serious accident befalling a commercial power reactor is "extremely remote."

Prof Aids Soil Revision

Dr. Fred G. Merkle, professor of soil technology, has prepared the section, "Physical Resources of the World—Soils" for the edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica which is now undergoing revision.

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South Koreans Elect Rhee to 3rd Term

SEOUL, South Korea, Wednesday, May 16 (AP)—Syngman Rhee today won his third term as president of South Korea on the basis of incomplete but conclusive returns from yesterday's presidential election.

But the President, 81, was trailing a dead candidate in a surprisingly heavy protest vote in the capital city of Seoul itself.

With 3,090,700 ballots counted over the nation—almost half of the vote cast—Rhee had a commanding margin over ex-Communist Cho Bong Am, his only live opponent.

Police Give Returns
National police said unofficial returns counted by 7:30 a.m. gave Rhee 2,227,309 and Cho 889,242, with 793,179 invalid.

Election officials said the bulk of the invalid ballots were for P. H. Shinicky, the Democratic party candidate and Rhee's long-time political foe. Shinicky died of a cerebral hemorrhage while campaigning May 5.

Rhee Gets Votes
In Seoul balloting, Rhee got only 173,869 votes as compared to 237,442 invalid ballots. Cho had 102,301 in Seoul.

The bulk of the vote still uncounted is from rural areas, where Rhee's greatest political strength lies.

Korean election laws made no provision for removing Shinicky's name from the ballot after his death. His Democratic party leaders urged followers to vote for him as a protest against Rhee's two administrations and Rhee's Liberal party.

Election officials said all votes for Shinicky would be ruled invalid.

Farm Bill OK Seen in Capital

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland today expressed confidence Congress will enact new farm legislation acceptable to President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The California senator discussed the pending farm measure with newsmen at the White House after he and other Republican congressional leaders concluded their regular Tuesday morning conference with the President.

A newsmen asked whether the President ever had spelled out for the leaders any objections he might have to the new legislation. This would provide mainly for a farm soil bank which the administration wants.

Knowland replied that the President himself has not done so, but the Agriculture Department has made it clear it is opposed to some features of the new bill. The House already has passed the farm measure and Knowland predicted the Senate quite likely will complete action by the end of the week.

Coe Denies Espionage Connections

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Virginius Frank Coe surprised the Senate Internal Security subcommittee today by casting aside his Fifth Amendment protection and swearing he never was a spy.

Coe, one of the former Treasury Department employes linked to Soviet espionage by Elizabeth Bentley, refused to say whether he is a Communist.

In doing so, he relied on his Fifth Amendment protection against possible self-incrimination after the subcommittee overruled his plea of the First Amendment's free speech guarantee.

When Coe last appeared before the subcommittee, he invoked his Fifth Amendment protection and refused to say whether he then was a member of a Soviet espionage ring.

That was on Dec. 3, 1952. A few days later Coe was dismissed as secretary of the International Monetary Fund.

Coe told the subcommittee he now is anxious to answer all questions about espionage and swore, "I never at any time engaged in espionage."

Tolls Increased On Superhighway

HARRISBURG, May 15 (AP)—The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission today raised truck and car tolls on the 360-mile cross state superhighway effective May 25.

The announcement did not fix the toll increases specifically but said the effect "will be to increase the tolls for travel through the mountainous sections of the state and reduce them for travel in areas of easy travel."

The toll revision is the first since the initial link of the toll road was opened in 1940.

The commission said the new fare schedules will be passed out to all passenger cars at collection booths and that they will be mailed to all truckers known to be using the road.

At present the passenger car fare is \$3.75 from the Ohio border to the New Jersey border.

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