

Chinese to Join Soviet Parley

MOSCOW (AP)—Communist China will join the Soviet Union and seven European Communist nations next week in Warsaw to discuss world Communist objectives for the foreign ministers conference in Geneva.

The announcement yesterday by the official Soviet news agency Tass failed to make clear whether the Communist Chinese will be present with the Warsaw Pact nations as an observer, or as a full participant.

Legislature May Cite 2 In Contempt

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Legislature yesterday—for the first time in 200 years — agreed it should take contempt action against two men who refused to submit to questioning of one of its probing committees.

But the lawmakers put off definite action until the state Supreme Court hands down a ruling on the legality of the 10-member legislative committee probing a Luzerne County coal mine disaster.

The committee recommended that contempt action be started against Louis Fabrizio, owner of the Knox Coal Co., and Robert Dougherty, former Knox president.

The Supreme Court has been asked by Fabrizio to reverse a Dauphin County Court ruling which upheld the legality of the committee.

The mine owner contended the committee was not established by law.

Under the state constitution, the two men could be imprisoned for contempt of the Legislature if they were called before the entire Senate membership and refused to answer questions without pleading 5th Amendment immunity.

Snark Completes Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A Snark intercontinental guided missile logged an apparently highly successful round trip yesterday after being fired by a crack military crew.

The fiery launching was one of the final tune-ups for the 69-foot Northrop missile that is expected to be assigned to combat troops within the next two months.

The meeting is called for April 27, two days in advance of a Western strategy meeting in Paris to examine positions with relation to the May 11 conference in Geneva.

The Tass announcement said the Warsaw Pact meeting "will review questions connected with the coming Geneva talks concerning Germany, including a peace treaty with Germany and the question of abolishing the occupation regime in Western Berlin."

Whether Communist China is present as full participant or observer, its attendance indicates an intention to present a solid Communist world front to defend and advance Soviet positions in Europe.

The communique's wording indicated the red bloc hopes to restrict the Geneva foreign ministers conference to discussion of the twin Soviet demands—a proposal to make West Berlin a "free city" without occupation forces, and an insistence that the two sides in the cold war sign peace treaties with both West and Communist East Germany.

The Warsaw Pact is a military alliance of the Soviet Union with the Communist-governed states of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Albania and East Germany.

The pact came into being in 1955 as a Communist response to the West's moves to rearm Western Germany.

Walker Paper Published

A paper on a code for the academic profession by President Eric A. Walker was published in the March issue of "Liberal Education"—a report on the proceedings of the 45th annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges.

Kennedy Bill Provisions Unapproved

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate rejected efforts to strip the proposed Taft-Hartley Act changes from the Kennedy labor bill yesterday.

Then it turned back an effort to write in Taft-Hartley changes sought by the Eisenhower administration.

On the first floor test, an amendment of Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) to eliminate all the Taft-Hartley provisions was beaten 67-27. Most of these provisions long have been sought by labor.

Two hours later, the Senate turned down a proposal of Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois to substitute the Eisenhower administration's Taft-Hartley proposals for those in the Kennedy measure. The vote on this was 67-24.

The chief effect of this substitute would have been to add to the Kennedy measure two Taft-Hartley changes which the administration contends are needed in any effective regulation bill.

These would have banned all secondary boycotts and sharply limited organizational picketing.

Castro May Reject Cuban Presidency

NEW YORK (AP)—Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro said yesterday he may not seek the presidency when free elections finally are held in his island republic. He added that when that day will come he doesn't know.

Castro told newsmen his new government might set a date for elections next month. But when they actually would be held is another matter. In Washington, he had said it might be four years before his people are ready for free elections.

"The sooner free elections, the best for us," he declared. But Castro explained that Cuba's political parties are badly disorganized and time is needed to form new ones.

Asked whether he would seek the presidency, Castro replied: "I have no thoughts on that at present for I am working."

Tax Plan Approved By House Committee

HARRISBURG (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee yesterday approved in one lump the administration's complete tax program. Rep. Stephen McCann, Democratic floor leader, set next Wednesday for a new tax showdown.

At the same time, McCann predicted the Democratic majority would pass next Tuesday the two Korean bonus bills, including re-enactment of the 1955 flood emergency provision and a one-cent cigarette tax put into the bill by the Republican-controlled Senate.

House Democrats were enjoying the discomfiture of House Republicans over the Senate action on the cigarette tax. Originally, the re-enactment of that tax was scheduled for action in a separate House bill.

Instead, the House passed the Korean bonus legislation to levy an additional one-cent tax to pay the \$150 million bonus.

The Senate Finance Committee, headed by Sen. Edward J. Kessler (R-Lancaster), not only approved the bonus tax but also amended the legislation to re-enact the emergency tax.

The amended bills sailed through the Senate without comment.

When they came back to the House, however, where the GOP is in the minority, the Republicans raised objection to re-enactment

of the emergency tax.

The cigarette tax re-enactment was not included in the package sent to the floor by the Ways and Means Committee yesterday. The package included:

- A cent-a-bottle soft drink tax.
- Taxing underground storage of gas at the monthly rate of 1-12 of 1 per cent per 1000 cubic feet.
- Imposition of a 25 per cent tax on tobacco products—cigarettes excluded—and dropping the sales tax on tobacco products.

Red Chinese Communes Will Need Tax Relief

TOKYO (AP)—Red China disclosed yesterday its peasant communes are in trouble and will need both a subsidy and tax relief to bail them out.

By order of Mao Tze-tung and the Communist Party Central Committee, a subsidy of a billion yuan will be used for pump-priming in communes and production brigades which are lagging.

Income Drop Predicted for Farmers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Almost all the business indicators went up in March, but there is depressing news for the nation's farmers.

The Agriculture Department said yesterday farmers' realized net income this year probably will be down about a billion dollars, or nearly 8 per cent. Realized net income is the amount left after paying production costs.

A report on the farm income situation forecast earnings at about \$12,100,000,000 compared with \$13,100,000,000 last year. This prospective decline is based on a lower level of farm product prices expected to continue through the year and a sharp reduction in government payments.

The forecast came at a time when government economists had been predicting higher income for the nation as a whole this year. It is likely to stir up new demands in Congress that something be done to improve the agricultural outlook.

The Commerce Department said in a separate report that the nation's total output reached a record rate of 465 billion dollars a year in the first quarter of 1959. It rose at a rate which, if continued, could carry it to 475 billion or beyond in this three-month period.

This was solid progress, the department said in the April issue of its magazine, Survey of Current Business, because prices were virtually stable and did not inflate the production estimate.

"A rise in corporate profits is indicated by the increased sales in most lines of business," the department said. Profit figures for

the first quarter have not yet been compiled.

Profits rose steeply throughout 1958—from a rate of \$31,700,000,000 in the first quarter, at the depth of the recession, to \$45,200,000,000 in the final quarter. Most government

economists expect profits to exceed all previous highs this year.

The consumer price index for March is due Wednesday. It is not expected to show much shift from the February level, 123.7 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

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