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EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PURGE TRIAL TAKES SHAPE

Korean War Bogs Down In Snow And Ice

Churchill Arrives Today For Talks With Eisenhower

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Winston Churchill arrives tomorrow to renew his friendship with Gen. Eisenhower and perhaps discuss Joseph Stalin's willingness to meet with the U. S. President-elect on ways of easing East-West tensions.

The Churchill-Eisenhower meeting is expected to take place Tuesday at the New York home of financier Bernard Baruch, an old friend with whom the British Prime Minister and Mrs. Churchill will stay.

No agenda has been disclosed and British Government sources have stressed the informal nature of the meeting of the two men who were so closely associated in the Second World War.

To Visit Truman

On Wednesday the Churchills will go to Washington for a visit with President Truman before leaving for a two-week vacation in Jamaica.

In the Churchill party on board the liner Queen Mary are their daughter, Mary, and her husband, Christopher Soames, and a small group of aides.

Part of the voyage, through mid-winter storms, has been rough. Mrs. Churchill and Capt. and Mrs. Soames defied a rolling deck today to attend diving service in the ship's lounge.

At 11 a.m. EST, the Queen Mary's position was 210 miles due south of Halifax and about 460 miles east of New York.

Churchill plans to hold a press conference shortly after the Queen Mary ties up, then hurry off to the Baruch home.

Important Meeting

Though Government spokesmen in London have stressed the informal nature of the Churchill-Eisenhower meeting, it is expected to be important. Responsible informants in the British capital have indicated the Prime Minister plans to broach four major topics:

1. British-American tactics in case Stalin makes peaceful gestures more convincing than his Christmas declaration of willingness to meet Eisenhower and seek a Korea solution.

2. Britain's desire to join the Anzus Pacific defence pact which now embraces the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

3. General Far East strategy.

4. The implications of Eisenhower's Korean trip, whether it opened any new approach to solution of the Korean problem.

Traffic Deaths In U.S. Pass 300 Mark

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Traffic fatalities in the United States passed the 300 mark today as the four-day New Year's holiday neared its end.

Since the Associated Press count began at 6 p.m. Wednesday 302 persons had lost their lives in motor accidents. Other fatalities during that period included 42 deaths in fires and 92 in miscellaneous accidents for a total of 436.

The death toll from traffic accidents during the same holiday period last year was 375. The count of fatalities ends at midnight.

Coming Events

••Our store will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, January 6th and 7th for stock taking. R. L. Dickison, New Glasgow.

••Crushing at Lot 65 Corner, Monday and Saturday. Thomas Carragher.

••Come to the dance in Lot 65 Hall, Monday, January 6th. Good music. Luncheon served.

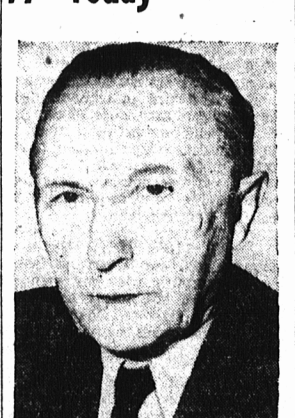
••No custom grinding or mixing Tuesday, January 6th. P. L. Morris Feed Service, Kinkora.

••Dance at Cecil Smith's, Inkerman, Tuesday night, January 6th. Everybody welcome.

••Clipping for stock taking, Wednesday, Jan. 7th. Parker Canfield, Crapaud.

••Hockey at North River rink Monday, Jan. 5th. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Cornwall Metros. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

West Germany Chancellor 77 Today



BONN, Germany, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Tough old Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will take at least half a day off from work tomorrow to observe his 77th birthday—and then embark on the most critical year of his political life.

It isn't his idea—this "wasting" probably six or eight hours from his desk in the Palais Schaumburg. But, he asks, what can one do when scores of diplomats, federal and local government leaders and party officials want to come calling, bearing congratulations and gifts?

"Der Alte (The Old One)," Adenauer is called here by nearly everybody—by friends fondly, by political foes sarcastically. But not to his face.

Brisk, ram-rod stiff, Adenauer neither looks nor acts like an old man. Fortified by only a few pieces of chocolate and an occasional throat-ease tablet, he can still easily outdo much younger men in all-night sessions of Parliament. And he isn't thinking about yielding the reins to anybody.

Asked recently by a reporter who he thought might succeed him, Der Alte replied testily: "What's the matter? Do you think I'm going to be in a car accident?"

That's the spirit in which this stern statesman embarks on this year, which will prove for him—and perhaps for Western policy in Europe—a year of decision.

This year Adenauer, the Chancellor-foreign minister, must fight for Parliamentary and Supreme Court approval of his twin treaties to restore sovereignty to West Germany and rearm the country in alliance with the West against Communist aggression.

Then Adenauer, the leader of the Christian Democratic Party, must wage a national election campaign which may prove one of the bitterest in German history.

He also wants to visit the United States in the spring or summer to talk with President Eisenhower.

SEEK PARENTS OF BABY

MONTREAL, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Police tonight sought the parents of a two-month-old boy, abandoned yesterday in Central Station and now being cared for in an orphanage.

A porter told police he saw a man place the 10-pound child on a bench. The baby neatly wrapped in a blanket, was wearing a night dress. The man then walked off.

Mau Mau Terrorists Murder Chief In Hospital

By Ronald Batchelor
NAIROBI, Kenya, Jan. 4 — (Reuters) — Three Kikuyu tribesmen walked into the Government hospital at Kiambu near here tonight and shot dead a Kikuyu chief in bed.

The murderers escaped. The victim, Chief Hinga, was in hospital recovering from a wound received when ambushed earlier by Mau Mau terrorists. He had cooperated with officials in combating the anti-white Mau Mau cult.

The attack came as the Government took stern measures in retaliation for Mau Mau slayings in the Aberdare area, trouble centre northwest of Nairobi. The government sealed off several hundred square miles of forest and seized 4,000 head of cattle.

African families will be driven out of the prohibited area and resettled in camps until it has been combed by police and military forces.

Mau Mau terrorists have used the forest as a shield for their frequent attacks on farms in the Thomson's Falls, Laikipia, Ol Kalou and Ol Bolosot districts.

Michael Blundell, leader of the white members of the British colony's legislature; met Governor Sir Evelyn Baring during the week-end to discuss anti-Mau Mau measures. It was learned tonight

No Fighting On Day of Threatened Major Attack

(By Jim Becker)
SEOUL, Jan. 5 — (Monday) — (AP) — The Korean ground war bogged down in snow and ice Sunday with fighting almost at a complete standstill on the very day the Chinese Reds had threatened a major attack.

The Eighth Army announced "complete lack of enemy contact" along the western front had stretched into its second day.

Not a single clash between opposing troops was reported along the western sector from early Saturday until nightfall Sunday.

On the east-central front about 25 to 40 Chinese Reds jabbed at an Allied advance position before dawn Sunday, but were repulsed in a 40-minute clash.

Allied Sabre jets drew a blank in their constant patrol over North-west Korea for Red jets. Other Allied planes hammered at Red troops and supply concentrations 50 miles from Manchuria.

LONDON, Jan. 4 — (Reuters) — Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, supreme commander of all Russian forces in the Far East, has just completed a personal inspection of the Korean battlefield, the Sunday Times reports today from Tokyo.

Wholesale Prices Show Firmness

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Wholesale prices, which had been declining almost continuously for more than a year, strengthened slightly during November.

The wholesale index, based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100, rose nine-tenths of a point to 221.9 in November from 221 in October. This compared with 239.1 in November, 1951.

Prices strengthened for meats, steers, butter, cheese, hides, newsprint and woodpulp, vegetable oils, grains, tea, canned fruits, some building materials and metals.

Prices were lower for eggs, fishery products, raw leaf tobacco, automobile tires, paint materials, raw cotton and cotton fabrics and lead and zinc.

N. S. MAN DROWNED

PORT HOWE, N.S., Jan. 4 — (CP) — Glen Wood, about 30, drowned in the nearby River Philip today when the ice broke as he was bringing in his smelt fishing gear. Three companions struggled to safety. The body has not been recovered. He is survived by his widow.

Pope Planning For 2nd Great Consistory

By Frank Brutto
VATICAN CITY, Jan. 4 — (AP) — The Pope is about to hold the second great consistory of his pontificate to create 24 new Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church.

The solemn ceremonies will be a grand medieval pageant of the Church mixing with its modern trappings of radio, motion pictures and television.

It will be the first great consistory since February, 1946, when the Pope named 32 new Cardinals—the largest number created at one time in the 2,000-year history of the Church.

Among those to be elevated at next week's consistory will be a Canadian, Paul-Emile Léger, Archbishop of Montreal.

Giving this consistory a sombre note that was almost lacking from the joyous post-war ceremony are circumstances attending the nominations of new Cardinals from Communist-controlled countries—Poland's Stefan Wyszyński and Yugoslavia's Alojzije Stepinac.

The latter's elevation to the church's princely rank led to the rupture of the Vatican's diplomatic relations with a Communist state.

More than any consistory in the Church's modern history, this one emblazons the Church's bitter struggle with Communism. In 1946 there was only a hint of the cold war. That came in the Russian-delayed departure for Rome of Hungary's Catholic Primate, Josef Cardinal Mindszenty. He finally arrived Feb. 19—the day after his fellow-Cardinals had received their official "big letters" notification of elevation to the college. Mindszenty, stern-faced, arrived in a U.S. Army plane.

Much has passed since that memorable, chilly day, when the new Cardinals gathered from 19 scattered countries shivered in scantily-heated academies and seminaries of Rome, where they took temporary residence.

The cold war between East and West has become colder and the fight between the Church and Communism has intensified.

One by one, diplomatic relations have been broken between the Vatican and Communist countries. The last—a tenuous relation between the Vatican and Communist Yugoslavia that survived the arrest and jailing in 1946 of Archbishop Stepinac—was broken last month.

A solemn note barely evident in the glad consistory of 1946 underscored the significance of the Pope's words Monday, Jan. 12, when, in

Three Dead, 4 Injured In Que. Crossing Crash

MONTREAL, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Three persons were killed and four seriously injured early today when their car was struck by a CPR Montreal-Ottawa train at a level crossing near Lachute, about 40 miles west of here.

Dead are Mr. and Mrs. Zolique Derouin, both about 60, of Grenville, Que., and four-year-old Michelle Derouin of St. Philippe d'Argenteuil, Que.

Injured were Wilfrid Derouin, aged 34, driver of the car, Cecile Derouin, 17, Denis Derouin, six, all of St. Philippe, and Antoine Derouin of Montreal.

Two of the injured were taken to a nearby hospital in St. Jerome and the others to Montreal hospitals.

A railway spokesman said the train carried the car 435 feet after striking it at Staynerville, five miles north of Lachute.

Police said Wilfrid Derouin was driving his uncle and the latter's family to the station to catch a train to Montreal and apparently failed to see or hear the approaching Ottawa-bound train.

A coroner's inquest was opened into the deaths and adjourned pending recovery of the injured.

First Session Of New U.S. Congress Saturday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 — (AP) — The Republicans rode back into power in the new Congress Saturday and quickly shoved over this week a senate fight over filibuster rules that would have disrupted opening day harmony.

For the most part, the 83rd Congress did little but swear in members, elect the men who will control it for two years, and run through a few moments of debate.

Yet it was what Senate Chaplain Frederic Brown Harris called "this day of destiny." For it brought forth the first official switch in power which will end a 20-year reign of the "New Deal, Fair Deal" Democratic administration with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's inauguration Jan. 20.

Need Democratic Help

Even now, the Republicans have only a shaky one-vote margin in the Senate and a 10-vote edge in the House of Representatives. That means they may have to rely on the help of Southern Democrats, which they have had in the past, to put across the incoming administration's legislative program.

Aside from certain raising formalities accomplished in a spirit of complete joviality, there were brief, inconclusive skirmishes in both Senate and House over proposals to change the rules under which they operate.

Nineteen senators lined up behind a manoeuvre pointed at getting a change that would make it easier to crush filibusters and obtain action on such civil rights legislation as a fair employment practices, anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bills. But by agreement with the Republican boss of the Senate, Robert A. Taft of Ohio, a showdown was put off until Tuesday.

What they want to do is write into the rules a provision that would, in effect, put a 21-day limit on the time the rules committee can hang onto a bill.

Scrap Tuesday?

There still is some question whether the Senate filibuster scrap can come to a decision Tuesday. Congress has some other important business to handle that day.

Senate and House will assemble in the House chamber for the counting of the electoral votes that clinch the presidency for Eisenhower and the vice-presidency for Richard Nixon of California.

The next day the Senate and House, in separate sessions in their own chambers, expect to hear the reading of retiring President Harry S. Truman's final message on the state of the union—a message which may be largely a review of 20 years of Democratic rule plus a glance into the future.

Seeking To Form French Gov't

PARIS, Jan. 4 — (AP) — René Mayer, the third man to attempt formation of a new government since Antoine Pinay quit on Dec. 23, expects to know by tomorrow whether he can knock together a coalition and head the 18th French cabinet since the war. He is a member of the right-of-centre Radical Socialist Party.

Mayer spent the week-end searching for the 314 votes he needs to be assured of at least that majority in Parliament before he can be formally invested and start the delicate task of building a cabinet. Unless he received fresh assurances of support by tomorrow, he may have to abandon his task.

DETROIT, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Louis Stone, 65, Detroit druggist who befriended thousands of underprivileged children at yearly Halloween parties and summertime outings, died Friday night following a heart attack. Stone was planning a circus party for 3,000 children at the time of his death.

Indictment Of Two Former High Officials Seen

By Thomas A. Reedy
BERLIN, Jan. 4 — (AP) — East Germany's Reds set the stage today for their long-heralded purge trial with an anti-Jewish backdrop.

The ruling Socialist Unity (Communist) Party announced adoption of a resolution which amounted to the indictment of two former high officials who have been behind bars for more than two years.

They are Kurt Mueller, No. 2 Communist of West Germany until he was kidnapped on a visit to East Berlin in May, 1950, and Paul Merker, former State Secretary of East Germany's Agricultural Ministry and a member of the Politburo until September, 1950. Merker, a Jew, was charged with harboring "the Zionist viewpoint."

The complaint against the two said the charges were based on "the lessons learned from the Prague trial of the Jew, Rudolf Slansky, former Red purger of Czechoslovakia who was executed recently with 10 colleagues, seven of them also Jews."

In 1950, Merker and five other East German officials were dismissed from their jobs and jailed. The five included Burno Goldhammer, East German deputy propaganda chief. All were accused of anti-sovietism. No disposition of their cases has ever been announced.

But the party resolution today assailed a number of alleged "saboteurs" in such a way as to indicate a big docket of defendants may be on hand when Merker and Mueller are tried.

Walter Ulbricht, East German deputy premier, has accused Merker, Goldhammer and their colleagues of having post-war collaboration with the "American spy Noel H. Field," the mystery-shrouded former U.S. State Department employee who dropped out of sight in 1949.

Merker's name has been cropping up in the East German press as "another Slansky" ever since the Prague trials. The indictment today accused Merker of being connected with "American Jewish financial circles."

It adds that Merker had campaigned for post-war restitution to Jews for property confiscated by the Nazis.

The indictment indicated that East Germany has no intention of making any restitution either to Israel or individual Jews as West Germany is doing.

Fisheries Conference Will Open Today

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Fisheries scientists from Newfoundland to British Columbia will open a four-day annual conference of the Fisheries Research Board here tomorrow, the Fisheries Department announced Saturday.

The scientists will report on their 1952 investigations into problems concerned with the conservation and development of Canada's fishery resources and discuss their research program for 1953.

The Research Board operates seven research stations throughout Canada in addition to numerous sub-stations. The board consists of 15 members, nine drawn from the staffs of Canadian universities or other institutions, four representing the fishery industry and two from the Federal Department of Fisheries. Dr. G. B. Reed, professor of bacteriology, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., is chairman.

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Seeking Clemency For The Rosenbergs

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — A group describing themselves as the National Committee to save the Rosenbergs today announced it will start a round-the-clock vigil tomorrow at the United States Embassy to "urge clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg."

The Rosenbergs were convicted in the United States of conspiracy to pass information to the Soviet Union. They are scheduled to be put to death the week of Jan. 12.

(Formerly Of Charlottetown)

Rev. Glendon F. Partridge, Montreal, (formerly of Charlottetown), chairman of the committee said the vigil will be kept as long as necessary.

Rev. Partridge, who described himself as a Presbyterian minister not connected with any parish, said about 500 men and women from Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Ont., and Vancouver will take part.

An RCMP official said the group's plan is known to its members and the committee "is Communist-inspired and directed behind the scenes by Communists who are using for their own purposes a few individuals who don't understand what it's all about."

Recently a group describing itself as the Montreal committee to save the Rosenbergs picketed the U.S. Embassy which faces the Parliament Buildings.

U. S. Troops Test New Combat Suit

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 4 — (Reuters) — U. S. troops in Korea are testing a new plastic cold-weather combat suit which doesn't need anything underneath it, even underwear. If the tests are successful the new suit, made from a cheap petroleum plastic resembling sponge rubber and weighing 15 pounds, may replace the present winter issue.

Consider Pressure To Settle Trieste Dispute

By Alex Singleton
BELGRADE, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Britain and the United States are reported considering delivery of a firm but friendly joint demand upon Italy and Yugoslavia for quick settlement of their explosive differences over the future of the strategic Adriatic port of Trieste.

The proposal, as outlined by a highly qualified but non-attributable source here, is still in the study stage. It may become an important item on the agenda of talks between Prime Minister Churchill and American officials during his stay in the United States.

The plan would call for a settlement of the seven-year-old Trieste problem along the territorial lines laid down in the Italian peace pact, with zone A plus the port of Trieste going to Italy, and with Yugoslav retaining zone B, largely a hilly agricultural region. Trieste is supposed to be a free territory but the Big Four never have been able to make the basic decisions to get it running as such and occupation has continued.

To Review Operations Of Old Age Security Fund

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Operations of the old age security fund will be reviewed when Finance Minister Abbott and his top experts start preparing the 1953-54 budget within the next few weeks.

The fund, established to finance pensions of \$40 a month to all Canadians 70 and over regardless of means, has been operating since Jan. 1 last. At the end of November it owed the Federal Treasury approximately \$150,000,000.

When the pensions were authorized by Parliament, the plan was to make the fund self-supporting. The Government decided to pay into the fund the yield from a two-per-cent sales tax, a two-per-cent income tax and a two-per-cent tax on corporation profits.

The sales tax and the corporation tax went into effect Jan. 1, 1952. The levy on personal incomes did not go into effect until July 1.

Monthly pension payments have consistently run higher than yields from the taxes, although the gap is gradually closing.

In June the pension payments totalled \$26,451,000 and the tax receipts \$13,122,000. In November, the payments totalled \$27,233,000 and the tax receipts \$20,390,000. The loan from the Treasury in June amounted to \$13,239,000 and in November to \$6,843,000.

The loans now total \$144,080,000. In his monthly treasury reports, Mr. Abbott has stated that the loans "for the time being" are treated as Government assets and therefore are not included as budgetary expenditures.

This has been interpreted as meaning that the Treasury eventually expects repayment of the loans.

Mr. Abbott will decide whether taxes now earmarked for the fund should be increased, or whether they should be continued for an additional period at current rates.

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Synopsis: No great change is expected on Monday other than a gradual fall in temperatures.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals. Cold. Light winds. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 25 and 30.

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