

FINNS CONSIDER NEW RUSS PLAN

Parliament to Meet Today
To Act on Latest
Soviet Offer.

STOCKHOLM, April 3 (U. P.).—The Finnish parliament was scheduled to meet at Helsinki today, presumably to act on new armistice terms reported to have been given Finland by Russia.

The terms were believed to modify somewhat the 1940 frontier provisions, and the Dagens Nyheter reported in an undated dispatch that the new Russian offer would return Hangö and Velpuri to Finland, but with an increased amount of cash reparations to the Soviets.

Hangö, a naval base on the southwestern coast, and Velpuri in southeastern Finland were ceded to Russia by the Finns after their 1939-40 war.

Terms Received Friday

Private sources said the new proposals were received by the Finnish government Friday and resulted from discussions in Moscow last week between Soviet leaders and former Finnish Premier Juho K. Paasikivi and Earl Enckell, Finnish banker, one-time foreign minister and former minister to Paris.

The terms were said to have resulted from a new interpretation of the Soviet's previous proposals, which were rejected by Finland last month. The old terms called for withdrawal of German troops from Finland, restoration of the 1940 frontier and that Finnish troops be withdrawn from that area before peace negotiations start.

(The London Times said it was reported at Stockholm that the Finns were offered permission to keep Velpuri as well as Hangö.)

DEFENSE COUNCIL TO HAVE NEW HOME

The Marion county civilian defense council started to work today in its new headquarters in Rooms 521 and 522 in the Board of Trade building.

The offices were moved from the world war memorial Saturday to make room for the expansion of the Marion county price and rationing board.

Policy meetings and other council meetings of any size will continue to be held in the war memorial. The phone number remains RI. 2541.

RURAL YOUTH CLUB MEETS

Marion county high school seniors will be guests of the Rural Youth club at 8 p. m. today at the Farm bureau warehouse, 610 Kentucky ave. Indiana state parks will be featured in a film to be shown the group.

DePauw to Get Yank Book Plea



DePauw university students will be asked to donate all the books they can find—excluding their textbooks, of course—to a book collection drive for American men who are prisoners of war. Members of the freshman commission of the Y. W. C. A. who are heading the campaign are, left to right, Marian McLeod, Evanston, Ill.; Ruth Borgmeier, Oak Park, Ill., drive chairman; Isabel Loughe, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Jean Hixon, Indianapolis.

C. I. O. Opposes A. F. of L. In NLRB Congressional Fight

WASHINGTON, April 3 (U. P.).—The C. I. O. aligned itself today against the A. F. of L. for a congressional battle to prevent re-enactment of a rider to an appropriation bill which has forced the national labor relations board to suspend proceedings in 56 cases, including one against the Kaiser shipyard.

The rider was attached to the NLRB appropriation for the current fiscal year and prohibited the board from taking any action in an unfair labor practice case involving a labor-management agreement which had been in effect for 90 days if no complaint was filed during that period.

It was aimed primarily at a situation in the Kaiser yards where the company was charged with unfair

labor practices for signing closed shop contracts with the A. F. of L. metal trades unions when only a small number of men were employed and before most of the shipyard's employees were hired.

The practical effect of the rider in the Kaiser case was that even though the C. I. O. organized the majority of the employees after the influx of war workers, it could not obtain recognition as bargaining agent through an NLRB election because of the earlier company agreement with the A. F. of L. union.

C. I. O. Legislative Director Nathan Cowan has called on C. I. O. affiliates to mobilize opposition to attempts to include a similar rider in the NLRB appropriation for 1944-45. The NLRB itself has appealed to congress not to reenact the provision.

Curb on Aid Given Nazis by Spain Is Expected Soon

WASHINGTON, April 3 (U. P.).—Well informed officials predicted today that the United States and Britain may reach settlement with Spain this week on an agreement to limit Spanish aid to Germany.

The long negotiations were said to be near a close, with these advantages already gained by the allies:

1. Spain has agreed to exclude axis agents from Tangiers, strategic zone on the North African side of the Straits of Gibraltar, with the exception of the German consulate. The allies had sought closing of the consulate as well.

2. Spain has turned over to the allies six of the Italian merchant vessels interned in her ports when Italy surrendered and joined the united nations camp.

3. An agreement in principle has been reached on reducing Spanish

exports of vital tungsten ore, used to make armor-piercing shells, to Germany.

The United States made clear its displeasure over Spain's relations with the Reich by halting all oil shipments to her. The embargo is expected to remain in force until an agreement is signed.

The negotiations have been going on for two months and there have been some reports that their length was caused by differences between the state department and the British foreign office on methods of diplomacy to be used against Spain.

LAGRANGE JOINS NAVY

FRANKLIN, Ind., April 3 (U. P.).—Richard L. LaGrange, joint prosecutor for Brown and Johnson counties, said today that he expects to enter service April 28 as a naval lieutenant, junior grade.

WILLKIE TEST DUE TOMORROW

Politicians Everywhere Eye
Wisconsin Vote in
G. O. P. Primary.

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WASHINGTON, April 3.—Wendell L. Willkie's confidence in rank and file Republican support meets its first 1944 test tomorrow in Wisconsin's presidential—preferential primary to determine who shall cast the states' 24 votes at the party's national convention.

Completing a 13-day pre-primary campaign in Wisconsin, Willkie has moved on to Nebraska, where he is entered in the primary which takes place next week.

Capital politicians are awaiting not only the division of delegates among the four Republicans whose supporters are contesting the Wisconsin primary, but also a tabulation of comparative vote-getting ability. Wisconsin has what is known as an "open primary" in which it is not necessary to be an enrolled party member to participate.

Democrats May Vote

Thus, Democrats who have no contest tomorrow may vote if they desire in the Republican primary. Similarly, the Progressive party organized and led by the La Follette brothers can urge in to help the Republicans decide who shall go to the Republican national convention. The significance of such an "open primary" is that it affords almost as good an opportunity as the final election to determine state sentiment.

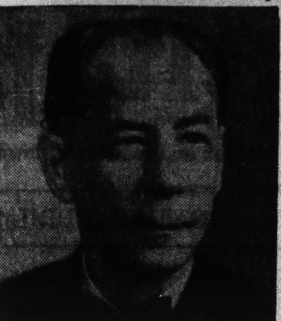
If Willkie piles up a big plurality in Wisconsin, his adversaries are likely to claim, and perhaps with some justice, that Democrats invaded the Republican primary to support a man for whom they will not vote in the November election when a Democratic presidential candidate is on the ballot. But the net effect of a fat margin for Willkie would be to boom his presidential stock.

Opposed by Three Groups

His slate of delegates is opposed in Wisconsin by three other groups supporting, respectively, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Dewey, who has announced he will not seek the Republican presidential nomination, requested his backers to withdraw and some of them did so.

There is Dewey and MacArthur sentiment in Nebraska, also, but Willkie's only opponent in the primary one week from tomorrow will be Stassen. Nebraska will have

Addresses Rotary



Rotarian Martin L. Heymer, above, director of the Moeschert laboratory for child research and president of the advisory board of the Illinois division for delinquency prevention, will speak on "Understanding the Child" at the Rotary club luncheon tomorrow at the Claypool hotel.

15 votes in the Republican national convention.

Neither the Wisconsin nor Nebraska delegation is likely to be a balance of power at the Republican convention which meets June 26 in Chicago in the hall in which President Roosevelt was first nominated in 1932 and for a third term in 1940.

But if Willkie proves to be a vote-getter in those two states his followers can argue with effect that he should be a vote-getter throughout the Midwest.

In the electoral college Wisconsin casts only 12 votes and Nebraska a meager six of a total of 531. Their combined strength in the Republican national convention would be 39 votes of a total of 1058.

HONOR PAST OFFICERS

Past matrons and past patrons of Lawrence O. E. S. will be honored with the sixth degree at a meeting at 8 p. m. Thursday. Mrs. Faye Riebel is worthy matron and Mrs. Emily Grimes is secretary.

CHARGES ARMY WASTES PILOTS

Probe Claim That WASPs
Are Trained and Are
Not Needed.

WASHINGTON, April 3 (U. P.).—Rep. Robert Ramspeck (D. Ga.) declared today that "official silence" is blocking inquiries into charges that the army is training women pilots for the WASPs at a cost of up to \$20,000 each while services of thousands of available male pilots are being ignored.

He said his house civil service investigating committee had received numerous such complaints, but was having great difficulty in ascertaining from official sources what the actual situation was.

"If the reports are true," he said, "it is certainly a waste of the taxpayers' money to train the girls and leave the large numbers of trained pilots unused."

Unless the information is forthcoming from the army, Ramspeck said, his committee may hold hearings to get it. He said the charges may be presented when a pending bill to take the WASPs into the army comes up in the house.

SALES EXECUTIVES MEET HERE TONIGHT

John H. Dillon of Indiana university's distributive education department will lead the discussion on "Checking Results and Following Through," tonight at the meeting of the Indianapolis Sales Executives Council at the Indianapolis Athletic club.

W. H. Julian of the A. Bursall Co. is president of the council and B. J. Richards of the National Cash Register Co. is chairman of the program committee.

30,000 Army Officers Kept Idle, Congressman Charges

WASHINGTON, April 3 (U. P.).—Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D. Ill.), dean of the house, charged today that 30,000 army officers are sitting in "cocktail lounges" throughout the country because the army does not have jobs for them.

Sabath told reporters that many men have been commissioned out of civilian life "to give them some kind of prestige," while regular officers, "West Point graduates with 25 and 30 years of army experience," are being retired.

"I realize that many civilians were commissioned for specialized work because of their skill and training, but I would like to know how some of these cocktail lounge officers got their appointments and why they are being kept in the service when experienced officers with full army careers behind them are being let out," Sabath said.

He said he had not been instrumental in securing a commission for anyone, and that he did not believe that many members of congress had tried to influence the war department in this respect.

He said, however, that "someone is responsible" for such com-

missions, and that he intends to make an investigation at the end of the congressional Easter recess. His charge of wasted manpower came at a time when congress, the war department, selective service and other governmental agencies were considering ways and means of finding additional manpower for both the armed forces and industry.

Sabath said he did not know whether enlisted men were being similarly wasted, but "I have reliable information from several sources that the army has 30,000 officers sitting around with nothing to do."

The veteran congressman said his investigation would start with letters to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Undersecretary Robert P. Patterson, Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall and Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, commanding general of the army service forces.

He said he would ask "how many officers we have, where they are stationed, what their experience is, what jobs they are performing, and in general how they are being used to help win the war."

ATTERBURY WILL TREAT WOUNDED

The Camp Atterbury station hospital will be activated Wednesday as a general hospital for treatment of wounded soldiers returned from overseas, Maj. Gen. James L. Collins, commander of the 5th service command, said today.

Patients and officers of the Ream General hospital, Palm Beach, Fla., are being transferred to Atterbury. The Ream hospital, formerly an

army air forces installation, has been discontinued.

Civilian employees and WACs who have been serving at Atterbury will be retained, Col. E. C. Jones, 5th service command surgeon, said.

The hospital, under the command of Col. H. L. Conner, will be known as the U. S. Army General hospital until named officially.

It will be the eighth general hospital in the 5th service command.

VETERANS GROUP TO MEET

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans will meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 512 N. Illinois st.

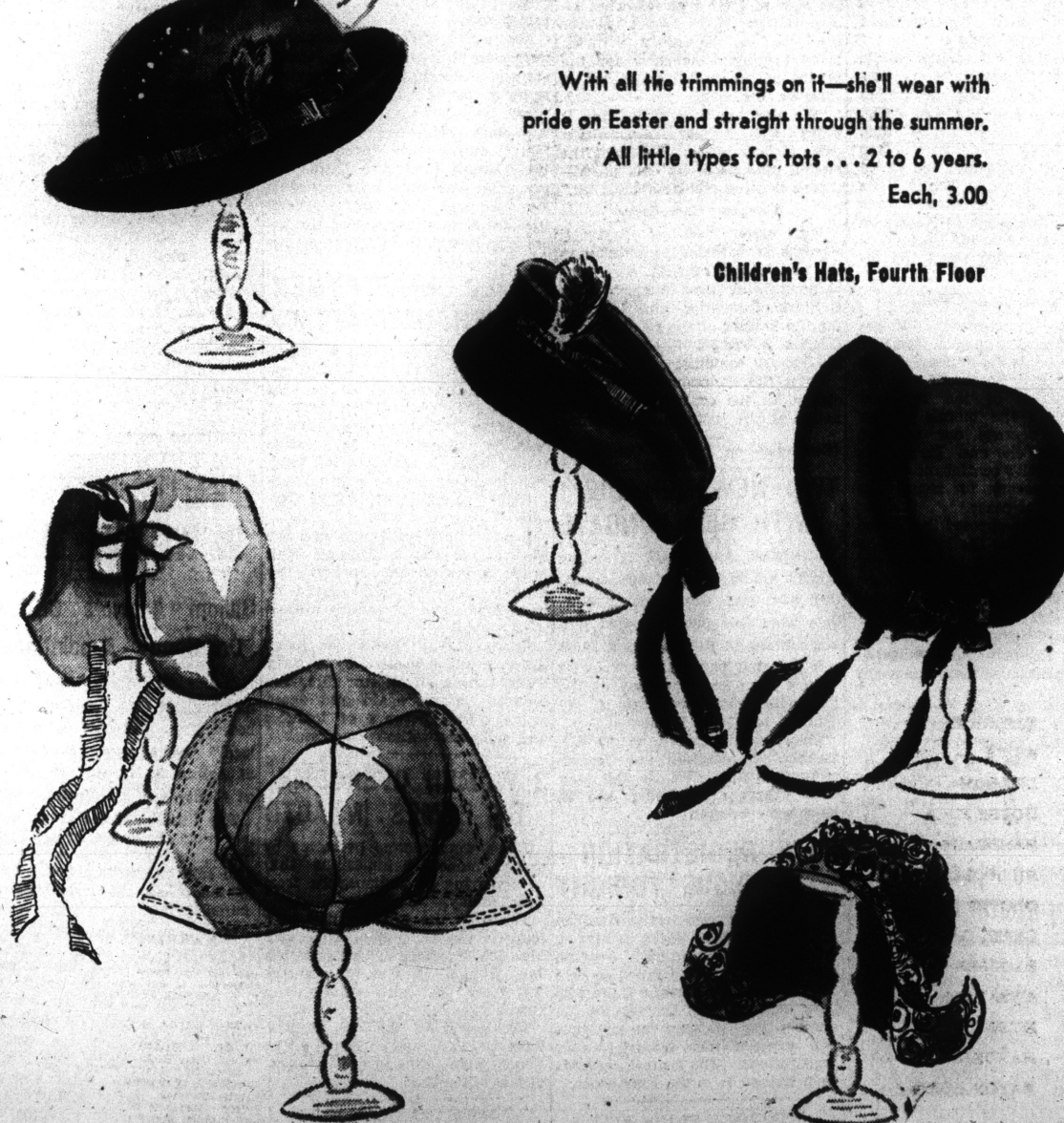
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