

# Truman's 'Purge' Defeats Rep. Slaughter In Missouri

## CONGRESSMAN BACKS BYRNES

Connally Believes U. S. Will Support Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (U. P.).—Bitter charges by Secretary of State James P. Byrnes that Russia is attempting to dictate peace terms today drew strong backing from Chairman Tom Connally (D. Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee.

Mr. Connally defended Secretary Byrnes' heated denunciation of Soviet delegate V. M. Molotov and predicted that the secretary's stand against big power dictatorship would receive stout congressional support.

Senator Connally, whose committee eventually must pass on the peace settlement, bluntly termed Mr. Molotov as "wrong."

He urged that the big powers fully safeguard the rights of smaller nations and give full heed to their recommendations on peace terms for former axis satellites.

In addition, Senator Connally in an interview expressed hope that the Paris meeting soon will end its "sparring matches" on procedural matters and begin work on the "serious business" of writing the treaties.

**JAP ADMIRAL-PRINCE ILL**

TOKYO, Aug. 7 (U. P.).—Prince Kuroyasu Fushimi, 72, former Japanese fleet admiral and chief of the naval general staff until 1941, is critically ill from bronchitis, his physician reported today.

## Maitland Wilson Assumes Blame for Cassino Tactics

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Field Marshal Henry Maitland Wilson, former allied commander in the Mediterranean theater, today took full responsibility for ordering American troops to attempt the ill-fated crossing of the Rapido river near Cassino, Italy, in 1944.

In a 15,000-word report to the combined chiefs of staff, the British officer said that while the assault was thrown back with heavy losses, it achieved "some success" by drawing enemy reserves from the Anzio area where an Anglo-American force was about to land.

The crossing attempt was made by the 36th "Texas" division, which has bitterly condemned Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark on grounds he ordered the attack.

Gen. Clark, now American occupation chief in Austria, then was commander of the American 5th army in Italy. He was under Field Marshal Wilson.

Field Marshal Wilson's report did not say he specifically ordered the 36th division to attack, but made it clear that he was willing to take responsibility for broad strategy.

"At 1600 hours (4 p. m.) on 20th January, I decided that the (Anzio) amphibious operation should be launched as scheduled and all machinery was immediately set in motion to put this into effect," he said.

"The 2d U. S. corps with the 34th division, 36th division and elements of the 1st U. S. armored division under command, would attack on the night of Jan. 20-21 and capture a bridgehead across the Rapido river, south of Cassino, then exploit northwest along highway 6 to Piedmont-Aquino."

He recalled that American troops got across the Rapido but had to withdraw two days later. Their defeat frustrated an allied attempt to

## AXTELL WINS DECISIVELY IN PRIMARY RACE

Incumbent Senators Byrd And Kilgore Gain Renomination.

By UNITED PRESS

All three senators and the majority of representatives whose seats were at stake in yesterday's primary elections in six states emerged victorious today.

The one notable exception among representatives was Roger C. Slaughter in the fifth Missouri district who was beaten decisively by Enos Axtell in a contest in which President Truman had taken issue with Mr. Slaughter for his consistent opposition to the chief executive's legislative program.

**Axtell Never Overtaken**

Mr. Axtell, a former feed salesman who was lifted from obscurity by the pat on the back Mr. Truman gave him three weeks ago when the President demanded that Rep. Slaughter be purged, grabbed an early lead in tabulation of yesterday's primary ballots, and was never overtaken.

Returns from 254 of 255 precincts in the district gave:

Axtell, 19,741; Slaughter, 17,424, and Jerome Walsh, 5,495.

Mr. Axtell, in addition to Mr. Truman's support, was also backed by the C. I. O.-P. A. C. Nomination is tantamount to election in a Virginia Democratic primary.

**Senators Successful**

Senator Harry F. Byrd (D. Va.) was assured another six-year term by his renomination over Martin Hutchinson, Richmond attorney, backed by the C. I. O.-P. A. C. Nomination is tantamount to election in a Virginia Democratic primary.

Senator Harley Kilgore (D. W. Va.), running with the indorsement of the C. I. O.-P. A. C., also won renomination handily, beating J. Buhl Shahan, Elkins, by an overwhelming majority.

Senator Frank P. Briggs, who was appointed to the senate in 1945 to fill Mr. Truman's seat, was renominated by Missouri Democrats and will oppose Republican James P. Kem in the November election.

**West Virginians Renamed**

In the contests for house nomination, all four incumbents with opposition were leading in West Virginia. Two representatives were unopposed.

Reps. J. Lindsay Almond Jr., Howard Smith and J. Vaughn Gary were leading in their fights for renomination in Virginia, but Rep. Ralph Daughton was trailing far behind Porter Hardy Jr., a Norfolk farmer, in the second district.

Former Governor Harry H. Woodring, secretary of war under President Roosevelt, won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Kansas and will oppose Frank Carlson, Republican nominee in the fall election. Mr. Woodring had based his campaign on a pledge to repeal the state's 65-year-old dry law, but despite the liquor issue it was one of the dullest primaries in many years.

**Close Election Reported**

At least three representatives opposed in yesterday's primary were assured of renomination in Missouri. They were Republican incumbent Walter C. Roeser, C. Jasper Bell (D.), and Dewey Short (R.).

One of the closest primaries reported was New Hampshire's Republican gubernatorial race in which Governor Charles M. Dale nosed out his chief opponent, Rep. Sherman Adams, by only 534 votes, according to complete returns. Adams immediately charged irregularities and said he would ask a recount.

Rep. Chester E. Merrow, Republican, was leading in his race for renomination in the first New Hampshire district.

Of the five representatives running for renomination in the Arkansas primary, only one, Padjo Cravens, was opposed.

## ALARM CLOCK ROUTS BURGLAR FROM HOME

An alarm clock routed an intruder from 715 E. Michigan st. this morning.

Mrs. Robert Bruce of that address arose at 6:30 a. m. to turn off her jangling alarm. Simultaneously, she said, a man dashed from her closet and ran into the bathroom. She screamed, attracting the attention of Patrolman Jack Arthur, on his way to headquarters. The burglar escaped through the bathroom window.

Another resident of the same neighborhood, Orville Hunter, 35, of 735 1/2 E. 11th st., reported the theft of a wallet containing \$55 by somebody who carved a hole in his screen door and unhooked the latch.

## BIDS ON 3 HIGHWAY PAVING JOBS OPENED

State Highway Commission Chairman John H. Lauer announced today that bids for the repaving of three state highways have been opened.

The over-all cost of the three projects will amount to some \$1,000,000, Mr. Lauer said.

Low bids announced were for four miles of Ind. 13, near North Manchester, by the Bontrager Construction Co., Elkhart, \$304,794; seven miles of Ind. 205 from Arl on the Allen-Noble county line northeast to U. S. 27, by the McMahon Construction Co., Rochester, \$319,791; and 2 1/4 miles of Ind. 64 west of Huntington by the Green Construction Co., Oaktown, \$293,540.

## Squeeze Attempt Ends in Streetcar-Truck Collision



A left turn left this. . . Nobody was hurt.

A streetcar and a truck collided today near Washington and Illinois sts. in an accident involving no injuries.

The truck, owned by the Scott Trucking Co., 431 W. Georgia st., and operated by Roy Hart, 24, of 418 Sumner st. Knocked into a safety zone, the truck damaged zone lights.

Police charged Merrill with making a prohibited left turn.

## LITTLE GIRL UNHURT AFTER 3-STORY FALL

TROY, N. Y., Aug. 7 (U. P.).—Four-year-old Lenore Gittleman

fell from a third-story window, caromed off an awning and a woman's shoulder, and landed unhurt in a baby carriage.

Also uninjured was the occupant

of the carriage, three-week-old John Turner. But his grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Korkemas, who was wheeling him past when Lenore tumbled in, suffered a possible fractured shoulder.

## BRITISH TIGHTEN REFUGEE BLOCK

Aim at Diverting Immigrants From Palestine.

LONDON, Aug. 7 (U. P.).—Great Britain appeared tonight to have clamped a rigid sea and air blockade on the Palestine coast to divert the mounting stream of Jewish immigrants from the holy land.

Two ships jammed with refugees, the Yagour and the Rafa, were overdue at Haifa. They were believed to have been intercepted by the British and taken to Cyprus.

Other ships reported carrying some 10,000 more refugees were believed to be on the way to Palestine.

At Cyprus it was reported that internment camp had been established to handle the illegal immigrants.

Increased blockade and security measures were put into force at Haifa where 4000 refugees remain aboard ships awaiting a decision on their fate.

A special cabinet meeting considered the Jewish situation today but postponed a decision on what to do about the partition plan for Palestine to which the United States objects.

**BLACK MART RIOT IN TOKYO**

TOKYO, Aug. 7 (U. P.).—Two Japanese policemen were injured today in a riot with black market operators at Tokyo's Ueno station. The free-for-all started when 50 police raided open-air stalls selling rationed trousers. An additional 80 officers helped restore order.

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