

U. S. Charges Romania Violated Pledge In Elections

SAYS REDS WON BY TERRORISM, MANIPULATION

Recalls Recognition Was Based on Promise of Free Voting.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (U. P.) — The United States charged today that the recent Romanian elections were won by the Communists through "manipulations" and "intimidation."

It was charged they violated Romania's pledge to Britain, the United States and Russia to hold free elections.

This country's views on the Nov. 19 election which gave Communist-dominated government bloc parties an overwhelming victory was contained in a statement to reporters by Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Extensive Reports Received

The statement recalled that following a Big Three agreement last December at Moscow to seek free elections in Romania, that country pledged that her election would be free.

The state department has received "extensive reports concerning the conduct of those elections," the statement said.

The information contained therein makes it abundantly clear that, as a result of manipulations of electoral registers, the procedures, followed in conducting the balloting and the counting of votes, as well as by intimidation through terrorism of large democratic elements of the electorate, the franchise was on that occasion effectively denied to important sections of the population," the statement said.

Pledge Brought Recognition

Consequently, the U. S. government cannot regard those elections as a compliance by the Romanian government with the assurances it gave the U. S., U. K. and U. S. S. R. governments in implementation of the Moscow decision."

United States recognition of Romania earlier this year was made on Romania's promise to hold free elections at an early date.

Mr. Acheson told a press conference, however, that the question of possible withdrawal of recognition was in no way connected with today's announcement.

JAPANESE GANGS CLASH

TOKYO, Nov. 26 (U. P.) — Twenty persons were injured, one seriously, today when two rival black market gangs clashed here. Armed Japanese police restored order, arresting 20 of the fighters.

BERLIN FIGHTS CRIME WAVE

BERLIN, Nov. 26 (U. P.) — Berlin police today mobilized to combat a crime wave which has produced six killings within 48 hours. There was no indication that the killings were connected.



'Christmas Tree'

BOARD STUDIES SEWAGE FEES

Charge Would Affect 28 Outside City Limits.

The board of works today set machinery into operation to assess residents and industries outside of the city limits whose sewage lines connect with the municipal system.

Service fees recommended by Thomas R. Jacobi, city engineer, and H. W. Frazier, sanitation plant superintendent, and approved by the board were:

ONE: \$6 per year for individual families.

TWO: \$44 per year per million gallons of sewage for commercial users.

Mr. Jacobi suggested that the rates be so established that they may be revised annually "if necessary."

It was expected that the service charge will be placed in effect Jan. 1, 1947.

28 Use Facility

The plan was drawn up after the city determined "many property owners connected to the public sewer system have not contributed to the cost of sewer maintenance."

An uncompleted survey of areas near the corporate limits of Indianapolis revealed that 28 residences and industrial plants connect to the city sewage system. These units have not been paying for the service, according to Mr. Jacobi.

Under the new setup several government owned industries will not be charged for the service. They are plants 5 and 6 of Allison's, the Bridgeport Brass Co., and the housing and aviation installations at Stovall field.

Seven-Year Social 'Blackout' Ended At White House

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (U. P.) — Crystal and plush will be the motto at the White House tonight.

President and Mrs. Truman entertain capital society at the first formal state dinner in almost seven years.

Tonight's affair brings back the White House social season in all its glitter and pomp. It begins a round of state functions which will continue through February.

THE DINNER will be held in the oak-paneled state dining room, unused for state functions since President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt ruled them out at the close of the 1939 social season.

Since then, the diplomatic corps has grown so large that it is no longer possible to seat its members at one time. About 95 diplomatic dignitaries will attend tonight's dinner. The remainder of the diplomatic corps will be entertained at a second function to be held later.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS PAY \$36,000, LOSE

The Marion county Democratic committee spent \$36,422 in its losing campaign this year compared to \$44,560 spent by the Marion county G. O. P. committee, according to financial statements on file at the county clerk's office today.

The Democrats listed their contributions at \$38,205, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,782. The county Republican organization ended its campaign with a balance of \$146.

The state G. O. P. committee listed its campaign expenditures at \$500,774, including distribution of thousands of dollars to county organizations through the Republican United Finance committee.

The United Finance committee reported expenditures of \$327,538 and the regular state committee listed expenses at \$173,236.

The general balance of the combined funds was \$88,344 left in the state G. O. P. treasury as a nest egg to start the 1948 drive.

Children Flee Burning Home

ELWOOD, Ind., Nov. 26.—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Beeman had a narrow escape when their home here was destroyed by fire.

Sleeping at home while their parents were at the taxi station operated by Mr. Beeman, the children were awakened in time to flee from the burning house barefooted and in their night clothing. The family's clothing and household furnishings were lost in the fire.

RUBBER WORKERS GET WAGE BOOST

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Nov. 26 (U. P.) — Employees of the General Tire and Rubber Co. plant here will receive 10-cent hourly wage increases Dec. 1.

A joint announcement today by officials of the plant and of the A. F. of L. Rubber Workers union said the boost was made by mutual agreement because of increased living costs.

AUTO PARKING SITES STUDIED

Locations Sought to Meet Traffic Problem.

City officials today took up the task of finding off-street parking facilities for Indianapolis motorists as the Dec. 2 deadline for added no-parking restrictions approached.

Under an emergency order issued last week by the safety board and approved at a special session of the city council yesterday, there will be practically no provisions for parking on downtown streets after the first of next month.

Plan Parking Terminals

This step and one to reroute busses and trolleys were taken by the board in an effort to relieve traffic congestion.

It is feared, however, that the public, in turning to common carriers for transportation to and from

town will create an unmanageable trolley jam.

Noble P. Hollister, director of the city plan commission, asserted:

"Indianapolis has reached the place where decisions must be made on several major problems connected with a solution of the parking problem."

"As soon as we get the answers we can go ahead with plans for actual development of off-street parking."

Mr. Hollister announced that his commission and the board of works would meet within the next two weeks to map plans for construction of downtown parking terminals.

Consider Underground Lots

Problems to be discussed at the session are expected to include:

ONE—Where to locate such facilities.

TWO—Possibilities of underground parking lots.

THREE—Whether to finance the proposed facilities publicly or privately.

FOUR—How to operate the terminals. (Either with attendants or having the motorist park his own car.)

A state law, passed in 1945, pro-

vides that the city has the right to acquire land for the purpose of building off-street parking facilities. It says the plan commission and the works board shall lay out the plans and the city council name the construction and management agencies for the installation.

MARK HYATT DIES IN VETERANS HOSPITAL

The Rev. M. O. Robbins, pastor of Victory Memorial Methodist church, will conduct services for Mark Hyatt, 6445 E. 14th st., who died last night in Veterans hospital, at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the Meyer & Abdon funeral home. He was 58.

A native of Morton Gap, Ky., Mr. Hyatt lived here 56 years. He was employed at Ft. Harrison for five years. Previously he was employed as a painter and interior decorator.

He was a veteran of world war I and was a member of the Victory Memorial Methodist church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lula F. Hyatt; a son Robert Hyatt, Manhattan, Nev., a daughter, Miss Georgia Lee Hyatt, Indianapolis; a brother, Morton T. Hyatt, Indianapolis, and a sister, Mrs. William A. Sharp, Omaha, Neb.

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAM UNDER WAY

The initial step of the city redevelopment commission to clear Indianapolis of its slum areas got underway today.

Action followed approval yesterday by the city plan commission of a resolution declaring the area bounded by 10th st., West st., 16th st. and Milburn ave. as "blighted."

After approval of the resolution, the redevelopment commission set a date for a public hearing to give citizens an opportunity to voice their opinions on the decision, according to state law. Tentative date for the hearing is Dec. 18.

The redevelopment commission hopes to begin buying the tract next spring. It will designate certain portions for recreational, educational and flood control purposes. The remainder will be put up for resale to private builders for housing.

In event of remonstrances at the public hearing the plan will be taken to Marion county superior court for decision.

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