

Big 4 Makes 1st Step Toward Economic Unity In Reich

Fail to Agree On Details Of Agencies

Vishinsky, Murphy Trade Verbal Blows

MOSCOW, April 5 (P.P.).—The Big Four agreed for the first time tonight on the principle of the earliest possible establishment of a central administrative agency for Germany. But it failed to iron out any important details of that first step toward economic unity.

The agreement came at a quiet Big Four meeting which followed a co-ordinating committee session. The session was highlighted by an angry exchange between Soviet Deputy Minister Andrei Vishinsky and U. S. Ambassador Robert Murphy.

Mr. Vishinsky, losing his temper, accused Mr. Murphy of distorting the Soviet position on division of power between the central and state governments of Germany.

"Purple With Rage"

Those at the meeting reported that Mr. Vishinsky was "purple with rage" but added that eventually he calmed down and apologized to Mr. Murphy.

The incident started when Mr. Murphy objected to an analogy which Mr. Vishinsky made and a statement that the United States had both federal and state police, a contention which Mr. Murphy disputed.

Mr. Murphy said he wouldn't attempt to try to convince Mr. Vishinsky on how the American police system worked.

After agreeing to set up as soon as possible central agencies in such fields as transport, communications, finance, industry and food and agriculture, the council decided to send the whole question back for further study. This was decided when it became impossible to agree on some of the functions and powers of those agencies.

Make Agency Useful

The principal stumbling block was the Soviet insistence that the four military commanders retain a veto over these agencies—a system which both the British and the Americans contend would make the central agencies useless.

The Anglo-American plan would strip the sonal commanders of all authority except over occupation and security.

The ministers did agree that three months after establishment of the agencies a German advisory council should be created which eventually would become the provisional government of Germany.

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Does Griffin Suspect Killer?

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Griffin was "not exactly a domestic problem." The investigator, Michael Gregory, 808 Wright st., agreed to meet the woman at 11 a. m. last Thursday at Pennsylvania and Washington sts.

Broke Appointment

At 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, a few hours before the appointment, Griffin was killed, the woman called Mr. Gregory's home again to inform him she had "run into some people" and would have to break the appointment.

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MUSICIAN—Gary Trent, the 21-month-old blind boy of Free-landville, Ind., who, his parents report, has been playing music by ear for three months. Here he sits at the piano in the Trent home, ready to plunk out "Chopsticks" or another of the tunes he is reported to have learned by listening to the playing of his father, a former musician.

Suspect Seized In Bank Robbery

A former air force prisoner-of-war was held today by the FBI on charges of robbing the Farmers and Merchants State bank at Spencer, Ind., Wednesday of \$3793.

Ralph Morris Knox, 25, of Butler, Ind., was arrested today at West Jefferson, O., according to Norman McCabe, special agent in charge of the Indianapolis FBI office.

Mr. McCabe said Knox was apprehended in the same car used in the robbery.

Knox is still on terminal leave, according to the FBI. Captured by the Japanese, he had been a prisoner of war.

According to relatives, Knox had tried to get a loan at the Spencerville bank.

Relatives said that Knox's wife is in a serious condition at the Elkhart county hospital where she is expecting a child.

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5 Marines Are Slain By Chinese Reds

Raiders Driven Off In Pre-Dawn Foray

PEIPING, April 5 (U. P.).—Marine headquarters announced that the Chinese raiders who killed five marines and wounded 16 during an attack on the Tangu ammunitions dump before dawn today had been identified as Communists.

Identification was established through papers found on the Chinese soldiers left dead on the Tangu battlefield.

Marine headquarters said the Communists had captured little or no ammunition in their raid. The dump is situated outside Tangu, about 30 miles east of Tientsin and the main port for American troop movements in northern China.

Second Communist Raid

It was the second Communist raid at Tangu to seize American ammunition. A similar attack was driven off last October. One marine was wounded then and one Communist soldier killed.

A marine investigation team was carrying out an investigation of this morning's raid, staged by a force of unknown strength.

Marines drove off the attackers after a pre-dawn battle of more than four hours. The fight began at 1:15 a. m. in a clash between marine sentries and raiders trying to break into the dump. By 5:30 a. m. the marines had beaten off the raid and were pursuing the attackers northward.

Valuable Prize

The Tangu ammunitions depot is situated near the fringe of increasing Communist military operations against the Nationalist armies. The dump would be a valuable prize for either side.

The marines involved belonged to the 1st marine division.

Marine casualties were worse today than in the ambush on the Tientsin-Peiping road last July. Four marines were killed and 11 wounded then when Communists attacked a truck convoy of the 1st division. Informal sources said the 59th Communist regiment, lately active near Tangu, was the same unit involved in the highway ambush.

He added the attorneys already have given an opinion that the law is unconstitutional, but that the opinion is unofficial.

The matter depends entirely on whether the national union wants to strike, Mr. Hottel said.

He asserted it is possible the national union will want to test the Indiana law. In such a case, he said, they probably will order Indiana workers out on strike.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Clegg Foust flatly denied previous reports that he had said he considered the bill unconstitutional.

Wage negotiations between the telephone company and the unions, meanwhile, yesterday were recessed until Monday afternoon.

The company said terms of the present agreement will be continued in effect during the negotiations for a new contract.

Meanwhile, telephone companies across the nation rushed preparations today to maintain stop-gap service.

A United Press survey showed that companies in other major cities were setting up cots and laying in food for supervisory personnel who have been detailed to take over the jobs of striking workers.

Government conciliators held bargaining sessions night and day in an effort to settle the dispute.

Union leaders at the milling company charged the management has not made a "serious counter-proposal" to the union's demand for a 35-cent-an-hour wage increase and a union shop.

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'Santa Claus' Postmaster Dies of Heart Attack

Handled Millions Of Holiday Cards

SANTA CLAUS, Ind., April 5 (U. P.).—The postmaster at Santa Claus is dead.

Oscar L. Phillips, 57, who answered letters to Santa from thousands of children each Christmas season, died today in his home a few hours after he suffered a heart seizure.

Mr. Phillips' postmaster since 1935 in the little Spencer county village now in his 100th year, handled a huge volume of mail in his little office each December. The volume ranged up to approximately 4,500,000 pieces, including Christmas cards and gift packages, in 1946.

Mr. Phillips became postmaster 12 years ago, after the death of James Martin, the ruddy-faced, jolly man who carried the title of "The St. Nicholas of Santa Claus, Ind."

Previously, he was a blacksmith in another Hoosier village, Newtonville, a farmer in Spencer county, and a state highway employee.

Worked Long Hours

During the last Christmas season, Mr. Phillips worked long hours in his office, supervising and helping millions of greeting cards and packages that went to points all over the world bearing the postmark "Santa Claus, Ind."

Throughout the year, hundreds of motorists made pilgrimages to the village and sought him out.

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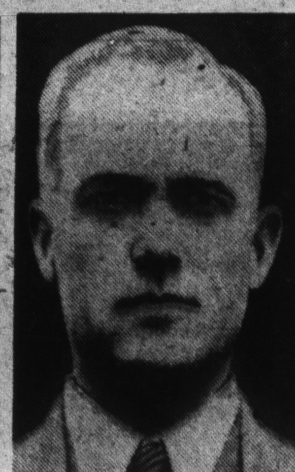
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Washington Calling—

Foreign Policy Program Delays GOP Budget Cut

No Progress Being Made; Best Guess Is Reduction Won't Exceed \$2 or \$3 Billion

WASHINGTON, April 5.—G. O. P. in congress is badly ensnared in fiscal program, won't be able to extricate itself, Democratic leaders believe.

Conference committee on legislative budget—supposed to decide whether \$6 billion cut or \$4½ billion cut—has been quietly disappeared. No meetings are being held, no progress being made. It's good guess that final budget reduction won't be more than \$2 or \$3 billion.

Upsets G. O. P. Hopes

PRESIDENT TRUMAN's foreign program has upset G. O. P. hopes of cutting funds for commitments abroad.

G. O. P. high command postponed action on army and navy appropriation bills, trying to decide what its policy on national defense should be. Services seem to be only departments where spectacular cuts might be made. But new foreign policy has caused Republicans to pause.

Interior appropriations bill has been delayed, too, because of warnings that Republicans will lose the West next year if scheduled near-elimination of irrigation and reclamation funds goes through. Row has been taken to party leaders.

On top of all this, some Republicans are beginning to worry about political wisdom of those tax cuts. They fear tax increases may be necessary next year—election year.

Whole thing adds up to headache for Republicans, hilly for Democrats who say quietly they'll be back in control of congress two years from now.

Chicago election increased their confidence.

GEORGE II is dead; long live Paul I. But will he?

He's seventh Greek ruler since independence 119 years ago. All six predecessors died suddenly, some tragically.

Believing is that Greece will be republic within five years or less. Opinions are about even on what kind of republic: Some think it will be Venetian type; others that it will be Soviet, like Yugoslavia.

Another bet in diplomatic circles is that France is on his way out. His gesture to make Spain a monarchy and end in Ben Xus or some other royal pretender is regarded as attempt to prepare for a fall. His exit might come this year.

TRUMAN speech in New York April 21 probably will be more important than one tonight. While House advisers think political dinner isn't place to lay down major policy statement.

Subject of New York speech is top secret, but it could be new, broader pronouncement on foreign policy, supplementing Greek-Turkish message to congress.

Democratic national committee wants President to make several trips this summer—one to West coast after congress adjourns. They believe he needs to see more of country, be seen by more people. They're cheered by recent rise in his popularity, but aren't taking anything for granted.

Big aim now is to get out much bigger vote in '48. This is one reason they hope contest for vice presidential spot will stay wide open till convention time, maintaining interest.

LOOK FOR one more special house committee to swing into action after surreptitious Eastern recess. (Members just left town.)

Rep. James A. Harrison (R. Ind.) plans to expose all administrative efforts to influence congress in behalf of any bureau or department. Has asked \$26,000 to hire staff and counsel. He'll stress field work by men who build up home-front support for administration policy.

More level-headed congressmen understand our public relations for peace would be regarded by world as so much wind if we brandished bomb now by turning atomic development back to military.

White House sources reflect belief that our time margin over other countries on atomic bomb development may be much narrower than some public estimates—and Senator Knowland set it at only two to 10 years in senate speech this week.

LOOK FOR price breaks in clothing, furniture, house furnishings, starting at once.

But big cuts won't come till retailers hammer down wholesalers' and manufacturers' prices. They're ready to work on it. Easter buying strike convinced them something must give.

Miners 'Ghost Towns'

LOOK FOR Gen. Littlejohn to quit as war assets administrator. Top Democrats in congress have critical report on WAA prepared. It hasn't been released, may not be if personnel changes come soon.

NEW "GHOST TOWNS" will appear in coal fields as result of Senator Krug's safety order closing down 516 mines. Many won't reopen at all. They're too old and worked out to justify large safety expenditures.

Many of these were closed until war assured markets for high-

AT THIS SEASON

Spiritual faith has been the firm foundation of mankind's progress toward a better life. At this season of the promise of renewed growth and life on earth we pause to contemplate our many blessings—and to pray for continued divine help for our nation, during the years that lie ahead.

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