

U. S. Envoys To Russ Bloc Talk Strategy

Meet in London For Conference On Hostile Blasts

By United Press
America's Iron Curtain diplomats and other top experts met behind locked doors at the U. S. embassy at London today to plan cold war strategy in the Cominform's back yard.

Nine ambassadors and ministers from Eastern Europe were joined by diplomats from Washington, London and Paris. The two-day meeting may help decide American policy in the general East-West cold war and the Tito-Stalin feud as well.

An unusual air of secrecy surrounded the meeting. Officials declined to say more than that the first order of business was an analysis of Kremlin-directed propaganda against the United States and its allies.

Ultimate Objective

Bold recommendations for Western support of Marshal Tito against the Kremlin were expected to be made by Cavendish Cannon, retiring ambassador to Yugoslavia.

The diplomats may even consider the possibility of furthering the ultimate American diplomatic objective of pushing Soviet influence out of Eastern Europe and back beyond the borders of Russia proper.

France

FRANCE turned to day to Georges Bidault, former Foreign Minister and Premier, in efforts to find another centrist government that will end the 19-day-old government crisis. Mr. Bidault, a Popular Republican (MRP), accepted designation as Premier after Socialist Jules Moch and Radical Socialist Rene Mayer failed to whip the middle-road parties into line.

Negotiations with party leaders were complicated by a strike threat from Socialist workers. The Socialist Workers Force, the largest non-Communist union in France, authorized its executive committee to call a strike unless salary demands are met.

Czechoslovakia

UNITED STATES embassy officials pressed the Czechoslovak government today for the right to interview Samuel Mervin, embassy employee held incommunicado since his arrest Friday on espionage charges.

Mr. Mervin's Vienna wife was packing, but she did not know whether she would be able to leave the country. Czech police took her Austrian passport when they arrested her husband.

Colombia

WEEK-END political rioting in the streets of Cali killed 22 persons and injured 50, sources close to police reported today.

China

CHINESE Nationalist forces have abandoned Kweiin to the Communists and are preparing to withdraw from the co-capital of Chunking under threat of private sources said at Hong Kong today.

These sources said the few Nationalist government officials at Chunking were preparing to withdraw to Kunming, Yunnan province capital near the Burma and Indo-China borders, after hardly more than a week in the new headquarters.

Reports from Canton, occupied by the Communists nine days ago, said that a group of 2000 Communist officials arrived to take over administration of the former Nationalist capital. Ship, telephone and railway communications between Hong Kong and Canton still were out.

Korea

TWO U. S. State Department officers said today closing of the U. S. consulate in Soviet-controlled Dairen has aroused fears of police persecution among 100 Europeans still trapped there.

The largest section of the foreign colony comprises a group of about 75 German women and children. The adult German men have been taken to Siberia. There is also a number of Poles, Hungarians and other middle Europeans, but no Americans or Western European traders.

Rides Herd on Lawbreakers—for a Day



Article Lauds Capehart as Good Salesman

Outstanding Example Of Businessman in Politics, It Says

By DAN KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—Senators Homer E. Capehart (R. Ind.), and Ralph Flanders (R. Vt.), were cited today as two outstanding examples of the "businessman in politics" in the new fortnightly "The Reporter."

Senator Flanders was summed up as the self-educated Vermonter who tries to take a liberal view of politics and economics to save the country from socialism.

Senator Capehart was labeled the salesman of free-enterprise.

"He is a salesman, and a good one," writes Pat Holt, the author of the piece. "He has sold enough baking powder, farm machinery, gadgets, juke boxes, phonographs, and radio sets to acquire a million dollars or so. He has sold free-enterprise Republicanism well enough to win a seat in the Senate."

Termed Traditional

"Capehart is so much the traditional American businessman that to characterize him is to commit a prolonged cliché. He is likeable, kind-hearted, and generous—a self-made millionaire who was once a penniless farm boy."

"Like the copybook maxim he tends to think in, he is profoundly provincial. Sometimes he is definitely proud of this narrowness and sometimes he seems to be painfully, almost pathetically groping for a wider perspective. His million dollars, a minimum estimate, qualify Capehart as one of the richest men in the Senate, but in his business enterprises he never really got out of the minor leagues."

Blames Salesmanship

Sen. Capehart's charging the loss of the 1948 GOP campaign to lack of salesmanship is cited as his creditable 1944 victory to the fact that he shook a hundred thousand hands all over Indiana. Also pointed out are his good labor relations in his plant in Indianapolis and his failure to understand union opposition to him because he voted for the Taft-Hartley Law.

"In preparation for the 1950 election he is already spending as much time as possible in Indiana," the article concludes. "Dewey carried Indiana in 1948, but the Democrats elected a Governor and seven of 11 Congressmen."

"Capehart won in 1944 by only 22,000 votes out of 1,630,000 cast, and at best he will have a close squeeze in 1950."

Disagree on Color, Paint House Half

BLACKSTONE, Mass. (UP)—

Leon Ether and Joseph Zmora, who jointly occupy a duplex dwelling, couldn't agree on a color to paint it. Now Ether's half is light tan and Zmora's remains the former brownish hue.

In Indianapolis—Vital Statistics

INDIANA WEATHER

Cool air will continue to blanket most of the Ohio and Mississippi Valley regions and spread south and eastward tonight and tomorrow.

Gradual clearing over the state tonight will be followed by fair and somewhat warmer weather tomorrow. Winds will shift gradually to a southern direction by late tomorrow.

Temperatures will range from a low of 25-30 north and from 38-42 in the southern portion of the state tonight and from a maximum of 53 north to 56 south tomorrow.

See Weather Map on Page 8.

Temperatures in Indianapolis one year ago today: High, 57; low, 45.

EVENTS TODAY

20th Annual Indianapolis Community Fund Drive—midwest Community Fund, Marion County General Motors Dealers Community Fund Contest, P. O. Box No. 1681, Indianapolis, must be postmarked by Oct. 25.

Indiana Improved Order of Red Man State Convention—Clarke Hotel, Indianapolis.

Indiana State Teachers Association Convention—Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis.

Indiana Statewide Club Dinner Meeting—6 p. m. Spencer Hotel.

City Club Luncheon Meeting—12 noon, Claypool Hotel.

Cathedral-Bell Tent No. 9, Daughters of Union Veterans Noon Luncheon Meeting—Claypool Hotel.

Service Club Luncheon Meeting—Claypool Hotel.

June Club Noon Luncheon Meeting—Washington Hotel.

Indiana State Teachers Association Meeting—3 p. m. Merchants Bank.

Indiana Section, American Chemical Society, Annual Luncheon Meeting—12:15 p. m. Hotel Warren.

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Co-operative Club Noon Luncheon Meeting—Clarke Hotel.

Mercator Club Noon Luncheon Meeting—Hotel Lincoln.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indiana Dames of Pocahontas Convention—Claypool Hotel.

Indiana State Teachers Association Convention—Final day, Lincoln Hotel.

Spokane High School Junior Class—Dinner of Music—8 p. m. Rich Auditorium.

West Side Community Endeavor Rally—7:45 p. m. Belmont Evangelical United Methodist Church.

Indiana Mental Health Society and Marion County Mental Hygiene Society—Annual Meeting—High School.

Indiana Public Libraries Observe "Unite"—Annual Meeting—Central Library, Indianapolis.

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DEATHS

At St. Vincent's—James Martineau.

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