

POLICE FIND SECOND SLAYING VICTIM

Bevin Rejects Soviet Demand On Reparations

MOSCOW, March 19. (AP)—Foreign Minister Molotov told the council of foreign ministers tonight that after hearing the differing views of the United States, Britain and France he still believed agreement possible in Moscow among the four powers on the critical German economic program.

Molotov said it did not follow from the disputes which thus far have broken out here that the four powers would be unable to find a common point of view on such issues as the level of German industry, a balanced import-export program and freedom of movement in Germany as well as on similar key matters.

Molotov spoke after Foreign Secretary Bevin, in a studied commentary on the Soviet program for Germany, rejected Russian reparations demands and said it was Britain's policy not to agree to any dollar valuations on reparations. Molotov has put forward a Soviet claim for \$10,000,000,000 in reparations from post-war Germany.

From Capital Goods

Bevin revealed Prime Minister Stalin himself had urged and requested the western allies to agree that reparations should come from capital goods and particularly factories in the western zones.

The British secretary said that when he and the others agreed to this, he thought the question of reparations was finished and there would be no demands for reparations from current production such as have now been put forward by Molotov, who has asked that part of the payment to Russia be from current production.

Earlier, top American officials predicted that unless the council finds and agrees upon some over-all solution for Germany's current problems there will be no solution at all.

These informants said the council meetings had reached a point at which it was apparent that great difficulties would be encountered in getting to such a solution, and added that the situation in Germany now is so badly split up that piecemeal settlements seemed impossible.

Unless Russia, in particular, is willing to go along with some sort of sweeping program to wipe out all zonal boundaries and organize German life on a national basis, they continued, the Moscow conference, in this respect at least, seemed doomed to fail.

Persons who have sat through the first eight sessions of the council said the earlier, easy relationships seem to be souring now, especially between State Secretary Marshall and Foreign Secretary Bevin on the one hand and Foreign Minister Molotov on the other.

They said the two western ministers particularly repented Soviet repetition of charges against British-American conduct in Germany, which they consider to have been long since disproved.

A clash last night, when Marshall and Bevin denounced a Molotov charge that the western powers had got \$10,000,000,000 in German patent reparations, was the latest in an accumulating series of incidents demonstrating the erosion of the easy atmosphere of

Bulletins

ATHENS, March 19.—(AP)—Press dispatches today said 400 insurgents had attacked Daphne, 45 miles north-east of Salonika, burned the police station, town hall and several houses, routed the police force and abducted 40 women and children. Dispatches also said a band launched an attack near Skra, where a United Nations field team has been investigating.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, March 19.—(AP) An R.A.F. transport plane, en route from Britain to Singapore, crashed and burned four miles north of Negombo airport today, killing 11 of the 15 persons aboard.

LONDON, March 19.—(Reuters)—Labor Minister Isaacs disclosed in a written reply to a parliamentary question yesterday that approximately 308,750 men and women will be released from the armed services during the period from April to September this year. Isaacs said the above releases would bring the total demobilized since June, 1945, to 4,717,300.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—President Truman today asked Congress to extend the government's controls over exports for a year beyond their present expiration date, June 30.

\$5,792 Mark Is Reached in Red Cross Drive

With the announcement that the Red Cross campaign would be carried on to the end of the month, officials of the drive continued to be occupied with the tabulation of the many generous donations which are being brought in by the volunteer canvassers. The total to the present time is \$5,792.

Notable contributions were received today from the Manitoba Pool Elevators, \$125; Kam Lumber company, \$50 and the staff \$49; Cochrane Dunlop, \$50 and Johnston-Boon, \$50.

- Donations to the appeal were:
- Manitoba Pool Elevators \$125.00
 - Kam Lumber Co. Ltd. 50.00
 - Kam Lumber Co. Staff 49.00
 - Cochrane-Dunlop Co. Ltd. 50.00
 - Johnston-Boon Co. 50.00
 - Jessop's Drug Store and Staff 29.00
 - Lakehead Oil Limited and Staff 27.00
 - International Harvester Co. 40.00
 - Blake Funeral Parlor 15.00
 - Deane Street Meat Market 5.00
 - Stenback Meat Market 5.00
 - Heald Grocery 3.00
 - Central News Co. Staff 31.00
 - City Clerk's Office Staff 22.00
 - City Assessment Dept. Staff 20.00
 - F. L. Moore Coal Co. and Staff 17.00
 - Workmen's Co-Op. Restaurant and Staff 10.25
 - Lake Theatre Staff 5.00
 - Beebe & Pearson Staff 3.00
 - Elks Teen Club 5.00
 - Int. Ass'n of Machinists, Local 309 5.00
 - Seamen's Union 5.00
 - O'Connor Women's Institute 4.25
 - C. R. Strachan 25.00
 - Harry Russell 15.00

Dismissal of 500 Justified Judge Finds

Dismissal of some 500 men by Canada Steamships Line Ltd. at the close of navigation in 1946 was justified, Judge H. W. Whittle said yesterday as he adjourned indefinitely a hearing into a dispute between the company and the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks (A.F.L.)

"From the information I have gleaned from the two sessions of the commission I am convinced that the dismissed men, having taken the law in their own hands, were justifiably dismissed by Canada Steamships Ltd.," the Winnipeg jurist ruled.

He said he would forward an interim report to Federal Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell "the purport of which will be based on the above finding."

Judge Whittle adjourned the hearing after a brief sitting yesterday afternoon delayed when representatives of the company failed to appear.

After waiting in vain for about 15 minutes, Judge Whittle observed that N. P. Larivee, lakehead operating superintendent for C.S.L., might have surmised "he could accomplish nothing if he did come." Mr. Larivee represented the company at sittings of the commission Monday.

Speaking to the brotherhood representatives—R. F. Hall, Montreal, Canadian vice-president, H. F. Mead, Montreal, general chairman, and J. J. Ratcliffe, Winnipeg, assistant to Mr. Hall—Judge Whittle said he had delayed filing an interim report with the minister as he thought it "wiser not to do so under the circumstances."

Originally Judge Whittle had planned to wire the report Monday night, but he later decided the issue at stake should be given further consideration.

In concluding his brief summation Judge Whittle said that while the hearing would stand adjourned indefinitely, leave would be reserved either party to have commission reconvene on 48 hours' notice given the director of industrial relations, department of labor, Ottawa.

The jurist said he would hold himself in readiness for such instructions, which might bring him back to Fort William to preside at further commission investigation. Judge Whittle was appointed by Mr. Mitchell to act as an industrial disputes inquiry commission to probe the differences between the dismissed men and the steamship line.

The men were asked to sign release slips when the shipping season closed (Continued on Page 17, Column 4)

Two Boys on Bicycles are Struck by Car

Two Port Arthur boys were taken to Port Arthur General hospital last night suffering from shock and one of them head injuries as a result of being struck from the rear by an automobile while bicycling towards Port Arthur

CANADIAN VETS TO GET NEW SERVICE MEDAL



Pte. P. Decarie of Ottawa and Miss Jean Giles of Almonte, Ont., a former member of the C.W.A.C., decorate each other with Canadian Volunteer Service Medal during a visit to the Royal Mint in Ottawa where over a million and one half medals are being struck. But don't get anxious! Officials at National Defence Headquarters point out that this huge task is going to take a long time to complete and emphasize that no one need expect to receive his medal for quite some time. All possible is being done however, to expedite delivery.

Sensational Letter

Vancouver Vice Graft Disclosures are Heard

VANCOUVER, March 19. (CP)—Further startling disclosures of vice graft involving top-ranking police officials were expected here today as the Vancouver police commission continued its hearing on the appeals of 23 officers dismissed or demoted during the recent police department shakeup.

A sensational, 42-page letter signed by Louis Tisman, formerly of Saskatoon, and a self-confessed gambler, highlighted the opening session yesterday.

In a bizarre outline of efforts by Tisman and his brother Harry to compete with rival vice gangs in the establishment of gambling in this west coast city, the sworn statement declared that:

1. Former Police Chief A. G. McNeil received a protection payoff of \$200 a month, and Deputy Chief Corbett \$100 a month.
2. Inspector Bell, recently ousted head of the gambling squad, re-

Today's Weather

(Supplied by the Dept. of Transport)
Maximum temperature for the past 24 hours, 37 degrees above, at 4:30 yesterday afternoon.
Minimum temperature, 19 degrees above, at 7:30, this morning.
Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today, 31 degrees.
Relative humidity, 69 per cent.
Wind, northwest at 16 miles per hour.

Rainy River and Thunder Bay regions: Clear, not much change in temperature. Winds, light. Low tonight and high Thursday, at Kenora: 5 above and 25 above and at Fort William, 15 above and 35 above.

Shot in Back, Miner's Body Beneath Snow

The discovery of the frozen and bullet-pierced body of Emill Duchesneau, 28, prospector, formerly of Quebec City, on the old Cook's Lake mining property, north of Schreiber, by Provincial Police officers has cleared up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of two men, missing in the Schreiber area since around the first week in December, 1946.

Inspector Kelly, who returned to Schreiber with the body of Duchesneau at about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon stated that the corpse was uncovered by him at 9:45 this morning. An examination revealed that the young mining man, whose wife is said to reside in Washington, had been shot through the back with the slug apparently coming out at the man's neck.

The body was discovered in a ravine about 75 feet east of the spot where the bullet-ridden corpse of Joseph D. Grant, 71-year-old prospector, was discovered under four feet of snow on Monday morning at about 10 o'clock.

Inspector Kelly reported that the body was frozen. About 3 o'clock this afternoon he left for Port Arthur by automobile with the tarpaulin-wrapped body in the rear seat of the police car.

Robbery Held Motive

Stating that the motive for the double murder was robbery, Inspector Kelly said that another charge of murder will be laid by police against Charles (Chuck) Martin, 35, who yesterday was charged with the murder of Grant.

Crown Attorney P. V. Ibbetson stated this morning that Martin, who also faces a charge of forgery, will be arraigned in Port Arthur city police court tomorrow morning to hear the murder charges.

The body of Duchesneau is expected in Port Arthur early this evening and in the case of Grant, a post mortem examination of the body will be made by Dr. A. E. Aikin.

A closer examination of Grant's body yesterday revealed that the aged prospector had been shot twice by his assailant. One shot pierced the upper part of his right breast while the other pierced the prospector's eyes from temple to temple.

The body of Duchesneau, according to reports from Toronto, is said to have been discovered by Provincial Police officers yesterday morning during the absence in Port Arthur of Inspector Kelly. In charge of the investigation, Inspector Kelly returned to Schreiber yesterday afternoon by automobile and at 11 o'clock last night made his way to the mining property. He gave the time of the uncovering of the body as 9:45 o'clock this morning.

The body was under the snow about 75 feet east of that of Grant, it was

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Vessel Crews Prepare Ships For Lake Trade

Their winter's respite from working duty nearly over, vessels which sail the Great Lakes under the banner of Paterson Steamships Ltd., are being prepared for the 1947 navigation season, it was learned today.

Gordon Hatquill, company official, said engineering crews have arrived from eastern points to fit out the Canadoc and Soodoc, two upper lake class vessels operated by the Paterson line.

Other crews with a similar job are due to arrive at the lakehead next week to ready the company's five canal type ships. Four of these wintered in Fort William, with another in Port Arthur.

With the close of navigation in the fall the vessels were made snug for the long months of idleness. Now, as the icebreaker James Whalen hammers a path towards open water some 16 miles from shore, the engineering crews are swarming over the Canadoc and the Soodoc and the end of the ships' winter vacation is in sight.

Heavy Ice Encountered

Encountering ice 34 inches thick yesterday afternoon, the tug James Whalen was considerably slowed up in her work of breaking ice in Thunder Bay. The extra-thick ice is due to the fact that there was practically no snow when ice was making and it froze well down.

However, as the harbor was open from a distance of four miles out right up to the first of February, it is expected that when that point has been reached the ice will be thinner and better time will be made. The Whalen usually averages about a mile and a half a day when she gets out a piece from the harbor. She was only able to break seven-eighths of a mile yesterday.