

Vatican Peace Move Reported as Bonnet Sees Nuncio

Paris Hears Pope May Discuss Efforts in Talk Tomorrow

By the Associated Press.
PARIS, May 6.—Semi-official sources said today that Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet had referred in a cabinet session to efforts by the Vatican "in favor of the maintenance of peace and a better comprehension among peoples."

Mr. Bonnet's remarks, made during a review of international developments, were said to have resulted from a conference he had yesterday with Msgr. Valerio Valeri, apostolic nuncio at Paris. It was noticed that Msgr. Cesare Orsenigo, papal nuncio in Berlin, also saw Reichsmarschall Hitler yesterday at Berchtesgaden.

Sources close to the government said a message Pope Pius XII is expected to deliver by radio tomorrow to the National Eucharistic Congress at Algiers, Algeria, might refer to such efforts for peace.

Press Control Strengthened.

The cabinet, with President Lebrun presiding, adopted new decree laws strengthening control over the foreign press in France and increasing industrial preparedness for war. Most of a two and a half hour session was devoted to M. Bonnet's survey of the international situation, especially German-Polish issues.

One decree extended the authority of the interior minister to control the sale and distribution of all foreign publications in France. The minister was empowered to prohibit the circulation of any daily, weekly or monthly periodicals or books from outside the country.

Another decree made it obligatory for school teachers to instruct pupils in methods of civilian defense. A third new law appropriated 20,000,000 francs (\$320,000) for reopening factories and mines operation of which in peacetime has been impracticable. Such plants would be ready to supply national defense needs immediately in time of war.

Fears for Yugoslavia.

The French government added Yugoslavia to Danzig as a possible danger spot to be watched closely in the international situation. Diplomatic circles were concerned over what they described as a delicate situation in Yugoslavia caused by a breakdown of minority negotiations between the Croats and the Serbs. They considered this almost as important as the more obvious deadlock between Poland and Germany over the future of the Free City of Danzig.

The Yugoslav internal crisis, diplomats pointed out, could easily result in international complications. The government there has failed to come to an agreement concerning the Croats' demands for autonomy.

Pleased by Alliance Reports.

While the French were pleased with reports from London that England now favored a British-French-Soviet Russian military alliance, they considered France as being not yet directly involved.

The French government's position is that it already has military alliances with both Russia and England, and would like to see them reinforced by a similar alliance between these two allies.

More Serb Concessions Demanded by Croats

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, May 6 (AP).—Croat leaders demanding more role within the Yugoslav kingdom declared yesterday that Serbs must make additional concessions if negotiations to settle the 20-year-old Serb-Croat controversy are to be saved from collapse.

A Yugoslav government crisis was near after Dr. Vladko Machec, Croat peasant leader, turned down Serb compromise suggestions proposed in the negotiations at Belgrade.

There was talk in informed quarters that Premier Dragisa Cvetkovich might be forced to resign because of the stalemate.

F. T. C. Issues Order On Reich Barometers

The Federal Trade Commission today ordered a Chicago firm to cease practices tending to deceive the public into believing that German-made barometers it sells were made in this country.

The commission said Fee & Stenwedel, Inc., of Chicago, assembled several models of weather-indicating instruments for sale, using barometer movements marked "made in Germany."

The company added a dial and indicator in placing the instrument in a case, however, that covered up the "made in Germany" marking and bore the slogan "Made in U. S. A.," the commission said.

It charged that "these practices were found to have a tendency to deceive buyers that the barometers were made in the United States. Many purchasers prefer American-made weather instruments."

Man With Rifle On Parade Route Is Released

It was all a mistake, police conceded today, and released Harry Koff, 30, of 414 Tenth street S.W. from custody.

Mr. Koff was picked up yesterday along the route taken by President Roosevelt and Sonoma, Policeman M. M. Deakins, who made the arrest, reported he saw Mr. Koff brandishing a rifle.

Questioned at police headquarters by Secret Service men and local detectives, Mr. Koff explained he had borrowed the unloaded rifle from a marine on guard to practice rifle drill.

Police said they were satisfied with his story yesterday afternoon, but Mr. Koff was held over night, questioned more this morning before finally being released.

A detective was instructed to call on Mr. Koff's superior at the Botanical Gardens, where he is employed, to explain the incident. Mr. Koff at the time of his arrest was waiting for the parade to pass so that he could remove the cables he had strung along the sidewalks to keep back the crowds.



OFF FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR—This group of boys, who deliver The Star to Washington's homes each day, were winners in The Star's subscription contest for its carriers last month. They

won a day's visit at the New York World's Fair and are shown at Union Station just before leaving this morning.

—Star Staff Photo.

Baltimore Women Win First Event In Bridge Tourney

North Virginia Meet Opens in Alexandria; To End Tomorrow

Mrs. James Cairns and Mrs. J. F. Mowell of Baltimore, representing the Maryland State Bridge League, won the women's pair event of the Northern Virginia Contract Bridge Tournament yesterday afternoon at the Hotel George Mason in Alexandria. Their score was 184.

Mrs. Frieda Boyce and Mrs. "Jimmy" Athey of Washington were second with a score of 181, and Mrs. C. M. Hall of Chevy Chase and Mrs. P. E. Henninger of Arlington were third with 178.

The match was the opening contest of the tourney which will continue through Sunday. It attracted players from Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia, as well as from Alexandria and the surrounding territory. Twenty-six pairs were entered. The defending champions were Mrs. Dixie T. Wright and Mrs. Rose Robins of Washington. They finished 10th yesterday.

Freak Hand Interesting.

The mixed pair event was played last night, with more than 125 players participating. A feature of the game was the following freak hand, which produced a variety of bidding with widely different results:

♠ A 8 6 x x N ♠ 10 x
♥ x x x x W-E ♥ A K x
♦ J x x x S ♦ A K x
♣ 5 ♣ A K Q 8

♠ 9 x N ♠ 10 x
♥ Q x W-E ♥ A K x
♦ J x x S ♦ A K Q 8
♣ J 10 9 7 6 3 2

East was dealer and neither side was vulnerable.

The East hand called for a two bid. In some instances it was bid at two clubs and in others at two hearts. South sensed a slam coming and put in a nuisance call of three clubs. West passed and North was on the spot. The player was obliged to call three spades, which East doubled and set four tricks generally, and at one or two tables North and South went down five for a loss of 900 points. At another table, where East opened with two hearts, South bid three clubs, finally got to four clubs and was set six tricks for a loss of 1,100.

Sacrifice Costly.

Where South passed, a contract of three no trumps was reached by East and West and the bid was made and in some cases the declarer made an over trick. In each instance where North and South got the contract they were heavily set and lost far more than would have been the case had they allowed their adversaries to have the contract.

The tournament will be continued this afternoon with the first session of the open pair event. This will be an elimination game and those who achieve a certain degree of success will take part in the finals which will occur tonight. For those whose averages eliminate them from the second session there will be a special game in which there will be individual prizes for the winners and runners-up.

The tournament will conclude tomorrow when the final two sessions of the team of four event and another special game for those who have no master points, with the further restriction that at least one member of each pair must be a resident of Northern Virginia.

C. F. Waitman is director of the tournament and A. P. Stockvis, official scorer.

Mrs. Demonet Renamed By Women's Legion

Mrs. Charles Demonet was re-elected president of the American Women's Legion at the annual meeting yesterday at the Mayflower Hotel.

Other officers are: Mrs. Edmund P. Ellis, first vice president; Mrs. Oscar Urban, second vice president; Mrs. R. J. Bates, third vice president; Mrs. Jules Tamson, recording secretary; Mrs. Peter A. Hazes, treasurer; Mrs. Pearl M. Johnson, corresponding secretary.

It was decided to change the by-laws to include two classes of membership, active and associate, so as to admit women ineligible for active membership as associates, who may join in the work being done, especially among the veterans.

Among special guests at the luncheon were Mrs. Amos A. Fries, a former member who is active in patriotic work; Mrs. William Sherman Walker, executive secretary of the American coalition with which the legion works closely, and Miss Augusta Landis, of the Veterans' Administration.

Birthday Surprise For Rev. J. J. Queally

A surprise birthday reception was given the Rev. John J. Queally of the Transfiguration Episcopal Church last night by the Junior Women's Guild, with the co-operation of other church organizations.

More than 150 persons attended the event, which was held in the parish hall at the rear of the church. A large birthday cake and a purse was presented Mr. Queally.

'Throat Movies' Aid Fight Of Science on Cancer

By the Associated Press.

BOSTON, May 6.—A movie camera which takes "action pictures" of the human larynx in color through a brass tube inserted in the throat was described today as a new aid in science's fight against cancer.

Drs. Adrian Solo, Nathan L. Fineberg, and George Levene of Boston, who devised it, "specifically for study of diseased and normal conditions in the larynx," said its proved success "perhaps has paved the way for motion picture study within the human larynx and other internal organs."

The investigators, members of the staffs of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital and Boston University Medical School, said their instrument was "a simpler, less expensive and more practical" development of techniques perfected by other scientists, such as Dr. Joel Pressman of Hollywood, husband of actress Claudette Colbert.

In the new instrument, an ordinary "home movies" camera is attached to a laryngoscope, the tube used in diagnostic and surgical work by ear, nose and throat surgeons. The link is made by an adapter with which the "focal length" for pictures is established.

Running lengthwise along the tube are "light carriers," feeding tiny electric light bulbs in the "body" end of the 9-inch tube.

"You might say these are the same as Kleig lights in a movie studio," one of the doctors smiled, "for they bathe the larynx in sufficient light for accurate pictures, which we believe are better for diagnosis of a diseased organ than optical sight through the laryngoscope alone."

The movies, both of normal and diseased organs, are being used to show doctors and medical students exactly what happens under given conditions, and the investigators said they already have proved important in "making doctors conscious of the common symptom of hoarseness may be the first warning of a cancerous condition within the throat."

Woman Killed on Way To Father's Funeral

Mrs. John Marinkak, 36-year-old wife of a Washington bricklayer, was killed and five Washingtonians were injured, one seriously, in an automobile accident last night near Williamstown, N. C., friends here were advised.

The party was en route to Mrs. Marinkak's father's funeral, when the car, driven by Mr. Marinkak, overturned on United States highway 64 3 miles south of Williamstown.

Mr. Marinkak, who lived at 52 T street N.W., was badly injured and taken to a hospital at Washington, N. C.

The others injured were Mrs. Edna Waters and her son, Allen; Peggy Ashberry, daughter of Mrs. Marinkak by a previous marriage, and Edith Hunter. They suffered slight bruises and cuts.

Medical Officer Gets Promotion

Brig. Gen. Albert L. Cox, commander of the District National Guard, announced today the promotion of Capt. Samuel R. Taggart, Medical Detachment, 104th Quartermaster Regiment, to the rank of major.

Maj. Taggart served previously as a medical officer in the 260th Coast Artillery Regiment, District Guard. He was commissioned captain in the 260th in 1933 and later was awarded the medal for valiant service in saving a civilian from drowning at Virginia Beach, Va., while the regiment was on summer field maneuvers near there.

Overcome by Smoke, Man Is in Hospital

Richard L. Lockett, 50, was overcome by smoke this morning when bedding in his room at 5019 Eighth street N.W. caught fire.

He was removed from the room by Policeman H. H. Chaney of the sixth precinct and taken to Emergency Hospital in an ambulance.

At the hospital, it was said that Mr. Lockett escaped without being burned and his condition was described as good. Police said, the fire apparently started from a cigarette.



TOKIO.—AWAIT AMBASSADOR'S ASHES.—The mother, widow and the two daughters of the late Hiroshi Saito, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, who died in Washington in February. Saito's ashes were brought back to Japan aboard the heavy cruiser Astoria at the direction of President Roosevelt and the Ambassador's family is shown as the Astoria docked. —A. P. Photo.

House Unit Approves Liberalized Benefits Of Security Law

Also Favors Reducing Tax Burden Under Present Stipulations

By the Associated Press.

The House Ways and Means Committee completed its long study of proposed changes in the Social Security Law yesterday and stamped its approval on a variety of revisions designed to liberalize benefits and lighten the tax burden the law imposes.

In addition, Chairman Doughton, Democrat, of North Carolina, announced the committee had agreed to recommend creation of a special trust fund for old-age insurance taxes which would be administered by three trustees—the Secretaries of the Treasury and Labor and the chairman of the Social Security Board.

Taxes paid into the fund would be earmarked for old-age insurance, Mr. Doughton said, but they could be loaned to the Government, as at present.

The special trust fund was recommended by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau.

Bookkeeping Procedure.

Under present practice, the old-age taxes, currently 1 per cent each on employees and employers, are listed as general receipts on the income side of the Federal ledger. Then an approximately equal sum is charged to the expenditure side of the budget as "transfers to the old-age reserve account."

In effect, money from this account is loaned to the Government to pay its general expenses.

The effect on the budget of the change proposed yesterday would be to make both income and expenditures appear smaller, without changing the deficit.

The old age tax is scheduled, under the 1935 law, to go up to 1½ per cent next year, but the committee also has recommended, with the tacit approval of the Treasury, that the rate be frozen at 1 per cent for the next three years.

Favors 1940 Payments.

Among other changes the committee has approved is a formula for leveling the unemployment compensation tax and a system of starting old age pensions in 1940, instead of 1942. Certain of the payments would be liberalized.

A last minute change decided upon, Mr. Doughton said, would give general relief to delinquent taxpayers under the unemployment compensation provisions of the law.

At present, employers are taxed 3 per cent of their payrolls by the Federal Government for unemployment insurance. If they pay State unemployment insurance taxes, they are entitled to credit them against the Federal levy up to 90 per cent of the latter, provided they make the State payment prior to January 31 each year.

Considered Too Harsh.

Mr. Doughton said the committee considered this too harsh and voted that taxpayers who were in arrears on their 1936-7-8 State taxes could be allowed to take the stipulated credit on Federal tax if they paid their State taxes prior to the 60th day after enactment of this proposal.

In future, the committee recommended that employers get full credit if they pay their State taxes prior to January 31 but use only 10 per cent if they pay before July 1.

"That will be a big relief for delinquent taxpayers," Mr. Doughton said.

Early in its deliberations the committee decided against extending the act's benefits to agricultural and domestic workers, but Mr. Doughton said it was indefinite as to whether seamen would be included.

Man's Shoulder Broken When Car Overturns

Robert I. Cochran, 29, 11 Tenth street S.E., was brought to Providence Hospital early today for treatment of injuries received when the car in which he was riding overturned near Indian Head, Md.

At the hospital, it was said that Mr. Cochran had suffered a fractured shoulder and that his condition was not serious.

Walter E. O'Brien, 44, 3540 Van Ness street N.W., was knocked down last night as he crossed Wisconsin avenue at Grant road N.W. He was treated for minor injuries by an Emergency Hospital ambulance doctor.

Madeline Campbell, 12, 2304 Wisconsin avenue N.W., was treated at Georgetown Hospital last night for an injury to her arm, received when she fell while roller skating at Wisconsin avenue and Hall place N.W.

Civil Service Tests Set For Navy Yard

Examinations for a large group of positions at the Navy Yard were announced today by the Civil Service Commission.

They are instrument maker, leather worker, buffer and polisher, foundry chiller, sandblaster and welder, both gas and electric.

Applications for all positions but instrument maker must be filed with the Labor Board recorder at the yard by May 11; the limit for the instrument maker is May 23.

De Valera Aide Leaves Dublin for New York

DUBLIN, May 6.—Deputy Prime Minister Sean O'Kelly left Dublin today to board the S. S. Washington at Cobh for New York. He was accompanied by J. J. Hearne, legal adviser of the department of external affairs.

Prime Minister Eamon de Valera, who had planned to visit President Roosevelt, canceled his plans when the British conscription problem arose.



ANOTHER MAY QUEEN—Mary Jean Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lowe of Washington, was chosen May Day queen of Goucher College, Baltimore, by the students at their annual spring festival on the campus at Towson, Md., today.

Zoning Move Backed By Chillum Citizens

Concluding the 1939 civic year in its meeting last night, the Chillum Heights Citizens' Association approved a motion adopted by the Takoma Park Citizens' Association and the Manor Park Citizens' Association asking the District Zoning Commission to bring to date zoning regulations in the District.

Main objection was expressed in fear of the widespread erection of small, single-family dwellings throughout the city similar to those in the 500 block of Fern place N.W.

Cyrus T. Bright, who introduced the resolution, stated the small houses would jeopardize the value of adjacent property.

The size of the houses would allow the erection of 11 in a space where normally only 5 could be erected.

The group joined with the Hampshire Heights Citizens' Association in requesting a new firehouse in that area. The growth of the community and the erection of new apartments, theaters and stores constitute this need, it was stated.

Two Chicago Artists To Sing for Mission

Two youthful Chicago artists—Janet Bracken, soprano, and Herbert Donaldson, pianist—will feature a benefit concert program, proceeds of which will go to the Northeast Rescue Mission, to be held Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Auditorium, Thirtieth and New York avenue N.W.

The program was arranged by Thawley L. Holmes, superintendent of the mission, and money obtained will be used for organization work at mission headquarters, 1340 H street N.E., and also at the annex, 1234 H street, in co-operation with Protestant churches of the city, founded the mission in 1936.

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Two More Widows Accused of Part In Murder Ring

Second Drowning Linked To Group Accused of Slaying More Than 100

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—Two more widows—the eighth and ninth—were held today in connection with an inter-State insurance murder ring accused of having poisoned, drowned and used other violent means to kill more than 100 persons in the last 10 years.

Both women, listed as Mrs. Anna Arena and Mrs. Rose Davis, were held in the deaths of their husbands—Mrs. Arena on charge of murder and Mrs. Davis on a charge of conspiring to murder.

They were taken into custody last night only a few hours after investigators charged at the arraignment of four other prisoners that Mrs. Arena's husband, Joseph, a shoemaker, was drowned seven years ago off the New Jersey coast.

Second Drowning Case.

It was the second drowning linked to the ring. Samuel Sortino, 38, a machinist, was held yesterday without bail for trial after police Capt. James Kelly said he had confessed helping drown Rafael Caruso in the Schuylkill River at Philadelphia.

With 40 deaths in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware already known to investigators, Assistant District Attorney Vincent P. McDevitt declared at the hearing.

"When Herman Petrillo was convicted and we had hints of only approximately 70 deaths, we announced we had not yet scratched the surface. Today we know that the murders mounted above 100, and we still have only scratched the surface."

Six New Warrants.

Petrillo, one of the first arrested, was convicted of poisoning a F. W. A. worker. Nineteen others are in custody and six new warrants were issued late yesterday.

Poison was used in most of the deaths recorded so far. Autopsies on exhumed bodies showed some victims were killed by a concoction known to members of that ring as "witch's brew," while others were given hemlock, ancient poison which the philosopher, Socrates, was forced to drink.

One woman is held in the death of her husband who was killed by an automobile. Witnesses at Petrillo's trial told how members of the ring discussed using hand bags and deadly typhoid fever germs.

Stamp Authorized

Postmaster General Farley last night authorized the issuance of a special 30-cent, trans-Atlantic air-mail postage stamp. The stamp's size and general design will be similar to the orange 6-cent airmail stamp of 1934.

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