

Western Envoys See Molotov at Eleventh Kremlin Conference

By Eddy Gilmore

MOSCOW, Sept. 18.—The Western envoys met today with Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov possibly to receive final Soviet word on proposals for settling the Berlin crisis. The usual secrecy surrounded the session—the 11th in the Kremlin on East-West differences in the last 51 days and the second this week. United States Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith told newsmen after today's talks.

The three Western envoys had a delightful two-hour and 30-minute talk with Mr. Molotov. I have no comment.

Silent on Future Meetings. Gen. Smith said he stayed behind at the Kremlin for a five-minute talk with Mr. Molotov. He said it was on a "purely Soviet-American matter" but would not divulge its nature.

He would not say whether the meetings were at an end or would be continued.

Special British Envoy Frank Roberts and French Ambassador Yves Chataigneau met with Gen. Smith in the United States Embassy after the meeting. Then they filed reports to their home governments—the usual procedure.

A meeting last Tuesday was the first with Mr. Molotov since August 30 when the four negotiators reached agreement in principle on establishing a Soviet market as the only currency for Berlin.

Had Sought Climax. Details were passed on to the four military governors in Berlin. The governors conferred seven times, then reported to the governments without reaching any agreement.

The Western envoys were believed to have tried to bring the negotiations to a climax Tuesday. They sought either to reach agreement and refer the entire Berlin and German question to a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris or, failing of agreement, to end the talks for the present.

London diplomatic sources said if agreement was lacking the dispute probably would be referred to the United Nations.

The Western envoys were believed to have gone to the Kremlin today to receive Mr. Molotov's final word on that exchange.

But there was no official announcement from either the Western envoys or Soviet sources whether any agreement had been reached in the talks that began July 30.

Tall Cedars Institute Alexandria Forest

Institution ceremonies for the newly-formed Temple Forest No. 136, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, in Alexandria, were held yesterday at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Temple in Alexandria.

The ceremonies were preceded by a parade of uniformed units from other Forests, who marched through the center of Alexandria to the temple.

Supreme Tall Cedar Herman B. Willard of Spring City, Pa., conferred the degree of Tall Cedar on John M. Stewart, past grand master of Masons in Virginia. A class of 150 candidates then were initiated as Tall Cedars.

William E. Thomas, 601 North View terrace, Alexandria, is the Grand Tall Cedar-elect of Temple Forest No. 136.

Visiting Forests from Camden, N. J., West Chester, Pa., York, Pa., Baltimore, Annapolis, Frederick, Silver Spring and the District participated in the ceremonies.

Law Classes to Resume

The Robert H. Terrell Law School will begin its 17th session as classes resume at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the school, 1922 Thirteenth street N.W.

Weather Report

District of Columbia—Mostly sunny and continued warm today and tomorrow. Highest Sunday about 88.

Maryland and Virginia—Mostly sunny and continued warm today and tomorrow.

River Report. Potomac River clear at Harpers Ferry and at Great Falls. Shenandoah clear at Chambers Ferry.

Humidity. Today—80 p.m. 80. Tomorrow—80 p.m. 80.

High and Low for Yesterday. High 80. at 4:00 p.m. Low 65. at 6:30 a.m.

Record Temperatures This Year. Highest 90. on August 26. Lowest 6. on January 26.

Tide Tables. (Published by United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

The Sun and Moon. Today—Sun 9:12 a.m. 19:02 a.m. Moon 9:33 p.m. 19:55 p.m.

Sun, today. 9:12 a.m. 19:02 a.m. **Sun, tomorrow.** 9:03 a.m. 18:53 a.m.

Moon, today. 9:33 p.m. 19:55 p.m. **Moon, tomorrow.** 9:24 p.m. 19:46 p.m.

Precipitation. (Inches in the Capital (current month to date).)

Month. 1948. Ave. Record. January 4.67 5.83 4.37 37

February 1.67 3.37 8.84 84

March 3.03 3.22 9.13 89

April 3.87 2.76 10.60 80

May 3.28 1.13 10.94 70

June 4.31 4.71 10.61 76

July 5.00 1.01 14.41 58

August 3.24 1.43 34

September 2.37 8.89 89

October 2.37 8.89 89

November 2.37 8.89 89

December 2.37 8.89 89



HUMANITARIAN AWARD GOES TO MARSHALL—Secretary of State Marshall, left, views the Variety Club's International annual Humanitarian Award presented to him at a dinner last night. With him is Robert J. O'Donnell, international chief barker of the organization.

Marshall Receives Humanitarian Award From Variety Clubs

Secretary of State Marshall, who leaves today for the United Nations Assembly session in Paris, received the Variety Club's International Humanitarian Award for 1947 last night, together with assurances that the prayers and hopes of his fellow citizens went with him in his continuing quest for a secure peace.

At a dinner in the Hotel Statler, attended by 600 persons, the showmen's charitable organization honored Gen. Marshall for "his measureless service rendered in behalf of world peace."

In accepting the award, Gen. Marshall said that such generous impulses as prompted the organization of the Variety Clubs had impressed him as characteristic of the United States' attitude in dealings with other nations. He then gave a short off-the-record talk.

Truman Letter Read. The award, comprising a silver plaque, illuminated scroll and honorarium of \$1,000, was presented by Robert J. O'Donnell of Dallas, Tex., international chief barker of the organization.

Mr. O'Donnell, who was toastmaster, also read a letter from President Truman to Carter T. Barron, dinner chairman, expressing regret that absence from Washington prevented his attending.

"It is a personal satisfaction to me that the Hon. George C. Marshall, Secretary of State, will receive on this happy occasion the tribute of your annual award," Mr. Truman wrote. "I can think of no one more richly deserving of this recognition."

"With all of you, I join in warm congratulations to Gen. Marshall. To Variety, I extend hearty greetings. I know that it will never weary of the well-doing that has earned it such an abundance of gratitude and good wishes."

Jackson Speaks. Justice Jackson of the Supreme Court, one of the dinner speakers, declared civilization's only present chance of survival was "to extend the rule of law to the world."

He explained he meant such recognition of the essentiality of law as prevailed in the United States, despite the inevitability of crime. International respect for lawful processes must be obtained, but obliteration of violence cannot be expected, he commented.

"If this effort fails," Justice Jackson said, "then there is nothing left but naked force and violence to determine the fates of peoples."

Other speakers included Albert Rowswell of Pittsburgh, chairman of the award committee, and B. M. McKelway, editor of The Star, a member of the committee.

Guests at the dinner included Justices Rutledge and Burton of the Supreme Court, a number of foreign diplomatic representatives, officials of the armed services and executives of the entertainment industry.

Invocation by Rabbi Gerstenfeld. Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, chaplain of the Washington Variety Club, Tent No. 11 of the international organization, delivered the invocation.

The program included a toast to the President and an entertainment interlude in which "Red" Skelton, film and radio comedian, Eddie Peabody, banjoist, and Gene Archer, baritone, were among the participants.

Gen. Marshall was the ninth recipient of the humanitarian award and the third Secretary of State to be honored. The previous choices were James F. Byrnes and Cordell Hull, both of whom headed the State Department; Evangeline Booth, Salvation Army leader; Sir Alexander Fleming, penicillin discoverer; Sister Elizabeth Kenny, developer of an infantile paralysis treatment; George Washington Carver, Negro scientist; Father Flanagan, founder of Boys' Town; Nebraska and Miss Martha Berry, Georgia educator.

Wisconsin Burial Set For Youth Killed in Truck

The body of 18-year-old Merwin J. Van Sickle, 3605 South Twenty-fifth street, Arlington, who was killed early yesterday when a panel truck he was driving overturned five miles north of Marlboro, will be sent to Cumberland, Wis., for burial.

The youth is survived by his father, Leslie Van Sickle, who lives in Trego, Wis., and by seven brothers. Willard of the Arlington address, Darrell, Rodney, Ralph and Harley of Minneapolis; Arthur of Barabette, Wis., and Chester of Monterey, Calif., an Army captain.

Prince Georges County police said the youth apparently was thrown through the top of the vehicle after it veered from the Crain highway. He formerly attended Washington-Lee High School, Arlington, and was employed at an Arlington grocery.

New Chaplain on Job

The Rev. Don C. Shaw, new Protestant chaplain at the Department of Corrections reservations at Occoquan and Lorton, will hold his first services at the reservations today. The new chaplain, whose salary is paid by the Department of Churches, has been connected with the Council for Clinical Training in Chicago.

Marshall to Take Off Today for Paris and Red Showdown in U.N.

By the Associated Press

Secretary of State Marshall files to Paris today for a United Nations Assembly meeting that may produce a fateful showdown with Russia over the blockade of Berlin.

Whether this showdown actually occurs probably was determined to a considerable degree in Moscow yesterday at a meeting between Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov and the envoys of America, Britain and France.

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The Federal Spotlight

Marine Depot Sets Example For Harmony With Civilians

By Joseph Young

During the last few months this column has cited several instances where military establishments have had difficulty between military brass and civilian employees.

Here is an instance where the reverse is true—a situation which finds the military and civilian personnel working together in close harmony on labor-management problems.

The establishment is the United States Marine Corps Depot at Philadelphia and the pattern established there sets a goal for all Federal agencies—military or otherwise—to aim for.

The commanding officer, Brig. Gen. Leonard E. Ray, works closely with employee representatives on all personnel matters. In doing this, he follows the policy established by his predecessor, Brig. Gen. M. C. Gregory.

Welfare and recreational activities for civilian employees in the yard have been established under the leadership of Gen. Ray and Gregory, and improvements have been made all the time.

Recently, for example, a bowling alley was opened solely for the employees' use in their free time. And employees who find themselves confronted with a personal problem that requires financial or other kind of aid feel free to turn to Gen. Ray and his staff for counsel.

Playing an important part in this program is John J. Smith, a vice president of the AFL American Federation of Government Employees and the civilian leader in the yard.

Mr. Smith is one of the most dynamic officials you can find in the Government union field. He fights for the rights of the workers in the yard, yet he recognizes the obligation that all personnel—military and civilian alike—have of putting forth their best effort for their Government.

Perhaps that's why he and Gen. Ray are so close.

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But they say that Mr. Dewey feels that some time limitation should be imposed as to how long a veteran should have preference when applying for civil service employment.

At present, there is no time limitation. It's said that Gov. Dewey feels that perhaps a 5 to 10 year deadline be placed on when veterans would no longer be eligible for preference.

In other words, if a veteran of the last war did not file for a Government job by 1953 or 1958 at the latest, he would not get veteran's preference if he competed for a Federal position after that date.

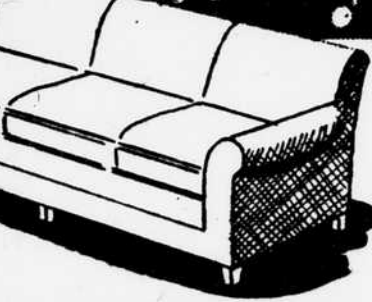
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SCHOOL DAZE—A number of top Government personnel people are considering recommending to Congress the enactment of legislation to set up a school for Government officials—the idea being that this would make it possible to adopt uniform administrative and personnel procedures throughout the Federal service.

Whatever the merits of the idea, many Government employees will be quick to agree that their bosses have a lot to learn!

(Starting today, Joseph Young's Federal Spotlight broadcast will be heard at a new time. Tune in at 11:15 a.m. over WMAL, The Star station, for the latest news and views on Government affairs and personalities.)

Navy Caches Approved

A Navy Day cachet and special postal cancellation die have been approved for use on all Navy ships and stations in observance of Navy Day, October 27. The cachet portrays an aircraft carrier at sea. The dies may be used from October 1 to 27.

TEAMWORK—Whenever the depot is considering putting into effect new personnel policies, Mr. Smith and his union associates are invited by Gen. Ray to sit down and talk the matter over.

If the union officials have any objections or revisions to the proposed new policy, the matter is usually worked out to the satisfaction of both sides.

The employees' views are always considered in every personnel matter that is undertaken at the depot. They are encouraged to make any legitimate gripe they may have about their working conditions.

There have been instances where military officers at the depot have overstepped their bounds in their relations with civilian employees. But, here again, Gen. Ray and his predecessor have always taken action to discipline the offenders.

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Berlin Air Lift Held Proof That U. S. Can't Be Bluffed

By the Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 18.—The controller of the Air Force expressed conviction today that the Berlin air lift "must have proven to the Russians by now that America cannot be bulldozed out of the skies."

"The Russians obviously underestimated the Air Force's ability to feed 2,500,000 people by an air lift running 24 hours a day and transporting 2,500 tons of supplies daily," said the controller, Lt. Gen. Edwin Rawlings, in an interview.

Gen. Rawlings, here for the Air Force Day observance, said the air lift has proven two things: "We can't be bluffed."

"The United States, as always, can meet practically any emergency," Gen. Rawlings said that although today's simulated air attacks on American cities should emphasize to citizens that the Nation is "extremely vulnerable" to attack by air, it is in good defensive position to meet "any situation foreseeable at the present time."

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