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Foreign Ministers Tackle Austrian Treaty Again

By PRESTON GROVER

BERLIN (AP)—The Big Four foreign ministers decided today on another discussion of Austria's independence, treaty despite a deadlock over Soviet conditions which appears to have blasted

their last chance for a European settlement at this conference.

Foreign Minister Molotov said Friday that Russian troops will remain in Austria until a German peace treaty is written. To this new condition he added an old one—the troublesome Trieste problem also must be solved first.

Western delegations indicate clearly that the conditions cannot be accepted. They now see no chance for completion of the German peace treaty for years.

And a Yugoslav-Italian squabble blocks efforts of Britain and the United States to pull their troops from Trieste, the strategic free territory at the head of the Adriatic.

State Secretary Dulles denounced the Russian tactics as shabby. He said the Molotov proposal "gives me a cold chill."

AUSTRIAN GLUM

Austria's foreign minister, Leopold Figl, who had pleaded at the ministers' table for his country's independence, was glum. Within Austria, still waiting for redemption of the Big Four's wartime pledge to restore her sovereignty, the reaction was deep gloom. Hitlerian and Allied occupations have stretched out 16 years.

As Molotov has outlined Russia's position, there now cannot be an Austrian independence treaty until both the Trieste and German problems are settled; there cannot be a German treaty until both the North Atlantic treaty Organization and the European Defence Community project are liquidated; and there cannot be peace in Asia until Red China is granted an honored place among the world's big powers, a place the West insists she does not deserve.

Only on the Asian front do the Western ministers see any hope in the closing days of the conference.



MRS. ERNA SNYDER of Kutztown, Pa., who is the current "Mrs. America," shows Pennsylvania Congressman George M. Rhodes (centre) and Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin Jr. the 1954 contest poster during a brief visit to the Capitol. Fifty housewives, representing the 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada, will compete for this year's title at the grand finals in Ellinor Village, Fla., April 21-25.

Parliament Settling Down To Study of Criminal Code

OTTAWA (CP)—Parliament is settling down to its study of a revision of the Criminal Code, the first complete redrafting of Canada's criminal laws in some 60 years.

A special 27-member Commons-Senate committee is expected to start work next week on three contentious questions, hanging,

whipping and lotteries.

Another and more technical issue, the plea of insanity as a criminal defence, will be studied by a royal commission which the government plans to establish this session.

Meanwhile, the Commons resumed study Friday of the code revision and worked through 43 of the 753 clauses in which the criminal law has been consolidated. Most of the day was spent discussing laws dealing with sex offences, corruption of morals and disorderly conduct.

All parties have agreed to postpone consideration of topics likely to provoke prolonged debate until after less contentious subjects are approved. Under that agreement, the House Friday postponed consideration of clauses dealing with indecent assault, incest and the manufacture, distribution and possession of obscene objects and crime comics.

STUDY SEX OFFENCES

During study of sex offences, F. D. Shaw (SC-Red Deer) proposed an increase to 10 from four years in the maximum sentence for illegal sexual intercourse with feeble-minded or insane women.

Mr. Garsen said the death penalty for rape is being removed because it never has been carried out. Rape of children would be a clear indication of mental unbalance in the offender and would be dealt with under a different section of the code.

Under the new code, the maximum penalty for rape would be life imprisonment or whipping or both.

QCA To Pay \$23,355 Award In Damage Suit

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. Alice Comerford of Vancouver, whose husband was killed in a Queen Charlotte Airlines plane crash near Nanaimo, B.C., Oct. 17, 1951, was awarded \$23,355 damages in Supreme Court here Thursday. She also received \$3,500 for each of her two sons.

All passengers and crew members in the plane were killed when the aircraft crashed while en route from Kilmait to Vancouver.

Mrs. Comerford sued the estate of the pilot, Douglas D. MacQueen, but the settlement will be paid from insurance carried by Queen Charlotte Airlines.

Protest Bylaw

VANCOUVER (CP)—Protests were threatened Tuesday to follow on the heels of a new city bylaw requiring proprietors of small food stores to hold a butcher's licence and prohibiting them from selling frozen meats and fish after 5 p.m., normal closing time for butcher shops.

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HOLLYWOOD (AP)—June Haver admitted today that she is dating no one else but Fred MacMurray, but said: "It's too early" to discuss marriage.

The MacMurray-Haver combination became the talk of Hollywood when they first started dating a few weeks ago. Talk of a romance will increase when the two movie stars leave for the Brazilian film festival next Thursday. They will be in the Hollywood goodwill contingent that will also include Rhonda Fleming, Jeanne Crain, Irene Dunne, Edward G. Robinson, Jeannette MacDonald and Gene Raymond.

So far both are cautious about statements. "She's a wonderful girl to be with," MacMurray says. "I've known her

for a long time, and I know her company."

"I'm not going with anyone else," says June. "Anytime I can't say now."

The pair met when she starred in "Where Do You Go From Here?" in 1945. Since both lives have been a tragedy, MacMurray's last year after a long illness.

Miss Haver's first husband, musician Jimmy Haver, in divorce. Friends believe she would marry Dr. John. She was hard hit when young dentist died.

Feb. 8 last year she was the Roman Catholic Charity convent at Xanadu.

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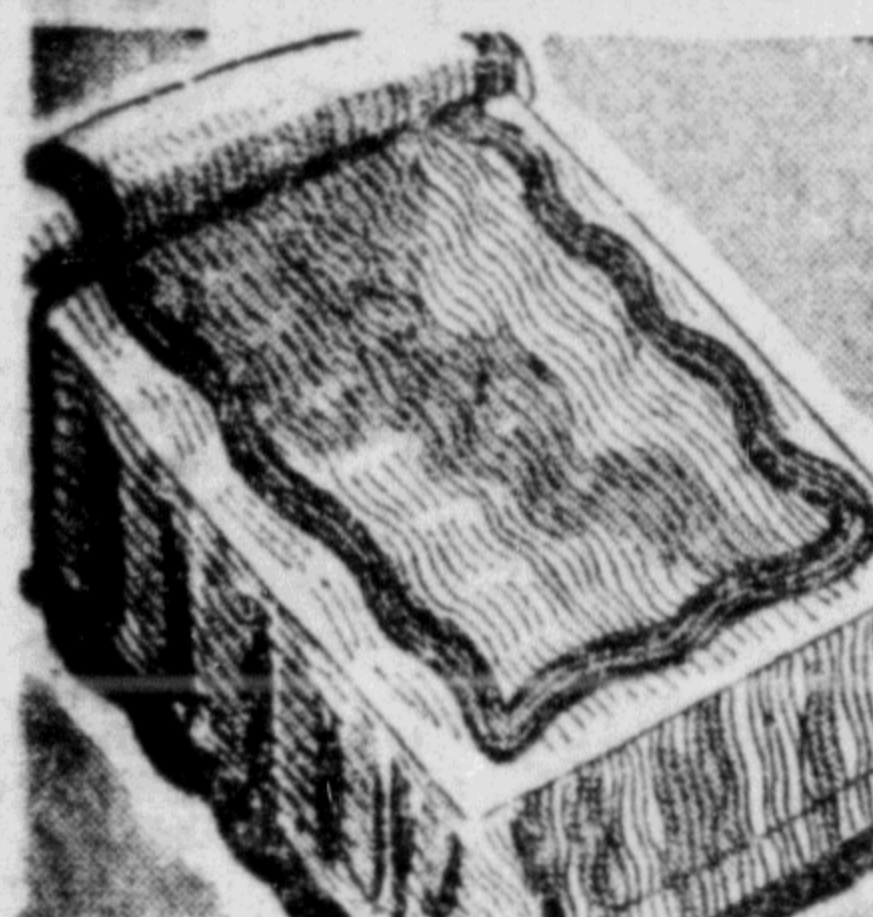
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VICTORIA (CP)—The RCAF for the first time will provide a band and color guard for the formal opening of the legislature Tuesday.

They will be stationed in front of the legislative buildings when Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace arrives at 2:40 p.m. to open the House.

His honor will inspect the guard, commanded by Lt.-Lieut. J. N. C. Lumley, while an army battery from the Esquimalt garrison fires a salute from the causeway.

His honor will then be escorted into the legislative buildings by Premier Bennett. At 3 p.m. he will enter the legislative chamber to read the speech from the throne.

In the official party will be His Honor's four aides — Lieut. Col. J. D. Travis, Lieut.-Cmdr. J. H. Wade, Wing Cmdr. J. D. D. Campbell and Acting Supt. J. W. R. Bourdeau of the RCMP and government house secretary Capt. John Cromack.

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