

### Bulgaria Lines Up in Support of Yugoslavia

**Balkan Bloc Uniting Three Peoples Now Nearer a Reality**  
LONDON, (AP)—Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia is building a Balkan bloc of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania and recommending that the Yugoslav army be strengthened because it "protects the freedom and independence of the people of Yugoslavia."

Tito himself remained as elusive as ever. Presumably his wife dominated the two Yugoslav utterances because he is the communist chief of state and she is general of the Yugoslav communist party—a position like that of Stalin in Russia. Tito variously was reported at a large summer palace in bed, in Belgrade, on an Adriatic island, in Austria and in Moscow.

**Split On Interferences.**  
The British foreign office said Russia and Yugoslavia split over the "degree of interference which can be exercised by the Kremlin in Yugoslav policy."

Russian opposition to a Balkan bloc as Yugoslavia projected, appeared earlier. Communist Premier Georgi Dimitroff of Bulgaria proposed such a federation last January, but on a larger scale, and he had Tito's active support. Pravda, the official communist newspaper in Moscow, declared its opposition to the move was heard openly until Wednesday of such a scheme.

Diplomatic observers looked for the next move from the Kremlin. Some protested belief that Tito got away with his refusal to follow communist orders, leaders in other restive satellite countries might decide to follow suit.

**"Timely Action."**  
The U. S. communist party approved the communist criticism of Tito as "timely action." They favored the communist line, asserting Tito was hostile to Russia and "attempted to curry favor with Anglo-American imperialism."

The U. S. and Yugoslavia were reported near an agreement on a money deal that would net Tito \$300,000,000. They have been negotiating for many months on \$200,000,000 U. S. claims for property nationalized in Yugoslavia and for release of \$500,000,000 Yugoslav funds which the U. S. froze in 1941 to keep the axis from it.

### Hope Picks AMVET Queen Candidates

**WATERLOO, (AP)—**Bob Hope announced Wednesday the names of five finalists who will compete in the contest for Iowa AMVET queen. The selection was made on the basis of photographs of contestants representing AMVET posts throughout the state.

The finalists, one of whom will be named Miss Iowa AMVET, are Kathryn Carter of Waterloo; Lorraine Aardal of Waverly; Emma Thompson of Storm Lake; Mrs. Audrey Hart of Clinton; and Mrs. Marie Turner of Marshalltown.

The queen will be chosen during the AMVET state convention here July 30, to Aug. 1.

### Food Index Steady

**NEW YORK, (AP)—**The Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food price index stood at 87.14 June 29, compared with 87.16 the previous week and 86.39 a year ago.

### The Weather

(By the U. S. Weather Bureau.)  
Council Bluffs and vicinity: Partly cloudy Thursday, slightly warmer. High Thursday middle 90's.  
Iowa: Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer, followed by scattered local showers west portion in the evening. High Thursday 85 to 90. Thursday, Nebraska: Fair Thursday. Total precipitation: 8.29 inches. Total deficiencies: 4.42 inches.

### Radio Propagandist Gets Life Sentence

**BOSTON, (AP)—**Robert H. Best, the American newspaperman and radio propagandist for the German Nazis for 2000 months was sentenced Wednesday to life imprisonment for treason.

The sentence was imposed by Judge Francis W. Ford, who also ordered Best to pay a fine of \$10,000.

Judge Ford imposed the sentence after hearing T. Vincent Quinn, assistant attorney general of the United States, appeal for imposition of the death penalty.

Best's counsel, Charles W. Bartlett, asked the court for leniency on the ground that Best was "a fanatic a crusader—doing what he thought best for his country."

### World Affairs Campaign Issue

**Dewey Confers With Foreign Advisor Dulles**  
(By The Associated Press.)

Republicans gave political priority Wednesday to foreign affairs. It is expected to take about domestic campaign issues and candidates.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey planned to go over the whole international situation with John Foster Dulles, his foreign policy advisor. The GOP presidential campaign is expected to take about major campaign fire against the administration's handling of world affairs.

Gov. Earl Warren, his running mate, is expected to go to New York after spending the day at Dewey's update farm. Neither would discuss details of campaign strategy discussed at their meeting.

The cost of living and an Eisenhower draft meanwhile featured democratic discussions in Washington.

**High Prices An Issue.**  
Senator O'Mahoney, (D-Wyo.), said a paramount issue in the presidential campaign would be "high prices and the failure of the republican congress to adopt Truman's program to control prices."

O'Mahoney frequently has been mentioned as a possible second man on a Truman ticket. The department secretary added that strong consumer buying could be expected to push retail meat prices still higher.

### Mo. Valley, Onawa, Demson Hospitals on Priority List

**DES MOINES, (AP)—**The state hospital advisory council Wednesday set Aug. 15 as the final date on which officials of proposed new hospitals must submit their "letters of intent" to become eligible for the second year's allotment of federal aid to hospital construction funds.

The second annual allotment of \$1,343,000 in federal money becomes available July 1. The council said communities planning new hospitals and wishing to be considered for federal grant must file their first notice by the Aug. 15 deadline.

**Allotments Oct. 15.**  
Allotments of the federal money will make on Oct. 15 and contracts for construction must be let by May 15, 1949, the council said.

General federal money is allotted on the basis of \$1 of federal funds to each \$2 of local funds.

Mount Airy still retained its top priority position on Oct. 15. It is expected that the original priority list.

Given general priority are 16 hospitals which already have facilities are less than 25 per cent of the estimated hospital bed need.

**Mo. Valley Thin.**  
Mr. Walter Hanlon, director of the hospital division, said the advisory council would study the economic co-operation agreement with Russia, which certainly will be a hot issue for many Marshall plan countries. He made that statement at a news conference with the council.

**See Even Higher Prices for Meat**  
**Consumer Demand Still Holds Strong**  
WASHINGTON, (AP)—The agriculture department predicted Wednesday that prices for meat in the home next week will be even higher this summer and early fall. That means a further boost in retail figures can be expected.

Prices of hogs, cattle and sheep jumped 8-12 per cent between mid-May and mid-June as shipments to market dropped off and consumer demand for meat had increased.

A further drop in supplies is expected in the months immediately ahead. The department is adding that strong consumer buying could be expected to push retail meat prices still higher.

The department offered little hope for a material increase in meat supplies before 1950. It was to be expected that the department would offer smaller and smaller, with small prospect for a boost in hog shipments before late 1949.

### Equality of New Option Plan Doubtful

**Proposal Not as Simple as it Sounds, Says Omaha Attorney**  
The legality of proposals made by Dr. Harry N. Boyne's group to take over Western Iowa Power company was questioned Wednesday by Omaha attorney for the utility.

Incorporated as the Southwest Iowa Power and Light company, the local group would purchase option direct from the Omaha owners. It petitioned Mayor George P. Spahr to recommend WIPC make such an assignment.

On May 20, the mayor was given an option to buy the utility's properties for \$1,500,000. It expires on Aug. 1.

Dr. Boyne's group incorporated as the "People's Utility" and says it proposes to own and operate the utility for the "ultimate and exclusive benefit of the people of Western Iowa."

Weststrand said the proposal is "not as simple as it sounds." He said the proposal is a complex one and he questions whether such a set-up is legal in Iowa.

The mayor giving the city's present option to Dr. Boyne's group, he said: "I don't pretend to know anything about Iowa law, but I don't think the mayor can give the option over to any private group who would operate it."

**Three Known Dead as Fishing Boat Explodes in Gulf**  
CEDAR RAPIDS, (AP)—A harvesting schooner of three days without food and drinking water in the Gulf of Mexico after the fishing boat exploded and burned was lost Wednesday by two survivors of the ill-fated craft.

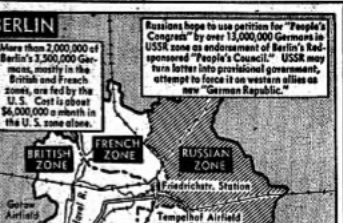
**Bama to Yield for Call to Eisenhower**  
MOBILE, Ala., (AP)—The chairman designate of Alabama's delegation said Wednesday Gen. Eisenhower's name would be first placed in nomination at the democratic national convention.

**Lee Watts to Head Highway Commission**  
ALEX., (AP)—Lee R. Watts of Cambridge was named to head the state highway commission Wednesday by Gov. Robert D. Blue, who was elected chairman of the Iowa state highway commission Wednesday.

**Bluffs Man, Buried Alive, Suffers Only a Broken Finger**  
DON COOPER, 21, of 216 North First street, was buried Wednesday in a bank of dirt that caved in on him, but he apparently suffered only a broken finger.

**Lowland Takes Over New Agriculture Job**  
WASHINGTON, (AP)—Albert J. Lowland of Janesville, Ill., became Undersecretary of Agriculture Wednesday.

**Sign Truman Will Sign New Pay Bill**  
WASHINGTON, (AP)—House Speaker Charles McNair predicted Wednesday President Truman will sign "reluctantly" a bill raising the pay of most federal employees.



**CRISIS IN BERLIN**—Map highlights factors in the Russians' critical Berlin blockade which threatens starvation to the millions of Germans in the capital regularly fed by the U. S. western allies have been cut off from the city by the Russians. The city is dependent for military supplies on the single highway and railroad from the U. S. and British occupation zones.

**British End Long Four New Polio Palestine Reign Cases Reported**  
**UN Truce Team Takes Over Haifa**  
HAIFA, Israel, (AP)—The last British troops left the soil of troubled Palestine Wednesday, ending 31 years of British military occupation of the Holy Land.

**Three Come From Council Bluffs Area**  
Infantile paralysis cases in southwest Iowa continue to mount. Four new patients have been admitted to Mercy hospital late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

**North Dakota Vote Indicates Bar to Nuns as Teachers**  
FARGO, N. D., (AP)—Proponents of a proposal to prohibit nuns from teaching in public schools were piling up a 6 to 5 vote Wednesday in mounting returns from the state's 2,279 precincts was 32,283 in favor of the prohibition and 26,383 against.

**State Officials Share Meagerly in Surplus Items**  
DES MOINES, (AP)—The effective state official got more than 20 percent of items distributed by the Iowa war surplus commodities board Wednesday, declared Wednesday.

**Retroactive Wages Harvester Problem**  
CHICAGO, (AP)—Arranged and CIO union officials arranged retroactive wages Wednesday in an attempt to settle a wage dispute which led to a strike at a wine plant.

**Knights of Columbus Name District Deputies**  
POWA CITY, (AP)—Gus A. Puskell, state deputy for the Iowa Council of Knights of Columbus, Wednesday announced appointments for the 1948-49 year.

**No Place to Live, Offers Six Children**  
SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., (AP)—Felix Gates, 52, a world war I veteran, Monday offered six of his 10 children for adoption because of his inability to find a place for them to live.

**Sioux City Groups Fight Milk Boast**  
SIOUX CITY, (AP)—Groups opposing a proposed increase in the price of milk in Sioux City were preparing to appear at a hearing on the price boost set for Thursday.

**Helstein Ticket Wins CIO Packing Election**  
CHICAGO, (AP)—Top elective of fies in the CIO United Packing House Workers union were won by President Ralph Helstein and state of candidates.

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### 200-Plane Air Convoy Aids Berlin

**Crisis Over Land Blockade Unsolved; Tension Stays High**  
BERLIN (AP)—A huge allied air convoy of more than 200 planes came to the rescue Wednesday of isolated Berlin.

The crisis over the land blockade clamped on the city by the Russians remained unsolved, but there were signs it was headed for consideration at the highest level.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the house of commons the western allies were considering a direct approach to the Kremlin.

In Washington Secretary of State Marshall expressed U. S. determination to stay in Berlin regardless of the soviet blockade. Bevin made a similar statement, adding that Britain was ready for further talks on the city, but not until the soviet blockade is lifted.

**Snags Halted.**  
In that connection a British officer in Hamburg said the Russians had halted movement of barges along the Elbe river. This was an apparent addition of a water blockade, since previously the Russians had permitted barges to filter through to the isolated city.

The U. S. airforce had sent 125 planes by late afternoon and more were on the way. Tension in the city was high. This was proved anew Wednesday when a long Russian barrage balloon was sprung for artillery range spotted a false scare on the food ferry line.

The American planes, making around 100 flights daily to Berlin with food for the hungry millions, were shifted over Tuesday from teaching in Berlin to a corridor to avoid confusion.

London sources reported, meanwhile, that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had told the western nations the Russians intended to close the Russian blockade.

An official source said Britain had asked the dominions to let all available transport planes to help feed western Berlin despite the soviet blockade.

**Pleads Innocent to Murder Count**  
DES MOINES, (AP)—Robert Wimer, 21, pleaded innocent when arraigned in municipal court Wednesday on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal beating last Saturday of Delbert Bass, 24.

**Iowa Traffic Deaths**  
(By The Associated Press.)  
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