

Dixie Democrats, Truman in Split Over FEPC Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—President Truman's relations with Congress took on a new air of tension today, particularly among Southern Democrats. One of the latter, Rep. Gibson of Georgia, declared "an open break" now exists with the Chief Executive. Others, who preferred not to be quoted directly, echoed his remarks. Some of these sources also said they saw little hope for improvement in the situation when legislative work is resumed next year.

The note of discord was prompted by three White House developments yesterday as members began heading home for the holidays:

1. Mr. Truman's news conference assertion that he would express himself forcibly upon legislation calling for returning of the U. S. Employment Service (USES) to the states within 100 days. Several Congressmen interpreted this as meaning either a veto or another verbal blast at Congress is in the offing.

2. Release of letters to key lawmakers in which the President termed "unacceptable" a House substitute for the so-called "full employment" bill the Senate has passed.

3. Issuance of an order authorizing the Fair Employment practices in private industry until next June 30.

Mr. Truman's actions were termed "a political blunder" by Gibson.

Talking to a reporter Gibson added:

"It was just like waving a red flag in our faces. He should have left well enough alone. Now we have an open break, just like with the FEPC directive. They have been constant critics of the agency and forced to cut in its funds last spring. They said the President's move to extend FEPC's wartime authority might prompt a new effort to abolish it. Bills are pending in both chambers to establish the agency on a permanent basis.

Large numbers of both Republicans and Democrats disagree with Mr. Truman about the employment service, which has been under Federal control since early in the war. The President first asked Congress to keep it under government supervision until July, 1947, but later let it be known that July, 1946, would be acceptable.

Many Congressmen fought for an immediate return of the agency's administration to the states, but a compromise finally was included in a \$52,000,000 "cutback" appropriations bill specifying the 100-day grace period. The President maintained that too early a return of USES to the states would unsettle the government's reemployment program for veterans and former war plant workers.

The frigate Constitution got her nickname during her victorious battle with the British frigate Guerriere in the War of 1812. American sailors seeing shot bounding off her solid oak sides dubbed her "Old Ironsides."



NEW TO OLE—From Eugene, present capital of the American lumber industry, to Chicago, the former capital, went Herbert J. Cox, (left) president of the Eugene chamber of commerce and secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, to present a Douglas fir seedling from Lane county to Robert J. Dunham (right), president of the Chicago park district. Congressman Harris Ellsworth, center, looks on approvingly. (Chicago Sun photo, Wiltshire engraving).

Truman's Remarks Bear on CVA Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—Suggestions made by President Truman are embodied in the proposed Columbia Valley Authority asked in identical bills introduced yesterday, Senator Mitchell and Rep. Jackson, Washington State Democrats, said today.

"This measure," their statement said, "incorporates suggestions made by the President to us in our discussions with him. It provides for a sound and orderly development on a unified basis rather than under piecemeal arrangements now prevailing."

Patterned after the TVA and with headquarters in the North-

west, the authority would have such powers as irrigating arid lands, generating and distributing hydro-electricity, conserving soil, improving navigation facilities, preventing floods and protecting forests and wildlife.

"Congress must soon adopt some kind of a policy regarding widely scattered functions in the Columbia Valley," they said. "There is much confusion. The handling of power facilities alone is on a confused basis with different agencies operating the dams."

Three-Year Cancer Toll Exceeds War Casualties

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—The Census Bureau said today nearly twice as many persons died of cancer in this country during 1942-43-44 as the armed services lost by enemy action in World War II.

Cancer deaths in the period totaled 501,419, the bureau said, while recent Army and Navy figures placed combat losses at 273,000.

Turkey Prices
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(P)—Dressed turkeys—Packers selling price to retailers: hens, 43-43½ lb.; toms, 39-41c. Other produce unchanged.

MacArthur Hits Story Of Split With Russia

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cast report, "supported to have been made by Larry Tighe of the American Broadcasting Corporation, has absolutely no basis in fact."

It concluded: "If Tighe made the statement he is alleged to have broadcast from Tokyo, someone must have been feeding him a funny type of 'hoop' being peddled around Tokyo on the black market."

Tighe Sticks to Story
(Talking to the air after issuance of the statement, Tighe said "I reaffirm the story which I

previously broadcast that the expressed desire of the commander of this area is that the Russian troops not be allowed to take over the Japanese island of Hokkaido."

(Tighe's reply, monitored in San Francisco by ABC, added: "Further, the supreme commander's claim that if I made such statements I must have been full of Tokyo black market hooch is inaccurate in the first place—but this is more important—hardly fitting in a discussion of a subject that concerns the very life of the United Nations organization." Tighe said he received his information "from a reliable and honest source and I still consider it both reliable and honest.")

Tighe, in the broadcast which drew the headquarters denial statement, set forth these reports:

1. Russia wanted to send in an army of occupation to Japan; MacArthur insisted on only a division.

2. Russia wanted to occupy the Northern island of Hokkaido, which is nearest Siberia; MacArthur suggested Kishuu, leaving American forces on Honshu and Hokkaido in between the Russians and Siberia.

3. MacArthur reportedly told the U. S. State Department he would resign rather than allow Russia any further participation on occupation affairs.

No Word at Washington
Yesterday in Washington, Tighe's broadcast report was called to the attention of President Truman, who told his news conference neither he nor the War Department had received any such word from MacArthur. The State Department said it had not heard of reported differences between MacArthur and the Russians.

MacArthur's officers implementing his occupation program came up today with two charges of deception against the Japanese. Col. Crawford F. Sams, chief

of the public health and welfare section, said Japanese government officials had misrepresented the country's food problems in an attempt to obtain American supplies.

Sams asserted the danger of starvation in Japan during this winter "does not now exist."

Meanwhile, U. S. Sixth Army headquarters said 24th division patrols on the Southern island of Shikoku have "discovered" further evidence that Japanese military equipment is being concealed in spite of repeated demands that it be reported.

Hugh concrete pillboxes, previously unreported, were found along the coast together with cleverly concealed gun emplacements and stores of war material.

GMC, Union Still Try To Reach Agreement

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party's stand. In the oil industry's panel, company spokesmen also have threatened to withdraw if issues of profits and prices are introduced.

President Truman's statement, which did not mention any single industry, said that "ability to pay is always one of the facts relevant to the issue to an increase in wages."

Ford Dispute Stymied

In Detroit, the UAW-CIO held little hope for early settlement of its wage dispute with the Ford Motor Company as negotiations were in recess until Jan. 8. The company's proposal of a 12.4 per cent wage rate increase as against the union's demand for a 30 per cent pay hike for the automotive industry, was formally rejected at yesterday's conference. The union termed the offer "completely unacceptable," and "totally inadequate."

Secretary of Labor Schwelienhach's proposal to name a fact-finding panel to consider issues in the seven-week-old strike of 4,000 employees of Greyhound Bus lines was studied today by union officials.

A Greyhound corporation official said the Pennsylvania and Central Greyhound Lines had accepted conditions for ending the strike in 18 eastern states. The panel would consider issues in the wage dispute after both parties agree to end the walkout and abide by other conditions.

Borg-Warner Ups Wage

The eight-week-old strike by 1,800 CIO-UAW workers in the Borg-Warner Corporation in Muncie, Ind., has been settled, says union President R. J. Thomas. He said the agreement includes wage increases of 13 cents an hour to non-incentive workers and boosting of earnings for production workers to an average of approximately \$1.50 an hour.

The strike at the plant, which manufactures transmissions, seriously affected auto production. In South Gate, Calif., CIO United Rubber Workers at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. voted 599 to 55 to strike in support of demands for 30 cents an hour pay boosts.

Tire Rationing Will Come to End January 1

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for new cars will be continued, along with restrictions on white side wall tires and tire exports. The prohibition on spare tires sales begin.

Price Control Continues

OPA said price control over tires also would be continued and would be "closely checked." After today, no additional ration certificates will be issued ex-

cept in emergency cases. Tire rationing began Jan. 5, 1942. Inventories have been frozen from the day after Pearl Harbor.

Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small advised Bowles that current weekly production of passenger tires will approximate 4,000,000 this month. Small estimated that 66,000,000 passenger tires will be made in 1946.

Supply Still Limited

Bowles warned that termination of rationing does not mean there is an ample supply of tires to meet all requests.

"For many months," he added, "it will remain important that motorists continue to do everything possible to avoid excessive wear and tear on tires. There will be many who will have to wait to get tires."

The OPA chief urged all motorists who can wait for a new tire until rationing ends to do so.

AKRON, O., Dec. 21.—(P)—

Lifting of tire rationing by the OPA Jan. 1 will result in "more confusion" but not more tires, predicts a spokesman for one of Akron's huge rubber companies.

"Freeing the tire market is not going to make any more tires," the spokesman said.

"It will be late next year before you get the kind of tire you

want when you want it," he predicted. Tire warehousemen and dealers reported that their supplies of tires under existing shortages were nearly depleted here and said it had been virtually impossible to obtain adequate stocks.

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