

Petitions Ask Pension Plan's Enactment

Congress Receives Urge From 300,000 Backers Of Townsend Proposal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Petitions bearing the signatures of more than 300,000 persons from seven states urging enactment of the Townsend Old Age Pension Plan were made public today by a group of House members favoring the legislation.

The petitions and number of signers were: Oregon, 35,000; Minnesota, 45,000; Wisconsin, 44,000; Indiana, 35,000; Pennsylvania, 45,000; Illinois, 40,000; and Ohio, 60,000. The members to whom the petitions had been sent were Reps.: Angell (R-Ore.), Andersen (R-Minn.), Hull (Prog-Wis.), Madden (D-Ind.), Brumbaugh (R-Pa.), Douglas (D-Ill.) and Bender (R-Ohio).

The petitions urge the House Ways and Means Committee to approve the plan and bring it before the House for action. The congressmen said additional petitions having hundreds of thousands of signatures had not been tabulated.

Rep. Angell, spokesman for the group, said the backers of the plan had been promised hearings by the committee but expressed doubt that it will be enacted at the present session of Congress.

"Eventually," he asserted, "it will be enacted."

The proposal, backed by Dr. Francis E. Townsend, would levy a three per cent gross income tax on all persons to finance the plan.

The first \$3,000 of income would be exempted. All citizens of the nation would be eligible for receiving a pension as soon as they reach 60 years of age and are unemployed.

Angell estimated that under the present national income the pensioners would receive \$60 to \$75 a month.

He later told the House that under present laws, the average old age pension is \$29.97 monthly.

Millionaire Club Opened to Anyone At \$41 Daily Rate

By ROGER GREENE
(AP Newsfeatures)
MIAMI, Fla.—Once famed as the "Shangri-La" of 400 millionaires, the luxurious Boca Raton Club midway between Miami and Palm Beach has felt the pinch of the nation's dwindling supply of millionaires and put out the public-welcome mat for the first time in 15 years.

So exclusive that it had cost \$5,000 a year in membership fee just to get inside the gates, the club was the winter haunt of top-crust socialites.

Now all it takes to bask in the lavish seaside surroundings is a bankroll that can stand the bite of \$41 a day.

"Millionaires aren't what they used to be," said Gordon B. Anderson, vice president, in an interview.

Tommy Armour, the club's veteran golf pro and former U. S. open champion, quoted Harold S. Vanderbilt, the vachtsman, as having lamented to him recently:

"I used to live very well on the interest of the interest of my capital. Now I have to live on the interest alone."

The Boca Raton passed in 1944 to the ownership of J. Myer Schine, once a Russian immigrant boy, who worked as a factory hand in Gloversville, N. Y., and built up a fortune in movie theaters and hotels.

Designed by Addison Mizner, brother of the famed wit, Wilson Mizner, the club was completed January 1, 1930, at an estimated cost of 19 million dollars. It encompasses more than 1,200 acres on the Atlantic, 40 miles north of Miami, with three swimming pools, two 18-hole golf courses, six tennis courts, 650 guest rooms, a fleet of 30-foot fishing cruisers, 200 beach cars.

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banas, a 1,200-seat theater and an open-air night club.

Boca Raton officials said they expect it to be a gold mine during the 1945-46 winter season.

"There aren't many millionaires any more, but there are plenty of people with plenty of money."

Average Meat Bill To Rise Only 80c A Year, Estimate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—OPA officials estimated today that the average American's meat bill will go up only about 80 cents a year as the result of higher wages authorized for packing-house workers.

They made this prediction as the agriculture department, boss of government-seized meat plants, prepared to put an additional 16 cents an hour into pay envelopes of 131,000 employees of five big packing companies.

While this increase, approved by the wage stabilization board, applies at present only to workers at 11 plants of Swift, Armour, Cudahy, Wilson and John Morrell, it becomes the pattern for the industry under the administration's new wage-price policy. This means, for example, that 13 other companies whose plants also are being operated by the government may grant pre-approved wage increases up to 15 cents an hour and expect about the same off-setting price help allowed the "Big Five."

Stabilization Director Bowles said price increases authorized for the packings will lift retail meat prices "not more than 11 per cent" for the average family.

OPA officials said the 11 per cent might be translated "in a rough manner" something like this:

The agriculture department estimates that meat consumption in the United States this year will average about 155 pounds a person.

Figure the present average price of meat at about 35 cents a pound and the year-around cost for each individual is \$54.25, said Bowles' estimate of the increase to that and the cost goes up 81 cents.

More Funds for Flour, Meat Subsidies Voted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Authority for payment of an additional \$125,000,000 in government meat subsidies and an extra \$25,000,000 in flour subsidies was voted by the Senate yesterday.

The additional funds, to be paid by the Reconstruction Finance Corp., will carry the two subsidy programs through June 30.

In addition, the bill extends the right of the government to purchase for resale at a loss, sugar and vegetables processed before July 1, 1946, and flaxseed har-

France Will Ask UNO for All-Out Break With Spain

PARIS, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Bidault reportedly informed the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Constituent Assembly today that he had requested American and British support for a French effort to bring Spain before the United Nations Security Council on charges of endangering international peace and security.

Deputies emerging from a commission meeting said Bidault told them he had made the appeal in a joint note to Washington and London as directed by the cabinet yesterday, following its decision to close the French-Spanish border to trade, effective at midnight Friday.

Meanwhile, popular outcry for an outright diplomatic rupture increased.

Fifteen thousand Communists, Socialists and Labor Union Militants attended a mass meeting of protest against Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime last night, at which speakers called on the United Nations to break off diplomatic relations with Spain at once.

The speakers also demanded United Nations help for Spanish Republicans in their fight to oust Franco and the Falangist regime.

Dispatches from Hendaye, meanwhile, reported that Spanish authorities had closed their side of the border this morning—48 hours in advance of the closing time announced by the French.

Memory Lapses Blamed on Tempo Of Modern Life

(AP Newsfeatures)
CINCINNATI, O.—Now if you forget to mail the wife's letter you can blame it on the tempo of modern life and think nothing much more of it—that is, if the wife doesn't find that letter in your pocket.

Dr. Arthur G. Bills, professor

of psychology at the University of Cincinnati, says time has become so telescoped "and we have so many stimuli poked at us that the patterns of memory are broken up."

So even if the wife finds that letter, Dr. Bills has an excuse for you that may work—at least once. It is "retroactive inhibition," which can be an entirely commendable affliction.

Tests Are Applied
The psychologist demonstrates the workings of retroactive inhibition by teaching a person something, allowing him to sleep for one hour, then having him recite it back. A second part of the test involves the learning of something more, sleeping eight hours, and then reciting it back.

In both these phases memory works equally well, proving that mere passage of time cannot be blamed for forgetfulness. However, when the same individual is required to remain awake for eight hours after learning his lesson, he forgets 60 per cent of it!

"That proves that retroactive inhibition is caused by the number of other things impressed upon the memory between learning and attempted recall," says Dr. Bills. "To remember to mail a letter, sleep on it."

Cline, Murder Suspect, Denies Forgery Charges

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(AP)—White-haired Alfred Leonard Cline pleaded innocent yesterday to nine counts of forgery and one of grand theft—charges on which he was indicted here while police of four states investigated the deaths of several elderly women whom he wed or with whom he had been friendly.

Superior Judge Herbert C. Kaufman set trial for April 8.

NOTICE

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PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD

Park Bldg., 729 S.W. Alder St., Portland 5, Ore., not later than May 1, 1946, as required by chapter 401, Oregon Laws 1945, if they elect to exclude their employees from the state retirement system.

Wildcat Logging Operators Leave Employees Unpaid

Logging operators who are un-sound financially are causing "a black eye for the industry," Dick Gilman, hiring hall manager, said today, as he reported that five "wildcat operations" in the county had closed down this week owing "large sums of money" to their employees.

"It's tough enough now to get men to come into the industry," Gilman declared, "without their having to work for employers who won't pay them."

Gilman said that 11 men, seven formerly employed in one bankrupt operation and four in another, had come to his office personally during the last week, and that others in addition to these 11 were seeking to collect their money through the law.

"It's the duty of everyone to watch right close," Gilman said.

"to see that operations not on a solid financial footing, are eliminated."

"It's time for the industry as a whole," he declared, "to see that a law is passed requiring employers to post a bond guaranteeing the pay of their employees. It would do much to get rid of 'wildcat' operations."

Piling Operators Risky

Gilman said it is his policy, with few exceptions, never to hire men for piling operations, as it is "too risky." The market for piling and poles is "never certain," he said, and "I do everything I can to discourage the men to hire out on jobs for which they may not be paid."

Not an over supply of labor is available, Gilman said, and the industry is failing to get in excess of 20 per cent of the potential lumber production here, because of the lack of labor.

The prime cause is the housing shortage. Just as soon as the weather breaks, Gilman said, there will not be enough men to fill demands for rigging crews, although there will be men available for cutting crews. Rigging

crews before the war were usually made up of young men who joined the armed forces, or were called to higher paying jobs on cutting crews or in the shipyards.

Making sure of the financial soundness of logging and lumber operations, will speed the return of this labor supply to the industry, Gilman said.

Benjamin Franklin made no money from his inventions. He believed they should be contributed to the public, and refused patents.

Helium, found with natural gas, now enables deep sea divers to remain under water for as long as six hours.

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