

RAIL BROTHERHOODS' HEADS CALL STRIKE

Truman Asks Church Aid to Save Legislation Program From "Gold-Greedy" Foes

High Moral Code Needed by Mankind to Combat Threat of Doom From Atomic Energy Development, President Says

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 6.—(AP)—President Truman appealed directly today for church support of his stalemated domestic legislative program against the opposition of interests he said were "greedy for gold."

He urged religious support also for the development of atomic energy under "a high moral code" to rescue a "sick" world "in the doorway to destruction."

The President said that if the people "really believed in the brotherhood of man, it would not be necessary to pass a fair employment practices act to prevent racial discrimination in job-giving, and added:

"If certain interests were not so greedy for gold there would be less pressure and lobbying to induce Congress to allow the price control act to expire, or to keep down minimum wages, or to permit further concentration of economic power."

A truly religious fervor among our people would go a long way toward obtaining a national health program, a national housing program, and an extended and improved social security program."

Spiritual Awakening Needed
The development of atomic energy, the President told, the church leaders, has left mankind "in the doorway to destruction—on the threshold of the greatest age in history," and added: "Only a high moral code can master this new power of the universe, and develop it for the common good."

Mr. Truman spoke at a special meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Saying forces of "selfishness and greed and intolerance" are again at work, Mr. Truman declared that they create situations demanding "mor" and spiritual

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN THE news skies there are signs and portents. They are not reassuring.

A RUSSIAN Navy publication (all Russian publications say ONLY what the Kremlin tells them to say) asserts that Iceland is of strategic importance to OTHERS than the United States. (We can put that down as a move in the international poker game, designed to find out if we're bluffing about our "tougher" Russian policy.)

Britain asks Russia to EXPLAIN her refusal to withdraw Red troops from Iran in accordance with the British-Russian Iranian treaty. (Britain plays chess, not poker; so call that a move on the international chess-board.)

IN Ottawa, Canadian Premier King issues a report naming Russia as the power that tried to get (and maybe did get) atom bomb secrets.

(Don't overrate the importance of this development. All nations spy on all other nations.)

CHUNGKING Chinese "sources" (who request anonymity) assert that Russian troops are continuing to pour into Manchuria in

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Military Coalition Advised By Churchill Evokes Adverse Comment From U. S. Solons

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—A number of influential Senators today rejected Winston Churchill's suggestion for a military coalition with Britain as an affront inviting Russian retaliation and a "body blow" to the United Nations.

Senator George (D-Ga.) told a reporter that an agreement to dovetail American and British armed forces, such as proposed by the former prime minister in his Fulton, Mo., speech yesterday, would "weaken the United Nations as a strong and dominant organization."

"I think it would be a body blow to the UNO if the United States and Britain were entering into anything that had the aspects of an outside military coalition," George declared.

Similarly, Senators Pepper (D-Fla.), Kilgore (D-W. Va.) and Taylor (D-Ill.) declared in a statement that Churchill's proposal would "cut the throat of the UNO" and destroy the unity of the war-time Big Three. Criticizing what they termed "Tory clamor in Britain and the United States which is building up war," they said "the new British-American imperialism which Mr. Churchill proposes . . . simply makes the world situation intolerable."

Would Force Counter Move
Senators Ball (R-Minn.) commented that such an agreement

would obviously be interpreted by Russia as directed against her—and with some justification, I think," he added. This would be almost certain to force the Russians into counter alliances.

Some on Capitol Hill, like Senators Taft (R-Ohio), Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) and Maybank (D-S.C.) agreed generally with the former prime minister's estimate of Russian aims. Churchill described these as a desire for "indefinite expansion" of Soviet "power and doctrines." None, however, saw a military alliance as the answer to that problem.

Moreover, Senator Brewster (R-Me.) said he thought a military arrangement between the United States and Great Britain would be likely to "precipitate the world against us."

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Churchill's Talk Brings Divided Reaction

Alliance Idea Fails to Find Endorsement

Relations of Big Three Jarred, Opinion; Byrnes Protests Russian Actions

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—A disturbing new element beset suspicion-riddled Big Three relations today—Winston Churchill's plea for quick creation of an Anglo-American military alliance.

Here in the nation's capital two schools of diplomatic thought reacted to the impact of the Churchill address. One held that it would bring hidden distrust out into the open and force a showdown; the other that it would bolster belief that security must entail spheres of influence.

There appeared little sentiment to discount the weight of Churchill's words on American public opinion, coming as they did only five days after Secretary of State Byrnes told the world this country must stand ready to fight, if necessary, to protect the principles of the United Nations charter.

Developments Pile Up
On top of Byrnes' solemn words have piled these developments in recent weeks to strengthen arguments in some American diplomatic quarters that another face-to-face meeting among the chiefs of state has become essential to renew wartime bonds of cooperation:

1. A United States protest sent to Moscow only yesterday against the failure of Russia to withdraw Red Army forces from Iran by the March 2 treaty deadline.

2. A second note of protest

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Russia Must Meet Certain Requests To Get U. S. Loan

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—High American officials said today Russia must promise wholehearted economic cooperation with the United Nations before this government will even begin considering the Soviet request for a \$1,000,000,000 loan.

These top-ranking trade and financial experts who may not be further identified told a reporter that Russia, before being allowed to open discussions on the loan itself, will be asked whether she will join:

1. The International Trade Organization to be set up this summer under the United Nations Economic Council.

2. The International Bank and Monetary fund which will be organized at a 35-nation meeting beginning March 8 at Savannah, Ga.

Thus far, Russia has not indicated whether she will join either of these organizations although invitations were sent to her many months ago.

Even then, it was stressed that "at least" two other major questions will have to be answered by the Russians during these talks:

What the Russians intend to do with the money.

American financial experts acknowledge that, so far as they know, Russia never has displayed its balance sheet to outsiders.

Has Lots of Trouble But No Complaints

TACOMA, Wash., March 6.—(AP)—Jane Bradley, Tacoma police court clerk, received this note from a violator of parking regulations, along with a \$1 check:

"Attached parking ticket and my check. Excuses? 1. My watch is in the pawnshop. 2. My wife is expecting. 3. My son knows more than his schoolteacher. 4. I have just lost my job."

"With no complaints—the cops have treated me fair in my 25 years in Tacoma."

Continue Victory Gardens, Snell Urges Oregonians

SALEM, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Governor Snell today appealed to Oregon citizens to continue planting Victory Gardens this year to help feed the starving people of Europe and Asia.

The governor said: "I appeal to citizens of Oregon to carry on with the home-food program which so vitally aided the war, and which can aid in the establishment of an equitable peace. I ask the active support of all state and local officials in making this program a success."

Japs Renounce War In New Constitution

(By the Associated Press.)
Japan said today she is through with war forever.

A new constitution for the crushed nation was announced in Tokyo. It renounced war for all time, prohibited maintenance of armed forces reduced the emperor to a symbol of state, vested sovereignty in the people, substituted an elective house of councilors for the once-powerful house of peers and listed revolutionary individual rights.

Emperor Hirohito, who not long ago stepped down from the "god" status, said the new government must be based on the people's will and "the principle of respect for fundamental human rights."

General MacArthur said that suited him.

Spare Stamp 9 to Be Good for Sugar

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—Housewives may get a little more sugar for canning this year than last season.

OPA revealed this yesterday in announcing that spare stamp number nine will become valid next Monday for five pounds of sugar. It will be good through October 31.

The agency said it expects to validate another home canning stamp in June or July. It added that the value of the second stamp cannot be fixed now but was not likely to be good for any more than five pounds.

A grant of 10 pounds a person would be 33 pounds more than the average home canning allotment last year.

Most consumers will find spare stamp nine in war ration book 4. Others, who have received their ration books only recently, including many returned servicemen, will find the stamp in a single-sheet sugar ration book issued them in place of book 4.

OPA said no addition in the regular sugar ration—5 pounds per person each four months—"can be foreseen at this time." The next regular stamp becomes valid May 1.

Federal Pledge Break Threatens Poultrymen

PORTLAND, March 6.—(AP)—Lack of federal machinery to purchase surplus eggs and poultry and maintain parity price levels today was blamed for a condition one poultry industry official said would "break and ruin" Oregon poultrymen.

C. W. Norton, president of the Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products Company, said "prices have sagged disastrously under the biggest surplus of poultry in cold storage in our history."

He said the congressional act promising 60 per cent of parity price for two years after the war had broken down and that instead of the 18 1/2 cent a pound parity level, poultrymen were receiving as low as 15 cents.

Dr. Beeman Quits Oregon Post for Job at Boise

PORTLAND, March 6.—(AP)—Resignation of Dr. Joseph Beeman, director of the state crime laboratory since 1939, to become pathologist and laboratory director at St. Luke's Hospital, Boise, was announced today.

Oregon State Police Superintendent Charles P. Pray said Dr. Beeman with the laboratory since it was organized, gave "financial reasons" for his resignation. The state allows \$3500 annual salary for the work.

Dr. Beeman has worked on some 3,500 crime cases in Oregon, and helped solve many of the state's murder cases requiring scientific detection work.

Sequel to Hot Coffee Drink Leads to Hospital

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 6.—(AP)—Because the coffee was hot, Frank Taylor, 42, wound up in emergency hospital for lacerations of his right ear and lower lip.

Here is how it happened: Taylor's coffee was so hot he choked. His false teeth got crosswise in his mouth and cut his lip. This so unnerved him that he fell off the chair, striking his head against the table and cutting his ear.

Oregon Senators Offer Workers' Facilities Bill

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—Senators Cordon and Morse of Oregon have introduced a bill authorizing Army engineers to supply housing, school, recreation or other facilities to families of workers on any river-harbor, flood control or other civil works.

Housing Bill Substitute is Turned Down

Republicans Defeated in Effort to Prevent Prior Ceilings on New Homes

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The House rejected yesterday a Republican substitute for the Administration Housing Bill, then proceeded toward final action on the trimmed-down administration measure.

On a teller vote, 177 opposed the Republican measure and 119 favored it.

The action beat down a Republican effort to prevent prior ceilings on new homes.

Final action on the administration measure was set for today. Earlier, the House voted to authorize the government to provide \$1,000,000,000 worth of mortgage insurance in construction of homes for veterans.

The 128-to-87 standing vote came during a section by section consideration of the overall housing measure. Under the provision, the government's authority to insure home mortgages would be increased from \$2,800,000,000 to \$3,800,000,000.

Medium Prices Stressed
To make sure that emphasis will be put on medium priced homes the House said that the insurance would not be used for mortgages exceeding \$5,400 for

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Pay Hike Ends Strike of Oregon Planer Millmen

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Most of Oregon's 1200 AFL planer millmen were back at work today with a 17 1/2 cent hourly wage increase and a promise of a two-week annual vacation.

Members voted at a meeting last night to accept the increase offered by the Woodwork Employers Association and return to the job today. Several individual plants, which granted the same raise earlier, were already operating.

Herman Schmunk, union business agent, said about 160 of the millmen who walked out Friday remained idle today. They were employed in 16 individual mills which have not yet reached a settlement.

The new wage agreement will run for a year, Schmunk said. The union originally demanded a 20 cent boost.

Homestead Opening to Youthful Vets Favored

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—Youths old enough to be drafted are also old enough to homestead government land, the House public lands committee has agreed.

The committee approved a bill granting homestead rights to World War II veterans, regardless of their age. At present, all men under 21 are barred from seeking homesteads.

Chairman Peterson (D-Fla.) said he will ask the Interior Department for its views on a bill which would grant women veterans of the armed services equal homestead rights.

The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight; partly cloudy Thursday.

Resolution Abolishing Negro Segregation Awaits Action Of Federal Church Council

COLUMBUS, O., March 6.—(AP)—A question of whether Protestants in the United States should take a stand against racial segregation in their churches and society came before a plenary session of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ today.

The question was wrapped up in a resolution passed by a section meeting on "Community Tensions" yesterday after hearing several Negro pastors plead against "the pattern of segregation more rigid than law keeping them out."

The three-day special meeting of the council to take up the challenge of religion in a post-war world attracted 500 representatives of 5,000,000 Protestant church members, who hoped to put together a definite program for the council to launch.

"The churches will renounce the pattern of segregation in race relations as unnecessary and undesirable and a violation of the gospel of love and human brotherhood," said the resolution, adopted unanimously by the meeting at which white clergymen were in the majority of the 190-odd present. "As proof of its sincerity, in this renunciation it will

R. H. Franks Chosen to Head Roseburg Community Chest, Consolidating 32 Agencies

R. H. "Bob" Franks was chosen president of the Roseburg Community Chest this week, in the first regular election of officers under the state-filed articles of incorporation. Other officers, all chosen by unanimous ballot, were: Senator Thomas Parkinson, first vice-president; Ken Bailey, second vice-president, and Lester Wimberly, treasurer.

It was reported that a total of \$12,500 was paid to member agencies of the Community Chest, by the outgoing president, Maurice Newland.

Other outgoing officers who served through the six-month period of organizing and campaigning are: J. A. Harding, first vice president; George West, second vice president, and Earl Plummer, treasurer.

Newland expressed appreciation for the services of Ray Rubel, chairman of the first drive for funds, and of David H. Hill, whose successor as secretary will be appointed by the new board.

Drive Policy Stated
Special mention was made also of the "fine cooperation" of member agencies of the Community Chest by submitting their budgets with the understanding that they would not canvass in their own behalf in the Roseburg territory, which includes an area in a six-mile radius around the city.

"The current campaign of the American Cancer Society is effective in the area outside of Roseburg and will not be conducted in the city, as it is an agency co-operating with the Community Chest," Newland said.

"The Red Cross drive is being conducted independently of the Community Chest."

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Mounted Bandit Loses Cash Taken at Merrill

MERRILL, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—A mounted bandit who attempted to rob a service station here in a style reminiscent of the old West was sought in the mountains near here today.

A posse went in search of the rider after station attendant Warren Walker reported the horseman rode into his station brandishing a revolver. In the confusion of escaping, the attendant retrieved the \$200 cash taken from the till.

"Hair Restorer" Inventor Would Take Governor Job

ST. HELENS, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Carl Brandefens, Yankton farmer who claims to have invented a hair restorer, announced today he was "available" as a gubernatorial candidate.

A registered Republican and husband of the St. Helens justice of the peace, he said he would seek nomination by assembly before the November election if he runs, but would not be a candidate in the primary.

Dr. G. B. Noble Takes Post With State Department

PORTLAND, March 6.—(AP)—Dr. George Bernard Noble, former chairman of the 12th Regional War Labor Board and on leave from Reed College as head of the Political Science Department, has taken a post with the State Department in Washington.

Noble will be assistant chief of the research and publications division, compiling data to aid in formation of foreign policy.

Price Controls Off Light Bulbs, Most Musical Items

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—OPA today lifted price controls from electric light bulbs and all musical instruments except radios and phonographs.

It also discontinued price ceilings on snow shoes, cowbells, bull rings, gas masks, cocktail shakers, unglazed flower pots and scores of other items, including baseball and football uniforms, except shoes.

The exemption order on musical instruments also covers all phonograph records and albums.

Next Monday, OPA added, rental ceilings on bicycles will be dropped.

Russian Press Ignores Churchill's Address

MOSCOW, March 6.—(AP)—Moscow morning newspapers made no mention today of Winston Churchill's address yesterday at Fulton, Mo., nor of the notes which the United States government addressed to Russia on problems involving Iran and Manchuria.

Also ignored were the remarks which A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, made last evening in the British House of Commons, concerning relations with Russia.

375,000 Given Order to Quit Jobs Monday

Hope of Averting Tie-up Rests With Truman; Phone Paralysis Seems Certain

(By the Associated Press)
Heads of two big operating brotherhoods today set 6 A. M. (EST) Monday as the deadline for a progressive strike which could paralyze the nation's railroad systems.

The announcement was made at a press conference called in Cleveland by A. F. Whitney of the Trainmen's Brotherhood and Alvaney Johnston of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The announcement officially confirmed reports from local officers of the brotherhoods in many cities across the country

that they already had received instructions for the walkout.

Whether the strike will go off as scheduled, however, was not clear immediately. Under the railway labor act, President Truman can appoint an emergency board to study the dispute and submit recommendations. Such procedure is presumed to forestall any strike from 30 to 60 days.

At the same time, the railroad managements denounced the strike call as a "senseless and

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Crash Kills Two Women; Four Other Persons Hurt

DALLAS, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—A truck-car collision at the Rieckhoff junction of the Salem-Dallas highway killed two women yesterday and left four others in a hospital.

Victims were Mrs. W. C. Darrar, Madras, killed almost instantly, and Mrs. Martha Thompson, Wisconsin resident, who died in a hospital here. Both were passengers in the car. The impact virtually demolished the car, and sent the truck plunging off the highway into an auto court.

Officers said those injured were Kenneth R. Jackson, Redmond, driver of the car; his wife and 6-month-old child; W. C. Darrar, 77, husband of the victim; and Mrs. Martha Thompson, of Wisconsin. The driver of the truck, George Hogan Keller, was unhurt.

More Shoes Promised Americans This Year

BOSTON, March 6.—(AP)—Four pairs of shoes in 1946 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

That was the prediction today of Maxwell Field, executive vice president of the New England Shoe and Leather Association, whose members produce a very sizable proportion of the nation's footwear.

Basing his estimate on the 200-odd new shoe factories that have sprung up in the months since V-J Day, together with expansion of existing plants, Field said the output this year would total 550,000,000 pairs of all types of footwear.

"That," he said, "compares with an estimated 490,000,000 pairs in 1945 and the peak output of 438,000,000 pairs in 1941."

Roseburg Churches to Join in World Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be observed in Roseburg Friday, March 8, at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church with all churches of the community invited to participate. The service is open to the public.

World Day of Prayer will be observed at the same time and day in 51 countries of the world and will carry out the theme, "The Things That Make for Our Peace."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

With one rebuff from Spain and another in the offing from Argentina, the administration at Washington is having no better success trying to run the affairs of other nations, than in trying to conduct the affairs of its own country.