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Senate, House at Odds Over Heavy Expenditure Plans

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(AP)—Sharp differences between Senate spending notions and House frugality promised today to furnish a major showdown on how far Congress will go in whittling down governmental expenditures for the next 12 months.

A \$341,980,000 Interior Department appropriations bill became the financial guinea pig for the test at the hands of a joint congressional conference committee.

As it passed the Senate late yesterday, the measure carried nearly twice the \$78,426,800 allocations previously approved by the House. It would give the Interior Department about \$138,000,000 more than last year.

Senate passage, by roll call tally of 44 to 19, came only after Senator Higgins (R-N. H.) termed the bill "the worst money grab the Senate has enacted in a long, long time"—a "slap in the face of economy, a slap at private industry."

With this money measure out of the way, the Senate turned its attention to a \$4,100,000 supply bill for the Navy. Here, too, the appropriations committee recommended more than approved by the House, boosting the total \$49,000,000.

Before final action on the Interior bill, the Senate approved \$7,500,000 for the Southwestern Power Administration and granted \$4,572,000 for construction of power transmission lines at California's central valley project.

Funds for the two federal projects were voted by narrow margins despite a bitter two-day protest that they constituted a trend toward socialization, a threat to private enterprise, and a menace to state sources of revenue.

Senators McCarran (D-Nev.) and Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) led an unsuccessful fight to halt construction on all future government power projects until Congress could establish an over-all policy on nationalization of electrical energy.

U. S. Plan to Train China Army Waits On Congress O. K.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The United States is ready to help train a Chinese army of possibly 1,000,000 men, provided congress gives its okay.

The training would include both central government and communist troops, in a ratio of five to one.

The exact number of men still is uncertain, but Gen. George C. Marshall, special ambassador to China, has approved a program developed by the state, war and navy departments calling for an "effective small army" of 60 divisions.

That descriptive came from officials who said the objective is three-fold: 1. To enable China to maintain her internal security.

2. To help preserve peace in Asia and, 3. To cooperate in whatever way is necessary with United Nations peace forces yet to be organized.

Secretary of State Byrnes sent Acting Senate President McKellar a request for the necessary legislation before he left for the Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Paris. The proposal was referred to the foreign relations committee for action.

"I firmly believe," Byrnes wrote McKellar, "that the national interest in the establishment and preservation of peace and security in Asia, requires that the United States give aid to the Republic of China by assisting that country to organize and maintain modern military forces of moderate size which will permit China to make a substantial contribution to peace in that part of the world."

Some of the officers still in China are reported to have been held there in anticipation of such an assignment.

Season for Federal Projects Reopens Amid Porkbarrel Cry

WASHINGTON.—The inevitable (in peacetime) "project" season is back in Congress. A rivers and harbors bill, first since before the war, has been passed by the House and sent to the Senate. It proposes expenditures of at least a billion dollars. So does a flood control bill to be considered later.

Final passage of the measures—probably certain—won't mean high expenditures immediately. Money will be provided over the years as construction moves forward.

President Truman likes such programs. He says they create a backlog of public works for slack-time jobs and at the same time assure orderly and full development of the country's water resources.

But there's opposition, too. Private power opponents say public power development puts government in competition with private enterprise.

The railroads—usually most of them—don't like the idea of too much federal spending for improvement of waterways. That's competition for the rails.

There is little serious opposition to purely flood control projects, although there are those who look with misgiving on spending too much for them.

A project travels a long and sometimes a rough road before it finally is approved or rejected by Congress. Here's how it is handled: Someone decides it is needed. It is proposed to Congress. A committee authorizes the Army engineers to make a survey. They go to the scene, consider the cost and the benefits, and hold hear-

ings. The engineers make their recommendation to Congress. If it is favorable, the proper committee holds hearings. If the committee's decision is favorable, the project goes into an "omnibus" bill with many other projects.

The measure goes to the House or Senate. Either Senate or House can eliminate, or add, projects.

Finally approved by Congress, the bill goes to the President. He can veto or approve it.

But approval by the President doesn't build the project. It has to be passed by both houses first and accepted by the President.

Finally the engineers have authority to modify the project or to change their minds and not build it at all.

The word "porkbarrel" re-sounds in Congress during noisy debate over project bills. A porkbarrel bill has been defined as one in which various congressmen agree to vote for projects in each other's district.

Advocates contend such a description is unfair, that their sole purpose is to improve waterways and provide flood protection. But both sides agree that it helps a congressman at home if a project is authorized in an election year.

140, Reedsport, for construction of a \$10,760 meeting hall. The union had proposed to build a structure of pumice blocks.

Ore., have rented the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh and took possession Saturday.

Nila Pope received severe injuries Monday when she fell from the bicycle she was riding. She will be confined to her bed for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Watson are the proud parents of a daughter, born Sunday, at Mercy Hospital, Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chenoweth and Mrs. LeRoy Jones attended the wedding of Miss Dorothy Schach at Salem Saturday. Miss Schach lived with her parents for several years in Sutherlin before moving to Salem.

The L. and H. Lumber Co. are progressing with their mill and this week have a bulldozer and a shovel grading the grounds and digging a pond. When this mill is finished remanufacturing of waste from mills is expected to be carried on.

Coal Prices Increased To Meet Wage Boosts

Continued From Page 1 effective immediately, but in most cases the higher costs apply retroactively to all sales since May 13, when OPA authorized seller-buyer agreements for later payment of any increases granted.

The new price schedule applies at present only while the bituminous mines are operated by the government, which seized the pits during the strike which ended May 29.

President Truman told his news conference yesterday he did not know when the government will turn back the mines to their owners.

Bituminous mine operators have delayed opening negotiations with Lewis, UMW president, until OPA granted price increases to compensate for wage hikes the government allowed.

But there was no immediate sign that the mine owners will start dicker with Lewis right away on a contract similar to the one negotiated by the government.

Ezra Van Horn, chairman of the bituminous operators negotiating committee, told a reporter there is no meeting scheduled (with Lewis) and no indication that any overtures will be made immediately.

He expressed the opinion that the operators will want to study the new prices first.

Maj. Gen. Halsey Will Leave for Japan June 30

Continued From Page 1 Corps a part of Gen. Patton's Third Army.

Gen. Halsey was the first general to make German civilians bury the concentration camp dead and his example was followed by other generals of the Allied armies.

When re-deployment of troops to Japan began following V-E day, the 97th was among the first divisions picked. "We went into Japan standing up, for which I am thankful," the general commented.

City's Growth Amazes Gen. Halsey expressed amazement at the growth of Roseburg and the amount of new building projects here. "They seem much greater than in other towns I have seen over the country," he commented.

The general's family had been visiting in Roseburg before his return from Japan. He re-joined his family in Boston, Mass., where they are now, but he hopes to have them in Japan with him as soon as he can be settled in his new assignment.

Rodeo's Top Talent to Compete at Roseburg

Continued From Page 1 biggest rodeo shows in the south. Ex-Collegian Draws Notice

Just out of college, but rapidly making a name for himself in riding and roping circles, is P. J. Pierce of Clovis, N. M., who, through his showings during the past month on the West Coast is said to be one of the fastest calf-ropers in the business.

Buck Abbott, considered "just an all-around cowboy" by colleagues, of Richmond Beach, Calif., is another of the many entrants who have reached the "rainbow's end," better known as Madison Square Garden, New York City. He will be seen Saturday and Sunday barebacking, riding bulls, roping calves, and in trick rider and trick roping events.

Another cowboy, said to be the envy of all the veterans in the show, is Doug Linderman of Red Lodge, Mont., who won the bareback event at Pittsburgh, Pa., last February in his second attempt at commercial work. Doug is from a large family of famous rodeo men. Bill Linderman, Doug's brother, holds the present title of World's Champion Cowboy.

Affiliated with the National Rodeo Association, these contest-

ants hold accident insurance paid through their dues to the association. Before entering a rodeo show for participation, each participant must pay an entrance fee which enables him to enter as many events as he chooses. Majority of the contestants travel sections of the country that they believe will bring in the most prize money.

West is Stepping Stone Gerald Roberts, who holds three silver buckles for events won at Madison Square Garden, New York City, said "most of the fellows in this particular show either came to the West Coast for a change of scenery or to build up a reputation in the smaller shows. All of us in this show are looking forward to getting into the big and final one at Madison Square, but it's these smaller shows that get you there."

Roberts reportedly drove 1,750 miles to reach the West Coast circuit for its present tour. After entering shows in Roseburg, Tacoma, Molalla, and Ogden, Utah, he plans to tour toward the East Coast.

Extension of Draft Exempts 18-Year-Olds

Continued From Page 1 months of service will make a man eligible for discharge, upon application.

It also calls for the release of fathers now in the service, upon application, after Aug. 1, 1946, and no more drafting of fathers.

Pay Increases Voted Along with the draft act extension, the conferees also approved a pay increase plan for all men and officers of all the armed services.

Like exemption of 18-year-olds, the pay hike represented a victory for the House conferees who had insisted upon a separate bill providing higher salaries in the armed forces.

The Senate originally incorporated pay increases in its draft extension measure. "The increases were limited to enlisted personnel with biggest jumps for army privates, corporals, and sergeants

along with corresponding lowest grades of other services. This was aimed at attracting volunteers and thus reducing the need for drafted men.

However, the conferees decided to go along with the House idea of a separate bill, giving a 50 percent pay boost to the bottom enlisted grades, and providing graduated increases for other non-commissioned and commissioned personnel up to generals.

The new pay scales would give army privates and navy apprentice seamen \$75 a month instead

of the present \$50, while generals and admirals at the top of the ladder would draw \$733.33, as compared with the present \$667.67.

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