

Truman Asks Overseas Relief Fund

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\$350 Million Said Required For UNRRA

U. S. Can Not Abandon Neeedy Freed Countries, Message Tells Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today to vote \$350,000,000 for relief aid to people of liberated countries abroad.

In a message to the legislators, the President noted that full scale supply operations by UNRRA are rapidly drawing to a close, and said:

"On humanitarian grounds, and in the light of our own self-interest as well, we must not leave the task unfinished. We can not abandon the peoples still in need."

UNRRA—the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration—is scheduled to wind up its operations March 31, although winding up activities under way will continue beyond that date.

Mr. Truman's recommendation was only for liberated countries. United States relief activities in occupied countries, such as Germany and Austria, are financed by the War Department from its appropriations.

Under U. S. Control There have been complaints in Congress about UNRRA's administration methods. Some legislators contend its services have been used to support governments uncooperative with the United States.

The President made no reference to this, but recommended that future United States relief assistance be given directly rather than through an international organization, and "be administered under United States control."

Mr. Truman said the money he asks is needed "for the urgent relief needs for the balance of the year." He added:

"The most critical period will be in the spring and summer months, when UNRRA shipments will cease and their harvests are not yet available."

"Swift legislative action is necessary if our help is not to be cut off."

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Chained Doors Bar Union Ouster Edict

SEATTLE, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Three officials of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 104 rode and chained their office doors today and defied other union officers to oust them under a directive from the International headquarters at Kansas City. They also refused to yield control of \$600,000 union funds.

The three—trustee John G. Groso, Secretary-treasurer Joe Ciancy and Recording Secretary-dispatcher William Miller—were served with the directive last night. Confronted by leaders of the opposition faction this forenoon, they refused to relinquish control. The directive had set up a trusteeship to govern the local temporarily under Homer Parish, international representative, Vancouver, Wash. It named local president Barney Toner as secretary-treasurer and vice president and Dan McKillop as dispatcher. Business agent A. F. O'Neill retained office under the new set-up.

The factional quarrel recently was taken into superior court when one group sought to prevent the international from restoring salaries the local had cut.

Sendelbach Awarded Damages From Kinneer

Reaching a verdict after nine hours and 40 minutes of deliberation, a Circuit Court jury last night awarded Joseph E. Sendelbach \$3,443.95 from Harry D. Kinneer in general and special damages in a suit for alleged assault and battery.

Originally filed for a total of \$50,593.95 against Kinneer by Sendelbach, the figure was pared down by the jury. Sendelbach alleged that Kinneer "wilfully and maliciously assaulted" him by striking him on the head with a claw hammer last May 8.

Serving on the jury were Carl S. Havens, Roy Burke, O. M. Hopper, Kittle Collier, J. Howard Carnes, R. L. Preston, Adelbert Abraham, Clara Frew, Ethel Strong, Theodore Insley, Alice Harrison, and C. H. Ambrose.

LaGrande Banishes Slot Machines, Punchboards

LA GRANDE, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Slot machines, pinball machines and punch boards were missing from all public places in La Grande today after City Manager Ed Ford issued orders to city police to halt gambling in the city.

Ford was acting on orders from the city commissioners, he said.

Levity Fact Rant By L. F. Reizenstein

In the Northwest's frontier period it was '54-40 or fight.' And a thymic slogan of teachers today Could be '2,400 or strike.'

Haulers Urge Timber Sale Policy Changes

Better Chance For Smaller Buyers Sought

County Court's Assent May Quash Recall Plan; Bond Order Appreciated

By JEROME SHELDON News-Review City Editor

Sale of county-owned timber only by sealed bids and in tracts of 160 acres or less were urged in a five-point resolution adopted at the meeting of truckers and loggers at the Eagles Hall last night.

Originally called to further protest the \$500 cash bond required for log hauling permits, the meeting turned into a discussion of the county's timber sales policies. The militant truckers and loggers were taken somewhat by surprise by the County Court's decision yesterday to rescind the controversial, \$500 cash bond order.

H. V. Johnson, the Eugene attorney retained as counsel for the log truckers, came prepared to speak against the cash bond requirement. That it was revoked was accepted as an indication of the difficulties the court would have in collecting for road damages from any one trucker.

Beckley Addresses Meet County Commissioner Lynn V. Beckley, who attended the meeting, explained the county's timber sales policies as now practiced.

Contracts for the sale of county-owned timber, as now drawn, have no provision for reforestation, he pointed out. This was seen by loggers at last night's meeting as "contrary to the sustained yield program."

Beckley also said timber is sold to "large operators" with the understanding they are to start reforestation on logged off tracts. Since title to the land is given up in county timber sales, the court cannot enforce sustained yield measures, it was stated.

The resolutions adopted last night were seen as a means of giving the "small operator" a chance to purchase county timber. The resolutions urged the adoption of the sealed bid method of timber sales, with all sales to be advertised. At present, timber sales are negotiated with the County Court.

An informed source told the News-Review this morning that if the resolutions are accepted by the County Court, the current recall move against County Judge D. N. Busenbark and County Commissioner H. B. Roadman will be dropped.

Following are the resolutions (Continued on Page Six)

Boy Hangs Himself With Leash of His Missing Canine Pet

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Joey Craig's best present last Christmas was a black mongrel puppy, the first dog the 13-year-old boy ever owned.

Joey and "Blackie" were inseparable companions. They never went to play in the crowded stockyards district without taking "Blackie." The dog always waited for his young master outside school. Many nights Joey let "Blackie" sleep with him.

Yesterday the dog was missing when Joey came home from school. The boy and his two young sisters and some of his pals searched the neighborhood but they couldn't find "Blackie."

Back home Joey went into his bedroom and told his sisters, Mary, 10, and Norma Jean, 7. "When I knock you come in." After several minutes when there was no knock the girls opened the door and found their brother's body hanging from a closet door.

Joey had looped "Blackie's" leash around his neck and attached it to the top of the door. A fire department inhalator squad worked unsuccessfully to relieve the boy. Police notified Joey's parents, Leonard and Anna, both of whom were at work.

Los Angeles Blast Dead 15; Toll May Rise

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—(AP)—After a night spent probing beneath glowing searchlights, police today fixed the death toll from the city's worst explosion in 37 years at 15. Of the 158 injured sufficiently to require hospitalization, several were feared dying.

The one-story brick plant of the J. J. O'Connor Corp. at 932 East Pico Blvd., a mile from the center of downtown Los Angeles, blew apart in a blinding flash of chemicals at 9:45 A. M. yesterday. But it was hours before a clear picture of the disaster could be pieced together.

Police and fire officials finally agreed that it was caused by the detonation of perchloric acid, an extremely unstable substance kept under pressure in refrigeration because at room temperature it is a seething, heavy liquid. But how the acid was set off remained a mystery.

Most of the victims of the city's worst blast since the Los Angeles Times dynamiting killed 20 men in 1910 were in the plant or adjacent heavily damaged buildings, although a 10-year-old Negro riding his bicycle several blocks away died under a plummeting piece of metal.

Four houses were almost completely wrecked, windows were broken in 300 within a mile's radius, glass shattered as far distant as 70 blocks, the entire downtown district was jolted as if by earthquake, sensitive terrorized citizens to telephones, quickly jamming police and newspaper lines.

CIO Oil Workers O. K. Pact With Companies

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Workers registered 97 per cent approval today of an agreement between two major oil companies and the CIO Oil Workers International Union, and definite end to a strike threat which would have curtailed both transportation and natural gas heating in five Western states appeared assured.

The first group of 1,000 workers to ballot on a pact reached yesterday after an all-night conference among federal conciliators, oil companies and union negotiators, gave it an overwhelming margin. It provides:

A 10-cent an hour increase on base pay, plus a \$17.70 per month cost of living boost until next Dec. 31. Effective date would be last Jan. 1.

Inspection of Tracks Sought by Rep. Ellsworth

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Interstate Commerce Commission supervision of inspection of railroad tracks to prevent train wrecks due to faulty rails was proposed in legislation offered yesterday by Rep. Ellsworth of Oregon.

There is no law, hence no rules or regulations issued by the commission with respect to the inspection and maintenance of railroad tracks, Ellsworth told a reporter.

"The commission has jurisdiction over everything else about railroads and trains from the whistles down," he said "and I hope that its jurisdiction over tracks will prevent wrecks due to faulty rails. Several recent tragic railroad accidents have been attributed to track defects."

Worst Snow In Year Grips Eastern Area

(By the Associated Press)

At least three persons were dead as the heaviest snowstorm in years gripped the East today, closing schools, snarling traffic and slowing business and industry.

Snow depths ranged up to 19 inches in Lee County, Virginia. In New York City, where the weather bureau anticipated a 12-inch fall by noon, one man died of a heart attack after shoveling snow. Two deaths attributed to the storm were reported in Pennsylvania.

Snow, whipped by strong winds, continued to fall through the morning in most sections, drifting across highways and railroads which were heavily blanketed during the night.

The storm extended from Maine into North Carolina, but hope of abatement for the middle Atlantic states came with reports that the storm was reduced to flurries in Western Pennsylvania.

In New York City the weather bureau said the snow was expected to be a foot deep by noon. It was the worst storm since March 7-9, 1941, when 12.1 inches of snow fell.

A task force of 8,000 workers struggled to clear New York streets, working in 35-mile-hour winds that whipped among the skyscrapers.

Building Permit Won After CPA Stop Order

Suit filed by the Civilian Production Administration against Max C. Swall, charged with unauthorized construction of a drive-in restaurant on Highway 99 two miles south of Roseburg, has been dismissed from the federal court in Portland, Attorney Spencer Yates, counsel for the defendant, was informed today.

Swall received a stop order from the CPA last November, but continued his construction and occupancy of the building. CPA filed suit, but the case was dismissed by Federal Judge Claude McCulloch.

Authorization for construction was obtained on appeal to Washington, following two rejections by the CPA.

Newspaper Suspends Ads In Shortage of Paper

DETROIT, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Detroit News announced in a page one box today that all display and classified advertising will be omitted from its editions next Monday Tuesday and Wednesday because of a newspaper shortage.

"The scarcity of railroad cars and the severe weather in areas where paper is produced," the News said, "have held up badly needed shipments. Thus the News' stock of newspaper available in Detroit has dwindled to dangerously low levels. There are prospects of improvement in the situation soon."

The Weather Cloudy tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight.

German-Developed Circuit Breaker Slated for Test in Bonneville-Coulee System

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 21.—(AP)—A thundering crash will break the flow of power in the far-flung Bonneville-Grand Coulee transmission system tonight as engineers test a German-developed circuit breaker seized from the Nazis.

A momentary flicker will be the only effect in homes and industrial plants of the Pacific Northwest—if all goes well—but American equipment manufacturers may find this year's designs blown into obsolescence.

If it works, power interruptions on long distance lines may be lessened and utility companies dealing in high voltages may be able to eliminate a costly, troublesome procedure.

The circuit breaker, 14 feet high, 35 feet long and 12 feet wide, never was tested to capacity in Germany because that country lacks sufficient concentration of power and adequate long distance transmission lines. The Bonneville Power Administration has both, and the test will be made at its J. D. Ross sub-station north of here.

S. E. Schultz, Bonneville chief engineer, says that in a non-technical way, this is the situation:

Scheduled Boosts in Pay Of All State Officials Receive Committee O. K.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—A uniform salary schedule for state officials was adopted today by the joint ways and means committee, which said it was worked out in relation to what is paid in other states.

Heading the list is the governor, who would get \$10,000 a year, compared with \$7,500 now. In addition, he would get \$100 a month for expenses.

Five other officials would get \$7,500. They are the secretary of state and treasurer, who would get a \$2,100 boost; the attorney general, who would get \$2,500 more; the public utilities commissioner, who already gets that much, and the state highway engineer, who would get \$300 more.

Third Plane Lost In Oregon Region

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—A forlorn search began today for the third airplane to disappear this winter into the scattered mountains of Southern Oregon.

Aboard the light, single-engine craft was a pilot identified as Douglas Locke, ferrying the Avon four-place from Los Angeles to Beaverton, Ore.

Like the others, his disappearance was not reported at once because of his failure to file a flight plan. He took off from Red Bluff, Calif., last Sunday afternoon, saying he would land here or at Lakeview. Three hours later the airport here heard a plane report it was lost. That was the last heard.

Missing in previous flights are Vernon Coulter and his mother, both Portland, lost after taking off from Red Bluff last October, and Robert Lee Rubottom, McMinnville, Ore., lost after leaving Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 10.

Private fliers and army search-rescue units from McChord field, Wash., and Hamilton Field, Calif., are expected to aid when the weather allows them to fly.

Courts-Martial Make-Up May Soon Include GI's

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Members of the House armed services committee today promised speedy action on Army proposals for changing the articles of war to meet criticism that military justice is loaded against enlisted men.

Secretary Patterson said the war department favors amendments which would (1) legalize appointment of GI's to serve on courts-martial, now the prerogative of officers only; (2) end the mandatory sentence of death or life imprisonment for rape, and (3) protect courts-martial from high-ranking outside pressure.

Rival Police Units Fight In Manila; Trio Wounded

MANILA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Three Manila policemen were wounded today in a gun fight with Philippine army military police who, the Manila police said, opened fire with machineguns because they resented being questioned.

The battle occurred in Quezon City, Manila's eastern suburb. Only the arrival of civilian police reinforcements stopped the fight.

Manila residents recalled a two-day battle in 1920 between Manila police and the former Philippine constabulary, which later became the military police command. They said neither side had forgotten that affair.

Explosion, Fire Destroy Truck; 2 Drivers Unhurt

GRANTS, PASS, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Two truck-line drivers escaped injury when their truck, laden with 50 barrels of paint thinner being shipped from Seattle to Southern California, caught fire, exploded and burned on the Pacific Highway, 10 miles north of here last night.

Edgar O. Southard, of Seattle, was at the wheel when his relief driver, Lyle Smith, of Los Angeles, noticed flames working out from around a rear wheel, state police said. Both men fled to safety before the blaze reached the highly-inflammable truckload and set off a series of explosions as one barrel after another let go.

The truck was operated for the Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Transportation Company. Truck and cargo were reported consumed completely.

"Spark" Big Question Mark That "spark" is one of the question marks. American circuit (Continued on Page Six)



MUST BE A POLE CAT—No pampered, spoiled feline is "Tapper," pet of the firemen of this Roxbury, Mass., firehouse. Tapper likes action and always responds to the fire bell. Here he comes down fireman style. Maurice Downey (right), is Tapper's trainer.

Bloody Struggle for Power In India Expected to Follow Termination of British Reign

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The British government left squarely up to feuding Hindu and Moslem leaders today the question of whether India intends to win independence in bloody civil war or through peaceful negotiations by the time Britain ends her reign over the rich sub-continent 16 months hence.

Prime Minister Attlee told the world yesterday that Britain intends to pull out of India by June, 1948, and at the same time appointed Admiral Lord Mountbatten, a great grandson of the first British empress of India, as viceroy to liquidate 200 years of British rule.

Some empire-minded conservatives (Continued on Page Six)

In the Day's News

THE Farmers Market in Los Angeles (dealt with in these chronicles yesterday) was in the beginning only a twitch in the brain lobes of a couple of first-class screwballs. Now it is a unique and immense establishment.

In its stalls and its shacks and its kiosks, almost any want the human system is capable of harboring can be satisfied. You can get a hamburger sandwich—with or without. If you want your portrait done in oil, you can be accommodated.

This writer has noted as yet no maternity hospitals, or even any diaper laundries. But, at the other end of the cycle, you can provide yourself with beautiful flowers to be laid upon your casket—and if you chose to have a headstone chiseled here there can be little doubt that an artisan would be forthcoming to handle the transaction for you.

As for any desire between diapers and dissolution—well, if they can't take care of it today they'll probably be able to by the end of the week. That's the way the Farmers Market is run.

ONE pregnant thought in closing. From his hunger-ridden start to the present multiplication of his achievements, Dahljem has insisted upon QUALITY. In the first week, a roddy chiseler came in with a half dozen baskets of nice tomatoes picked that dewy morning, sold them pronto and then oozed out and came back in with

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Indian Service Lists Douglas Timber for Sale

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The U. S. Indian Service will open bids in Salem March 11 on approximately 29,000,000 board feet of timber owned by Indians near Siletz and in the Anlauf and Elkhead districts of Douglas County.

The timber is appraised at \$102,000.

Randolph Churchill Volleys Back at U. of O. Newspaper in Tilt Following Eugene Visit

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Randolph Churchill, son of England's wartime prime minister now on a speaking tour of the United States, had his inning last night in his brickbat series with the University of Oregon student newspaper, the Daily Emerald.

Churchill told a reporter the Emerald had violated the first precept of journalism by not printing his version of their tiff, and accused it of "tyranny of the press."

The Emerald, following Churchill's appearance at the university, said he did not keep an appointment at a fraternity house reception and asked:

"Are we peasants who must stand in awe when England's goodwill ambassador enters our neck of the woods?"

Farm Union Lists Batch of Demands

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Oregon Farmers Union elected officers and passed 30 resolutions last night at the close of the annual convention.

The organization endorsed a Columbia Valley authority, then expressed opposition to the following legislative proposals:

The Highway Department's "throughway" bill; the business tax; the sales tax; county planning and zoning; a bill to increase state and county officials' salaries without popular vote. All "anti-labor" legislation also was opposed.

The group urged that the "most-favored nation" clause be eliminated from international treaties, and asked that restriction be placed on agricultural imports.

Also proposed were a general building and improvement program for state institutions; a 25 per cent cut in sugar quotas for beverage manufacturers and a corresponding increase for householders; repeal of the rural school district law, and an amendment making the office of Public Utilities Commissioner non-partisan.

Ronald Jones, Brooks, was re-elected president.

Barking of Dog Saves Family From Flames

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A 15-month-old mongrel dog was credited today with saving the lives of a family of four.

Named Mopsy, he awoke the family by barking when smoke began to fill the house. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Michalek awoke in time to prevent flames from spreading into their daughters' room.

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Georgia's White Primary Bill Facing New Fight

ATLANTA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Herman Talmadge signed yesterday the controversial white primary bill designed to keep Negroes away from Democratic party ballot boxes.

The measure, taking primaries from under state control and making them party affairs, appears headed for an early court test.

Georgia branches of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People will meet here today to map their fight on its constitutionality.

Plane Pilot Fined For Disturbing Waterfowl

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 21.—(AP)—A \$25 fine has been imposed on Thomas B. Stables on a charge of unlawfully stirring up migratory waterfowl by means of an aircraft.