

Air Force Bill Hits Senate Snag

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70-Group Plan Voted by House

Due for Probe

Symington's Urge For Huge Air Fleet Clashes With Truman, Forrestal

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Pursuing holders in the Senate put the brakes on the 70-group air force bill today.

Senators Bridges and Gurney said the \$3,198,100,000 measure which would be passed through the House by a 343-to-3 vote will get a close going over in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Bridges, the committee chairman, noted that the 70-group air force proposal added to the bill on the House floor is "highly controversial." He said he has not decided whether he will support it.

Gurney, No. 2 GOP member of Bridges' group and chairman of the Armed Services Committee, declared that he sees no reason for rushing the 70-group appropriation through the Senate.

Gurney estimated that expansion of the air force to 70 groups would cost about \$6,000,000,000 a year from now on.

Various estimates have placed the total number of active planes in an air force that size at about 12,000—as compared with some 5,500 now. Neither figure includes the several thousand aircraft held in reserve for future emergencies.

Training Bill Shunned

Gurney usually has supported the administration's defense program. He already has declared himself in favor of a temporary draft revival and inauguration of universal military training.

Most other Republican leaders in Congress, however, as well as a number of Democrats, have shied away from a training bill. Their idea is to boost the air force from its present 55-group blueprint to 70 groups and to rely on selective service alone to provide any extra manpower needed.

The military establishment itself is split over the issue.

But yesterday's House vote left little doubt where that chamber stands in the argument between Secretary of Defense Forrestal and Secretary of Air Symington.

Symington Ignores Chiefs

Symington ignored both Forrestal and President Truman in plugging for the bigger air force.

Mr. Truman told his news conference yesterday he doesn't know why Symington is pursuing the course he is. But as to whether he plans to "spank" the air secretary, the president said he will have to answer that later.

Symington himself kept silent, but his office said he has no plans to resign.

Even if the appropriations committee decides to knock out the 70-group section of the air power bill, there are strong indications that it will be revived on the Senate floor.

Deer Meat Possessors Feel Heavy Hand of Law

Rosely Calvin Burch, who was arrested April 14 at Azalea for illegal possession of venison, was fined \$100 and his rifle ordered confiscated in the Justice Court at Roseburg, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Illegal possession of deer meat in Josephine County is becoming expensive.

Cave Junction Justice of the Peace Robert Small, one of the few women jurists in the state, fined Charles Martin Roseberry, 52, the sum of \$500 and costs and tacked on a 60-day suspended jail sentence Thursday.

John Burton Jackson, 27, arrested with Roseberry by State Police Officer William Allen, was fined \$350 and costs and given a 30-day suspended sentence.

When arrested, the pair were in possession of two deer, Officer Allen told the judge.

Taft Fails to Get Single Vote in Ohio College

HIRAM, O., April 16.—(AP)—Senator Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore.) got two votes for president here yesterday.

It came in a mock Republican national convention held by Hiram College students. Of a total vote of 432, Thomas E. Dewey received 224, Harold E. Stassen 206, Morse 2 and Robert A. Taft none.

Liquor Seller Fined

John R. Darby, Roseburg taxi driver, was fined \$50 on a charge of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor. Justice of the Peace Hartfield reported Thursday. A 60-day jail sentence was suspended. Darby pleaded guilty, Hartfield said, to selling a bottle of liquor to another taxi operator.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

After a two-year-old trial of Ex-Premier Tojo and 24 other Jap war leaders, the court has recessed to ponder a verdict, expected within two months. Thus it seems that after all the defendants are not doomed to die of old age.

U. S. Garrison In Alaska To Be Bolstered

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—The army, without a single combat foot soldier in Alaska today, is borrowing from its mobile reserve to build up the garrison in that northern outpost next door to Russia.

Anti-aircraft and other ground combat units from the west coast and Hawaii will leave for Alaska shortly to undergo summer training in conjunction with air units, the army said.

The effect of this "summer training" will be to bolster the present 7,000-man force now there pending action in congress on the proposal of Gen. Omar Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, to expand the permanent garrison to 15,000.

The number of troops to be borrowed from the Hawaiian command and from the 2nd division at Ft. Lewis, Wash., was not disclosed. The Army announcement last night said only that they would establish a "balance" between air and ground forces in Alaska.

The 2nd division is part of the small mobile reserve of some 54,000 troops upon whom the United States counts to bolster overseas forces in event of a sudden emergency.

Alarm Stories Denied

Meanwhile, both the air force and the Alaskan Army command denied reports of strange doings in the territory. These reports included an alleged sighting of Russian planes had "violated" Alaska by flying across the borders and a Ketchikan newspaper story that a B-29 which crashed near Nome last December had been hit by a Russian shell before it crashed.

The air force said: "None of the planes has crossed the border of Russia 'nor have there been any confirmed reports of Russian aircraft crossing the border of Alaska.'"

The B-29 which crashed on December 24 did so because of pilot error, mistaking a snowy hill for a cloud. There was no indication of any damage to the plane before the crash.

Derelict Mines Record Set First Half of April

SEATTLE, April 16.—(AP)—A new and undesired record is being set almost daily along the Oregon-Washington coast, the Coast Guard revealed today in listing reports of 35 floating mines seen during the first 15 days of April.

The list already equals the number of derelict explosives reported in March, the previous high month, the Coast Guard said.

Twenty-two of these sighted during April have been destroyed. Three were blasted yesterday. Lt. (jg) Don Winslow, district mine and bomb disposal officer, blew up his seventh in four days near Westport, Wash. Two others were destroyed by the cutter Bonham off Cascade Head in Oregon and by the cutter Balsam near the Columbia River lighthouse.

Canyonville Clean-Up Campaign Is Extended

Civic leaders of Canyonville attended a potluck dinner sponsored by the Women's Club there, to observe completion of a successful city-wide clean-up campaign. More than \$75 in cash prizes were donated by Canyonville merchants to the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Camp Fire Girls, who aided in the project.

Mrs. Jack Maris, president of the Canyonville Women's Club, announced an extension of the clean-up campaign for another two weeks. Beautification of the city through planting of flowers and improvement of streets is sought.

Nashville Joins Cities Using Negro Patrolmen

NASHVILLE, April 16.—(AP)—Negro patrolmen will join the Nashville police force for the first time May 1, Mayor Thomas L. Cummings announced.

Cummings said Nashville will become the forty-third major Southern city to employ Negro policemen.

He said the department will employ five or six uniformed Negro patrolmen and that their jurisdiction will be confined to Negro districts.

Ousted Guerrilla Chief Kills Himself by Hanging

NANKING, April 16.—(AP)—A deposed Manchurian guerrilla leader hanged himself today, an hour before he was to accompany national assembly delegates to a dinner honoring Chiang Kai-shek.

He was Kung Hsien-Yung, himself a delegate.

Associates said he was despondent over dismissal as a commander of the guerrillas in the northeast.

Lightning Kills Cow, Milker Pinned Under Her

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., April 16.—(AP)—Lightning killed a cow George Boozel was milking in a barn.

Boozel was pinned under the cow's body while fire started by the bolt spread.

His employer, Thomas Williams, came to the rescue and Boozel escaped without injury.

Efficient Use of U. S. Aid Funds Vowed at Assembly Of 16 European Countries

PARIS, April 16.—(AP)—Sixteen nations and Germany's western zones unanimously adopted today a convention binding themselves into a permanent European organization of economic cooperation.

The nations are those taking part in the European recovery program (ERP), or Marshall plan. The organization is to assure efficient use of the \$5,300,000,000 the United States has pledged in the program.

"A strong and prosperous European economy," says the preamble, "will contribute to the maintenance of peace."

The conference unanimously adopted a resolution to send thanks to the U. S. for its "generous response in assisting Europe in its present critical state."

This was proposed by Irish Foreign Minister Sean MacBride.

The convention document names these contracting powers: Austria, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, Greece, Elre, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the French, British and American zones of Germany.

They agree to try to get back on their economic feet as quickly as possible in order to eventually dispense "with any foreign aid of an exceptional character."

They promise to "augment their production, develop and modernize their industrial and agricultural equipment, increase their exchanges, reduce progressively barriers to mutual trade, encourage full employment of their manpower."

They recognize "the generous intention of the American people" in supplying the dollars with which they hope to meet their goals.

Former "Most Beautiful" Girl Sheds 4th Husband

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—(AP)—The onetime "most beautiful society girl in America" was free of her fourth husband today.

Mrs. Milo Abercrombie Shelby, on whom artist Harrison Fisher conferred the "most beautiful" title before World War I, received an annulment yesterday from Lawrence L. Shelby.

The heiress to oil millions told Superior Court Judge Alfred J. Fritz that Shelby had neglected her, divorced a previous wife after marrying her in June of last year, and that he served a term for forgery in Illinois and another in Nevada for bigamy.

Her three previous husbands were German Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, Naval Lt. Lyman J. Swenson, and Marquis Pedro de Flores.

Funds Asked to Abolish White House "Firetrap"

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—President Truman knows he's living in a "firetrap."

His press secretary, Charles G. Ross, said today Mr. Truman agrees completely with W. E. Reynolds, public buildings commissioner, on that score.

Reynolds told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee yesterday that the residential part of the White House is one of the worst firetraps in the nation. Some of the second floor, Reynolds said, is holding up "purely from habit."

He asked for \$50,000 to make it safe.

The constant patrol of secret service and White House police is the principal safeguard of the first family when they retire to their second floor quarters each night.

One Labeled 'Sack Bandit' While 2nd Stages Holdup

PORTLAND, April 16.—(AP)—Several hold-up victims identified an arrested man as Portland's "sack bandit." While police questioned him last night, another service station was robbed by a "sack bandit."

The arrested man, booked as Norman Douglas Moore, 38, denied the recent series of sack robberies—so-called because the bandit placed his loot in a paper sack. Moore is charged with assault with intent to rob.

In last night's robbery, the bandit produced a canvas sack. He got \$100.

Family Guns Bark In Homes of Bootleggers

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 16.—(AP)—Bootleggers in this prohibition state of Oklahoma have their little thrills with the law—but for real thrills you must study their home life.

Wednesday deputy sheriffs said one was shot in the midriff by his wife who explained she was aiming at a blonde who had her arms around him.

Last night police reported another bootlegger was winged in the leg by his sister. She told officers she fired for effect when brother raised a fuss at home.

Both women used 22's for the work, and doctors said the menfolk will be on their feet again soon as the wounds were slight.

Oregon Women Give Fund For Federation Meeting

EUGENE, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Oregon women have contributed \$8000 to finance the general national convention of the federation of women's clubs in Portland, May 23-28.

This was reported yesterday by Mrs. William B. Chandley, Hillsboro, president of the Oregon federation of women's clubs.

The Weather

Scattered showers tonight and tomorrow.



BOGOTA QUIET AFTER BLOODY UPRISING—Smoke from buildings fired during Bogota riots hangs over the city as bloody fighting, sniping, looting and burning ceased. Photo was brought to U. S. by one of 38 Americans evacuated to Miami. (NEA Telephoto)

Nude? She Wore Net Brassiere; Judge Says \$350

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—(AP)—Stripteaser Lili St. Cyr said it was art and an interpretive dance of love but the judge said it was lewd and covered the case with a \$350 fine.

Mrs. Anna Biggs, owner-manager of the burlesque theater where the performance was given Dec. 16, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$500 for producing an indecent show.

During the two-day hearing ended yesterday before municipal Judge Byron J. Walters, a young vice squad officer, Cletus O. Smith, testified that Miss St. Cyr "shed practically everything."

He said she removed a black veil, a net skirt and a beaded jacket. Then when she faced the audience, he said, "only her hands kept her from being nude and she quickly dropped them."

Furthermore, said he, she then reclined on a table surrounded by silk pillows and did a number of "bumps and grinds."

The prosecutor, Walter Allen, showed the judge some movies taken of the dance.

To all of this Miss St. Cyr retorted that her arty dance interpreted a harem love theme and would only be suggestive "to anyone who doesn't understand the story."

"As for being nude, I had on a net brassiere," she said.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

NEWS from Colombia, as this is written, is still scarce and heavily censored, but our State Secretary Marshall (who is on the ground) doesn't hesitate to pin responsibility for what happened on international Communism. He points out that what happened in Bogota followed a pattern similar to outbreaks that have provoked trouble in France and violence in Italy.

NOTE that in Bogota CHURCHES have suffered heavily. That isn't natural in Latin-America, whose people are religious. It IS characteristic of Communists, who are ANTI-religious.

They hold that religion is the paragon of the people, teaching them to submit to constituted authority. Since the purpose of Communism is to UPSET constituted authority everywhere save in Russia (where it is firmly backed up by the Red army and the Red institution of the secret police) they seek to destroy religion wherever they operate.

It would therefore be natural for them to wreck churches in Bogota.

REMEMBER, please, that this is guesswork. In the absence of dependable news, we have to guess at what happened. When we guess, we put two and two together and if the result seems to be four we draw conclusions.)

It seems probable, on the strength of what little news we have, that:

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Mrs. James Roosevelt Takes Wrong Pills, Goes to Hospital

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 16.—(AP)—Taking the wrong pills from a bedside box in the early morning darkness sent Mrs. James Roosevelt to a hospital today for treatment for an overdose of sleeping pills, her physician reported.

Her condition was described as "good" several hours later. Dr. Blake Watson, family doctor for the wife of the late president's eldest son, gave this account:

He said Mrs. Roosevelt, 32, awoke about 5 a.m. with a cold and a headache, reached for a box of pills on a bedside stand which she thought were headache tablets. Instead, she swallowed several sleeping pills. She quickly awakened her husband, who called police.

Sgt. Byron Kilgore said Roosevelt, Democratic state chairman of California and elder son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, accompanied his wife to the emergency hospital.

The police said Roosevelt told them his wife, the former Romelle Theresa Schneider, a native of Independence, Wis., had been suffering from insomnia since the birth of their third child three months ago.

The baby, a daughter named Anna Eleanor, was born Jan. 10. The Roosevelts also have two sons, James and Michael.

Colombia Revolt Seen as Warning To United States

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—An opening warning and a guarded hint that Colombia's blood-spattered revolt pattern may be used in the United States spurred a congressional committee today to dig deeper for facts.

For one thing, the lawmakers want a complete explanation of why the state department went ahead with the Pan-American conference at Bogota despite definite word that the Communists were plotting trouble there.

The department itself said Secretary Marshall scornfully rejected any notion that "a handful of Communists" could intimidate the American Republics.

But the thing that stood out in sharpest focus was the double admonition in congress that trouble may be ahead in this country.

First Rear Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, told a House committee that "conditions in Colombia are similar to those in the United States except that they are advanced a couple of years."

Hillenkoetter said Jorge Gaitan, the Columbia liberal leader whose assassination touched off the revolution, was a figure "like Henry Wallace in our country"—a man who played along "with the extreme left and the Communists."

The second warning in congress came from one of its own members.

Rep. Donald L. Jackson (R-Calif.), an observer for congress who flew back from the Bogota conference to report to his colleagues, declared:

"The uprising in Bogota was not something that just happened. It represents additional stitches in the cloth of violence."

"It can and will happen in New York, Chicago and San Francisco unless the march of Communism is halted. . . ."

Trial of Tojo at End; Judges Ponder Verdict

TOKYO, April 16.—(AP)—The international war crimes tribunal late today began deliberating the fate of Hideki Tojo and 24 other Japanese wartime leaders.

Arguments in the two-year-old trial were completed by the prosecution with a ringing declaration that all of the defendants—for whom the death penalty has been demanded—were responsible for Japanese aggression between 1928 and her surrender in 1945.

As the 11 alleged judges recessed indefinitely to make their decisions, former Premier Tojo and his co-defendants were led to their heavily guarded cells.

A verdict is expected within two months.

Prowler Wounded in 2nd Attempt to Loot Shop

SEATTLE, April 16.—(AP)—Police reported today the wounding of a prowler in the same record shop he was convicted of breaking into in 1947.

He was booked as George E. Sherlock, Jr., 23. Patrolman Grimes Hallson said he shot and wounded the man as he fled from the shop last night while Hallson was looking for a possible accomplice. The fleeing man collapsed and was captured after a four-block chase.

Detectives said Sherlock related in a signed statement that he had broken into the shop to get money to pay a fine for his father.

Paul Robeson Gives Sharp Answer To 'Commie' Query

COLUMBUS, O., April 16.—(AP)—Paul Robeson, Negro operatic singer, told a Negro editor here yesterday it was none of his "damn business" whether he was a Communist.

In a news conference preceding his speech to a rally for Henry Wallace, Third Party candidate for president, Robeson, gave the reply to a question by George Lawrence, managing editor of the Ohio State News, Negro weekly here.

"The last person in the world I would expect to ask that question," Robeson added, "would be a Negro and a representative of the Negro press. This is no longer a matter of Communism? It's a matter of civil rights. Draw your own conclusions."

He accused "big money men" of "Fascist activities" and asked, "who could blame a Negro for being a Communist or anything?"

After the conference Lawrence, whose paper opposes a third party, said:

"We feel that Mr. Robeson and what he believes do not represent what the majority of the Negro people believe."

Communists Blamed For Arsenal Blast

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 16.—(AP)—Federal police declared today the explosion of an army arsenal, fatal to 23 persons, was intended as the beginning of a Communist plot for a "second Bogota" here May 1.

The police said the Communists intended to kill the Brazilian war minister, attributed to a leader of the Communist party, which is outlawed in Brazil. Police withheld his name, but said his arrest was expected soon.

Firemen still are seeking 12 girl employees who were trapped and possibly killed in a nearby textile mill.

Police said one person was caught carrying grenade caps. Seven women Communists were arrested for distributing Communist pamphlets immediately after the blast.

Damage was expected to exceed \$1,000,000.

Walls crumbled for a mile around and many workers in nearby factories were injured.

Ruling Denies "Conchie's" Pay for Civilian Work

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Consistent objectors are not entitled to pay for the time they spent in civilian work camps in lieu of military service.

This was the ruling yesterday of the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The decision upheld a conviction and six months jail sentence imposed by a federal district court in Portland against six conscientious objectors. All were convicted of deserting camps to which they were assigned in 1945.

Russian Fishing Craft At Balboa For Repairs

BALBOA, C. Z., April 16.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Willis Cristenberger, commander of U. S. armed forces in the Caribbean, said today five small Russian ships had arrived unannounced at Cristobal harbor in need of repairs.

The vessels, described as fishing craft, were believed en route from Leningrad to Vladivostok.

The repair work will be done outside the port and the ships will not come alongside the docks. The crews will remain aboard.

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