

President Should Have Right To Seize Plants in National Emergency, Senators Told

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—William H. Davis, former chairman of the War Labor Board, proposed yesterday that Congress give the President power to seize plants when a "national emergency" strike is threatened.

Davis told the Senate Labor Committee he had come to this conclusion "reluctantly."

But he said that when the nation's health and safety is really threatened—as by a general railroad strike—the President is going to take action, regardless of whether a specific law exists.

So he believes Congress should "make it clear" that the President should "act first" to protect the nation and then report to Congress.

Davis testified at the committee's hearings on the administration's new labor bill. That measure's only provision for dealing with national emergency strikes is this: It would have the President call for a 30-day cooling-off period before such a strike. It says nothing about how the request would be enforced.

That has been one point that Republicans have been particularly criticizing. They predict that about 14 Southern Democratic senators will join at least 33 Republicans in changing that and in voting to preserve most provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Red Ban May Hold
One Southern Democrat—Senator McClellan of Arkansas—joined with Senator Mundt (R-S. D.) in filing with the Senate an amendment they propose to offer when the labor bill reaches the Senate floor.

The amendment would retain the non-Communist affidavit provision of the Taft-Hartley Act and make it apply to employers as well as unions.

The provision bans a union from getting any help or recognition from the National Labor Relations Board unless all the union's officers have sworn they aren't Communists.

Under the Mundt-McClellan proposal, all of an employer's agents "having responsibility for the employer's labor relations" would have to make such affidavit before the employer could deal with the NLRB.

Says Act Basically Sound

Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, testified that the Taft-Hartley Act is "basically sound." He added it probably "could be amended to the advantage of everyone."

In a statement prepared for the committee, Denham defended—in moderate language—the Taft-Hartley provision which created his office. Those provisions made him independent of the five-man board with sole power to prosecute—or not to prosecute—cases of unfair labor practices. This independent office would be abolished if the Truman bill were enacted.

The Taft-Hartley Act provides that the President can get a court order, good for 80 days, to prevent a strike which threatens national health or safety.

Davis said that Taft-Hartley provision did not really meet emergency situations because there is nothing to stop a strike after the 80-day court order expires.

Teen-Age Trio Prevents Freight Train Wreck

TITUSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 8.—(AP)—A railroad wreck was prevented Sunday by three teen-agers who discovered a broken rail and flagged down a freight train with red handkerchiefs.

The boys, Robert Cochran, 16, Edward Myer, 13, and his brother, Gordon Myer, 17, discovered the broken rail at Hydetown, two miles north of Titusville.

After telephoning the information from a nearby house to the Pennsylvania Railroad dispatcher's office at Oil City, the boys heard the whistle of a Buffalo-Oil City freight.

Using their red handkerchiefs, the boys flagged the train. Engineer Ira Kibbe of Oil City, who estimated he was traveling at 30 miles an hour, stopped the locomotive about 100 feet from the damaged track.

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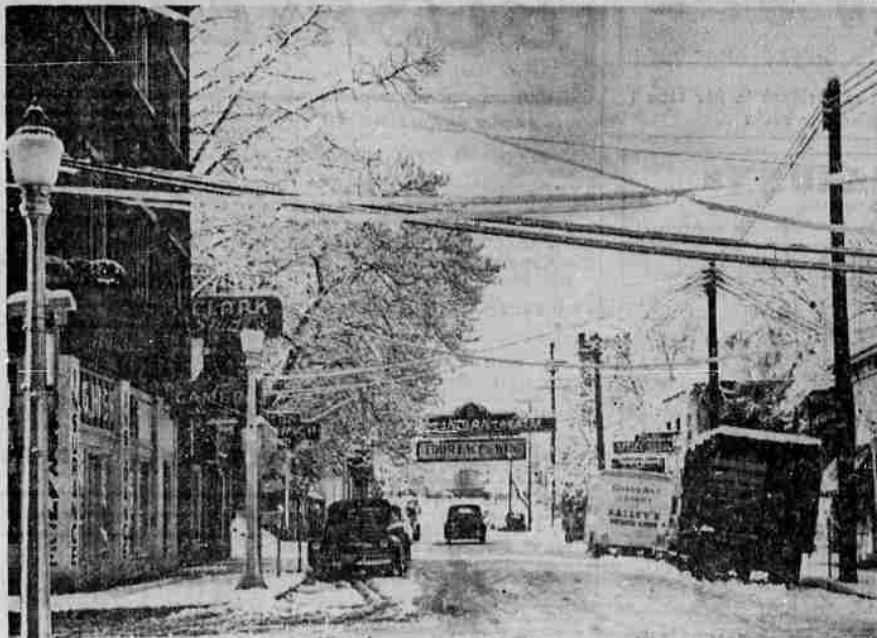
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THE EVIDENCE—Yes, it snowed in Roseburg. One of the heaviest snows in recent years blanketed Roseburg to an official depth of six inches Sunday night and Monday. The above pictures were typical of the heavy fall, considered unusual for the Roseburg vicinity. The upper picture is a view of E. Oak Street, with the bell tower of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at the left. The other is a scene on S. Jackson Street looking past the Indian Theater. The snow was melting fast today, and most of it was cleared from the streets.

Three Proposals to Revise Jobless Benefit Payments Confront Oregon Legislature

A proposed legislative amendment offered by labor to liberalize unemployment benefits would cost the state \$2,385,000 a year, while a new experience rating schedule sponsored by employer groups would reduce contributions by \$2,690,000 annually. Still another tentative change—based on possible Congressional action—would add \$1,096,000 a year to the state's unemployment fund.

These were results of analysis by the State Unemployment Commission of four legislative measures as reported today to the Labor and Industries Committee. Studies also being made of several other bills recently introduced will be ready for consideration soon, the commission announced.

House Bill No. 67, sponsored by labor to increase the benefit schedule from \$15 to \$25 for up to 26 weeks, replacing the present \$10 to \$20 for up to 20 weeks, would cost \$2,385,000, based on payments made to the unemployed during 1948. Elimination of the one waiting week, as provided in House Bill No. 69, would mean an additional cost of \$683,000.

The proposed experience rating amendment, as offered by employers in House Bill No. 93 would change the minimum tax from 0.5 percent to 0.3 and would lower required employer reserves.

Based on last year's covered payroll, the decrease would be \$2,690,000 and probably would be slightly higher because of provision for voluntary contributions and rate restrictions.

The increase of \$1,096,000 would come from requiring employers

to pay taxes on individual wages up to \$4,200 instead of \$3,000, as now provided. This proposal in House Bill No. 165, offered by the commission, would depend upon action by Congress in changing national coverage.

Other measures being studied by the commission would change seasonability benefits and general coverage.

Peace Memorial Planned By Christians in Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Two Christian groups in Japan are planning to build a peace memorial hall dedicated to war dead throughout the world.

The YMCA and the Federation of Christian Churches in Japan hope to complete the project in three years. It will include a hall, recreation rooms and student dormitories.

The memorial was inspired by an American pastor in Birmingham, Ala., who lost a son in the Pacific war. He had a plaque in the Stockholm Memorial Church in Birmingham inscribed with the names of a dozen especially chosen World War II students.

A delicious salad for a company dinner is made from sliced avocado, orange sections, and romaine, watercress or some other green. Serve with a French dressing seasoned with a good deal of paprika, and garnish with ripe black olives if desired.

French Gratitude Train Heads For Southern States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The "merc" train was heading southward today—one section of it, at least.

Three cars of the gift-laden special from France were destined for the capital cities of Virginia, North Carolina and Florida.

Some 6,000,000 persons contributed gifts to the train, originated by French railroad veterans as an expression of thanks for the American "friendship train" which distributed food to European needy a year ago.

A torch lighted from the "Eternal Flame" which burns under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris was presented before the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington cemetery, just across the Potomac River from Washington.

The torch, and the last flag to fly in Havre after the city's destruction in the Second World War, will accompany the train, and finally rest in the American Legion Museum at Indianapolis.

Oregon's carload of gifts will arrive in Salem Feb. 18. The section containing Oregon's car left Jersey City for the west last night.

Hope Gone for Missing B-29 with 15 Men Aboard

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The U. S. Air Force gave up hope yesterday for 15 men on a B-29 Superfortress which disappeared Jan. 27 on a flight from Dakar to its base in England.

The Third Air Division headquarters here said organized search of the Canary Islands area where the giant plane is believed to have gone down has been abandoned. Ships and planes of four nations—the U. S., Britain, France and Portugal—took part in the search at one time.

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Russia Defied By Anti-Red Papers Of Scandinavia

OSLO, Norway, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Scandinavia's non-Communist press defied Russia today with an editorial drubbing her offer of a Soviet-Norwegian non-aggression pact.

At the same time, a Swedish foreign office spokesman announced that Russia has not yet offered any similar pact to Sweden. Such a move had been predicted in Moscow. Political observers here declared any such offer to Sweden would be rejected by the government as violating Sweden's traditional neutral position in big-power alignments.

Virtually all the Swedish non-Communist press joined in denouncing Russia's overtures to Norway, accusing the Russians of habitually violating treaties. The government newspapers of Denmark avoided editorial comment, but the opposition press in Copenhagen, like the Swedish newspapers, said Russia has violated such pacts.

The Oslo press was united in saying the Russian note offering a pact could not change Norway's determination to participate in a western alliance such as the proposed North Atlantic pact. Officially Norway remains interested in the possibility of joining the western powers in a defense chain, despite Russia's second note to the Norwegian government containing implicit warnings against such a move.

The editorial attack on Russia loosed by the Swedish press probably was the heaviest here since the end of the war. All the newspapers said Russia previously had violated five pacts of non-aggression—with Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

GI Romeo In Berlin Stymied

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The application of Edward J. Lada, blockade-busting war veteran, to wed the mother of his two-year-old daughter was stymied by the U. S. military authorities today.

Lada asked for permission to marry Ruth Riecki, 23, for whom he hitch-hiked through Germany, past Russian guards and into Berlin several months ago.

The legal branch of the Berlin command advised Lada he would have to apply for such a wedding the same as any soldier or government employee in Germany.

Lada has no status except that of a trespasser and as such faces trial soon.

To make such an application, Lada would concede that he comes under the articles of war such as soldiers and civilian employees of the Army. His attorney, Robert M. Dohini of Nashville, Tenn., contends just the opposite and will base Lada's defense on that when the trial opens, probably next week.

Moreover, Dohini said, the decision of Berlin authorities that such application has to be made in effect puts the wedding off indefinitely. He said there is usually a three-months waiting period, in addition to the time it takes to process an application.

By that time, Dohini contended, Lada will be tried and either convicted and jailed for longer than that or freed and sent home to Newark, N. J.

Decline in U. S. Stocks Noted by Soviet Press

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Moscow Press noted yesterday without comment, the recent fall in prices on the New York stock exchange.

Pravda, the Communist party organ, headlined its story "prices continue to fall on New York stock exchange."

Most Russian economists have long predicted that a depression surely is coming in capitalist countries.

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Posyville Pup Tent, Military Order of Cootie, Instituted; Royal Denton Heads Officers

Posyville Pup Tent of the Military Order of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was instituted Saturday evening, Feb. 5, at the Vets Lounge.

The degree work was under the direction of Portland Pup Tent No. 1. Officers of the new pup tent, who were installed by Grand Commander Earl Walker of Cascade Locks, were:

Commander, Royal Denton; senior vice commander, Kenneth Miller; junior vice commander, Elynn Barnes; adjutant, William Hart; quartermaster, C. E. Hoover; officer of the day, T. F. Holmes; master of ceremonies, Warren Mann; officer of the guard, James F. Marr; chaplain, Carl Meske; historian, Glen Smith; trustees: Durward Owens, Frank Addison, Charles Glade.

Other members who also were initiated into the three degrees of the Cootie were: Jim Pollard,

John Angland of Riddle, A. H. Allen, Art Cooper, Wallace Cox, Wilbur Ford, Arnold Wallace, Cecil Graves. After the ceremonies the transfer of R. L. Preston from Eugene Pup Tent was accepted by the new pup tent.

The degree work was in charge of Charles Howard, commander of Portland Pup Tent.

Those attending the meeting in addition to the local Cooties were: Grand Commander of Oregon Earl Walker, Cascade Locks; Past Grand Commander William T. Lee, Portland; Charles Howard, commander Portland Pup Tent; Grand Council member, H. Cliff Shinn, Portland; Grand Council member, Harry Allen, Springfield; M. T. Beldhane, Klamath Falls; Doug Ambrose, Klamath Falls; Gordon Burns, commander, Eugene; Wayne Epperson, commander, Eugene; Harry Windus, Grand Council member, Portland; E. D. Vane, Grand Council member, Portland; A. M. Lesser, Portland; Hal Franks, Portland, grand hospital chairman; Earl Ekholm, grand trustee, Coos Bay; A. E. Williams, past commander, Go-Getter Pup Tent, Sweet Home.

After the meeting refreshments were served to members and their wives at the lounge.

Community Chest Record Predicted by Henry Ford II

DETROIT, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Henry Ford II predicted yesterday that community chest collections throughout the nation last fall will mount up to a record high when all reports are in.

Ford is national chairman of Community Chests of America. This will be the third successive year campaigns have shown advances, Ford said.

The reported total so far has reached \$136,586,038, Ford said, and will probably end up in excess of \$185,000,000.

Darling Post Office Busy; Valentine's Day Nears

DARLING, Pa.—(AP)—Darling's tiny, unpaired post office (84 by 104 feet) is doing a rush business these days.

That's because it has a "Darling" post mark.

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