

Grumbling Heard When Senators Revamp Social Security Measure

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—A bitter floor fight looms over what the Senate Finance committee has done to the House-passed bill to amend the social security law. Two things in particular will be the cause for wrangling between the two chambers. They are the Senate rejection of House proposals to inaugurate a system of disability insurance and to increase public assistance benefits to the needy.

Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, Social Security Commissioner Arthur J. Altmeyer and their forces may be counted on to lead a fight to have these provisions reinstated. They will have full support from the labor union lobbyists, who feel that the Senate Finance committee recommendations are a severe blow.

Another source of opposition will come from state governments. Many states—New York, for instance—had planned their budgets counting on greater federal aid for public assistance. If the Senate recommendations for reducing public assistance grants can be made to stick, a greater financial burden will be thrown back on the states. This would hit the poorer states particularly hard.

First reaction in Washington was that the Senate committee action represented a 100 percent victory for the insurance companies knocking out disability insurance. The Senators have also recommended no immediate increase in rates of premiums paid by employer and employee, and recommended keeping the wage base limit on which social security deductions are calculated to the first \$3,000 of income, instead of raising it to \$3,600 or higher.

A second and more careful look at the Senate committee proposals, however, reveals they would take in more workers and pay higher old-age assistance benefits than the House-passed bill.

To understand what all the arguing will be about, these main differences between the Senate committee recommendations and the House-passed bill may be kept in mind.

Wanted Extend Coverage
There are now about 25,000,000 workers in the Social Security system. The House bill would take in 7,000,000 more. The Senate would raise this to an estimated 8,250,000 plus another 1,500,000 who might be brought in as voluntary participants. The total number covered by the Senate would therefore be close to 45,000,000 workers. The Senate would take in 800,000

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Good Seed Year Ahead For Stands Of Douglas Fir

A bountiful seed year is in the making in the vast Douglas fir forests of Washington and Oregon, according to W. D. Hagenstein, forester engineer for the forest conservation committee of the Pacific Northwest Forest industries. Tiny, inch-long green cones now thickly cover hundreds of millions of trees throughout the region. They will grow and ripen during the summer.

Conditions are ideal, Hagenstein said, for excellent reseeded during the coming fall when the cones ripen. Loggers burned lots of slash last fall and large areas of forest stubble are ready for natural seeding. "We have one big worry today," the forester said. "Only fires, caused by man's carelessness, can spoil this potentially fine seed year. Every user of our forests should be on the alert to prevent fires and should observe every possible precaution all summer long." "Nature will plentifully reseed tens of thousands of acres this fall," the forest leader pointed out. "All man has to do is protect these naturally seeded forests while sun and rain and the good earth grow more crops of usable wood."

Two Interior Posts Filled By President

WASHINGTON, May 27 — (AP)—President Truman Friday nominated Dale E. Doty of Pasadena, Calif., to be assistant secretary of the Interior. Doty is now special assistant to Secretary Chapman.

The White House also announced that Mr. Truman had approved the appointment of Vernon D. Northrop as administrative assistant to Chapman. Northrop, 45-year-old native of Scranton, Pa., has been in charge of the department's office of administrative management. The post which Doty fills was created in the department under a reorganization plan approved by Congress. It pays \$15,000 a year. His appointment must be confirmed by the Senate.

Northrop will get \$14,000 a year. His appointment does not require Senate approval. He is a native of Redlands, Calif.

farm workers employed by one employer for 60 days and earning \$50 or more in any three months. The Senate would also take in an undetermined number of sharecroppers—estimated to be as high as 300,000.

The Senate would also take in 200,000 employees of nonprofit organizations. There was a curious committee fight on this. Under the House bill, both employers and employees of nonprofit religious organizations would be required to contribute to the social security system. The Catholics objected to this compulsory taxation. Other denominations joined in the protest—all except the Baptists. At first the Senate Finance committee voted to exclude all employees of religious organizations on a mandatory basis. This created such a protest, however, that the Senate committee finally reversed itself and voted to allow religious organizations to obtain social security coverage for their employees on a voluntary basis. The Senate knocked out the complicated House bill formulas intended to increase federal share of public assistance grants to states making low assistance payments to the needy. The Senate also recommended making no additional payments to the mothers or caretakers of dependent children now eligible to receive public assistance. The Senate committee voted to increase appropriations for various child service programs from \$29,000,000 to \$64,000,000. While the House had recommended increasing federal old age and survivors' insurance benefits by an average of 70 percent, the Senate committee recommends increases of 90 percent.

Elephants Featured In Circus



Everyone knows that elephants are intelligent animals, and the fact that they perform better for women than they do for men, proves it beyond a doubt. And when one looks at the girls who will present the huge beasts in the rings of the Clyde Beatty circus, coming to Roseburg, June 5, for afternoon and night performances, there just can't be any argument about it because the girls—all three of them, are very attractive—and they know their job. They know elephants and they can make them do their stuff. Dorothy Brown, pictured above atop the head of "Marge," has a way with the lumbering beasts, and you'll agree after you see her in the center ring as she puts them through their paces. Nearly 300 men and women are circus stars and performers comprise the acting personnel of the Clyde Beatty Circus this year, with scores of internationally known stars and features. Performances will be given at 2:30 and 8 p. m. each day, with the gates opening at 1:30 and 7 p. m.

Industrial Arts Exhibits Awarded Special Prizes

Nine Roseburg senior high school boys will receive merchandise awards for outstanding work displayed recently in the high school industrial arts exhibit, sponsored by the Roseburg Rotary club. R. L. Edie, industrial arts instructor, said 96 ribbons will be presented winners among the 140 contestants entered in the drafting and woodworking divisions. Ribbons were awarded by the Rotary club. Awards went to the following boys: Over all winner, Orval Bruton, with four first places; runner-up, Leonard Warren, two first places, one second; Most outstanding project, Ted Wheeler. Lathe winner, Derril Simpson, three first places, one second; runner-up, Boyd Jurgensen, three firsts. Other winners included, Milton Foster, Jerry Sconce, John Hess, David McNav.

Merchandise awards for the outstanding work were given by Roseburg Jewelry, Outdoor store, Umpqua Valley Hardware, Firestone's, J. V. Sporting Goods, Miller's and Herman's Men's store. Projects were judged by Art McGhehey, Keith Mobley, John Todd, Joe Marsters, Frank France and Charles Allen. Members of the sponsoring Rotary club committee were Roland West, community service chairman; and Harold West and Hod Turner, members of the youth service committee. Projects were displayed at Miller's, Penney's, Umpqua Valley Hardware, Harmony House, Ott-Ricketts Music store, Hotel Umpqua, Roseburg Realty, Firestone's and J. V. Sporting Goods store. Shrimp bran, ground shells and heads, is a high-protein livestock feed.

Creation Of Nationwide Civil Defense Program Will Likely Be Finished In About 2 Years

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Government experts figure it will take two years before states and cities get around to setting up a permanent nationwide civil defense program. The civilian defense office in the National Security Resources board says it will have a plan for a permanent program ready for states and communities in September. A permanent plan doesn't mean perfect protection—only the best that seems possible.

Getting the plans in operation is something else. That is why a temporary, emergency plan also is being developed to give cities an idea of how they could use their present equipment and manpower in case of an immediate attack. So far only 20 states have passed civil defense or disaster preparedness laws. Plans for dealing with disasters have been developed by administrative action in seven other states.

That leaves 21 without laws. What the count is on cities nobody knows. NSRB is working on suggested models for civil defense laws for the states and ordinances for the cities. It hopes to send them around within a few weeks in hopes legislatures and city councils will provide some action and money before another summer comes around. Many legislatures will be meeting next spring, NSRB officials say, and that is when they hope for some real results.

What they are proposing is that a state pass a law setting up a civil defense council, authorizing formal appointment of a director and empowering the governor and the director to go into action and mobilize help in event of disaster. Furthermore, NSRB says the governor and his budget chief should be thinking about putting into the budget for next year an appropriation to finance the council and pay the salaries of the director and his staff.

Then, the federal planners are urging, the governor or the civil defense director should provide their cities to duplicate the state system on a community scale, with local councils and directors and local appropriations. They say the laws and ordinances ought to be so worded that the states and cities can get busy on the national civil defense plan without any delay.

Until they do, the emergency plan will be available—starting this summer. It is being worked out on the basis of something like war games in Washington, Chicago and Seattle. These cities are going to assume they have been atom bombed and figure out what they would do, before and after the attack, with the people and equipment they would have available at the moment.

What is learned in the three-city project will be passed along to other cities for their guidance. Suit Filed To Collect Accounts Alleged Due
Jack Fariss and Son, Inc. have filed a suit to obtain a judgment on two causes of action from Roseburg Homes, Inc. The first cause of action is for \$209.00 allegedly due for merchandise delivered to the defendants. The second cause of action is to collect \$1,014 on an assigned account.

of 35 miles around the District of Columbia. This is the first such action taken by the American government against any of the Communist bloc countries, but similar bans may be imposed on other Red satellite diplomats. Webb said that the treatment of American diplomats in Romania and Czechoslovakia has become so bad that they and the United States may be moving toward a break in relations.

Romanian Envoys In U. S. Restricted
WASHINGTON, — (AP)—The United States has clamped tight restrictions on the movement of Romanian diplomats in the United States. The move was in retaliation for actions taken against the American legation in Bucharest by Romania's Communist government. Announcing the step, Undersecretary of State Webb said Romania has been informed that the United States will reduce its official personnel in Bucharest in accordance with a Romanian demand that the staff be slashed to 10 persons.

The travel ban restricts the movements of Romanian minister Magheru and his staff to an area

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Northern Baptists Name Dr. Edward H. Pruden

BOSTON, May 26—(AP)—The Rev. Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor of the Washington, D.C., Baptist church which President Truman attends, Thursday was nominated president of the Northern Baptist convention of 2,000,000 members in 36 states.

Rev. Dr. Pruden, pastor of the national Baptist church in the nation's capital, headed an unopposed slate of convention officers.

Nomination is considered tantamount to election but the formal election takes place tomorrow. Other officers named for 3,000 delegates at a week-long assembly included: Second vice-president, Mrs. M. B. Hodge, Portland, Ore.

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