

FEPC Employees Paychecks Will Likely Be Late

No Hope to Finish War Agencies Bill Any Time Soon

WASHINGTON, July 5 (UP)—Congressional bickering over the fair employment practices committee today threatened to tie up paychecks of thousands of employees in nearly a score of government agencies.

Administration leaders abandoned hope of completing action this week on the \$752,000,000 war agencies appropriation bill for 1946 as southern Democrats refused to give in to demands to include funds for FEPC.

No Money
Under a previously approved measure, all agencies except FEPC may continue to incur obligations until the appropriation bill is passed. But a spokesman for the general accounting office said pending final action on the measure, no money may be withdrawn from the treasury to meet payrolls from the fiscal year which began July 1.

Government payrolls are on a staggered basis, with tomorrow the scheduled payday for four of the agencies—the office of scientific research and development, office of economic stabilization, office of defense transportation and the controversial FEPC.

The house was expected to approve an emasculated version of the war agencies bill today, possibly after knocking out as much as \$643,000,000 of the \$752,000,000 total before sending it on to the senate.

Whole Issue
Under house rules, appropriations cannot be made for purposes which are not authorized by specific legislation—and 11 of the agencies covered in the bill were set up by presidential order rather than by legislation. Hence, funds for any or all of the 11 agencies can be stricken from the bill by the objection of a single member.

FEPC supporters, angry at committee failure to vote funds for the agency, said they are ready to object to appropriations for the other executive agencies in order to throw the whole issue into the lap of the senate.

'Here Come Waves' New Crosby Film: Clever Musical

A delightful mixture of romance, songs and comedy pays a screen tribute to the gallant Waves in Paramount's "Here Come the Waves," a Mark Sandrich production which opened in gala fashion at the Liberty theater last night.

Sparking this hit motion picture are three of Hollywood's finest—Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton and Sonny Tufts. It's Bing's first picture since the widely-acclaimed "Going My Way." With Betty Hutton playing twins in a dual role and Sonny Tufts lifting his voice in song for the first time, "Here Come the Waves" takes on a variety aspect which may out-spangle "Star Spangled Rhythm."

There's plenty of meat to this picture's story, though, with the emphasis on complications. First, Betty's twins in the film, playing a dual role as Susie and Rosemary, meet Bing, singing idol of the nation. Both Bing and his buddy, Tufts, fall for Rosemary and their efforts to win her hand result in some real belly-laughs by the audience.

Susie, too, wears her heart on her sleeve for Crosby and arranges to put "the groaner" in hot water with the navy from the admiral down.

In the final showdown, Sonny and Susie confess their crime and Bing wins Rosemary with Tufts finding his true love in Susie. The show presents the finest routines seen in a long time with a Crosby-Tufts black-face act which brought down the house. Betty takes off with the mirthful Hutton gyrations for which she's daily famous while even Sonny breaks into song, his first attempt of his picture career, incidentally.

Songs, sentimental and swing, are creations by Johnny Mercer and Harold Arlen which include such hit parade tunes as "Accent-ten-ate the Positive," "Let's Take the Long Way Home," "I Promise You," "There's a Fella Waitin' in Poughkeepsie" and the title song, "Here Come the Waves."

The tallest native American bird is the sandhill crane, which attains a height equal to that of an average man when it is standing erect.

Millions of Uncharted German Mines Are Peacetime Death-Traps for French



In a German-marked mine field in France that has taken its toll of allied soldier dead, an American officer moves forward with a detector to pick out any hidden explosives that may remain.



A British naval diver, wearing a self-contained suit that does not require air from surface pumps, pictured just before a hazardous descent into booby-trapped, mine-laden Cherbourg harbor.

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PARIS—There will be no seaside vacations for French people this summer—no sunbathing on the famous beaches of the Mediterranean, the Atlantic or the channel coast resorts.

Practically all the coastal areas, which were methodically mined by the Wehrmacht before D-day, have been closed to the public. Authorities estimate that as many as ten years may be required to clear these areas completely.

Forty-five of France's 96 departments reportedly are dotted with 105,000,000 mines. This represents around 900,000 acres of ground, every square yard of which may hide a death-dealing explosive. Millions of these mines were laid during the battle of France. Nazi headquarters apparently purposely kept no plans of land minefields and ammunition dumps, which will make the job of de-mining that much more difficult.

Curiosity Set Off Mines
De-mining has already started in Brittany, Normandy, in northern and eastern France and the valley of the Rhone, as well as in the coastal regions. So far some 150 types of mines have been unearthed.

Many innocuous-looking seaside homes have proved to be death-traps because the enemy laid booby-traps in every conceivable place where an instinctive movement of curiosity or need can lead an unsuspecting human being to set one off. In one small Breton coastal town 54 children have been killed in one month either by mines or booby-traps.

The allied armies have used American or British-made electro-magnetic detectors which are rapid and foolproof. But there are not enough of these to clear the whole of France and while French industry has been able to supply some of this apparatus, production is further limited because of the lack of raw materials, principally rubber for insulators.

Courses to instruct Frenchmen in the art of mine-detecting have been started in the most heavily mined regions. In addition, 100,000 German prisoners soon will be put to work. Each German mine-detecting gang will have to be closely supervised, of course, to make sure that they work conscientiously.

Pleasure Resorts Will Come Last
France's de-mining plan is simple. Most urgent is the restoration of public utilities. Viaducts, power plants, gas mains have either been mined or blown up. In the devastated regions, all industrial plants will have to be cleared so that every industry necessary to the revival of the nation's economy can go to work without delay. Agriculture is equally important—hence the imperative necessity of de-mining all grazing and arable land in order to allow farmers to produce the foodstuffs for the nation's needs. The remaining industries will be taken care of in order of importance.

That is why there will be no vacationing at the seaside this year—de-mining of pleasure resorts comes last on the already too long list.

Canadian Troops Riot at Aldershot

ALDERSHOT, England, July 5 (UP)—Military authorities today opened an inquiry into last night's wild street riot during which some 500 Canadian soldiers vented their impatience over the delay in getting transportation home by wrecking part of this historic military town.

No one was injured and there was no evidence of looting or drunkenness, but the Canadians smashed windows in 25 shops and broke every automatic machine in a local amusement arcade, causing about \$4,000 damage.

The disorder was said to have been started by a false report three Canadians were being held in the town jail.

Damage Slight in 3 Auto Collisions

Automobiles driven by Irene Webb, Walla Walla, and Lane Black, Hermiston, collided yesterday on highway 82. Damage was slight.

Automobiles driven by Mrs. Edith H. Miller, Baker, was hit by the car of an unidentified driver as she was backing up on highway 39 near Pine Cone park. Damage amounted to \$25.

Automobiles driven by Irene Elliott, Elgin, and Henry Hill, La Grande collided yesterday on highway 82. Damage was slight.

Linseed oil is used for paints and varnishes, printing ink, foundry molds, adhesives, wallboard soaps and fabrics, for processing leather, linoleum and olefin.



Heat getting you down? Follow the simple rules illustrated above and you'll feel better.



THE SPHINX LAUGHS—AT LAST—A genius, a great leader, strong man of the hour, savior of the nation—yet an enigma. Such, paradoxically, is Joseph Stalin, Russia's one-man political power who, in above layout, progresses into what passes for one of his rare smiles. Sequence of pictures was taken from a movie made during a one-hour speech, "The Report to the Nation." In that he called Japan an aggressor nation.

EARLIEST PRINTED BOOK
The earliest printed book found to date came from the caves of the Thousand Buddhas, in China. The book was dated 698 A. D.

If you flew the most direct route from New York to Manila, you'd fly over the Arctic coastline of Canada.

SACRED NUMBER
Tibetans hold the number 108 sacred. Their holy book contains 108 volumes and, when they give important banquets, the meal has 108 courses.

It has been estimated that the internal temperature of the sun is 50,000,000 degrees. Its surface temperature is 6,000 degrees.

Americans Better Clothed, Housed, Fed During 1944

Still Turned Out More Munitions Than Enemies

WASHINGTON, July 5 (UP)—America managed to keep its citizens better fed, housed and clothed than any other nation last year despite the fact it turned out nearly half the world's munitions.

J. A. Krug, war production chairman, reported to President Truman today on what he termed "a year of brilliant achievement on the production front." In 1944, he said, America's production machine made almost 45 percent of the combined combat munitions of both the United Nations and the axis.

Three to One
Total world arms output in 1944 was valued at \$101,500,000,000, Krug reported, with the U.S. share \$43,500,000,000. The United Nations, he added, outproduced the axis three to one.

Overall U. S. production for 1944 reached \$199,600,000,000. Total war production, including construction and other items not directly of a combat nature, amounted to \$61,300,000,000. For one thing, he said, there was a smaller working force. In 1944, the armed services averaged 11,380,000 persons or 2,500,000 more than in 1943, while the civilian labor force dropped almost 1,000,000.

Got Less
"While all battlefronts were ablaze... the American consumer was furnished with more goods and services than in any year since 1941." The consumer spent more and got less for his money, however.

Here are some of the 1944 achievements:
96,359 planes including 16,048 heavy bombers; 30,889 ships; 17,565 tanks; 595,330 army trucks; 3,284 heavy field guns and howitzers and 7,454 light ones; 152,000 army aircraft rocket launchers; 215,177 bazookas and 1,416,774 tons of ground artillery ammunition.

By 1944, synthetic rubber production had risen to 753,000 long tons compared to 8,000 in 1941, aluminum production was trebled between January, 1942, and October, 1944; magnesium production was 50 times 1939 output; steel production was up 33 1/2 percent over 1940; penicillin production was 30 times over that of 1943; aviation gasoline production doubled in 1944.

Chemists developed an explosive called pentaerythritetetrani-trate.

Young Woman Found Dead of Stab Wound Near Seattle Tracks

SEATTLE, July 5 (UP)—Stabbed to death with a hunting knife, the body of pretty, suburban-haired Wilma Ross, 19, was found today sprawled beneath a boxcar on the Seattle waterfront.

Police said the young woman's husband, Charles Ray Ross of Knoxville, Tenn., unable to tell a fully coherent story of the slaying, told authorities that he and his wife were attacked by four sailors. Ross, police said, was being held for safekeeping until he regained his composure.

Two coastguard patrolmen said Ross, clothes disheveled and visibly shaken, first told them of the killing and led the way to the spot where his wife lay across the tracks near the wheels of the boxcar. Two of the sailors, Ross said, knocked him unconscious while the other two grabbed his wife. Police said the young woman's dress and blouse had been torn in the struggle. A blood-stained hunting knife and a sheath lay near the body.

Club Application Receives Approval

The city commission, at its meeting Tuesday night, approved an application by Roy D. Magden for operation of the Central club, 1207 Adams.

City manager's report for week ending June 30 is as follows:
General receipts, \$2,905.17; general disbursements, \$10,088.03; cash on hand, \$72,034.02.
Water receipts, \$203.17; water disbursements, \$118.62; cash on hand, \$12,995.90.

Lt. Worth Epling Home After Five Years in Service

First Lt. Worth Epling arrived in La Grande yesterday for a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Epling, and his brother, Golan Epling, after serving almost two years in the European theater of operations and three years in the Pacific.

Lieutenant Epling made the trip from England via Scotland, Iceland and Labrador, landing in Massachusetts.

He entered the army Nov. 10, 1939, and now wears the Silver Star; has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross; has the American defense badge with one bronze star for one year overseas before the attack on Pearl Harbor; the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with three bronze stars for battle participation, one each for Pearl Harbor, Midway and Wake; the European theater ribbon with four bronze stars, one for the landing on D-day, one for Normandy, one for southern France, and the fourth for participation in the battle in Germany; also the good conduct badge.

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