

Russians Fly Over Oregon; to Extend Hop

Antagonistic House Group To Hold up Court Measure

Sumners Says Committee to Keep Bill out

Would Require Petition Signed by 218 to Get Onto House Floor

Opposition Heralds This as Death Blow; More Debate in Senate

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(AP)—The chairman of the powerful house judiciary committee came out so strongly against the Roosevelt court reorganization bill late today that opponents of the measure exclaimed joyfully that it was dead.

Advocating a "sit-down" on the issue, Chairman Sumners (D-Tex) made a speech interpreted on all sides as meaning that his committee will never let the bill out on the house floor for a vote unless the house itself takes it away from the group by drastic action.

To get a bill out of an unwilling committee, a petition bearing the names of 218 of the 435 house members is necessary. Friends of the court bill began talking of such a petition. Opponents predicted it never would be filed.

Means Collapse of Measure, Claimed

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont), a leader of the opposition to the bill, which is now being debated in the senate, declared the Sumners speech marked "the collapse of the fight to save the bill."

Sumners had never before commented publicly on the present court bill, which calls for the appointment of one additional supreme court justice a year if incumbents past 75 do not retire.

But today, while Senator Copeland (D-N.Y.) was appealing to President Roosevelt from the top to bottom to withdraw the measure lest it split the democratic party permanently, Sumners arose in the house to declare that the nation is at a crossroads, and that one of the paths leads to dictatorship.

"Is it good sense," he demanded, "to split us from top to bottom when we need a united government and united people to save this nation?"

Members Applaud Opposing Argument
Many house members arose and applauded when Sumners appealed to the senate to abandon "an unnecessary piece of legislation."

Representative Keller (D-Ill) asked the Texas if he was taking the position that his committee "has a right to deny the house the opportunity to vote on this subject."

"No, I do not think that," Sumners answered, "but I take the position that the judiciary committee of the house is the agent of the house and trusted with certain responsibilities, and at any time this house wants to assume the responsibility of taking the bill away from the committee, it has the privilege to do so."

At another point, Sumners said: "I am for the president of the United States and I am for my country. I don't want to discuss this pending bill, I want to direct your attention to the solidarity of the nation and that is what I am talking about."

Taking up the opposition cause in the senate, Senator Copeland warned his colleagues that disaster is not far ahead of the democratic party if the court bill is pressed.

Toledo Waterfront Is Swept by Blaze; Five Buildings Total Loss

Pacific Hotel Largest Structure Taken by Flames of Uncertain Origin; Fire Departments of two Cities Battle for Hour and Half

TOLEDO, Ore., July 13.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin swept the Toledo waterfront tonight, totally destroyed the Pacific hotel and four other buildings, and damaged several more after jumping the Southern Pacific tracks to the main business district.

Youngstown Plant Gates Swing Open

Both Sides Claim Victory in Strike; Not Accord Says Firm's Chief

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., July 13.—(AP)—Gates swung open today at Youngstown Sheet & Tube company's "harbor" plant, reopening without incident the last of the large steel mills closed by the 47-day-old strike on a seven-state front.

Cheerful workers, many with "dookies"—steelmen's language for the familiar newspaper-wrapped lunch—streamed past company and railroad police into the Indiana harbor mill, which normally employs more than 6,000 persons. Plant officials said a virtually normal day force of 3,000 was on hand.

Controversy over who "won" the strike abated but little. The company, reasserting its position that no agreement had been made with anyone, posted large signs at each gate. They read: "Notice: We have not made any agreement or contract with any official, person or organization. This plant is open for work on the conditions which existed when work was stopped May 26, 1937."

Van A. Bittner, regional director for the steel workers organizing committee, repeated his contention the company had made an agreement with Gov. M. Clifford Townsend and that the union was showing its "good faith and our responsibility as parties to a compact."

Seattle Man Has Federation's Aid

PORTLAND, July 13.—(AP)—The board of directors of the Oregon Commonwealth federation voted approval today of the attitude of J. D. Ross of Seattle toward Bonneville, and scored Representative Nan Wood Honeyman of Portland for her opposition to Ross' appointment as Bonneville administrator.

A statement released by Ruth M. Stone, acting secretary of the federation, described Mrs. Honeyman's objection to the appointment of a Seattle man as "local jingoism."

"Mrs. Honeyman seems to have deserted the president's power policy and joined the Portland chamber of commerce in attacking J. D. Ross," she said.

James Roosevelt Willing to Have Tax Records Disclosed

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's eldest son, James, agreed today to disclose his income tax returns in response to a Republican demand.

The lanky younger Roosevelt, who is one of his father's secretaries, appeared unexpectedly before the senate-house tax committee when it renewed its study of personal holding companies alleged to be used as tax avoidance devices.

Public Hearing On Courthouse Issue Planned

Resolution of Intention Passed by Committee; Problems Viewed

Tentative Setup Worked on Basis of WPA Aid or Lack of It

Steps preliminary to acting under the new Oregon courthouse construction act were taken by the county court at its building committee meeting last night, but uncertainties expressed as to availability of PWA assistance and as to means of utilizing surplus funds forecast delays.

To inform the PWA of its intentions, the court adopted a resolution in tentative form ordering posting notices of a public hearing on the construction question, as required by the state law.

The resolution also stated the court's intention to submit the matter to the voters at an early date as the law permits and listed financing plans as follows: 1. With PWA assistance, the creation of a courthouse building fund by transfer of reserves in other funds, by employment of unappropriated assets of the county general fund, including unpaid taxes, and by a special levy for the year 1938.

Silverton Loses To Pacific Fruit

Edged out 2 to 1 in Best Game of Series; St. Helens Wins Again

SILVERTON, July 13.—The host Silver Falls baseball team was eliminated from the state semi-pro tournament tonight, but not until after it had defeated Pacific Fruit in the tightest and best ball game of the series. Pacific Fruit won 2 to 1.

Crawford Denies Beer Label Issue

PORTLAND, Ore., July 13.—(AP)—Circuit Judge James W. Crawford denied today a plea by the Brewery Workers union for an injunction to restrain the teamsters' union from using a red label on beer produced by plants under teamster jurisdiction.

Judge Crawford ruled the matter was one for adjudication by the AFL and not for a court of equity to decide.

Ward Building in Oakland Leveled

OAKLAND, Calif., July 13.—(AP)—The three-story Montgomery Ward furniture warehouse in the heart of the industrial section was destroyed today in a six-alarm fire.

McCulloch Still In Race, Assured

KLAMATH FALLS, July 13.—(AP)—Harry D. Bolvin, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives returned from Washington, D. C., today and expressed optimism on the chances of the appointment of Claude McCulloch to succeed the late John McNary as federal judge.

Japan Rushes Added Troops To Fight Zone

Americans Flee Trouble Area at Peiping When Battle Gets Warm

Exploitation of Region Is Insisted Upon; Tokyo Demands Severe

PEIPING, July 14.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The Japanese high command at Tientsin rushed 2000 reinforcements, fully supported with artillery and armored cars, to the Peiping battle area tonight after the defeat of Japanese troops by the 29th Chinese route army before the southern and eastern gates of the city yesterday.

They were headed for the Japanese army field base at Fengtai, west of the city, in the zone where clashes between night maneuvering Japanese and the 29th army last Wednesday precipitated the grave crisis between Japan and China.

Fighting was halted this morning after an engagement near the Nanyuan airfield, eight miles south of Peiping, had lasted almost into the summer dawn. Once again the gates of the city were opened and rail service to Tientsin was resumed.

American travelers, including 150 army and navy officers on China station and their families, fled the city on the first of three trains allowed to leave for Tientsin this morning.

PEIPING, July 14.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Heavy skirmishing broke out early today outside Yung-Ting-Men, south of Peiping on the road to Nanyuan, in a renewal of Sino-Japanese conflict. A steady trench mortar fire was (Turn to page 2, column 5)

Effect of Sludge Studied by Board

PORTLAND, July 13.—(AP)—The state department of geology and mineral industries promised today to cooperate in an effort to determine the effect of mineral sludge on fish life.

E. Nixon, director of the bureau, was instructed to determine whether the federal government plans such a survey.

The action was in response to complaints of sportmen and commercial fishing interest, applying principally to the lower portion of the Rogue river.

"We know the water is muddied, but are the fish harmed? That is the question," Senator William Strayer, Baker, chairman, said.

The board approved the 1937 budget as presented by Nixon, allotting \$16,604 for grubstake loans, \$8,000 for equipment and operation of laboratories at Grants Pass and Baker and \$16,750 for the administrative offices at Portland.

Late Sports

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—(AP)—Portland defeated San Francisco 4 to 1, in their last league baseball game here tonight.

Ad Liska, Portland submarine hurler, pitched shutout ball after the third frame, when the Seals got their run, on two hits and an error.

Flies Over Oregon in Dash Which Will Break All Distance Records



Mikhail Gromoff, Russian aviator who, with two aides, flew across Oregon last night on the nonstop flight from Moscow across the north pole and to California. San Francisco was the original goal but the fliers indicated last night they might continue south to San Diego.—International Illustrated News photo.

Four Are Elected To School Tasks

Semi-Final Payment Upon Building Is Ordered at Board Session

Four new teachers, two of them to be rated as substitutes, were elected by the Salem school board at a short session last night. The new instructors will be: Elizabeth Ashbaugh, intermediate, \$1125.51 salary; Doris Neptune, physical education, \$1363.71; Lloyd Girod, physical education and social science, substitute, \$1363.71; Bessie Forsythe, elementary, substitute, \$1125.51.

The directors ordered a semi-final payment of \$10,000 made to Hoffman Construction company with the money to be obtained by borrowing. Chairman Copper, Director Bradford and Clerk Burgardt were authorized to iron out technicalities which have prevented the district's receiving a grant payment due from the PWA.

Finishing of the band room at the new high school at cost of \$802 was authorized.

Mrs. Mary Evans Called by Death

CORVALLIS, July 13.—(AP)—The death of Mrs. Mary Evans, 90, here last Sunday removed one of the oldest members from the ranks of Oregon pioneers.

Mrs. Evans was born at St. Joe, Missouri, in 1847, while her parents were en route, via wagon train, from Iowa to the western country. The family settled at Oregon City and later went to French Prairie. She was married in 1862, at the age of 14, the ceremony being performed in a tent.

She and her husband made their home at Alsea, where Mr. Evans died in 1919.

Bodies of 2 Boys Are Found, River

CORVALLIS, July 13.—(AP)—The waters of Mary's river yielded the bodies today of Raymond Hinson, 12, and Mervin Conrad, 12, both of Portland, who disappeared Saturday while playing on logs floating near the mouth of the river.

The bodies were found under the state highway bridge at the Corvallis city limits.

Sixty Planes Seek in Vain; Storm Prevents Second Try

HONOLULU, July 13.—(AP)—Sixty navy planes scanned 21,000 square miles of desolate south Pacific ocean today without finding a trace of Amelia Earhart and Fred J. Noonan, missing for eleven days on a flight from New Guinea to tiny Howland island.

Gas Sufficient For San Diego Trip Reported

Toledo, Roseburg Claim Glimpses of Airmen; Route not Known

Radio Message Is Heard Here and Watch Kept Prior to Sundown

SEATTLE, July 14.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The U. S. signal corps reported here at 1:20 p. m. (PST) today that Russian fliers had passed over Oakland.

Continental Morse code radio signals from the Russian trans-polar plane were intercepted here at 11:10 o'clock last night by Operator Clive Scott at the city police radio station. The test of the fliers' message, apparently directed to San Diego, was in Russian. The message was signed RETET, call letters of the plane.

Reports received here late Tuesday afternoon indicated the plane might pass over Silverton and a lookout was maintained there, but later reports were to the effect that the plane flew down the coast or out over the ocean, passing over Toledo as it veered inland.

OAKLAND, Calif., July 14.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The Russian trans-polar plane, in a message intercepted at the airport here at 11:07 p. m. last night, reported it had sufficient gasoline to reach San Diego.

The plane did not reveal its position or the supply of fuel in gallons.

Weather conditions at Los Angeles and San Diego were again requested by the plane which reported it had better sight over near Riverside, 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

Goal May Be in Mexico, Hinted
Virtually assured of a new non-stop distance record, Russia's second trio of transpolar fliers roared toward the Pacific coast early today toward an indefinite goal in California or Mexico.

Their exact position from the time they crossed the United States border yesterday on their flight from Moscow, was as vague to radio listeners as the location of the airport where they will end their epic flight sometime early today. For nearly 12 hours their exact position was not known until they were sighted over Roseburg, Ore., at 10:25 p. m. (PST).

While they were flying over Oregon last night, the soviet airmen asked hourly reports on weather conditions here, at Los Angeles and San Diego.

The fact Consul Gen. Gregory I. Gokhman chartered a transport plane and ordered it held in readiness at the airport here, after first inquiring if it could land in Mexico, indicated the fliers might continue beyond the U. S. southern border if weather conditions were favorable and their fuel held out.

When the trio—Pilot Mikhail Gromoff, co-pilot Andrei Yumoshin and navigator Sergeo Danilin—took off from Tselkovo field at 2:25 p. m. Pacific standard time last Sunday, they indicated Oakland was their probable destination.

An 800-foot ceiling at Oakland airport, where aviation enthusiasts and members of the Russian colonies of San Francisco bay cities began gathering early last night, led watchers to predict the airmen would continue south if at all possible.

Fog over virtually all California airports favored the possibility the soviet trio would stay in the air until the morning sun lifted the dangerous blanket.

San Diego, about which Danilin inquired repeatedly during the night, is about 6,470 miles from Moscow, nearly 1,000 miles better than the world distance record of 5,657 miles set by the French fliers, Paul Codos and Maurice Rossi.

Oakland is approximately 6,250 miles by air from Moscow and Los Angeles about 6,410 miles.

From Moscow the fliers sailed over the pole; they started with Oakland as probable goal, but with perils surmounted and surplus of gas, they kept right on going, all records to pass.

BALLADE OF TODAY
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