

Noted Figures Warn of War

Lindbergh and Johnson Tell House Committee What They Think

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when he arose for the luncheon recess, and an ovation when his testimony was ended.

Throughout it all, Lindbergh was as self-possessed, composed and completely at ease as though he was in the cockpit of his plane. He sat erectly with his elbows resting on the witness table and never at a loss for a word, answered questions quickly and concisely. More frequently than not his replies consisted of a clipped "Yes, sir," or "no, sir," or when an opponent of the bill was the questioner, an emphatic one-word reply: "Right."

The sum and substance of Lindbergh's view was that an original mistake was made in replacing the arms embargo. American assistance thus far had not actually helped England, but only encouraged a continuance of the present bloodshed. Increased assistance could not—he stressed the point repeatedly—win the war for England, but only prolong the present deadlock. England could never hope to drive Hitler out of France—unless Germany collapses internally—he said. He was not so sure that Germany could not invade England, but he indicated that it was unlikely unless there was a collapse behind the British lines.

So, because he saw no ultimate advantage occurring to England for American help, and because he thought the lease-lend British aid bill delegated too many powers to the president, he was opposed to the measure. But, although opposed to giving England any war materials, he said that the United States, having committed itself, could not suddenly cut off its support. The situation had grown more and more complicated, he added, and he frankly was at a loss to propose a solution.

"Our aid is not going to be sufficient," he said, "and I believe we have encouraged a belief in Europe that is not going to be successful."

He urged that America try to "create an attitude of reception to a negotiated peace, stop shouting down any talk of peace as we have been doing and be open minded to it." More "objective information" on actual conditions abroad, he thought, would "eradicate a great deal of the fear of war current in this country."

Questioned by Representative Eaton (R-NJ) as to his reasons for opposing the bill, he said:

"First because I believe it a

step away from democracy and second, because it's one more step closer to war and I don't know how many more we can take, short of war."

Once he asserted that if it had not been for the attitude of the United States, the war would never have been declared and France would not be where she is today.

For America's defense against a force of 10,000 up-to-the-minute fighting planes, saying that number should be sufficient. The United States has 5000 to 6000 planes now, he continued in response to questions, but most of them are obsolete. He placed the number of modern fighting planes available at "a few hundred."

Except for these, he said, America's recent production had been sent abroad, instead of being retained here.

But first and last he stressed the point that it would be impossible for an enemy to attack the North American continent from over seas. An invasion of South America was possible, in his opinion, but inadvisable from the viewpoint of the attacker, because the United States could "harry" his communication lines and ultimately drive him out.

Italians Give up To Correspondent

By EDWARD KENNEDY TOBRUK, Libya, Jan. 23. (Delayed)—(AP)—So many Italian prisoners have been taken in the British capture of Tobruk that—as in other battles of the desert campaign—handling them is an annoyance not only to the British army but to correspondents.

I am the only American covering the campaign, but in a war correspondent's uniform I am mistaken for a British officer. Consequently, dozens of Italians have surrendered to me, most of them in this last battle.

This poses a question as to whether under the neutrality act an American is allowed to capture prisoners.

Usually I have solved this problem by turning them over to a British colleague or directing them to the spot where they may be officially captured.

Haile Selassie Back Home
CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Haile Selassie has been inside his old Ethiopian kingdom since January 15, it was officially disclosed Thursday night. The Ethiopian emperor, without an empire for five years since the Italians invaded this country, previously was reported at Khartoum, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

Senator's Wife in Hospital

Mrs. Ronald E. Jones, injured in an automobile accident Wednesday night, was reported as uncomfortable but not in serious condition Thursday. She is at Salem General hospital.

Lumber Chiefs Hear "Threats"

Henderson Says President Might "Draft" Supplies and Fix Prices

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with expletives, was made at a meeting the lumbermen called after Henderson previously had criticized the industry. M. L. Fleishel of Jacksonville, Fla., chairman of the group which is composed of representatives of 46 trade associations, read a prepared statement in which he criticized government buying methods.

Fleishel said that a conference he had with Henderson last week provided "the first direct information we had had that the government had any complaint about lumber prices."

At the start of the defense program last year he said, the government required delivery of more than 1,500,000,000 feet of lumber, much of it of relatively few grades and sizes and most of it specified to be dry lumber.

"If anyone thinks that the amount of lumber involved in the government purchasing program was not a large one," he said, "it probably can best be explained by stating it would require a train 600 miles long. Undoubtedly higher prices were paid for some lumber than would have been paid if delivery dates

could have been better adjusted to the actual needs and if rush bidding and rush deliveries could have been avoided."

Downward Price Trend Reversed in Statement

Fleishel said that the average price paid by the government in September was \$41.10 a thousand board feet; in October it was \$39.06; in November \$37.24 and in December \$35.81. The downward trend is continuing, he said.

"One of the largest contributing factors to the increase in price of southern pine has been due to the wage and hour law," he said.

Henderson said all he wanted was for them "to sell lumber to the government or private buyers at a decent price," and mentioned \$25 a thousand board feet as a "decent price" at the mill for number 2 southern pine lumber. He distributed charts showing increases in lumber prices from 1940 lows had ranged from none for number 1 redwood boards up to 52.7 per cent for number 1 pine timbers.

After Henderson's speech, Fleishel told reporters that "he didn't take us for as much of a buggy ride as I thought he would. He talked of \$25 pine and after all the price now is about \$27."

Planning Board Approves

The Salem planning and zoning commission Thursday night approved a plan for a residential subdivision proposed by the Dairy Cooperative association for property it recently acquired on Portland road in north Salem.

Freeways Bill Irks Senators

Whippman Claims Super Highways Necessity; Others Differ

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certain types of highways, was not revealed.

Objections Expected From Farmers on Roads

Loudest objections to the bill have come from farmers along the Pacific highway, particularly those who fear that the road might be restricted as to access and their fruit and vegetable stands shut off from the traveling public. Sen. Douglas McKay, (R-Marion), chairman, reported.

But Devers declared the cost of converting such roads as the Pacific highway north of Salem to a freeway would be "prohibitive" and averred the cost factor would for the present obviate fears that existing main highways might be closed to access other than the three-quarter-mile spaced junction points provided along a freeway route. He suggested, however, that the act could be revised to exclude its application to existing main highways, if necessary.

Burke said Devers' explanations did not answer his objections "in any respect."

"I think a highway is of value not only to persons traveling to eastern Oregon or the coast from Portland, for instance, but also for the opening up and de-

velopment of the country between . . . This bill is preposterous . . . I don't think it would do anything for safety at all. Better administration of existing laws is what is required for that."

"I question," Devers replied, "if it is the policy and desire of the people of the state, who pay for the highways, that the highway commission spend vast sums of money for roads for purely local benefit."

Most Drastic Bill of Kind Claims Senator Childs

Inferring that the freeways measure is "the most drastic bill of its kind in the United States," Sen. Charles Childs (R-Linn, Lane) also voiced determined opposition to its passage in any form.

Devers said the commission could "resort to a subterfuge" and through its present authority to acquire lands for parks buy 200-foot rights of way and devote 50 feet on either side of the road surface to parks, from which it could exclude ingress or egress as to adjoining private property.

McKay said the commission was afraid continuing encroachment of commercial enterprise on its modern highways "by hot dog stands and beer joints" would spoil their value, and reported it was "fine to value over" freeways he had traversed in the New England states. He did not, however, take a final stand on the measure.

"I can't see the sense of it," Sen. Marshall E. Cornett (R-Klamath) declared.

Sen. Dorothy McCullough Lee (R-Multnomah) and Sen. C. H. Zurcher (R-Union, Walla) did not express opinions.

Memorial Planned For Bob Bailey

EUGENE, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A memorial to the late Robert Chase Bailey, son of State Supreme Court Justice J. O. Bailey, was announced Thursday by Donald M. Erb, University of Oregon president.

He said a double row of pyramidal English oak trees would be planted down the mall of the new campus from the entrance to the new library to Thirteenth street. The memorial was made possible through a \$1000 gift from the justice, Dr. Erb said.

Young Bailey, prominent student and president of the senior class, drowned while canoeing in the millrace Easter Sunday, 1939.

Strike Is Voted By Gold Miners

GRASS VALLEY, Calif., Jan. 23.—(AP)—The Mine Workers Protective league voted 378 to 311 Thursday to authorize a strike to enforce a close shop demand.

League members said their by-laws provided a strike could not be called until 15 days after it had been authorized.

The league, an independent union, declined to renew its labor contract when mine operators declined to grant a closed shop, the union's only demand.

The strike vote affected all gold mines of the Grass Valley district, except the Lava Cap Mining company which is not under league bargaining powers.

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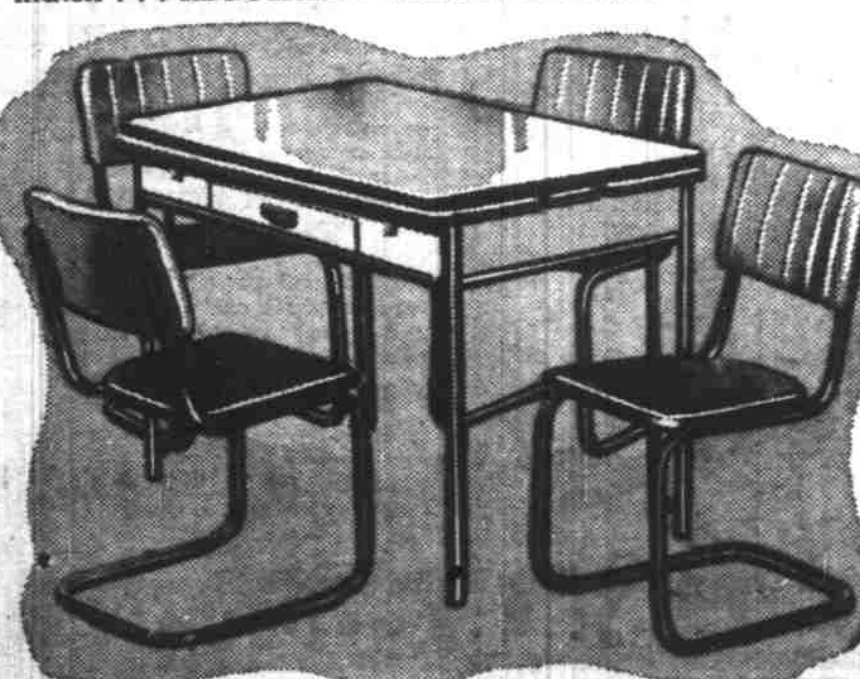
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