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House Committees in Quick Endorsement Of Repeal Measure

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tion makes such repeal a matter of extreme urgency." Late in the day, however, six of the 10 republican members of the committee issued a minority report calling for recommitment of the legislation for more adequate public hearings and warning that its passage would be followed "as surely as night follows day" by proposals "striking down the remainder of our neutrality or peace laws."

The group—Representatives Tinkham of Massachusetts, Chipfield of Illinois, Varys and Bolton of Ohio, Mundt of South Dakota and Jontman of Michigan—proposed as an alternative that the president transfer available American ships to Britain as a "forthright and legal step" which they said would not be "merely a headline help proposal."

While the legislative machinery was thus operating at top speed on this attempt to change the 1939 neutrality act, Secretary Knox told his press conference that the navy was ready to put guns and gun crews on the merchant ships "as fast as the ships come to us," once congress authorizes such action.

"We're satisfied now we can get enough guns to arm the ships," he said.

Rep. Boland of Pennsylvania, democratic whip, said house passage of the repeal solution was so certain that it was "absolutely unnecessary" for him to make an advance poll of the membership.

"It will pass by at least a 100-vote margin," he said, "and I wouldn't be surprised to see a much larger majority." When the house had a similar bill before it in 1917, it passed it by a vote of 403 to 14. That measure was filibustered to death in the senate, however, and in March, 1917—25 days before the United States declared war on Germany—President Wilson ordered the arming of American merchantmen on his own constitutional authority.

Under the procedure recommended by the rules committee, the debate on the measure will run throughout Thursday and for an additional hour on Friday, with a final vote scheduled for later the same day.

Noted Artist Dies

SOCORRO, N.M., Oct. 15—(AP)—Walt Lauderback, illustrator for Cosmopolitan magazine and other Hearst periodicals, died today at the new Mexico tubercular sanatorium. He was 54.

Red Grange Weds Airline Hostess



Harold (Red) Grange, famed "Galloping Ghost" of the gridiron at the University of Illinois and later a professional football star, is shown in Chicago with his bride, the former Miss Margaret Haseberg, airline stewardess, after their marriage at Crown Point, Ind. Grange, executive of a Chicago bottling company, met his future wife, whose home is in Sagola, Mich., while flying to Des Moines, Ia., about a year ago. Grange starred at Illinois in 1923, 1924 and 1925.

AFL Rejects Union Chief As Official

SEATTLE, Oct. 14—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor overwhelmingly rejected George E. Browne, indicted head of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employes, as an AFL vice-president Wednesday after taking a stand earlier in the day against racketeering or law breaking in any form within the labor movement.

The vote against the reelection of Browne as 11th vice-president was 37,944 to 421. Browne was among absentees from the convention. He is on trial in New York on a charge of extorting \$550,000 from motion picture firms.

The only votes for Browne were the 420 allotted to the three delegates of his stage employes' union and the one vote of the Colorado State Federation of Labor. The latter was cast by George W. Brayfield, also a member of Browne's union.

The successful candidate for 11th vice-president was Edward Flore of Buffalo, president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes' union and the incumbent 12th vice-president.

SEATTLE, Oct. 15—(AP)—The Post-Intelligencer said Wednesday night Dave Beck of Seattle, international vice-president and international representative of the teamsters' union for 11 western states, rejected an offer to become executive vice-president under President Dan J. Tobin with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer of the social security board told the American Federation of Labor convention Wednesday that social security services should be expanded during the national emergency, not curtailed.

Germans Mass Tanks Attack

Russians Admit Nazis Break Center Lines In Powerful Drive

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said the Russians, "only across the heaps of their own dead." It appeared that while the offensive from the west—based originally about Vyazma but now apparently operating about Moscow—still was the more powerful, that striking down from Kalinin and impelling the whole of the red line upon the upper Volga river was moving at a greater rate.

Perhaps worse than all this from the Russian viewpoint, if official German accounts be established, was Berlin's declaration that immense new bodies of troops were moving up to add their power to the advanced Nazi lines.

These forces, by the account of the German high command, substantially completed during the day a long series of encirclement battles against Russian armies claimed to have been entrapped far behind—in the vicinities of Vyazma 125 miles to the west of Moscow and Bryansk, 210 miles southwest of the capital—and were thus freed to drop their assignment of concentric maneuver and beat on forward to join the advanced forces.

Moscow's accounts of Wednesday said little of the situation south of the capital in the Bryansk area except to imply that fighting there had slackened.

It was the official organ of the soviet army, Red Star, which made the plainest statement of the soviet position. Urging red troops to guard their arms above their lives—a reference to the supreme necessity of holding on grimly to the relatively inadequate Russian equipment at a time "when British-American aid is only beginning to develop"—the paper said: "Moscow is in danger!"

A neutral observer of high position in London thus summed up: "Hitler for the first time in two years of war has thrown every available gun and tank into one attack. If he fails to take Moscow or destroy the Russian armies in the present drive—and he will may fall—Germany is finished until spring and might well have lost the war."

The one material success credited to the Russians during Wednesday was reported by British sources who stated that in the far south where snow and rain were hampering operations, the German Ukraine offensive east of Mariupol along the coast of the Azov sea and headed toward the Don river basin had been bloodily halted.

British sources stated that the RAF's continuing aerial offensive on the western front had compelled Hitler to keep more than half his fighting planes there, thus relieving the soviet armies considerably.

British pilots for the third consecutive night going over the English channel in strong force to attack the German-held French coast from Boulogne to Dunkerque last night continued the attacks.

Young People Form Groups

WOODBURN — The Catholic youths met Monday with Rev. John McGrenva, moderator of this group, leading the discussion. 35 were present.

This year the organization will be divided into two distinct groups; first, up to the third year in high school; second, fourth year high and older. Meetings will be held bi-weekly. A special works committee, for the reorganization of the young people, is made up of Tom Gorman, Oliver McClure, Frank Surmeyer, Leo Quesnel and Tom Donnelly.

Bundy Back, USC

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15—(AP)—Blocking Back Bill Bundy, one of the most valuable men on the Southern California Trojan team last season, probably will be ready for 60 minutes of play against Washington State here Saturday.

Undergoes Operation

HAYESVILLE — Mrs. A. A. Love is getting along satisfactorily following an operation for appendicitis, at the Salem General hospital, Friday.

Marion County 4H Girls, Boys Win \$612 at Livestock Show

Proceeds of the Pacific International Livestock exposition for Marion county 4H club boys and girls totaled \$612.67, it was announced Wednesday in county 4H offices at the courthouse. Of this sum, \$467.47 was from sales and \$145.20 from premiums.

First place among 13 competing teams from various states was won by Marion county's home economics judging representative, Coralee Nichols.

Rose Franke, Salem, route two, received \$27.50 for top rating in the pig feeding contest; \$20 for reserve champion; \$18 for a first and two seconds; \$112.50 from sales.

Johnny Brown, Gervais, route one, was awarded \$22.80 for second in pig feeding; \$5 for a second-place exhibit; \$94.00 from sales.

Junior Miller, Gervais, route one, took \$4 for a first in showmanship; \$6 for first and reserve champion; \$15.10 in other awards; \$244.39 from sales.

Allie Roberts, Turner, route one, was awarded \$14 for a first, third and fifth.

Floyd P. Fox, Jr., Silverton, route three, received \$13 for a first and two seconds and \$12.92 from sales.

Auto Plants Get New Jolt For January

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—(AP)—Defense officials gave the automotive industry a double-barreled jolt Wednesday, ordering a 51 per cent cut in passenger car production in January, and warning simultaneously that materials shortage would probably force a much greater curtailment.

Leon Henderson, civilian supply director of the office of production management, declared he had made no effort to fix a quota for January but, instead, was setting a maximum limit "to which the manufacturer can produce—if they are successful in obtaining sufficient materials."

He said several companies already had reported difficulties in obtaining strip steel and asserted this situation would be further complicated by rapidly increasing demands of defense industries for more steel and other scarce materials.

The January, 1942, maximum was set at 294,848 passenger cars compared with 418,350 produced in January, 1941. Considering previous production cuts ordered by Henderson, the industry therefore faces a production slash of 86.3 per cent during the first six months of the model year which began August 1.

If materials hold out, production can reach 1,228,063 cars during the six months, compared with 1,928,517 in a comparable period of the last model year.

Salem Metal Bosses Meet

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Local manufacturers and machine shop operators attending the meeting included Lee U. Eyerly, Eyerly Aircraft company; W. W. Rosebrough, Rosebrough foundry; E. D. Lindberg, Karry-Kold Manufacturing company; E. W. Kay, Thomas K. Woolen Mill company; Ernest Friesen, Salem Box company; Walter A. Lottis, Valley Welding company; W. E. Richardson, Valley Machine shop, and N. W. Hilborn, Keith Brown Building Supply.

William H. Crawford, executive secretary of the Economic council, presided.

Call Board

ELSENORE — Click Gable, Lana Turner in "Honky Tonk"; Jane Frazee, Leon Errol in "Moonlight in Hawaii"; Friday—Gary Cooper, Joan Leslie in "Secret of the Sahara"; Saturday—Fred Astaire, Rita Hayworth, Robert Benchley in "You'll Never Get Rich"; Paul Kelly, Lola Lane in "Mystery Ship."

ETATS — Walter Pidgeon, Joan Bennett in "Man Hunt"; Jane Withers, Jackie Cooper in "Golden Hoofs"; Saturday—Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour in "Caught in the Draft"; CAPTAINS — Today—James Cagney, Pat O'Brien in "Devil Dogs of the Air"; Priscilla Lane, Jeffrey Lynn in "Million Dollar Baby"; Saturday—Robert Stack, Ann Rutherford, Richard Dix in "Bastards of Dakota"; William Lundigan, Shirley Ross in "Sailors on Leave."

LIBERTY — Today—Bill Elliott in "North from the Lone Star"; Kenneth Kent, Judy Kelly in "House of Mystery"; Friday—Babe Ruthers in "The Kids Last Ride"; Dick Purcell, Manton Moreland in "King of the Zombies"; HOLLYWOOD — Today—Ginger Rogers, James Stewart in "Vivacious Lady"; Dennis O'Keefe in "Bowery Boy"; Friday—Kay Francis in "Play Girl"; The Hit in "Along the Rio Grande";

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Italian Radio Answers Ghost

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Appellus was ready with a different reply. A ghost voice officially identified as having come from a London station interrupted Appellus' description of axis successes in the east by demanding: "What is happening in Rome?"

"It is raining in Rome," Appellus answered. "The rain is good for the country. In Rome many babies are being born each day and many streets are being built for future Romans." The ghost voice broke in with a declaration that stories of a Russian defeat were lies.

"Then who are the 3,000,000 prisoners the Germans captured in Russia?" Appellus asked. "Surely they aren't British, because the British forces are always absent on battlefields where serious fighting is taking place."

This sort of argument went on for several minutes, ending when Appellus answered the ghost's charge that Italy was fighting Germany's war with this statement: "Italy is fighting for a common victory along with Germany, Finland, Hungary, Slovakia, Croatia and other allied nations."

Owner Seeks Reopening of Night Club

Modification of an earlier circuit court decree to make possible the reopening for use of the basement quarters once occupied by the much-publicized Webfoot club in downtown Salem is sought in a motion filed Wednesday by R. V. Carleson.

Operator of the restaurant above the site of the former night club, Carleson in his motion declares he leases the basement as part of his premises and would like to serve meals, without beer, there and that the decree closing the basement for a year or until the owner shall provide a \$5000 bond guaranteeing that the place shall be operated without any sale or serving of liquor would work a hardship on him.

Seasonal Work Firms Reduced Says Board

The seasonality amendment approved by the last legislature reduced materially the number of firms and workers affected, the state unemployment compensation commission announced Wednesday following determination of new off-seasons for 1941 and 1942. Commission records show that last year 825 concerns were designated as seasonal but 194 of these

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have closed or were exempted under other amendments. Only 346 qualified under the new definition of an off-season as not less than 12 consecutive weeks annually of payroll less than 45 per cent of the three highest four week periods.

Of the 60,016 employes of seasonal firms last year, 5793 worked for closed or exempted concerns. Only 38,640 are employed by the newly determined seasonal firms. Because they earn more than 25 per cent of their annual wages in non-seasonal work, many of these will not be classified as "seasonal workers," officials said.

Only 100 lumbering outfits are now classified as seasonal, compared with 459 last year.

Seasonality determinations under the new law were made after careful analysis of weekly payrolls for four years past.

Four Indicted By Grand Jury

2 Women Gain Freedom On Perjury Charges; 2 Not-True Bills Entered

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involved in the same escape attempt.

Marie Young of Vancouver, Wash., who allegedly cashed worthless checks at a Salem hotel during state fair week, was indicted on charges of knowingly uttering and publishing a forged bank check. She is free in Washington under \$1000 bail. Innocence of Albert Weigel of a non-support charge and Wesley Keppinger, who had been bound over on charges of indecent exposure, was proclaimed by not true bills entered by the grand jury.

Legion Group Plans Holiday

Reports on plans for an Armistice day program, presented by Col. Carle Abrams chairman of special Armistice program committees for both Capitol post of the American Legion and the 40 at 8, highlighted the business session of Wednesday night's 40 at 8 meeting at the Quella.

Seopus Starr, newly-elected Chief de Gare, presided over the gathering which was attended by 40-8 members, officers reported.

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Silver Cliff Boy Receives Award

SILVER CLIFF — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fox and family and Mrs. Carrie Townsend spent last week at the home of relatives in Portland and attended the Pacific International Livestock show, where they exhibited a number of fine sheep. In the 4-H show, Floyd Fox, Jr., won undefeated champion on his Suffolk yearling ewe which was champion of the 1940 show as a ewe lamb; second on Shropshire ewe lamb and second on Shropshire whether lamb.

Goering Kin Killed

BERLIN, Thursday, Oct. 16—(AP)—Peter Goering, 19, nephew of Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, was killed Monday when his pursuit squadron fought with British airmen, it was announced today.

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