

Roosevelt Son Pleads, Unity

Charges of FDR's 'Protection' Hit By Col. Elliott

WASHINGTON, March 5-(AP)—A burst of applause from both Republicans and Democrats greeted reading in the house Friday of a plea from one of the president's sons that he and his brothers be allowed to "fight without being stabbed in the back for the sake of politics" by criticism of their war records.

Lt. Col. Elliott Roosevelt, writing from north Africa, to Rep. Lanham (D-Tex.), referred without naming the congressman to charges by Rep. Lambertson (R-Kas) that the president "jerked" two of his sons from battlefronts.

"Such criticism aimed at men who are fighting for their country strikes me as sort of unfair," Roosevelt said. "They can't answer back. We feel we are fighting for all America. We are not in politics. In the forces there is unity of purpose—the continuation of American freedom and American ideals."

"Please explain this fact to your colleague, and try to explain to him that we, as soldiers, don't care whether or how much he disagrees with the president, but for God's sake let us fight without being stabbed in the back for the sake of politics."

When the applause from both sides of the chamber ended, Rep. Baldwin (R-NY) declared that Lanham "was voicing the sentiment of those on this side of the aisle, too."

Lanham said he was reading the communication to the house because Lambertson had again brought up the subject this week. He apparently referred to Lambertson's statement on the floor Wednesday that "Franklin, Jr., and his du Pont wife were doing the night clubs of New York" Sunday night while Walter Winchell in his broadcast "dwelt on the magnificent soldiery of Franklin, Jr., in Africa."

Elliott's letter followed Lambertson's first raising in January of the question whether the Roosevelt sons—all four are in the armed services—were being shielded from danger on orders from "the commander-in-chief."

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 5-(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said Friday she didn't think her son, Elliott, should have written the letter he sent to Rep. Lanham (D-Tex) defending the war record of his brothers.

Archbishop Eases Lenten Season Rules

PORTLAND, March 5-(AP)—Lenten season regulations were eased Friday by Archbishop Edward D. Howard of the Catholic archdiocese of Portland due to war conditions.

Fasting will be required of the faithful only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, whereas formerly Catholics 21 through 59 years of age could eat only one full meal a day except Sunday. They will abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday and each Friday where previously they abstained two days each, week, including Friday.

The archbishop said Pope Pius XII granted ordinaries throughout the world the war-time faculty of dispensing the faithful of their jurisdiction from the precepts of fast and abstinence. He said the faithful should compensate for these extraordinary privileges by prayer, heartfelt contrition, abstinence from public amusements and the worthy reception of the sacraments.

Post-War Highway Program Outlined

WASHINGTON, March 5-(AP)—The American association of state highway officials Friday outlined to Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, federal works administrator, a \$1,000,000,000 post-war highway program.

Brady P. Gentry, chairman of the Texas state highway commission and president of the association, told General Fleming such an expenditure would give work for a year to approximately 750,000 men, besides rehabilitating, improving and expanding the highway system.

Gentry said such a program must depend upon having sufficient and complete plans ready when hostilities end.

Wheeler Declares Too Many Drafted

WASHINGTON, March 5-(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) asserted Friday night that "we are preparing to draft too many men into the armed services" and urged the exemption of fathers of small children.

"Draft American fathers and you jeopardize the existence of the American home," Wheeler said in a speech prepared for broadcast over the blue network. He said his pending bill to exempt fathers from the draft was "not for the purpose of saving the men but for the purpose of saving the children."

Destroyed in RAF Raid on Berlin



A Berlin dispatch to Zurich, Switzerland, reported that the Hedwigism cathedral (above) was destroyed in the RAF raid of March 1. The report also described the raid as the greatest the German capital ever experienced.—Associated Press Teletext.

Interpreting The War News

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It might seem at first glance that the walloping defeat administered to Japan by MacArthur's airmen in the Bismarck sea battle would work in reverse for American forces striking at enemy points in the Pacific.

If land-based allied airpower can completely wipe out a 22-ship convoy coming within its range, the advocates of this reasoning argue, then land-based Japanese air power can be expected to cause heavy damage to any similar American force coming within its range.

By this conclusion such Japanese bases at Truk, 1000 miles north of the Solomon islands, or Rabaul, northeast of New Guinea, or other enemy positions in the Dutch East Indies could be judged virtually invulnerable.

The conclusion had some merit last summer when Japan's air force was still a formidable weapon. In fact, Adm. Ernest J. King, the American naval chief, said last June in comment on the victory at Midway that land-based planes had contributed largely to

On the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

The couple at the doughnut shop has taken in a new family.

Daughter, away at school or at work, seldom comes home, I'm told, and there is a two-room apartment upstairs in the house in addition to her room.

The big man and his small smiling wife (don't get me wrong, he smiles, too) thought seriously about letting some soldiers have the room weekends. But they work hard and wondered if they might not draw some boys who wanted to make merry, thus keeping them awake.

Then came the girls, three young wives of men at Adair. With much trepidation, they were taken in.

And, so the doughnut shop operators tell me, they are everything that could be desired in the way of tenants.

One is working, a second soon may take a job in Salem, but the third (she who hails from Arkansas) has recently undergone an appendectomy so she stays at home. When I was there Friday morning, strains of rippling melody were coming from the piano, manipulated, I was told, by Miss Arkansas.

And when—ah, thus is hospitality rewarded—when the old customers commence their daily badinage, criticizing the fried cakes and coffee, cracking wisely about the pleasant folk who make and serve them, then the young lady tenant in her sweet drawl puts the customer in his place. Or so I'm told. I'm looking forward to meeting her.

Chormley, Bagley Change Navy Posts

HONOLULU, March 5-(AP)—Vice Adm. Robert Lee Chormley has relieved Rear Adm. David W. Bagley as commander of the Hawaiian sea frontier and commander of the 14th naval district, the district announced Friday. The command change took place some time ago.

Little Payer Gains Favor, Tax Program

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reduction in the rate by which his tax is computed. Since the state tax commission estimates the income tax paid will reach \$25,500,000 next year, there would be an \$8,000,000 surplus on which to base a rate reduction, meaning that the 2 per cent rate bracket would be wiped out and higher bracket rates would be reduced by 2 per cent. No taxpayer would then pay in more than 5 per cent of his net income, since 7 per cent is the top in the Oregon scale.

The compromise plan for reducing corporation excise taxes varies only slightly from the Walker plan. It gives a flat discount of 10 per cent of net tax, after personal property offset, for each \$2,000,000 of surplus above the \$5,000,000 cushion.

The Walker plan, which Sen. Walker still would like to see adopted because he believes in the principle of collecting at least a token tax from all but the lowest income groups, would apply a flat 5 per cent discount per \$1,000,000 of surplus-above-cushion to the next taxes of both persons and corporations. On the basis of an \$8,000,000 surplus, that would mean next year a 40 per cent tax cut to all brackets.

Rep. Snyder proposed his plan on the theory that it "would keep the most money in Oregon." The small taxpayer would pay little of his saving in state taxes to the federal government, he explained, whereas the large taxpayer, from whom the federal government collects a large income percentage, would actually retain little of any substantial return he might receive from his state tax.

There was little prospect that the house-enacted scheme for disposing of the income tax surplus by granting a 10 per cent reduction on 1943 returns and a rate cut equivalent to 11.62 per cent next year would be revived. It lies in the senate assessment and taxation committee.

The house voted down proposals for larger reductions this year and the senate, 19 to 11, refused to refer the Walker plan back to committee for inclusion of a 1943 cut.

Either the Walker or the Snyder-McKenna plans would give the taxpayers more money back next year than they would receive in two years under the house plan.

Portland Tops 'Costs Climb'

PORTLAND, March 5-(AP)—United States department of labor figures received here Friday showed the cost of living has climbed faster in Portland than in any other major city.

For the two-year period ending December 15, 1942, Portland's rise was listed at 24.8 per cent as compared with 22.8 for Seattle; 22 for San Francisco; 21.2 for Los Angeles; 19.3 for Denver, 18.3 for Chicago and 18.2 for New York City.

A recent survey here showed fresh foods and rentals have advanced from 100 to 300 per cent.

Woody Dies, Heart Attack

F. N. Woody, long known as proprietor of the auction market bearing his name, collapsed and died of heart failure as he was about to enter his automobile at 258 South Cottage early today, the city first aid crew reported. He lived at 1810 North Summer street, next door to his auction market and furniture store.

Sizzling Steaks for Future Fliers



Hundreds of prime steaks sizzle to perfection in the kitchens of the navy's pre-flight school at Iowa City, Ia. Two thousand steaks are prepared for one meal for the future fliers. Pass above the stove are heated with many steaks and the ovens below are filled with baked potatoes.—Associated Press Teletext.

Some Actually Pay Tax Twice

Do you have this trouble? The state tax commission told a legislative committee Friday that it was bothered by citizens who paid their income taxes twice.

Fifty or more cases in which citizens file two sets of returns and make duplicate income tax payments arise each year, Commissioner Earl Fisher said.

Soviets Sweep For Smolensk

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been coordinated with Marshal Timoshenko's northwestern front drive below Lake Ilmen toward Staraya Russa. The midnight bulletin did not mention any fighting on this front where the Berlin radio said battles were occurring along a 50-mile stretch between Staraya Russa and Kholm to the south.

On the northern fringe of the Ukraine the Russians were within 20 miles of the Bryansk-Kiev railway at a point above the railway junction of Konotop. This was in the Sevsk area, where "our troops continued their successful offensive and captured several populated places."

26 Students In Finals of Speech Meet

Twenty six Oregon high school students emerged as finalists from a field of approximately 100 in the state speech tournament on the Willamette university campus Friday. Today individual champions in five fields and a first place debate team are to be named.

Five Salem high school contestants are among the semi-finalists in oratory: Nancy Brown, Albert Castillo, Jean Driggs, Phyllis Graham, Jane Huston and Emra Wolverton. Others remaining in the oratory running are David Dawson, Medford; Russell Cary, Roseburg; Robert Smurthwaite, Beaverton, and Roy Dancer, McMinnville.

In extempore speaking, John Brown and Jim Purdy, Salem; LaRoy Dillon and Orville Meyer, Hillsboro; Jim Tucker and Betty Davis, Medford; Varney Baker and Betty Jane Roberts, Roseburg; Dick Stanton, Grants Pass, and Richard Smurthwaite, Beaverton, remain in the competition.

Although contests in both serious and humorous interpretation had been completed, no winners were to be announced until the close of the tournament this noon. In the finals in serious interpretation were Bill Burns, Pat Leary, Addy Lane, all of Salem, and Betty Morris, Sheridan.

Finalists in the humorous field were Alice Rose and Jean Barham of Salem and Doris Menderhall, Sheridan.

Hillsboro and Grants Pass debate teams were listed as finalists.

Farmers Ask Early School Dismissal

PORTLAND, Ore., March 5-(AP)—Northern Oregon farmers pleaded Friday for early dismissal of high schools and higher vegetable prices to counteract a critical labor shortage.

Ceiling prices should be 40 per cent higher than last year because of uncertainties and increased costs in labor, the farmers said in a session sponsored by Oregon State college to determine possible output and problems of vegetable growers of the area.

In many instances the farmer's family and neighboring high school students are the only available labor, the college experts were told. A committee was named to seek legal sanction from Gov. Earl Snell and the state legislature Saturday for a shorter school term.

Anthracite Miners Demand \$2 Raise

SCRANTON, Pa., March 5-(AP)—Leaders of 90,000 anthracite members of the United Mine Workers Friday formally demanded a \$2-a-day raise and wound up their convention with a whooping rally for President John L. Lewis and a denunciation of his newspaper critics.

Speaking of their wage demands, Lewis cautioned the delegates: "Don't be carried away and let yourself be intellectually misled by fulminations in the press and on the radio that in asking for bread you are doing your country an injury, because you are not."

Senate Unanimous On Stamp Request

The senate Friday voted unanimously for a house memorial urging the postoffice department to issue a special three-cent postage stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Old Oregon Trail.

Property Law Change Passed

Community Filing Measure Contains Many Safeguards

Bitterly contested over the question of what it would do to Oregon law, the community property bill of house origin was passed by the senate Friday afternoon, 17 to 13. It was held out as a measure to eliminate discrimination between Oregon and surrounding community property states where husband and wife may save on federal income taxes by filing separate returns, each reporting one-half their total income.

The act applies only to a man and his wife who formally elect to file a declaration to that effect to come under its provisions.

The state tax commission estimates adoption of the community property act will save wealthy Oregonians about \$9,000,000 in federal taxes, Sen. Wallace told the senate. "Gov. Snell," he added, "wants this bill."

"This is one of a series of attempts to do what we can to fix up our tax structure to counteract tendency of money to move out of the state," Sen. Walker, chairman of the assessment and taxation committee said in support of the measure. "The reduction in state revenue probably wouldn't be over two or three hundred thousand dollars."

The act would save \$502 a year to the man with a \$10,000 net income, Walker explained.

Sen. Walker warned the public against going under the community property system without first obtaining competent advice as to its effect on property ownership.

In opposition Sen. Rand asserted the bill would upset the legal code of Oregon and declared it "a tax exaction measure" inopportune at this time.

Sen. Lamport criticized the bill because a person electing to come under the act could thereafter not escape its provisions except by death or divorce.

"That's true of all phases of the marriage contract, is it not?" asked Sen. Mahoney.

Mahoney charged that Shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser had elected to become a citizen of the state of Washington "because Oregon did not have a community property law."

Sen. Strayer called the bill "a bill to encourage divorce."

The Oregon act contains many reservations designed to prevent its application to situations such as liability of husband and wife in damage actions, proceeds of insurance policies and management of property, which sponsors asserted would prevent its upsetting the general body of Oregon law applying to contracts, domestic relations and torts. It is strictly elective, it was pointed out, and does not apply to property acquired before the time a man and wife file the required \$50 fee and file a declaration of their intention to come under the act.

Barber Price Bill Passed

Permitting the state board of barber examiners to decree minimum prices in any county with the sanction of 70 per cent of the barbers, was approved 16 to 13 in the Oregon senate Friday after a half-hour debate.

Sen. Lew Wallace favored the bill as one which would improve sanitary conditions in barber shops. It was opposed by Sen. Earl Newby who objected to the price-fixing feature. With intent to illustrate its defects, Sen. W. E. Burke sought an amendment extending the bill's "advantages" to farmers.

Empire Sailor In Navy Dead

WASHINGTON, March 5-(AP)—The navy announced Friday 51 casualties in navy forces, including eight dead, 17 wounded and 28 missing.

This brings to 24,118 the total of navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties reported to next of kin since December 7, 1941. The grand total includes 6714 dead, 4594 wounded and 12,811 missing.

The casualties announced Friday (those listed are navy and non-commissioned personnel unless otherwise specified):

Oregon: Riley, Willard Virgil; dead. Wife, Mrs. Ruby Sophie Riley, Paulsen's Cabins, Empire.

Jailed, Gas Stealing

PORTLAND, March 5-(AP)—Pleading guilty to stealing a gallon of gasoline, two youthful shipyard workers, David A. Hoss, 18, and Garland H. Martin, 19, were sentenced by District Judge John R. Meers Friday to a month in the county jail.

145th Liberty Slides

PORTLAND, March 5-(AP)—Oregon Shipbuilding corporation launched its 145th Liberty cargo carrier Friday and was presented with a maritime commission emblem for its outstanding production record.

They Meet Again



Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of China's generalissimo, and Wendell Wilkie, who previously met in Chungking, exchange greetings at a rally in New York's Madison Square garden where Madame Chiang was introduced by Wilkie. Between them is John D. Rockefeller, Jr., chairman of the welcome rally arranged for China's first lady.—Associated Press Teletext.

International Rule Of British Empire Ruled Out, Stanley

OXFORD, England, March 5-(AP)—"I am more interested in what Britain thinks of the British empire than what the United States of America thinks of it," Colonial Secretary Oliver Stanley said Friday in a speech in which he rejected any idea of international control of the empire.

He said he was replying to "a great volume of friendly criticism and disinterested advice" from the United States and added:

"I am convinced that the first fundamental principle is that the administration of British colonies must continue to be the sole responsibility of Great Britain."

He said the testing time for Britain's colonial empire would be in the years immediately after the war.

He added that any suggestion for international administration "ignores the real feelings of the peoples in the territories concerned."

"They would deeply resent substitution of a new polyglot and perhaps an ephemeral administration for the British connection which they know and respect," he declared.

Pay-as-Go Tax Plan Approved

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cent withholding levy and would be covered by provision No. 4.

3. Farmers—Taxpayers whose chief interest is farming must pay two-thirds of their estimated current-year liability for income and victory taxes any time before December 31 of the current year and the remaining amount when the annual return is filed March 15 of the following year. The extent of total payments in 1943 will be determined by the amount of an abatement of 1942 taxes yet to be decided by congress.

4. Others—All remaining classes of income taxpayers will be required to make quarterly returns "and pay tax due on same which is estimated on an annual basis for current year's income. The taxpayer will be allowed one month after the close of the quarter to make quarterly returns and pay tax due on same."

Cooper said the details had not been worked out, but it was assumed the fourth provision would embrace not only servicemen, domestics and agricultural labor but also business and professional men and income from interest, rents, royalties, etc., and the tax on salaries above that part covered by the 20 per cent withholding levy.

55 Bodies Found In Montana Mine

BEARCREEK, Mont., March 5-(AP)—Miners here found the bodies of 55 fellow workmen in the explosion-blasted Smith coal mine and 19 of the 74 men trapped in the pit still are missing.

Rescue workers found 15 bodies deep in the caved-in mine Friday. No signs of life have been detected in the mine since the explosion last Saturday morning.

Snow 'Watery'

MEDFORD, March 5-(AP)—Water content of snow in Crater Lake national park is nearly twice that of a year ago, superintendent E. P. Leavitt reported Thursday. He said the water content averaged 39.9 per cent and snow depth was 145 inches compared with 102 last year.

Grass Blazes

A grass fire on the hill near the city dump southeast of Salem lit up the area early Friday night. State forestry department officials said they had been informed and were investigating.

Grocers May Buy

WASHINGTON, March 5-(AP)—Grocers having inadequate stocks of the rationed types of canned, frozen and dried fruits and vegetables got authority Friday for emergency purchases of merchandise.

Adjournment Plans Awry

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The 32 members who had favored the bill on final passage, Reps. John Dickson and Vernon Bull, apparently convinced that a much-controverted "companion" bill provided all the necessary restriction, voted in favor of reconsideration; otherwise the vote was the same as before.

Just where fortified wines will stand according to law if the "companion" bill is passed by the senate and both are signed by the governor is another matter. Passage of this bill, which provides that "licenses" may not sell fortified wines at hours when the state stores are closed and that liquor permits be required for such beverages' purchase, was marked by the strange scene of ardent "drys" voting against what looked like a temperance bill, and recognized "wets" enthusiastically supporting it.

Objection to this measure was two-fold. First, that its purpose was to provide regulation which might convince some members the Burke bill was unnecessary. Second, that it might because of a strange quirk in legal interpretation serve to repeal the Burke bill.

Basis for this suspicion was that in both its provisions, as to closing hours and as to liquor permits, it mentioned "licensees" as well as state stores and agencies. It was worked as though the Burke bill did not exist. Some attorneys in the house contended that the two bills thus conflicted and that only the one filed last in the secretary of state's office would be the law.

Resentment at this suggestion that he would sponsor a "joker" bill was vigorously expressed by Rep. Stanhope Pier, chairman of the house liquor control committee.

Before reconsideration of the Burke bill was moved by Rep. Meyers, Rep. William Niskanen charged, in the course of debate on another controverted measure, that "vote trading" was being attempted.

The sine die adjournment resolution was opposed by several members who objected to a "Saturday night scramble" such as occurred two years ago, but a motion to table the resolution was opposed by 56 members.

Bills on the calendars today include little of major importance but major bills may be expedited to final passage. Rep. Phil Brady said the labor and industries committee would report out the occupational disease bill. The sales tax bill is the biggest piece of "unfinished business" in the senate.

Seized

Irish-Japanese John Francis Kawasaki and his sister, Cecelia Bernadette Kawasaki, who fled from the Fredon, Ariz., relocation center, were captured recently in Los Angeles by the FBI. Kawasaki children of an Oriental-Occidental marriage—their mother is of Irish descent—they had so difficultly hitchhiking from Arizona to Los Angeles, the FBI said. The 16-year-old John Francis Kawasaki tried to enlist in the army, but was rejected because of age. — EN Photo.