

Truman Seeks Showdown on Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—President Truman declared today that the administration will press the bitterly fought civil rights program to a showdown vote in congress "if it takes all summer."

The president served notice, in effect, that he wants every member of congress to be put on record for or against the proposals which caused a split in democratic party ranks during the 1948 presidential election campaign.

Lashing out at a coalition of southern democrats and republicans on the house rules committee, Mr. Truman said he would fight to defeat their efforts to repeal a parliamentary rule under which the administration hopes to bring up civil rights legislation in the house.

On Capitol Hill, republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts told newsmen his party favors the repeal action, but doesn't want to vote on it until next week.

In Tickle Spot

This seemed to indicate that the republicans are anxious to avoid being put in the position of voting for a rules change that might stifle a vote on civil rights. Like the administration democrats, the republicans are politically committed to a civil rights program.

It also indicated that by wanting to delay the vote until next week, the republicans hope to be in a position later to bottle up other phases of Mr. Truman's fair deal program.

Mr. Truman denounced the repealer resolution as "a blow that is serious and backward-looking."

Asks Pressure

The president made his remarks before a national emergency civil rights mobilization delegation which called at the White House to urge all possible administration pressure to pass the fair employment practices commission (FEPC) bill.

The measure, one of the most bitterly fought by southern congressmen, would establish a federal commission to combat discrimination in the hiring of negroes and other minority groups.

The president devoted part of the speech to the move in the house to repeal parliamentary regulation which is known as "Rule 21."

The background on this is as follows:

Until last year, the house rules committee had broad powers over the legislative machinery because it could bottle up bills it opposed.

Last year these powers were largely taken away when the house passed a rule saying that if the rules committee delays a bill for 21 days, then it may be brought up in the house for a vote any way.

Last week Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) succeeded in getting a resolution through the rules committee to repeal this 21-day rule. The house has yet to act on it, and there was much parliamentary skirmishing today, with foes of the civil rights program trying to get it up for a house vote before FEPC can be brought up.

Jockey's Airplane Narrowly Escapes Crash at Airport

HURBANK, Calif., Jan. 17—(AP)—The engine conked out on Johnny Longden's private plane Monday and the ace jockey narrowly escaped a crash in an emergency landing at Burbank airport.

Charley Williams, pilot of the plane, said he and Longden were returning from the John D. Hertz ranch near Santa Paula, Calif., when their motor quit at 3,000 feet. "I radioed the tower to clear the runways," Williams said. "But I didn't think we could make the field. How we did it I'll never know."

The pilot said the ship barely missed the roofs on nearby houses. Ambulances and fire trucks were waiting on the field, but neither Longden nor his pilot was hurt. The jockey said he was just shaken up.

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Kiwanis Clubs' 35th Birthday Subject of Talk

Kiwanis was "born practically in another world" 35 years ago but it "has made its program meet the needs of the day," Clyde Williamson of Albany, former Kiwanis lieutenant governor, declared in a Kiwanis anniversary address to the Salem club Tuesday.

Williamson cited the changes in dress, finance, government and world affairs in the last 35 years, and termed the period a "wonderful" era. At the age of 35, he declared, "a man begins to know the score. Kiwanis does, too."

The Albany banker cited as especially praiseworthy the international organization's work for

Vet Dividend Mailing Speeded

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—The federal government mailed an estimated \$87,500,000 to 500,000 World War II veterans Monday as a start in the payment of the \$2,800,000,000 GI insurance dividend.

This was more than twice the anticipated daily mailing rate of 200,000 checks, it represented an accumulation of several days of advance preparations.

peace, its sacrifices for war, its promotion of better relations between farmers, labor and businessmen, and its general efforts toward better citizenship.

Williamson was introduced by T. Harold Tomlinson of Salem, also a former Kiwanis lieutenant governor.

Annual Jaycee Dinner Honors Grabenhorst

By John H. White
Star Writer, The Statesman

Coburn L. Grabenhorst, Salem realtor, Tuesday night was honored as this city's Junior First Citizen for 1949.

The award, based on outstanding service to the community and presented annually since 1939, was bestowed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet in the Senator hotel.

Grabenhorst was commended by Gov. Douglas McKay, principal speaker, who said, "Most of us are 100 per cent American in creed and 10 per cent in our daily living. Coburn has been 100 per cent on both counts."

"If more young men like Coburn would perform in peacetime as they do during wartime and national emergencies, we would have a better city, state and country in which to live," McKay said.

Chairmen Jobs

Grabenhorst, a wartime naval officer who commanded a squadron of minesweepers, has served during the past year as co-chairman of the American Red Cross drive, co-chairman of the hospital development campaign and with the community chest, Chamber of Commerce and Salem realty board.

The award was presented by Mayor R. L. Elstrom of Salem, who commended the junior chamber for sponsoring the plaque as an incentive to further community service by young men.

Richard Cox and Larry E. Moore of the junior chamber were honored with Key-Men awards at the banquet for outstanding ser-

Expansion of Social Security System Asked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—The administration renewed its fight for a vast expansion of the social security system today amid signs that some increase in coverage, benefits and taxes will be written into law this year.

Arthur J. Altmeyer, the social security administrator, asked congress to extend old age insurance benefits and taxes until they cover practically all of the nearly 60,000,000 persons gainfully employed in the U. S.

35 Million Workers
Old age insurance now covers about 35,000,000 workers. The house has already approved a bill which would raise this total to 46,000,000, bringing in self-employed persons, many domestic servants, and employees of local and state governments.

Altmeyer did not mention all of the additional trades and professions he would like to see brought into the system. But he recommended specifically that 5,500,000 farm operators and farm workers be covered. And he urged that more domestic workers be included during 1949.

Lockman Toastmaster
The banquet, attended by about 100, was conducted by Frank M. Lockman of Willamette university as toastmaster. Other speakers included Bruce Kelly of Portland, state Junior Chamber of Commerce president, and James I. Elliott of Salem, chairman of the award selection committee.

Entertainment was furnished by soloist Terry Murray of Willamette university.

ed than under the now-approved bill. The social security ch. of testified before the senate finance committee, whose ranking democrat and republican have both predicted that increased benefits and broadened coverage will be approved by the senate and enacted into law this year.

Altmeyer recommended not only that coverage be broadened. He proposed also that benefits be increased more than they would be under the house bill. And he urged that social security taxes be collected on the first \$4,800 of a worker's annual income, instead of only on the first \$3,000 as at present.

Altmeyer urged that the formula for figuring benefits be liberalized. Under his proposal, he said, an average worker earning \$200 a month, who had been insured continuously since 1937 and whose wife had also reached retirement age, would get a monthly retirement benefit of \$111.

If such a worker were not married, he added, his monthly retirement benefit would be \$74.

The administrator estimated that the cost of the expanded coverage and increased benefits be proposed eventually would be about 6 per cent of payrolls.

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