

'Southern Drawl' Just Doesn't Exist, Professor Claims

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—(AP)—The most famous of all supposed American dialects, the "southern drawl," just doesn't exist, says language investigator Hans Kurath.

Kurath, a professor at the University of Michigan and author of a book on local idiom, says that he has actually found two distinct varieties of southern speech that are divided into highland and lowland much like Scottish. What most outsiders characterize as southern speech is really that of the low country coastal states.

Kurath made his report recently to the Speech Association of America. A corps of dialect surveyors, he said, found "there is no Mason and Dixon line in speech."

Instead, he reported, there is an almost north-south line from a point in south Delaware, running down along the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. Inside this coastal belt—later turning along the Gulf coast and up the Mississippi—lies found varying degrees of the softened south-of-England speech that spread from the old plantation area.

But the inland hill country has a different speech that spread down from Pennsylvania and through West Virginia. It's been confused with the coastal speech because many coastal expressions infiltrated later into the interior.

Among other new findings in language study, Professor Arthur Bronstein of Queens College, New York, said the well known "broad A" in words like "bath" and "can't" only started around 1800—perhaps a generation or so after starting in England.

Another Newcomer
The now general sound of capital "A" as "eh" plus "ee"—which still gives the Australians and London cockneys trouble—is another newcomer of about the same time and came from a variety of pronunciations.

Many of these old pronunciations have been preserved in dialect words like "et" for "ate," "skeered" for "scared," "bar" for "bear" and "sye eye" in sailor talk.

Likewise, words like "nature" and "appreciate" developed from "nature," "appreciate" into "nayercher, appreshy-ate."

In these and all other changes, teachers and writers on English denounced them in vain as corruptions. The chief result of such opposition was merely to create confusion.

New Differences
Kurath's chief field investigator, Dr. Raven I. McDavid, Jr., of Greenville, S. C., and Cornell university, reported that new differences are appearing between negro and white American speech.

Polio Poster Boy



WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—Robert (Larry) McKenzie, Jr., 12, visiting the White House, shows President Truman the airplane splints supporting his polio-weakened arm. He is the 1951 March of Dimes poster child, stricken in 1949 while at his family's home in Kuckville, north of Waterport, N. Y. The president, Larry told reporters, "said he was really pleased to meet me." (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

GOP-Southern Demo Coalition Controls Congress Committees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—An analysis of congressional committee assignments showed today that Republicans and southern Democrats have tightened their grip on legislation.

On all 19 house committees, for example, the coalition can count a safe majority of its members.

The coalition grip on committees was tight enough in the 81st congress to stymie many major bills, but Republican gains in last November's elections have added GOP strength to most committees in the house, and to major committees in the senate.

In recognition of those gains, house democratic leaders agreed without controversy to give Republicans a better break by assigning them more committee posts. The committee ratio now is more in line with the house division of 235 Democrats, 199 Republicans and one Independent.

In the senate, the coalition also has a majority of major committees. However, in both house and senate its power is expected to have its heaviest effect on domestic legislation, rather than on foreign policy matters in which Democrats generally stick together pretty closely.

On four of the most important house committees, rules, appropriations, ways and means and armed services, Republicans, southern Democrats and border-state Democrats can outvote administration Democrats anytime they please, and with votes to spare.

The rules committee, which decides with few exceptions what major legislation the house can consider, is composed of four Republicans, four administration Democrats and four southern Democrats. It takes only six votes to prevent the committee from sending bills to the house floor, and the coalition always has been able to count on at least seven and usually eight.

The appropriations committee, which originates all federal spending bills, is dominated by 20 Republicans and 13 southern Democrats, leaving 17 administration Democrats as the minority when the coalition sticks together.

The tax-writing ways and means committee of 25 members includes 10 Republicans and 8 southern Democrats.

Wage-Price Lids Sought By Sen. George

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Senator George (D-Ga.) demanded today that the administration impose drastic wage-price controls immediately. He said without them it would be "futile" for congress to vote the huge tax increase President Truman wants.

George, chairman of the tax-writing senate finance committee, also declared that any further tax increase must be prefaced by determination in congress and the executive branch to "cut to the bone" all postnonable non-defense spending.

The Georgia senator said in an interview that the administration should have imposed far-reaching wage-price controls last September, shortly after congress authorized such curbs. He added that failure to do so "has gone a long way toward absorbing" in higher costs the two tax increases congress has approved since last summer.

Those increases totaled \$8,000,000,000 and Mr. Truman told the lawmakers in his economic report yesterday he wants an additional tax hike "very much more" than that figure.

George said: "It would be futile to undertake a large tax increase unless very drastic wage and price controls are imposed and a drastic reduction of postnonable non-defense spending is assured."

In his economic report the president said federal staffs are being gathered to apply "broader controls" over prices and wages. Thus far compulsory wage-price curbs are in effect only in the automobile industry.

George said broad controls should be invoked "far in advance" of any new tax boost.

"If prices are permitted to continue to run wild," he added, "it would absorb any additional tax revenue without meeting any more of our vital defense needs. And those needs are the reason for the planned tax increase."

George was the second key democratic senator in 24 hours to demand that the administration put general wage-price curbs into effect right away.

Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), chairman of the senate-house economic committee, complained that the president's economic report contained "no record of any positive steps taken as yet to hold the line against inflation." He said it was time to stop talking about inflation and do something to harness it.

Tombstone Thief Active

PEKIN, Ill., Jan. 13—(AP)—Who would steal tombstones, and why? The Tazewell county sheriff's staff was searching for the answers to those questions today.

Abel says one stone was carried away in the night last fall. He noticed Thursday that a 300-pound stone was missing from its usual place. Then Friday he discovered another vacant spot in his stock. A 150 pounder was gone.

Storm Threat Eases on Coast

SEATTLE, Jan. 13—(AP)—The weather bureau announced at 3:30 p. m. today that storm warnings from Tatoosh to Newport and through the strait of Juan de Fuca were changed to small craft warnings. Small craft warnings are being continued from Newport to Cape Blanco and over the inland waters of Washington.

Southwest to west winds through the straits and off the coast are expected to reach 20-30 miles per hour and occasionally go to 40 mph tonight. South to southwest winds 15-25 mph, occasionally reaching 35 mph are forecast for the inland waters of Washington.

Red Aircraft Resume Raids

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, Korea, Sunday, Jan. 14—(AP)—Enemy aircraft resumed their nuisance raids on the frozen western front last night.

There were three separate bombing attacks. No casualties were reported.

Communist planes dropped one bomb two and a half miles west of Ansong at 9:15 p.m. Ansong is 40 miles southeast of Seoul.

An hour and a half later, a plane dropped one bomb four miles southwest of Osan, 25 miles south of Seoul, and then strafed the area. A short time later, three more bombs were dropped due south of Osan.

20-30 CONVENTION
KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 13—(AP)—Delegates registered here today for the Pacific Northwest and Northern California 20-30 clubs' annual convention. Tom Milne, Klamath Falls, is chairman.

Senate Demos Suggest Truman Take Troops Plan to Congress

By Jack Bell
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Three senate supporters of the administration's military aid programs said today President Truman's best hope for national unity lies in obtaining congressional approval of sending troops to Europe.

At the same time, Senators Taft (R-Ohio) and Wherry (R-Neb) renewed demands that the lawmakers be given a chance to pass on any move to dispatch ground troops to help man western Europe's defenses against threatened Soviet attack.

President Truman has said he will consult congress—but won't be bound by its decision—on the policy of furnishing American divisions for the international army to be formed under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Taft and Wherry have challenged Mr. Truman's right to act alone.

Senator George (D-Ga.), oldest member of the senate foreign relations committee in point of service, told reporters: "Regardless of the president's authority to commit troops to combat in foreign areas without the consent of congress, we will not obtain national unity that is essential until the president advises the people he will submit the question to congress before finally acting."

George said he has no fear that congress will fail to approve "whatever is wise and right to carry out any commitments that bind us."

Senator H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.), another foreign relations member who has supported the European aid programs but has been critical of far eastern policies, voiced similar views.

"It is foolish to quibble over whether or not the president has power to send troops to Europe," Smith told a reporter. "He needs congress and public opinion behind him and the way to get it is to have congress share in the decision."

Senator Ives (R-NY), who backs the aid programs despite his recent move to force the replacement of Secretary of State Acheson, said that regardless of the legal points involved "the president would be well advised to obtain the approval of congress in any sizeable transfer of military personnel to Europe or to any other area outside the United States."

TEA SET JANUARY 25
ROSEDALE — The Blue Bird 4-H Cooking club met at the home of their new leader, Mrs. Lloyd Francis, with President Marie Miller presiding. The main business was planning the work for the new year. The Champion 4-H Cooking club will entertain mothers at a tea at their leader's home, Mrs. Howard Largent, Thursday afternoon, January 25.

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Bubonic Plague In New Mexico

HOBBBS, N. M., Jan. 13—(AP)—A Hobbs physician said tonight a man died here this week of bubonic plague.

Dr. A. H. Rutledge said cultures taken after the man's death indicated presence of the plague. He added that his findings had been confirmed by the state health laboratory at Albuquerque.

The victim was Bailey Everett White, who died Tuesday. He was believed to have contracted the disease after eating rabbits he had shot Sunday.

It was the sixth case of bubonic plague reported in New Mexico in the last two years.

Astoria Looks For Old Sirens

ASTORIA, Jan. 13—(AP)—Civil defense directors of this city are all set for an air raid — except for warning sirens.

Dave Lewis, defense director, said only one siren could be found from the batch used during World War II.

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Party Given On Birthday

Statesman News Service
HAYESVILLE — Darlene Legler, 2630 Ward drive, was honored with a surprise party on her 18th birthday. Laurene Karsten and Bernita Tuers assisted Mrs. Legler. Present were Wilma and Laurene Karsten, Jo Ann and Tommy Zielinski, Lester Sandusky, Milo and Jay Tibbetts, Robert and David Cooley, John Henning, Dean and Jo Ann Walters, Rudy Wellbrock, Eileen Lang, Bernita Tuers, June and Jerrylyn Barnes, Dorothy Moyer, Bob Carrow, George Strout, Jr., Darlene and Fern Legler, and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Legler.

TURNER CLUB MEETS
TURNER — The Turner Homes and Garden club met at the home of Mrs. Emir Ball Thursday. A luncheon was served by Mrs. Ball, with Mrs. Morris Peterson and Mrs. Hugh Webb assisting. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Rankin.

QUILT COMPLETED
AUBURN—Many afghan blocks and a quilt were completed at the January meeting of the Auburn Women's club Thursday in the home of Mrs. Ed Eggen on Norway street in Salem. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. R. J. Becker and Mrs. Verne Ostrand. Guest was Mrs. Henry Boyes.

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