

Draft Stretch Debate Begins

WASHINGTON, July 30.—(P)—Senator Thomas (D-Utah), opening debate on legislation to retain citizen soldiers in uniform beyond the present limit of one year, told the senate today that the whole theory of American democracies was being challenged by "the greatest—the most successful—army the world has ever known."

As crowded galleries listened, the Utah senator urged speedy approval of a measure which would authorize the president to extend the service tenure of selectees, national guardsmen and reserves, as well as enlisted men in the regular army.

A short while before senate debate began, the house military committee approved, 15 to 7, a similar bill. The only difference in the two measures is that the house committee reworded the provision to retain guardsmen and provided that individual guardsmen or guard units released from service could be called back to duty again.

In the senate, Thomas solemnly said that "this very day or tomorrow an incident may occur that will change the aspects and feelings of those responsible for our government."

British Warn Japs; Tokyo Press Hits U. S.

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the Russo-German conflict was already "bringing serious effects to Japan."

"Japan Determined"

Konoye declared that Japan needed "swift, determined execution of her national policies" and that the government was "determined to proceed on an historic renovation in policies from an entirely new standpoint."

Perhaps significantly, he added that it would be difficult to predict where the flames of the European conflict might spread and that the government was "doing everything within its power to mobilize all resources and manpower for any eventuality."

As he spoke, Japanese troops moved steadily into southern Indo-China bases, within striking distance of Singapore, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines.

Business Hit

In the economic clamp-down, business by British and American companies in Japan and throughout Japanese-occupied northern China, except in the Peking and Tientsin foreign quarters, was virtually at a standstill.

Japanese sentries patrolled American oil properties taken under protective custody, reports to Shanghai said.

In Washington the treasury department disclosed the seizure of 19 Japanese fishing boats in Hawaiian waters by customs agents between Feb. 28 and March 3.

Although the vessels were seized on charges of false registry, several officials at Washington charged they had been engaged in espionage and that although no suspicious equipment was found aboard the ships when they were seized they were reported to have carried radio and photographic equipment during the period they were under observation.

President Asks For Price Control

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Under expedient and workable administrative procedures.

"Like other defense legislation," he added, "it should expire with the passing of the need, within a limited time after the end of the emergency."

Upper Limit Set

The concept of a price ceiling, the president said, is "already familiar to use as a result of our own World War experience. Prices are not fixed or frozen; an upper limit alone is set. Prices may fluctuate below this limit, but they cannot go above it." He added:

"To make ceiling prices effective it will often be necessary, among other things, for the government to increase the available supply of a commodity by purchases in this country or abroad. In other cases it will be essential to stabilize the market by buying and selling as the exigencies of price may require."

Regarding rent control, the chief executive said despite steps taken to assure adequate housing for defense the nation was already confronted with rent increases reminiscent of those prevailing in World War days.

"This is a development that must be arrested," he said, "before rent profiteering can develop to increase the cost of living and to damage the civilian morale."

Russian Hold On Leningrad Slipping

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heads had been driven back 100 miles from their deepest penetrations—presumably on the central front guarding Moscow.

A war bulletin from "the fuhrer's headquarters" conceded that Soviet troops were pressing "relief attacks" to rescue trapped forces east of Smolensk, but it asserted that the Red counter-offensive was being crushed with severe losses.

Elsewhere on the bloody 2000-mile battlefield, the German communiqué said, "operations continued according to plan."

Other Nazi reports said that on the north front, on the route to Leningrad, two Russian divisions (about 30,000 troops) had been wiped out west of Lake Peipus, in Estonia.

Hand to Hand

These reports, describing the Russians as having been cut off from retreat by a Nazi thrust across Estonia, said fierce, close-quarter fighting with grenades and automatic pistols was raging.

Russian dispatches reported "particularly heavy fighting" and heavy German losses in the Smolensk salient, where Red troops were declared to have blasted German infantry from their trenches in a series of counter-attacks.

Soviet officials said the big German drives toward Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev were stalled, with Soviet armies swinging more and more strongly to the offensive.

DNB, the official German news agency, apparently describing the same Moscow-bound thrust as Hitler's newspaper, said advance German tank units east of Smolensk had cleared the surrounding countryside of Russian soldiers last night.

The tank sweep was made possible, DNB said, by the arrival of a Nazi supply column which beat off violent assaults by Soviet infantry and tanks to reach its goal.

Reports Conflict

Previous Russian dispatches had pictured German tanks which lured beyond Smolensk, on the Minsk-to-Moscow highway, as having been cut off.

The Berlin Voelkischer Beobachter, owned by Hitler, said a mighty battle was raging on a 190-mile front pivoting on Smolensk, extending from Mogilev, southwest of Smolensk, to Vyazma, 100 miles east of Smolensk and only 130 miles from Moscow.

Russia's high command again reported "stubborn" all-night fighting in the familiar sectors of Nevel-Smolensk, on the central front, and Zhitomir, on the Ukraine front in the south.

The Red army was pictured by Russians generally however, as swinging steadily more strongly to the offensive. A Moscow communiqué reported the Germans pushed back 10 miles in the Ukraine, and a town identified only as "N" was said to have been recaptured in a fierce, two-day battle.

Rail-Union Dispute Reaches Deadlock

CHICAGO, July 30.—(P)—Railroad and union negotiators today reached a deadlock on the carriers' proposals for changes in employee work rules when the "big five" operating brotherhoods rejected the suggestions and asked that they be withdrawn.

The rejection of the proposals covering what the railroads term "featherbed rules" by the operating brotherhoods with 350,000 members, and by the non-operating brotherhoods with 800,000 members yesterday left management representatives the alternative of carrying the matter to the national railway mediation board.

A management spokesman said the carriers intended to invoke the services of the mediation board "in the near future."

City Treasurer Receives \$8,122.96

A tax turnover of \$8,122.96 was received Wednesday by City Treasurer A. E. Hulegaard from the county treasurer.

It was distributed as follows: general fund, \$2828.74; general bond interest, \$903.30; improvement bond sinking fund, \$1080.72; general bond sinking fund, \$1174.44; water board, \$265.90; fire department, \$41.42; lien department, \$36.89; playground, \$101.85; public library, \$142; aviation, \$2.49; street department, \$773.63; paving intersection, \$104.77; airport levy, \$461.17; swimming pool, \$153.83; Spencer butte, \$22.93; athletic field, \$22.93; Eugene band, \$5.91.

West Says Democrats Should Back McNary

PORTLAND, July 30.—(P)—Oregon democrats should offer no candidate against Republican Senator McNary next year, Oswald West, former democratic governor, said yesterday.

"It is the duty of democrats of this state to forget politics, so far as the United States senate is concerned, and give McNary a clear field," he said, lauding McNary's support of President Roosevelt's emergency program.

Richard Axland Hurt In Auto Accident

The condition of Richard Axland, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Axland, 110 Twentieth avenue west, injured in an accident on the

old Coburg road late Tuesday afternoon, was described as satisfactory Wednesday by his physician. The youth suffered a serious head injury.

The accident occurred when the car which he was driving overturned while crossing the rail-

road tracks, skidded about 50 yards, plunged into a ditch and overturned. The car was almost completely demolished.

The youth was brought to the hospital by ambulance. Sheriff C. A. Swarts and Deputy Sheriff Neil Gillons investigated the crash.

Springfield Firm Gets Defense Orders

SPRINGFIELD, July 30.—(Special)—National defense work for ship yards and California and eastern army camps will be done by the branch of the Summerbell

Roof Structures company here soon.

Ships way scaffolding racks will be manufactured. Pre-fabricating Lumber Co. E. R. Taylor, local representative, said Wednesday. The company expects to employ eight men, he said.

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