

Senate Warned Of Long Debate On Manpower

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A top-ranking manpower official sharply told senate investigators today that a solution to the labor shortage cannot await prolonged debate.

Charles M. Hay, deputy chairman of the war manpower commission, said legislation giving the commission authority to enforce its ceilings on civilian employment would be "very helpful," but added:

"If time is taken up in discussing whether it should be passed, it would get the public attention centered on the lack of teeth in our enforcement program, and that would be unfortunate."

Asked by Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) if he objected to debate on such a question, Hay said he did not, but declared:

"There is a difference between a time limit and eternity."

His testimony before the senate war investigating committee came as WMC prepared to track down straying war workers and get them back to their benches.

Plans are being laid also, at a meeting of WMC regional directors here, to impose stern employment ceilings on night clubs, taverns, racetracks and other "luxury" establishments to squeeze able bodied workers into militarily productive tasks.

Favoring but not expecting legislation—such as that called for by Chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board yesterday—to put "more teeth" into manpower rules, the agency was disclosed to be intensifying its application of powers already possessed under its executive order from President Roosevelt.

One plan to curb excessive turnover, it was learned, is to trace workers who quit munitions plants without "certificates of availability" and take jobs elsewhere. Tests in New York state have demonstrated, WMC sources said, that the new employers yield these workers readily when the absence of the required "quit slip" is pointed out.

One or two such instances in a war plant tends to deter other workers from leaving, it was stated. WMC officials will reinforce this effort by stricter standards for granting the availability slips.

McMorran Request For No Funeral Is Obeyed

Obedying written instructions left by the late George H. McMorran, no funeral service will be held in Eugene, but a brief ceremony will take place Monday at 2 p. m. at the Portland crematorium.

Mr. McMorran's note read: "I desire no funeral of any character to be held in Eugene. A service at the Portland crematorium, to be very simple, consisting only of the reading of the Episcopal service without sermon or eulogy."

Thomas Jefferson founded the first state university in the United States—the University of Virginia.

Aptitude Exams For Nurses Given By U. O.

The nurses' aptitude examinations for all girls in the Eugene area wishing to begin nursing study has just been given by the personnel research bureau of the University of Oregon psychology department. Another will be given before beginning classes open in February for those unable to take this one.

The examination, required by most nursing schools of applicants, tests personality, mechanical ability, achievement in science and intelligence. It is under the auspices of the Psychological corporation in New York to which all papers are sent for grading and scoring before going to the hospital the applicant plans to enter.

House Backs—

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clared their intention of holding any captured British and Greek troops prisoners. Elsewhere in the country there are indications the rebel troops still are concentrating on Athens.

Fighters and fighter-bombers, supporting British and Greek troops, attacked rebel machine-gun and mortar positions in the hills overlooking the suburbs of Athens and Piraeus, Scobie said, and three planes were damaged by small arms fire.

Regarding the reported negotiations between ELAS representatives and Premier George Papandreou's government, informants emphasized that they still were in the preliminary stage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—British Ambassador Halifax said today that the United States and British government had achieved "understanding" on the Greek and Italian political issues.

He spoke to reporters after a conference with Secretary Stettinius at the state department.

He did not define "understanding" or say whether there now is agreement between Washington and London on future handling of political issues in Italy and Greece.

Mark Woodruff Dies After Brief Illness

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Mark Woodruff, 78, well known Oregon promoter, public relations man and former newspaperman, died in a Salem hospital this morning after a brief illness. He was a resident of Salem, where he had been working for a utilities concern.

He moved to Portland in 1907, after serving in public office for a number of years in Colorado, and joined the staff of the old Telegram. He has been prominent in Shrine affairs, and has held high office in the Masons and Knights of Pythias.

Among the activities with which Woodruff was associated was the Columbia Basin Irrigation league, and the rose festival of 1936, which he managed. He was reading clerk of the state senate for two terms.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

For more than 20 years the number of horses and mules in the United States has steadily declined.

The average distance a freight car now moves per day is nearly twice as great as it was in 1920.



HERE'S YOUR INFANTRY—Combat infantrymen from the Infantry school at Ft. Benning, Ga., who will take part in outdoors weapons and combat demonstration "Here's Your Infantry" at the Lane county fairground Sunday, in connection with the sixth war loan campaign, are shown above putting a heavy mortar in action. (Official U. S. army photo)

Applications Pour In For Auto Licenses

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Applications for next year's motor vehicle registration are pouring into the motor vehicle department at a faster rate than last year, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said here. There are 21 per cent more applications on file now than at this time last year.

Stickers are being mailed out as rapidly as the applications can be filed, he said. He cautioned that they should not be affixed to windshield until Dec. 15.

Last minute delays for those who have not yet applied should be avoided by mailing applications immediately, Farrell said.

Omer Biggs

Omer Biggs, 73, a resident of route 4, died in a local hospital Wednesday. He was born Nov. 9, 1871, at Woodward, Iowa. He was married to Hattie E. Boley at Modesto, Iowa, in 1892. In 1915, they moved west to Montana, where they lived until 1918, when they moved to Eugene.

Mr. Biggs was a charter member of the painters' union of Eugene, and a member of the local Moose lodge.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Harry B. Biggs of Spokane and Mather Biggs of Eugene; a sister, Mrs. Clara Pickford of Lewiston, Idaho; a granddaughter, Miss Katherine Biggs of Seattle.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later through the Poole-Larsen mortuary.

FRANCO SHAKEUP DENIED

PARIS, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Spanish envoy categorically denied reports published in the Paris newspaper Liberation that all or some members of the government of Generalissimo Franco had resigned.

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Richard Layton—

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a minute before he slumped forward and his head dropped.

He was clad only in shorts, bedroom slippers and a black blindfold. His head was shaved.

Warden George Alexander was in charge of the execution and reported Layton had slept for three hours the night before. He had a fried chicken dinner last night and this morning ate three boiled eggs, bread, coffee and smoked a final cigar.

A few moments before the execution Layton told the press that he wanted to say it was a "false confession" that was used against him.

"That girl did not die by being knocked into the river, which I am convicted of," he stated. He wanted the statement published "for my mother."

Accepts Religion

Rev. S. Raynor Smith, prison chaplain, was with him all last night and up until the execution. Layton signed a religious pledge last night stating "I accept Jesus Christ as my personal saviour."

He requested that the note be given to his parents. He saw his mother for the last time yesterday at 10 p. m.

Layton was arrested by the state police and charged with first degree murder after the body of Miss Hildebrand was found in the Willamette river several days after the crime. He was in jail in Hillsboro on a morals charge when arrested for the slaying.

The execution was the first of four scheduled in a five week period. Robert E. Lee Folkes, Negro dining car employee, will be put to death Jan. 5 for the murder of Mrs. Martha Virginia James aboard a Southern Pacific passenger train near Albany in January, 1943.

A double execution will be held Jan. 15 for Henry W. Merten and Walter L. Wilson, convicted of the slaying of Ralph Dahlen in a Clackamas county tavern on July 22, 1943.

Japan Swept—

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coastal area but also had run in a northern diagonal to the city of Nagano on the west coast of Tonshu.

In addition to Nagano, the cities of Shizuoka and Hamamatsu on the southeast coast had suffered some damage, according to Domei, which added that in Nagoya—one of Japan's major cities—"damage was slight with only window panes being broken."

The earthquake was recorded by seismographs around the world and J. J. Shaw, veteran West Bromwich England, seismologist, said that it was "one of the greatest (quakes) I have ever recorded."

HAMILTON, N. Y., Dec. 8.—(AP)—A Colgate university geologist said today B-29 bombings of the Tokyo area may have caused Thursday's earthquake and tidal waves in Japan.

Dr. Harold O. Whitnall maintained that giant bombs dropped in or near Japanese volcanoes "should produce not only cataclysmic eruptions but also earthquakes and tidal waves."

"Let's look at happenings which seem to support my theory," he said. "Soon after Doolittle raided Tokyo in April, 1942, Mt. Asama erupted. In March, 1943, after our fliers had given the surrounding area a terrific pounding, Mt. Vesuvius erupted. Now an earthquake and tidal waves of the type I said could be produced by bombing have occurred after repeated attacks on Japan. Such a chain of coincidences seems at least strong circumstantial evidence."

TRUMAN COMING WEST

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 8.—(AP)—State Sen. Carl C. Mohler, Thurston county democratic campaign manager, announced today that Vice-President-elect Harry S. Truman will attend the inaugural of Gov.-Elect Mon C. Wallgren here January 10.

About 309,000 men participated in the Crimean war. Total deaths were 95,615, or 31 per cent of total strength.

Publication Explains DDT Insecticide Use

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The first publication of Oregon State college experiment station giving directions for use of the new DDT insecticide on any crop pest has just been issued, the OSC extension service has announced. This is one of the first state or federal bulletins in this country dealing with the agricultural use of DDT.

The report is based on the experience of the OSC experiment station in using the new material on 250 acres of red raspberries in the Gresham, Ore., area last summer.

Deep Fertilizer Use Shows Promise

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The practice of placing fertilizer at the bottom of the plow furrow when the soil is plowed for a crop is showing definite promise as a cheap and effective method of using commercial fertilizers, according to A. S. King, extension soils specialist at Oregon State college.

For such truck crops as tomatoes, potatoes, and cabbage, this method has given particularly good results as the commercial fertilizer is readily available even in dry weather at that depth. More shallow-rooted crops have not shown as good response to fertilizers used in this manner.

House Passes Big Appropriation Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The 78th congress' final big appropriation measure, a \$399,223,812 catch-all supply bill for miscellaneous agencies, was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

Passage came on a voice vote after republicans had succeeded in eliminating approximately \$16,000,000 earmarked for consumer studies and surveys and expansion of the census of agriculture now under way.

Most of the funds approved supplement appropriations previously made. Of the total, \$286,626,582 is for use of the navy.

Two Artificial Legs; He Dances Rhumba

RIDGEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Rotarians at a luncheon watched two men and a young woman demonstrating their successful adjustment to artificial limbs as an example of how similarly handicapped war veterans could be helped.

Up jumped Dayton Hope, veteran of the Italian campaign and wearer of two artificial legs. He made a date with the girl demonstrator—to go rhumba dancing.

Frederick N. White

Frederick N. White, 80, of 2028 Seventeenth avenue east, died Friday in Eugene, where he had lived for the past three years. He was born in Alpena, Mich., Feb. 25, 1883.

Surviving him are two sons, Forrest E. White of Eugene and Clarence E. White of Detroit, Mich.; one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Green of Detroit; two brothers, Barlow White of Tainville, Ohio, and Nelson White of Alpena, Mich.; four grandchildren.

The body will be forwarded to Alpena, Mich., Saturday, his son Forrest White accompanying. Funeral services will be held there later. Poole-Larsen mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Sapphires and rubies are used in metals and delicate instruments in airplanes, tanks and other war equipment.

Income Tax Cut System Explained

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—State Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher has explained the system by which individual current income taxpayers receive a 30 percent reduction in their taxes for the current year, and the relationship between that discount and the amount of money in the property tax reduction account, supervised by the state treasurer.

At present, he said, there is \$14,500,000 in this tax reduction fund, of which \$5,000,000 is a fixed "cushion" post-war fund, not expendable until after the war. The usable surplus of \$9,500,000 is then added to the estimated tax revenue of the coming fiscal year, \$11,800,000 this time, and that total of \$21,300,000 is classed as estimated receipts for the ensuing year.

From that sum are subtracted the estimated requirements of the state for the following year, which in this case have been placed at \$14,874,778.49 leaving a balance of \$6,425,221.51.

According to law, deduction of five per cent for each million dollars in the balance is permitted in the ensuing tax levy. Thus in this case, five per cent for each million (or major portion thereof) equals 30 per cent, the amount deductible from income taxes this year.

Fisher went on to explain that taxes collected this year will by no means all be the 70 per cent deductible tax permitted under the law, as collections are being made on taxes from as long ago as 1930, which had no deduction permitted, and from 1943 when 75 per cent could be deducted.

Job-Seekers Urged To Avoid Alaska

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A. A. Hedges, Alaska manpower director, has warned job-seekers away from the territory, reporting that from 50 to 300 have arrived weekly since travel control was relaxed and can find neither jobs nor living quarters.

In a report to A. F. Hardy, Washington state manpower director, Hedges said that condition in Alaska are such that privation and even destitution await persons going north now without authorization.

"They are coming to all major towns in the territory and especially Anchorage, where living quarters are particularly hard to find," Hedges said.

At Juneau, even though the Alaska-Juneau mine is inactive, and there is no war construction, it is impossible to secure housing for newcomers, Hedges said. It is worse at Ketchikan "and in Anchorage it is practically beyond words," he added.

Hedges, pointing out that the principal Alaska activities of fishing, mining and logging are at a standstill until next spring, said he had appealed to Gov. Ernest Gruening and congressional delegate-elect Robert Bartlett to lend their assistance in attempting to stop the immigration.

"If the influx continues many of the imprudent expeditions will end in tragedy," Hedges said. "A continuation would make necessary the creation of a relief program the like of which Alaska has never known and which would be impossible to maintain."

Eugene Airmen—

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ter, and drank wine and beer, for the first time in many months.

Lt. John W. Brown, 77 East 11th avenue, Eugene, Ore., whose plane was shot down near Liege April 2, 1944, said there were no cigarettes for American prisoners.

"We smoked dried hollyhock leaves and straw and even tried to smoke ersatz German coffee grains, but they were so tough your lungs just backed up and wouldn't take it," said Brown, who had avoided capture until June 20.

"I am an officer in the American army and I understand there are Geneva conventions on the treatment of prisoners, but I, a first lieutenant, had to snap to attention to a German corporal or get smashed with a rifle butt."

Wives of Lieutenants Kleinman and Brown, the former Dorothea Godlove and Joyce Barker of Eugene, waited without word for eight months after their husbands were reported missing. They were members of the same flying crew. Mrs. Brown bore a son during the waiting period. The families now are reunited.

CHINESE ADVANCE

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Attacking Chinese have reached a last Burma road town on the Chi-pai river 7½ miles from Wating, near side of the border, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

The diamond was first used for drilling purposes in 1864, when a Swiss engineer invented the diamond drill-bit.

Besppectacled GI Leads First Boy Scout Troop On Palau Isle

(Editor's Note: Sandor S. Klein, veteran United Press-Washington correspondent described democracy in action, American style, on a former Japanese island in the following dispatch from the Pacific war-front.)

By SANDOR S. KLEIN

ANGAUR, Palau Islands, Nov. 22.—(Delayed)—(AP)—A file of sturdy-legged, kinky-haired native kids, led by a bespectacled GI, trudged down the coral road singing "Shoo Shoo Baby."

It was Boy Scout troop No. 1 of Angaur, composed of sons of natives of these western Caroline islands.

This was my introduction to democracy in action, American style, on this island which was once a part of the Japanese empire.

Boy Scout troop No. 1 has no charter from the Boy Scouts of America, but its aims and ideals are no different from those of the BSA Bear patrol in Oshkosh or the Wolf cub pack in Millville. Its organization is just one of the numerous undertakings by the navy's civil affairs administrator on this island designed to calculate the natives with a true sense of freedom.

And this is not simple task, for it must be remembered that the natives of Palau had been under the domination of three different masters—the Spanish, the Germans and the Japanese—before our troops fought their way ashore.

Natives Hid Out

When the Yanks first hit this island, the natives hid out in caves and phosphate diggings. The Japanese had told them the Americans were a barbaric, murderous people. And they were terrified. So when the fighting was over, they came out of hiding only a few at a time. But word soon got around that the Americans were a good, friendly people. In a matter of days, the whole lot of them appeared.

The civil affairs officer, a quiet-spoken former Wisconsin university anthropologist, established them in a tent village, for their homes had been destroyed in the fighting and must be rebuilt.

The job was not an easy one. There were many different tribes, different peoples—Yaps, Woleis, Chamorros, Senorals and Angaures. But through the application of democratic principles, the officer succeeded in welding these groups into a happy community.

Presides Over Council

Once a week he presided over a council of the tribal chiefs, discussing matters of administration with them and taking up their suggestions and complaints.

Cooking is done in a community kitchen. Most of the food comes from the army stores but the natives are beginning to supply fresh fish and vegetables.

The biggest tent in the community is the school. There English is being taught to young and old—ironically enough by using Japanese for purposes of translation.

Most of the natives are of the Roman Catholic faith, and their church services on Sunday are once more the big event, after being suppressed during the last few years of Japanese rule.

There has been only one occasion when the various native groups have disagreed. This was when the Americans announced that shoes would be distributed to the natives. It appears, as a result of high status, the natives contended their possession would be of exaggerated importance. The Angaures opposed the elevation of a shoe society.

The matter was finally settled when the civil affairs officer said shoes would be distributed only to those who worked.

One of the army troops, a former Pittsburgh settlement worker, organized the Boy Scout troop. It was he who taught the youngsters to sing "Shoo Shoo Baby" and led the rallying call of the Angaures: "Hi de ho!"

Governors Plan State Projects For Jobs

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The western governors conference today agreed informally to ask congress to announce its intention on a post-war public works program and to initiate state plans to provide jobs for returning veterans and cushion the economic impact of the war's end.

A formal resolution was to be presented later by Gov. John D. Dempsey of New Mexico.

The conference also agreed to recommend to the legislatures of the 11 western states that a minimum appropriation of \$3,000,000 be granted by each state for the use of the respective governors in financing the operations of the western states post-war industrial committee. This committee works under the western governors.

'Nubbins' Doing Well After Operation

DENVER, Dec. 8.—(AP)—"Nubbins" Hoffman is in "very good condition" and ate a substantial breakfast, attendants at Mercy hospital reported today.

The three-year-old boy who had a Christmas party almost three weeks ago because his parents were afraid he might not live until Dec. 25, apparently came through a delicate bladder operation yesterday with an excellent chance of recovery, his doctors said.

The boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hoffman of Chgoenne, Wyo.

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