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Foreign Relief Funds Bill Approved, Sent President

Further Cuts In Agriculture Budget Urged

Health Insurance Proposal Reappears

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congress sent to President Truman Wednesday legislation authorizing a $350,000,000 foreign relief program.

Action was completed when the Senate — which had held out for $350,000,000—approved compromise legislation fixing the program at that figure. It acted minutes after the House, giving up demands that the program be held to $200,000,000, approved a $350,000,000 bill by a vote of 288 to 86.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee members Wednesday reported additional cuts have been recommanded to reduce the Agriculture Department's 1948 budget of $1,200,000,000 by almost 40 per cent.

The subcommittee in charge of the bill met in closed session. Members told reporters privately they were asked by GOP party leaders to find new places in which to make cuts.

Health Insurance

New version of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell compulsory health insurance bill was introduced in Congress meanwhile.

Like its predecessor which died last year despite the endorsement of President Truman, the new legislation provides for a nation-wide system of prepaid medical and some dental services and federal grants to states for expanded public health care.

Sponsors of the bill, all Democrats, are Senators Wagner (NY), Murray (Mont), Chavez (NM), Pepper (Fla), Taylor (Idaho) and McGrath (RI), and Rep. Dingell (Mich).

The program would be financed primarily by an annual appropriation equal to three per cent of the earnings, up to $3600 a year, of every employed person. The money presumably would come from social insurance premiums to be levied half on employers and half on employes, but this point would be left to later legislation.

Merger Plan

Chairman Gurney (R-SD) said the Senate Armed Service Committee has "tentatively agreed" to a provision setting forth the basic aims of President Truman's bill to unify the armed forces.

He hopes the committee will act finally upon it Thursday, Gurney told newsmen after a committee session behind closed doors.

"No specific amendments were actually adopted," he said, "but a clearer definition of the secretary's power was quite generally tentatively agreed to."

The section of the bill under discussion deals with the authority of a proposed secretary of national defense.

...oters to Decide ...n Tax Levies ...or Springfield

Mayor Urges Full Turnouts at Polls

SPRINGFIELD — Regis...ed voters here will ballot ...rsday to decide whether ...e 1947-48 city tax levy shall ...ed the six per cent limit ...f $11,717.

Polling places will be open ...m 8 a.m. to 8 p.m and all ...istered voters may partici...te. There are no property ...uirements.

If the election carries, a total ...x levy for $51,258 will be in ...ce. This figure includes $15,000 ...r debt service and $2100 on the ...cial continuing levy voted last ...vember, neither of which would ...e affected by the balloting. A ...al operating budget of $123,058 ...s planned for the coming fiscal ...r. A tax of $12,352 outside the ...itation was voted last year.

...or Asks Approval

Mayor Claude T. Gerlach urged ...l voters to go to the polls and ...w their approval of the budget. ...e said, "We not only have more ...d better trained personnel in ...r city government but we also ...ve increased responsibilities.

"Increased revenues have made ...possible to ask for less than we ...d last year. Part of the budget ...ll be for a city manager, and ...e fact that he will have close ...ervision over city problems ...ll save money in the long run."

The need for additional city ...ployes and increased salaries; ...e purchase of new equipment; ...d other expenses, including the ...lary for a city manager, account ...r the $48,435 increase in the new ...erating budget over the current ...r, city officials say.

Don Lane, manager of the ...amber of Commerce, reminded ...l voters who lack transportation ...o call the Chamber office and ...s will be provided to take them ...to and from the polls.

Polling places are: Ward One, ...ner High School on Mill St.; ...rd Two, City Hall; Ward Three, ...thodist Episcopal Church, Sixth ...d C Sts.; Ward Four, Union ...h School, Tenth and H Sts.; ...rd Five, Brattain School, Tenth ...d C Sts.; Ward Six, Church of ...t, Fourteenth and D Sts.

...nch Case Goes ...o All-Male Jury

GREENVILLE, S. C. — (U.P.) — ...ge J. Robert Martin, Jr., ...ged a jury of white textile ...kers and farmers at a mass ...ch trial Wednesday not to per...t race prejudice to enter in their ...liberations of the guilt or in...cence of 28 men charged with ...ing a Negro.

Martin read slowly and dis...ctly from a 40-page charge be...e sending the all-male jury to ...termine the fate of the defend...s, accused of beating, gun...hipping, stabbing and shooting ...ie Earle to death the night ...Feb. 16.

"A court of law recognizes no ...or, no creed," he said. "There...re, I instruct you that under ...r oaths as jurors you are not ...allow any so-called racial issue ...enter into your deliberations in ...s case in any respect."

The men on trial—stretched in ...long row before the judge with ...r wives and a few of their ...ildren—sat quietly as the jurist ...ke.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND Director Don January (left) and City Manager Deane Seeger watch the first turning of dirt at Lawrence St. playground, where J. Ira McNutt of McNutt Brothers Construction Co. is now donating excavation work for the wading pool. Civic clubs, labor unions and other groups will donate money and labor for making the two-block area into a park and playground. (Wiltshire photo and engraving.)

Chiang Blames Reds For Continuing War

Student Troubles, Military Reverses Bring Forth Statement on Status Quo

NANKING—(AP)—Chiang Kai Shek, beset with new demands for peace, new student troubles and new military setbacks, declared the government is ready to end China's civil war "if the Communists will show their sincerity by deeds."

A few feet outside the conference hall police and 6000 defiant students battled with fire hoses, bamboo canes, stones and fists.

An Associated Press correspondent, mistaken for a student, was beaten by police and some 60 police and students were injured.

Chiang said the Communists need merely "to abandon their attempt to seize power by armed force, to halt their military operations for restoration of nationwide communications."

A truce embracing all of those points was signed by the government and Communists 16 months ago but quickly was violated and the civil war increased in intensity. Each side accused the other of having signed with no intention of living up to the agreement.

Students Demonstrate

As Chiang addressed the people's political council, a solely advisory body holding its final session, the 6000 defiant, striking students demonstrated outside. They sought futilely to present to the council their demands for increased food allowances — many are partially government supported; 15 per cent of the national budget for education, and immediate cessation of the civil war.

Their demands were inspired in part by China's terrific inflation, in part by appropriation of considerably more than half of the budget for military purposes, and in part, government officials charged, by the Communists.

The demonstrators dispersed at dusk after an appeal by a liberal elder statesman, Shao Li-Tze. Mounted police withdrew simultaneously.

Woods Workers Alert to Danger

Low humidity is resulting in some stoppage of logging operations in Lane County, the Willamette National Forest said Wednesday. State law, applying to all timber activities in western Oregon, requires that operations stop when humidity falls to 30 per cent.

During hazardous fire weather, logging operations are shut down regardless of the humidity, and this past week many operations have been shut down a few hours a day.

Operators Check

Humidity is forecast by the weather bureau, and is also recorded on instruments that each logging operator is required by state law to keep at the scene of his operations. Readings are taken through the day, and operations cease as soon as humidity falls to the 30 per cent mark.

The Willamette office declared that a fire hazard exists now on exposed south slopes, in slash areas, and in old, dried out burns. The hazard is not bad yet in green timber areas.

Streaks of low humidity are experienced each spring, the Willamette spokesman said, and are not unusual this early in the year.

At Salem, State Forester Nels Rogers said the forest fire situation in Oregon was "critical," United Press reported. He said the situation was particularly dangerous in long slashes and old burns such as Tillamook.

Low humidity Tuesday was combined with high temperatures over the state as Medford reported 92 degrees; Portland, 80; Eugene and Roseburg, 83; Bend, 84; Brookings, 86; and Klamath Falls, 82.

Changchun Encircled

NANKING — (AP) — Besieged Changchun, capital of Manchuria, is now completely encircled by Chinese Communist forces, Nationalist dispatches reported Wednesday.

Government troops, however, were credited with reentering Kunchuling, 36 miles to the southwest. Fighting was reported in the streets.

In Changchun itself, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's forces began digging trenches and setting up machine-gun nests. They made other preparations for a possible fight inside the city.

Mrs. Truman May Recover Doctor States

GRANDVIEW, Mo. — (AP)— President Truman's personal physician Wednesday gave his 94-year-old mother a chance for recovery, if she maintains her present gradual improvement.

Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham said everything depends on Mrs. Martha E. Truman's will to live.

The presence of the President at her bedside, he said, has been an important factor in the slight improvement noted in the past 48 hours.

Graham in a news conference in nearby Kansas City, emphasized over and over again that he was "an optimist."

He said the elderly patient had a very tired heart and a generally weak body and that she was fighting a terrific uphill struggle against overwhelming odds.

He said that if the present rate of progress can be maintained for another two days the possibility of the President's return to Washington might even be considered.

Soviets Demand Outlaw Atoms

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—(AP)— Russia was expected to renew her demand Wednesday that the United Nations security council outlaw immediately the use of atomic weapons.

This move was indicated by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko when he told the American-Russian institute in New York that after atomic weapons were outlawed the Soviet Union would agree to international control and inspection.

The United States and Great Britain are insisting that before there is prohibition of atomic weapons there must be a system of international atomic control.

A new attempt to reconcile American and Russian views on this issue faced the working committee on the Atomic Energy Commission when it met behind closed doors Wednesday for the first time in three weeks.

Meanwhile, a big five subcommittee of the commission on conventional armaments was called into closed session in an effort to iron out a program of work. Here again there is disagreement between the United States and Russia. The United States is insisting that emphasis be given to control and safeguards in any arms reduction plan.

Wounded Drain Man Said in Good Shape

David R. Dickson, Drain, was reported in "good" condition Wednesday at Sacred Heart Hospital after being treated for gunshot wounds resulting from an alleged quarrel between Dickson and Drain's city marshal, Richard Knight.

Knight is being held in the Douglas County jail at Roseburg on charges of assault while armed with a dangerous weapon, according to the Associated Press. Dickson allegedly accused Knight, marshal and cab service operator, of bootlegging liquor.

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FORD FOREMEN STRIKE

DETROIT — (AP) — An estimated 3800 foremen began a strike at the Ford Motor Co. at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Initial reports indicated the strike affected only Detroit plants. There was no immediate comment from the company after the Foreman's Assn. of America, (Ind.) ordered its members off the job.

Two Colonels Among Seven Killed in B-25

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — (AP) — Two top Army flying officers and five other soldiers were killed Tuesday night when a B-25 crashed in a cornfield during a violent thunderstorm, the Army announced Wednesday.

The dead included Col. Raymond E. O'Neill, 52, a 30-year Army veteran of both wars and AAF balloon expert, and Col. George A. Whatley, 45, who had served in the Army since 1925 and headed the mobile training unit at Chanute Field, near Champaign.

O'Neill, who was a brigadier general in world war two, commanded Chanute Field from 1940 to 1944 and later was executive officer. He was born in Port Townsend, Wash. Whatley was a native of Texas.

Their ship was bound for Chanute Field from Cheyenne, Wyo., at the time of the crackup.

The Army did not make public the names of the other five victims pending notification of next of kin.

Schools Levy Ruling Puzzles Budget Makers

The county court and budget committee felt like cheering for awhile Wednesday but later their faces took a more serious turn.

Cause of their temporary jubilation was an announcement by the State Tax Commission that the usual tax levy of $10 per census school child would not have to be made this year, as there is sufficient money in the income tax surplus for the state to "bail the counties" out and put up this money itself.

Four Mills

The $10-per-child levy in Lane County would amount to $235,660 and would be the equivalent of about four mills on the tax rate, figuring the county's assessed valuation at an estimated $57,000,000

Investigation disclosed that apparently the county must budget the $235,660 and make the levy to raise that amount but that the money actually will not be collected from property taxpayers because the state will contribute this sum as a tax offset.

See Doubt

The court and committee were happy about that because it apparently means 4 mills of tax relief to property owners, but they are in doubt as to how it affects budget-making.

Is this levy outside or inside the six per cent limitation? The group seemed to feel it is inside, and thus must figure in the total amount that can be levied, so that no headaches for the court and committee would be cured, because they are having a hard time to stretch the levy they can make to cover necessary expenditures.

If it is outside, there still would be no relief for the budget-makers on this score. If it were just extra money and did not need to be offset by an equivalent levy, that would have given some leeway, about 4 mills, with which to meet growing costs.

Pending a decision on this point the court and committee decided tentatively on a general policy of leaving salaries of county employes where they are. They indicated they could see no way of making increases unless the new school money gives them some leeway, which they believe is doubtful.

The court and budget committee also have decided to allow the county assessor three additional field deputies to bring assessed valuations of property up to date.

Crickets 'Invading' Umatilla County

ORDNANCE, Ore. — (AP) — Housewives wielded brooms and mops here as millions of Morman crickets threatened Wednesday to strip this tiny community of the few green things residents worked so hard to grow.

The horde of hopping insects, advancing on a 12-mile front, were within 11 miles of Hermiston and endangered a large portion of Umatilla County's west end crops, Leroy E. Fuller, assistant county agent at Hermiston, reported.

The crickets, ranging in color from light green and tan to black and in size up to two inches long, were eating practically everything green in their path and many women recalled husbands from jobs at the Umatilla Ordnance depot to help combat the invaders.

Fuller, who described the crickets as "definitely out of hand," called for more volunteer poisoned bait spreaders and scoured the surrounding area for more trucks and equipment.

Crickets blackened U. S. Highway 30 for two miles between Board and Ordnance Tuesday, he reported.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, fair Wednesday night and Thursday. Light northerly wind, slightly cooler. Oregon, fair Wednesday night and Thursday; slightly cooler north portion except coast today and tonight and over state extreme east portion Thursday; local morning clouds or fog near coast; gentle north to norhwest wind off coast.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Tuesday, 83 degrees; low Wednesday, 47 degrees; no rainfall in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m.; total for month, .09 inches; normal for month, 2.33 inches; stage of Willamette River at 7:30 a.m., minus 1.4 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., North 13; prevailing Tuesday, North 11.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Thursday, 4:39 a.m. and 7:38 p.m. Friday, 4:38 a.m. and 7:40 p.m.

SIUSLAW TIDES

Thursday

High	12:56 a.m.	9.6 ft.	2:30 p.m.	7.1 ft.
Low	8:03 a.m.	-1.7 ft.	7:46 p.m.	3.0 ft.

Loan Tenth of Output Abroad, Stassen Bids

GOP Candidate Urges 'Realism'

JEFFERSON, Ia.—(AP)—Former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1948, advocated Wednesday that the United States devote ten per cent of its total national production of goods and food for the next ten years "to building for world-wide peace and plenty and freedom."

"It should not be a sharpster lending program. It should not be a light-headed give-away program. It should be a practical, sound, long-visioned business-like approach to the situation that exists in the world today, and what we can foresee in the years ahead," Stassen said.

The former Minnesota governor recently returned from a tour of Europe during which he interviewed Russian Generalissimo Stalin.

Cites Extremes

Stassen said he believed America could find a "strong and wise and humanitarian world policy" between what he called two "extremes" advocated by former Vice President Henry Wallace and Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune.

"As I see it the Wallace doctrine would make of America a nation of fellow travelers down the wrong road," Stassen said.

"It would . . . centralize our economic authority in America and bring about lower and lower production at home . . .

"The McCormick doctrine would make of America a nation of cold-hearted misers passing by on the other side. It, too, would lead to tragic results for our country. It would make us hated around the globe. It would lead us to boom and to bust and finally to a defensive war."

'For Peace and Plenty'

Pageant Chorus Plans Revealed

By JEAN WORTH

The Centennial Pageant chorus, like all the other features of the Centennial Pageant, promises to be "bigger and better" than any which has sung before.

Glenn Griffith, director of the 1941 Pageant vocal music, has been named to act in the same capacity this year, according to Horace W. Robinson, Pageant director.

Wants 500

Griffith has announced that his goal this year is a mighty vocal organ of 500 voices. The last Pageant had a musical accompaniment of 350 voices.

A pinch-hitter for John Stark Evans during the last Pageant, Griffith proved himself so proficient at the mighty task of weaving and blending the voices of several hundred singers into a beautiful unit that Robinson said of him, "This was one of the easiest director-choices I had to make."

Begins Calls

The young superintendent of all vocal music in the Eugene school system began his chorus recruiting campaign Tuesday night by calling on the Eugene Gleemen during their rehearsal.

"It was a small group," he reported Wednesday, "but of the 40 Gleemen present, 21 signed registration cards and turned them in at once, and most of the rest took registration cards and said they'd turn them in as soon as they check up on their summer's plans."

Dean Theodore Kratt, director of the Gleemen, said Wednesday that "we are very much interested

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Gypsy Rose With Clothes Fishin' Goes

Gypsy Rose Lee is no one to take a postman's holiday.

Famed for her "daring" revelations of unsheathed epidermis, Miss Lee confounded hopeful McKenzie-area peepers by donning long underwear and sawed overalls, leaving not a square inch exposed below the neck, while she pursued the river's rainbow trout in a four-day visit which ended Wednesday.

Gypsy may have been comfortable, but she caught no rainbows. She did bag some chiselbills.

The noted clothes-shedder, staying at Log Cabin Inn with her two-year-old son, gathered material for sports magazine articles before leaving Wednesday for further fishing near Spokane and in Wisconsin.

'SOLUTION' SEEN FOR INDIA

LONDON — (U.P.) — The Daily Herald, official organ of the British Labor Party, said Wednesday that Viceroy Viscount Louis Mountbatten would return to New Delhi Monday with the "final draft" of Britain's "partition solution" of the Indian problem.

Choker Setter Killed In Woods Accident

Grover Wesley Rhodes, 25, choker setter at his father's (John R. Rhodes) logging operations near Booth, was killed late Tuesday afternoon in a woods accident.

Rhodes left a wife, Janice, and two children, Patrick, two and a half, and Dennis, 10 months old. A brother, John, and a sister, June, also survive. He was a veteran of 26 months in the Air Force and had lived in Boise, Ida., prior to entering the service.

The accident was investigated by the Douglas County coroner. The funeral will be in Boise with preliminary arrangements being made by the Unger Funeral Home, Reedsport.

Orlando, Now 88, May Head Italian Cabinet

ROME— (U.P.) —Victor Emmanuel Orlando, 88, one of the Big Four in the first world war, agreed tentatively Wednesday to try to form an Italian cabinet.

Orlando came to the front in the Italian governmental crisis after Francesco Nitti, 79, announced his inability to bring the country's diverse political elements together in a cabinet of national unity.

'Oregon Boot' Used on Boy To Prevent Escape from Jail

Fifteen-year-old Herbert Leo Higgins, who has twice escaped from Lane County's aged jail, was wearing "the Oregon boot" Wednesday after using the hacksaw blade of a well-wisher to sever a one-inch bar in his cell.

Sheriff C. A. Swarts ordered the 18-pound weighted "boot" put on the boy after Higgins managed to pound the county's only set of leg shackles so badly out of shape they had to be cut from his legs before his arraignment earlier this week on five felony charges.

Used Gun

The first time he escaped, he used a gun. The second time he wriggled through a 7 by 11-inch rectangular space in his cell door. He tried to get out a third time, by sawing through a window bar, but was caught before he could even start to saw through the two-inch bars in the second of the two rows guarding his window.

It was after the attempt with the hack-saw blade, slipped to him by an unknown visitor, that the leg shackles were used. He bent the shackles by pounding them together.

Said Humane

The sheriff said the "boot" was scientifically designed to be absolutely humane, but it would "slow the boy down" if he started anywhere again. Higgins was lying on his cot Wednesday morning with the metal ring on his leg and the "boot" on the floor. He refused to comment on the "boot" or to be photographed.

The space through which he crawled to make his second jailbreak is used for putting food through the bars and was once before used as a means of exit. Sheriff Swarts said that eight years ago a man who has since served his time and "gone straight" managed to squeeze through the same space.

Higgins is scheduled to enter his pleas in circuit court Monday.

May Claims Calls Were Part of Job

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Andrew J. May told a federal jury Wednesday that his wartime authority as chairman of the House Military Committee gave him the right to intercede at the War Department in behalf of Munitions Makers Henry and Murray Garsson.

May's counsel placed in evidence at the former Kentucky congressman's war fraud trial copies of House resolutions empowering the military committee to investigate various phases of the war program.

"Under authority of the committee and as its chairman I made all the telephone calls and wrote the letters referred to in this case, as well as many other similar inquiries," May declared.

The government charges that May took $55,000 in bribes from the Garsson brothers, co-defendants at the trial and former key officials of a $78,000,000 munitions empire.

May also told the jury that checks received from the Garssons and deposited to his personal bank account were used to pay expenses of a Kentucky lumber company.

...ompany, City Ready Area ...or Influx of Mill Employes

By ROCH BRADSHAW

In the Coffee Pot Creek area ...r Oakridge fallers and buckers ...e at work for Pope and Talbot. ...ck tender, choker setters and ...rple punks clamber over rough ...ound. Logs are snaked up the ...pe to be yarded beside the spar ...e, loaded on trucks and taken ...the mill pond near Oakridge. ...t there isn't any mill pond. ...ere isn't even a mill, yet.

Pope and Talbot are building a ...reserve for winter operations.

...d Still Dry

The mill pond is dry, but inside ...boundaries a huge cold deck ...1,000,000 board feet of logs is ...ing shape. Bull dozers, shovels, ...rrails and other equipment are ...ging over the scene, moving ...e 60,000 yards of earth to form ...kes which will hold the ...er. When the pond is filled the ...s will float.

Meantime work of building the ...l foundation has started and by ...r January the company hopes ...s will enter the mill at one end ...come out the other end as ...ber. About 100 men are now ...loyed in the far-flung labor of ...ating a big new industry at ...kridge.

...p Leased

The old Oakridge CCC camp ...ldings have been leased for ...porary bunk houses, mess hall ...d offices, to serve until new ...es are built. Shovels are biting ...e hillsides to build logging ...ds, and the main road will cost ...$10,000 to $20,000 a mile.

...Rock is being dynamited from a mountain and being ground by a crusher to build these roads. Inside the city of Oakridge on a 40-acre site work has started on building two-bedroom houses which will be sold unfinished to Pope and Talbot employes at $2000 to $2500. They can finish inside and paint them and save money, Pope and Talbot believe.

Spur Pushed

Work of constructing a railroad spur to link the mill with the Southern Pacific main line is being pushed.

Oakridge, itself, is busy with a sewer project and other preparations for the anticipated increase in population.

Meanwhile engineering and other planning by Pope and Talbot goes forward under direction of Carl Blakley, chief engineers.

Officers Busy

At Portland Hillman Lueddeman, vice-president and general manager for the Northwest area, keeps in touch with developments. From San Francisco George Pope Jr., president of Pope and Talbot, watches progress on this newest enterprise of his company.

At Eugene and Oakridge Forester L. L. Stewart directs forestry aspects of the project. Supervisor J. R. Bruckart of the Willamette National Forest takes an interest in developments.

Ranger Bill Cummins, in whose Oakridge District the mill will be, and Ranger Ivan Crum of the Rigdon District in which is most of the Forest Service timber which

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