

Congress Waits Action on Labor, Tax-Cutting Bills

Soft Expects Veto On GOP Measures

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman Robert A. Taft (R-O.) of the Senate Republican Policy Committee indicated Friday that he is expecting President Truman to veto the income tax cutting

bill he told reporters the measure "presumably is against" the president's policy.

Mr. Taft, Democratic Leader (Ky) predicted after a meeting of the Senate committee that the Senate would not pass the bill until the tax bill, if it is forthcoming.

Mr. Taft's views on the prospect for the bill were expressed after a meeting of the GOP policy group.

Deadline

Mr. Truman has until midnight today to act on the bill. A veto would go first to the house.

The Ohioan said he thinks there is no doubt that Congress will pass a veto of the Taft-Hartley Labor Disputes Bill. Mr. Truman has until June 20 to act on the measure.

Mr. Taft was prone to agree with the labor bill.

Experts Find Faults In Taft-Hartley Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Government labor experts who have been analyzing the Taft-Hartley bill said President Truman will not stop a coal strike.

The measure is "unworkable" and will not stop a coal strike, the experts said. They also said that the bill does not give the government any means of dealing with the threat of a new coal strike next month and (B) that the bill is virtually certain to be thrown into law in any event.

Cross Releases

Class Schedule

Barbara Boylston, Red Cross Director for Lane County's 1947 summer camp, announced Thursday that 2000 applicants who were registered for swimming instruction in Eugene, 200 have been chosen by lot to begin training before July 1.

The applicants chosen will receive cards notifying them of time and classes which they will attend. The remaining 1800 class assignments are scheduled for July and August, will be mailed later by card.

Mayor Feels

Logistics Insufficient

SEASIDE — (AP) — Formal charges from five park board members were filed against Mayor C. Ken Weidner of the city of Oregon to accept a contract as department superintendent to satisfy Mayor Devin.

Mayor Devin declared Thursday that the commission was formed with the five who sent letters to Weidner.

Transit Strikes Hit

St. Louis, Oakland

ST. LOUIS — (AP) — Virtually all public transportation in the St. Louis area of more than 1,000,000 people was paralyzed Thursday.

Automobiles were virtually the only means of transportation left for nearly half a million East Bay residents, many of whom commute to work in San Francisco.

Southern Pacific ferryboat, used mainly to meet trains, can take but a small part of the load. Bridge traffic was near record proportions.

The unions involved called a membership meeting for Saturday morning but there was nothing to indicate an early end to the strike.



FRANCISCO FRANCO AND SENORA MARIA EVA DUARTE FERON, wife of the president of Argentina, review the honors company of the First Aerial Region at Madrid, Spain, after her arrival at Barajas Airport to visit the Spanish Generalissimo. (AP wirephoto)

'Vigorous' Protest Sent to Romania

Note Asserts Property Rights

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States has vigorously protested to the Romanian government against two recently enacted laws which American officials say may result in nationalization of American property there without compensation.

The protest was made last month in Bucharest. It was made public Friday by the State Department.

The announcement came in midst of reports from the Balkans that a pro-Soviet Danubian bloc had been created, with agreements between Yugoslavia and Romania already drawn up.

The U. S. note was delivered to the Romanian government by Roy M. Melbourne, American representative on the Allied mission in Bucharest.

It arrived after passage of one of the two pieces of legislation, but before final passage of the other, which was approved after the protest was received.

The U. S. note reserved for the United States all rights on behalf of American interests in Romania in enterprises which might be adversely affected by the legislation.

It said that "prompt, adequate and effective compensation" would be expected if American management was unable to continue direction of properties in Romania.

The two measures against which the protest was directed were passed by the Romanian parliament on April 5 and May 24, respectively.

Baseball

NATIONAL ... Boston ... Pittsburgh ... Philadelphia ... Chicago ...

CABINET RETAINED

ROME — (AP) — The Non-Communist government of Premier Alcide de Gasperi won out by 73 votes in the Italian Assembly Friday over a Communist and leftist bloc seeking to oust the cabinet on charges of food fraud.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity partly cloudy Friday, Friday night and Saturday with light showers probable over mountains Friday afternoon, light winds, little temperature change. The outlook is for continued fair weather over the weekend. Oregon same with scattered light showers west portion Friday and over mountains of east portion Friday and Saturday; warmer east portion but slightly cooler west of Cascades Friday; gentle to moderate westerly wind off coast.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Thursday, 77 degrees; low Friday morning, 53 degrees; no precipitation last 24 hours; total rainfall for month, 2.36 inches; normal for month, 1.48 inches; river at Ferry St. Bridge Friday morning, zero; wind at 11:30 a.m. Friday, N 4; prevailing Thursday, N 6.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Saturday, 4:28 a.m. and 7:56 p.m.; Sunday, 4:28 a.m. and 7:56 p.m.

SATURDAY ... High 54-55 a.m. 51-52 p.m. 53-54 Low 38-39 a.m. 35-36 p.m. 37-38

Economy Axe Barely Nicks Agencies' Funds

House Committee Enters Report

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee trimmed \$130,884,220 from Veterans Administration funds Friday in approving an \$8,498,469,759 bill to finance 33 independent government agencies next year.

The total cut amounted to \$330,540,732, or 3.9 per cent below the amount President Truman asked. This brought to approximately \$3,580,000,000 the claimed savings of House Republicans in their drive to chop \$6,000,000,000 from Mr. Truman's 1948 budget of \$7,500,000,000.

Reductions Small

The Veterans Administration, however, was pared only 1.8 per cent in getting \$6,944,457,080 for its work during the 12 months beginning July 1.

Among major recipients covered by the bill are the Office of the President, not cut at all; the Atomic Energy Commission, reduced 30 per cent; the Civil Service Commission, cut less than one per cent; the Federal Communications Commission, trimmed 17 per cent; the Federal Power Commission, cut 12 per cent; the Federal Trade Commission, reduced almost one third; the Federal Works Agency, cut 12 per cent, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, trimmed 10 per cent.

Even the President's own budget bureau was cut, receiving \$93,392 less than the \$3,470,000 it had asked.

The Maritime Commission drew a stern rebuke from the committee for its accounting and general administrative practices.

Senators Increase Bonneville Funds

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Appropriations Committee Friday approved a \$215,530,353 appropriation for the Interior Department, adding \$54,116,840 to the amount voted by the House.

Principal increases are \$35,827,922 for the Reclamation Bureau and \$9,314,600 for the Bonneville Power Administration.

The amount recommended for Senate approval was \$80,605,087 under the Budget Bureau's estimates of the department's requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and \$43,021,733 below this year's appropriation.

The Senate committee allocated a total of \$4,225,300 in new money for use of the federal agencies and authorized expenditure of \$4,613,600 to have work done by contractors. The BPA is the principal agency designated.

Among the projects to share in the funds are the lines from Detroit to Eugene, Eugene to Reedsport, and Reedsport to Coos Bay, United Press reported. The Senate allocation did not mention the proposed Eugene to Roseburg line.

House Rejects Move To Cash GI Bonds

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House rejected 137 to 100 Thursday a proposal that veterans be allowed to use their terminal leave bonds in part payment for homes built by the government during wartime and soon to be sold.

The vote, on a teller count, came after Reps. Van Zandt (R-Pa) and Miller (R-Conn) declared such a move would discriminate against those veterans who could not use the bonds for the specific purpose of buying war housing.

Miller said he favored immediate cashing of the bonds, and not a piecemeal handling of the problem.

BRIDGES RE-ELECTED

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union announced Friday that Harry Bridges has been re-elected president of the ILWU for two years. He had no opposition.

Eastern Streams Raise New Flood

Black Cats, Ladders Fail to Unnerve City

Eugene Defies 13th

It seems that Eugene's residents have overcome the traditional curse of Friday the 13th by neglecting it.

Whatever may be the reason cars with the ominous number 13 were noticed cruising by with oblivious occupants, working painters reported no more than the usual ladder ducking, Thirteenth Avenue was as busy as ever and the voice at telephone number 13 (Lane Hotel) said when asked that pranksters had apparently held their joviality within themselves for no one had ventured a gag call.

One egg in the fan of the theory was noticed however when telephone number 1313 (what a fate) did not answer.

The 13th did start off in a bad way for an Australian war bride in Eugene.

She said she missed her bus for work and had to run three blocks to catch it. When she got on board, she discovered she had forgotten her money.

To top it off, she complained, the bus driver "was a grouchy one who didn't know me." She said he agreed very reluctantly to trust her for the fare until Saturday, the 14th, a luckier day, no doubt.

Phone Company Plans Building

Plans to construct a second addition to the Eugene telephone building to house new dial and long distance switchboard equipment were announced here Friday by R. B. Bacon, district manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Application for permission to begin construction of the 298,000 addition was filed Thursday with the district office of the housing expediter in Portland.

The new addition will be east of a three-story addition now under construction.

Proposed plans call for two stories with steel framework of brick and terra cotta finish and a partial basement. Irregular in shape, the addition will measure roughly 59 feet by 105 feet, increasing the size of the present building to approximately 108 feet by 160 feet.

New central office equipment to be installed will cost more than \$1,000,000, Bacon said, and will furnish Eugene with a dial system capable of serving better than 19,000 telephones.

Set for 1948 Work will begin as soon as approval is granted and will proceed as rapidly as supplies and materials can be obtained, with the new office tentatively scheduled for service late in 1948.

Architect for the building is Pietro Belluschi of Portland.

New Rate Boosts Sought by PT&T

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. said Friday it would ask the public utilities commission for a statewide increase in long distance and miscellaneous telephone rates to meet the wage increases granted after the recent strike.

This request will supersede one made April 28, which would increase annual revenues in Oregon by about \$1,555,000, according to F. D. Tellwright, general manager for Oregon.

The new request would ask for about \$694,000 more, a total of \$2,249,000. Tellwright said that no change is being made in the rates requested in the April 28 filing for one, two and four-party residence and business service, or for suburban and farmer line service.

The additional \$694,000 would come from adjustments in long distance and miscellaneous charges, Tellwright said. He pointed out that most exchange rates were set in 1921. Tellwright said the company is planning expenditures of \$25,000,000 in Oregon during 1947 to expand facilities.

The April 28 request would reclassify telephones, resulting in 25, 50 and 75-cent increases for some subscribers.

Iowa, Missouri Residents Face Second Threat

Mississippi Down As Others Swell

By UNITED PRESS

The Des Moines and Missouri Rivers threatened new destruction Friday to farm-lands and cities ravaged by floods last week.

New floods were building up in Iowa and Missouri as the result of rains totalling three to five inches in Southwestern Iowa and Southeastern Nebraska during the last two days.

Tributaries of both rivers had spilled over their banks. But the biggest damage was threatened by the two main stems.

Government hydrographers warned that the Missouri would reach a crest of 21 feet by Saturday at St. Joseph, Mo., the highest level there since 1881.

In Iowa, the flood-stricken city of Ottumwa braced itself again for another serious flood on the heels of last week's devastation.

Upstream in Nebraska the Missouri had receded, but its tributaries flooded thousands of acres. Flood conditions eased on the upper Mississippi.

The new flood rolling down the Des Moines River was expected to hit Ottumwa Saturday night. Red Cross chapters were alerted and the Coast Guard said it was moving four rescue boats into the city.

The 800 residents of Eddyville, Ia., north of Ottumwa, fled their homes to higher ground for the second time in a week.

In Ottumwa thousands of residents were driven from homes last week, when the flood claimed at least two of the recent 17 mid-west flood victims. A sand-bag levee was being thrown up hastily.

A partial estimate of flood damage from the Army Engineers placed damage at \$26,520,000 as of Tuesday. Nearly 1,000,000 acres had been inundated and more than 5000 persons still were homeless in Missouri and Illinois.

Suit Undertaken To Block Wallace

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The American Anti-Communist League said Friday it has filed an injunction suit in federal district court here in effort to prevent Henry A. Wallace from using a public park here for an address Monday night.

Curran also announced that the CIO Maritime Committee, representing five unions, will meet Friday in Washington with CIO President Philip Murray to discuss what he termed an "impending lockout" in the maritime industry.

Princesses Enjoy Rose Fete Visiting

By JEAN WORTH

Seven twittering princesses, caught for a moment in the exciting whirl of Portland Rose Festival events, told a Register-Guard reporter Friday morning, "the royal life—that's for us."

In a telephone interview, on the threshold of the floral parade, they expressed themselves as "terribly impressed with the glamor" of the Royal Realm of Rosaria, but eager to get back to Lane, Land of the Pioneers.

The royal pronouncement on the matter of flowers was that Portland roses are very nice, but "they can't compare with Eugene roses."

The Pageant Court, accompanied by Mrs. George Hopkins and Mrs. Hal Young, attended the Kay Kyster carnival at Multnomah Stadium.

On the other hand, Pageant Director Horace Robinson and his Pageant float crew spent an entirely different type of evening.

Robinson, Don Shirley, Bob Stedman and Ted Brock worked almost all night mounting the flowers on the Eugene float.

"We wanted to work in the cool of the evening and take advantage of the time element by waiting until the last possible moment to insure maximum freshness," an exhausted Robinson explained.

Descendants to Take Roles as Pioneers

"The Four Horsemen" who first settled Lane County in 1846 will be portrayed in the Pageant by actual descendants of these four historic pioneers.

Dramatic Director Doris Smith announced Friday that with the aid of Mrs. Frank Chambers of Eugene and Mrs. Henry C. Mathews of Pleasant Hill, four men directly descended from the county founders will play the parts of their illustrious forbears in the Early Settlers Scene which is to be Episode 4 of the Pageant.

Eugene Skinner, founder of Eugene, will be played by Charles F. Skinner, Eugene's great-great-grandson, who is coming to Eugene from Milwaukee, Ore., to participate in the Pageant.



EUGENE'S NEW FIRE WAGON, accepted by the city and put into service after tests Thursday, is shown here sucking water out of a pond on Highway 99 N near the overhead and throwing it back in a powerful stream. The 1000-gallon pumper gives the city six pieces of equipment. It cost nearly \$12,000 and was on order a year and a half. Tests on the American-LaFrance truck were conducted by William White, of the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau. (Willshire photo and engraving)