

Congress --- The Record

Taft-Hartley Law, Draft, Farm Bill Major Legislation in 80th Session

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Word-weary legislators Monday about defending, or lambasting, the pre-convention they finished writing in Sunday's dreary dawn ahead to the November elections, Republicans it was one of the best congresses ever. Democrats up President Truman's cry that it was one of the worst in history. In November, the entire membership of the House and one-third of the Senate come up for the voters' verdict.

Final Hours
GOP leaders in the final grueling two days and nights given Mr. Truman a few of the things he asked for: \$10,228 for foreign aid, a peacetime draft of men 19 through 25 and—literally in the final hour—a new system of price supports.

What Passed
Some of the major things which Congress did or did not do enact:

- The global foreign aid program and a \$6,030,000,000 appropriation for the first year.
- A \$4,800,000,000 income tax reduction bill.
- The Taft-Hartley labor-management act.
- A peacetime draft of men 19 through 25 for 21-month terms to the armed forces up to authorized strength of 2,005,892.
- The port-to-port pay bill, restricting claims for pay from the worker reached his place of work until he leaves it.
- Two rent control laws, one in 1947 and another in 1948, controlling the freeze on rent levels in the majority of cases but permitting boosts in some and complete relaxation of controls in others.
- A bill to permit the admission of 205,000 European war refugees to the country within the next two years.
- Authority for a special commission, headed by former President Hoover, to chart a reorganization of the executive branch of the government.
- The presidential succession bill, designating the speaker of the House as next in line after the vice president.
- A bill freezing social security taxes at one per cent.
- A new permanent program of farm price supports, somewhat different from existing wartime levels, to take effect Jan. 1, 1950.
- Extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act for one year.
- Some modifications.
- A bill raising the pay of 1,330,000 federal workers, with 480,000 employees getting \$450 a year more and 850,000 other federal workers getting a boost of \$330.
- An extension of the terms of the present members of the atomic energy commission for 23 months.
- **Not Enacted**
- A universal military training program.
- A broad housing bill, including provisions for slum clearance and rent control.
- A bill to require registration of Communists.
- Any civil rights legislation, such as bills to make lynching a crime, to outlaw the poll tax as a condition to voting or to employment discrimination because of race.
- Legislation to hike the legal minimum wage above the present level an hour.
- A bill to authorize federal aid to the states to help maintain school systems.
- A prepaid government health insurance plan.
- A bill to wipe out all federal taxes and fees on oleomargarine.
- A bill to extend social security coverage to some 3,500,000 persons including state and municipal government workers.

Wigibles Rush National Guard

WASHINGTON—(AP)—National Guard recruiting offices throughout the country got set Monday for a rush of men eager to take advantage of the "escape hatch" in the new draft machinery.

The 19-through-25 draft bill passed by Congress exempts those who join the guard or other reserve outfits before President Truman signs the measure. The President has 10 days in which to act.

Although normally closed on Sunday, National Guard headquarters elsewhere opened their doors in response to hundreds of inquiries. Many would-be-draftees lined up for stay-at-home duty. Some indicated they would enroll voluntarily.

Cannery Talks Resume

Officials of the Cannery Workers Local 656, AFL, and the Eugene Fruit Growers Assn. resumed negotiational meetings Monday, towards agreement on a 1948 wage and hour contract.

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WHILE DELEGATES and visitors to the Republican National convention pour into Philadelphia, this balloon GOP elephant appears outside the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Republican headquarters. (AP Wire photo).

Greek Commies Plead for Help In New Drive

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
Greek Communists were reported pleading for help from Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia as 70,000 Greek government troops moved in on them Monday.

The greatest offensive in the guerrilla war developed near the border of Albania. It was powered by six Greek divisions, planes and artillery. The campaign, planned in part by U.S. military minds, aimed at exterminating 7000 Communists warring in the mountains against the government.

A dispatch from Kozane told of an intercepted message from Markos Vafiadis, the Greek communist chief, asking Tito to succor him. One report said 1000 guerrillas already have surrendered.

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Lane School Districts Vote Today

More than 60 Lane County school districts Monday were scheduled to hold their annual meetings, and in two of the county's five rural school board zones, elections were scheduled for the board.

Odyne Mathews, appointed last year to fill a vacancy, is running for the board position in Zone 5. Winona Schneider is running in Zone 2 to fill the vacancy left by Peter Petersen of Bethel. The remaining members of the board continue in office.

Powder Blast Kills Workers

KENVIL, N.J.—(AP)—An earth-shaking explosion in the big Hercules Powder dynamite company plant here Monday killed three men, a company statement said.

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GOP Race Still Close As Convention Starts

Foreign Policy Plank Is Major Party Struggle

Vandenberg Stand Defended Hotly

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—A foreign policy plank patterned after the Vandenberg brand of internationalism may set off the biggest intra-party fight at the Republican convention.

The tip-off came Monday from Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut as the Republicans hammered their platform into shape.

Baldwin frankly disagreed with the view of Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Mass., that the proposed 2400-word statement of party principles is one which all elements of the party can support enthusiastically.

Farm Support Bill Approved

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The new compromise farm program passed by Congress is expected to mean lower prices for housewives after January, 1950.

Damage Suit Entered

A damage suit for a total of \$10,000 was on file in circuit court Monday against Earl Dickson, Albany grocer, claiming he falsely arrested Amil Howse, 20, the night of May 9.

Federal Wages Boosted

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Some 1,330,000 federal employees will get a pay raise next month unless President Truman unexpectedly vetoes a bill passed by Congress in its closing hours.

Court Rules Unions Can Campaign

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Oregon's GOP Delegation Holds for Dewey—Pro tem

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER
REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, PHILADELPHIA, (Special)—Oregon's delegation keeps its pledge to support New York's Governor Dewey—no matter how many ballots—until Dewey releases the group, it was emphasized again Monday by Phil Metschan, Portland, chairman of the Oregon delegation.

Metschan declared if any delegate should vote otherwise until released, he will make every effort to call a poll of the delegation and read the pledge of each delegate made at primary election time. And so Oregon is thinking and working only for Dewey, these opening days at least.

And that makes Ed Boehnke of Eugene, one of the two delegates from Oregon's fourth congressional district, one of the busiest men at the convention, because he is the liaison officer between the delegation and the Dewey headquarters.

However, the Oregon delegation came in for one of the best feature stories of the pre-convention sessions when Ted R. Gamble, floor convention manager for Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, was named alternate to Tommy Lake, Portland, one of the 12 Oregon delegates. Luke states Gamble is one of his best friends and has done a whale of a job in helping to raise money for the Oregon Republican Party.

The Oregon delegation holds every delegate is entitled to name whom he pleases and that seems to be that. It is stated the appointment had the approval of Herbert Brownell, Jr., top Dewey manager, as well as that of Ralph H. Cake, Oregon's national committee-man on the side, however.

One or two of the Oregon delegation privately admitted that perhaps Brownell had made sort of a mistake anyway. The story made the headlines and was quite the topic of conversation wherever the Oregon people congregated.

The Oregon delegation is one of the few having its own badges of yellow and green and many courtesies are being extended to Oregon people by the Dewey people because of the showing Oregon made for the New York governor in its primary election.

Daily Confabs
The delegation has its caucus at 8 a.m. breakfasts at the Penn Sheraton Hotel and all Oregonians are being invited.

Congressman and Mrs. Harris Ellsworth and daughter Jane arrived late Sunday to be among the observers, and Ellsworth expects to be visiting soon through his district.

Sinatra's Wife Presents Girl On Pop's Day

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Crooner Frank Sinatra, whose timing is rated better than fair, let his wife, Nancy, take the bows in that department Monday.

Mrs. S. presented Frankie with a Father's Day present of an eight pound, 14 ounce daughter at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

The child, named Christina, was the Sinatras' third. Nancy, eight, and Frank, Jr., five, gave a big cheer. Mother and baby were doing fine.

Labor Group Now in Salem

SALEM—(AP)—The Oregon State Federation of Labor opened its 45th annual five-day convention here Monday, with taxes, state-sponsored automobile insurance, and workmen's disability benefits high on its agenda.

More than 500 delegates are attending the meeting, representing 400 union locals.

J. T. Marr, executive secretary of the federation, recommended that the delegates make a thorough study of whether the state should go into the automobile insurance business. Or, he suggested, it could appeal to the State Insurance Commissioner if the federation believes automobile insurance rates now are too high.

Judge Opens Hearing In Maritime Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Federal Judge George B. Harris opened a hearing Monday on whether to grant an injunction to stop for at least 80 days a proposed West Coast maritime strike. Outside the packed courtroom more than 100 union men clamored to get in and a picket line protesting the government's action marched around the building.

FIGHT POSTPONED

CHICAGO—(AP)—The "Sugar" Robinson-Bernard Docusen world's welterweight championship fight was postponed Monday to next Monday night because of threatening weather.

Noisy, Confused Initial Session Produces Little

Scrap Over Platform Is Shaping Up

By JACK BELL
CONVENTION H A L L, Philadelphia—(AP)—Republicans got their convention off to a flag-waving, band-blaring start Monday with the battle for their presidential nomination still wide open.

The first session was gavelled into order at 10:27 a.m. (EST) and recessed at 11:59 A.M., until 8 p.m.

In between, there was the usual noisy show, the songs, the orators, launching one of those once-every-four-years party convales. But behind this facade two things stood out:

One is the general air of confidence that this is a Republican year—that this convention is naming the next president of the United States. The other is the great uncertainty still among the rank-and-file delegates as to who that man is.

Truman Mulls Political Plans

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman has started a series of conferences on political strategy, based largely on results of his recent western trip.

Mr. Truman held a two-hour conference Sunday afternoon with a group of political advisers, congressional leaders and members of the cabinet.

White House Secretary Charles G. Ross said Sunday's meeting was primarily a review of what happened during the chief executive's 9500-mile tour which ended Friday.

Among those present were Sen. J. Howard McGrath (D-R) Democratic national chairman and the national committee's publicity chief, John M. Redding.

Also present were two federal officials high in White House councils—Oscar Ewing, federal security administrator, and Oscar L. Chapman, undersecretary of interior.

Ross said "some members of the cabinet" were present along with Democratic leaders from the House and Senate, including Sen. Scott D. Lucas (D-Ill), Rep. Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) and Rep. John W. McCormack (D-Mass).

Mr. Truman's next trip is scheduled for early July. He will leave by train on the morning of July 4 for Bolivar, Mo. He will speak there on July 5 at the dedication of a statue of Simon Bolivar, the national hero of Venezuela.

Mountbatten Leaves India

NEW DELHI—(AP)—Lord Mountbatten retired as governor general Monday and free India's self-rule by her own people became complete.

Oriental splendor and western pageantry blended as Elder Statesman Chakravarti Rajagopalachari took the oath as Mountbatten's successor, becoming the first Indian ever to hold this important post.

A slender figure in white homespun national garb, Rajagopalachari, 69, stood against a background of rich red velvet drapes embroidered in silk and agreed to perform the duties of office.

Less than three hours earlier, Mountbatten, attired in the gleaming white uniform of a British rear admiral, bade farewell to the land whose people called him "one of us."

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast Eugene and vicinity, partly cloudy, clearing by Monday night; cloudy Tuesday morning and fair Tuesday afternoon with warmer after-noon temperatures. Western Oregon, partly cloudy Monday night and Tuesday; moderate north winds off shore.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Sunday, 69 degrees; low Monday, 52 degrees; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m., .07 inch; total for month, 1.10 inches; normal for month, 1.50 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a. m., minus .20 foot; wind at 11:30 a. m., West 5; prevailing Sunday, West 7.