

Budgeteers' Meat Strike Shakes U.S.

Face of Government Gloom, Lives Band in All-Out Battle

CHICAGO—(AP)—Budget-harried housewives increased buy-no-meat campaign over telephone wires Saturday in face of a government prediction that meat prices will drop.

The boycott plan, originating in Dallas, spread to Tacoma, Seattle, Boise, Portland, Klamath Falls, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Eugene, 16 cities in Texas and a half a dozen others.

Housewives' crusade was aimed directly at one of two given by the government: record consumer buying and a decline in the output of meats and other live products.

Indianapolis, however, packers, discounted the government prediction and beef and pork prices fell in September or as farmers bring in.

In Chicago, a spokesman for the major packers said "although we have crystal ball capable of predicting future prices, adequate meat supplies expected this fall and winter to seasonally increase."

When, as always, will be the overall demand of consumers.

The women who pay the bills teamed for action. In Tacoma, three housewives led a corps for a telephone call against purchases of meat more than 65 cents a pound after Aug. 15.

In Kansas City, Mrs. Edward S. Munke, 25-year-old former Wave, sparked a chain-telephone drive to get her colleagues to quit buying meat all next week and observe three meatless days weekly until prices fall.

A Boise, Idaho, women's club of 50 members appealed to all women in its area to keep away from meat counters.

Locomotive Enginemen, Firemen Coming Here

Members of all Washington-Oregon lodges of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Enginemen and Firemen and their auxiliaries will be represented in Eugene Aug. 13 and 14 at a joint meeting.

More than 150 delegates are expected to attend the all day session Friday in the Veterans Memorial Building and the picnic at Swimmer's Delight Saturday.

Cottage Grove Regatta to Close Tonight With a 'Mighty Finale'

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Lie Beseeches Powers to End German Quarrel

'Don't Use U. N. Unless Needed'

LAKE SUCCESS—(AP)—Secretary-General Tryve Lie called on the big power Saturday to settle the German problem either inside or outside the United Nations.

Lie said in his annual report to the general assembly he didn't care how the four interested nations tackled the problem so long as they reached a solution.

He told them, however, not to bring their dispute to the U. N. unless they come "in the spirit of a genuine attempt to find a solution."

"Nothing," he said, "would contribute more to the effectiveness of the United Nations than a settlement of this problem."

The secretary-general, while stressing the importance of Germany as the No. 1 problem, expressed concern over several other issues including what he called a race for the production of bacteriological and chemical weapons.

He also warned the great powers the world would never submit to the rule of any one ideology whether it is Communism or extreme capitalism.

Nominations Sent Congress

WASHINGTON—(AP)—More than 100 nominations for government posts, sent by President Truman to the special session of Congress, died Saturday night when the Senate failed to take action on them.

The President can give the nominees recess appointments pending action at the next session of Congress.

Among the nominations blocked were: Maurice J. Tobin, former mayor of Boston, to be secretary of labor; Elmer H. Wene, of New Jersey, to be assistant secretary of agriculture.

Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., to be Warren R. Austin, John Foster Dulles, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Philip C. Jessup, to represent the United States at the third U. N. general assembly in Paris Sept. 21.

Tobin's nomination was sent up to the Senate late Saturday. He would succeed Charles Brannan, who became secretary of agriculture.

VET OFF TO CLOSE

The Lane County veterans service office, 205 Old Postoffice building, Eugene, will be closed from noon Tuesday, Aug. 10, until Monday, Aug. 16, while the staff attends a department meeting in Portland.

County's Schools Still Are Shy 29 Fall Teachers

Lane County rural schools are still short "about 29 teachers" for the opening of schools this fall, Mrs. Lucille Klinge, county school superintendent, said Saturday.

The county school office is making a survey of the teacher shortage throughout the county, and school clerks are sending in the vacancies they have on their staffs.

Of approximately 50 vacancies a month ago, about 21 have been filled Mrs. Klinge said.

She urged applicants to file for teacher positions through the county school office so the applications could be checked for state certification.

Berliners Fear 'New Munich' In Negotiations

BERLIN—(AP)—Concern was reported growing among western Berliners Saturday night that a "new Munich" may be in the making in four-power negotiations on Germany taking place in Moscow.

Calling for a firm western stand against new demands by the Russians, the Socialist newspaper Telegraf said the "brave attitude displayed by Berlin" under the Soviet blockade had "earned this city assurances of a free democratic life."

Newspaper Fears

"Unfortunately," the newspaper said, "there is evidence Saturday that, despite their sorry experience since 1945, the Democracies again are inclined to trust the promises of a totalitarian power."

Anyone who believes that the differences between the Democracies and Russian totalitarianism can be resolved merely on the German problem or the Berlin question is on the road to a new Munich."

Socialist Otto Suhr, chairman of the Berlin city council, told a rally of Berliners in the French sector that a "poor compromise must not be decided upon at the cost of us Berlin cellar-dwellers."

The Moscow talks have been wrapped in secrecy.

Agreement Claimed

The Telegraf and Suhr may have based their remarks on a Russian-licensed news agency dispatch quoting "informed Washington circles" to the effect President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall had agreed in principle to withdrawal of western-sponsored currency from Berlin.

Actually, the western powers are issuing more of their money. They arranged for credits to firms whose bank accounts in the Russian sector have been blocked by a Russian order.

The official Soviet news agency said the Russians protested Saturday that American and British fliers had committed 750 violations of air corridor regulations during July.

The protest was handed to American and British officers at the Berlin air safety center, the agency said.

Canada Elects Prime Minister

OTTAWA—(AP)—Louis Stephen St. Laurent, French-Canadian minister for external affairs, was named Saturday successor to Canada's Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

He was elected leader of the National Liberal Party on its first ballot Saturday.

And as leader of this dominant Canadian party, he automatically will become Prime Minister when King retires, probably about the end of this year.

He defeated two candidates, James Garfield Gardiner, minister for agriculture, and C.C. Power, former air minister.

St. Laurent, former corporation lawyer from Quebec, is 66 years old. He will be the first French-Canadian prime minister Canada has since Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1919.

The Liberal Party convention gave St. Laurent 848 votes, Gardiner 323, and Power 56. A simple majority was all that was needed.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, fair Sunday and Monday, little change in temperature. Western Oregon, same, temperature 60 to 70 on coast, 70 to 80 northern interior both days. Low Sunday night 46 to 56. Moderate northerly winds off coast.

Cutting Work Short. Congress Adjourns

Court Agrees On the Need of County Zoning

If Approved, Matter Would Go Up for Vote By Alton Baker, Jr.

The Lane County Court was near a "meeting of the minds" Saturday toward taking the first step required to establish county planning and zoning.

All three members of the court were agreed that a county planning commission should be appointed, but each held different ideas as to the organizational difficulties involved.

House Bill 418, an enabling act passed by the last state legislature, authorizes county governing bodies to appoint a commission of five, seven, or nine members who in turn will outline county planning and land use regulation. If and when such a plan is formulated, it must be brought before the county voters, who will decide, "Shall the County Court be authorized to enact zoning and land use regulations?"

Order Has Been Drafted

Commissioner Walter Holland said an order for the court to sign, appointing a commission, has been drafted. He said he approves of establishing a commission to set up county zoning, but thinks "it will be difficult to find qualified men who will be willing to spend the necessary time" on developing a plan.

County Judge Clinton Hurd said he is "ready to go" on the appointment of a planning commission. He thinks it is too bad county planning "wasn't started 100 years ago."

Commissioner Allen Wheeler favors establishment of a commission, but he feels that the men chosen should be carefully picked with an eye to necessary qualifications. He thinks the county judge should take the initiative in appointing the commission.

Represent All Areas

Judge Hurd and Wheeler favor appointing a nine man commission. Holland believes it should be either a seven or nine man group.

Wheeler said he believes all areas of the county should be represented on the commission. The state law provides that a majority (five, if a nine man commission were appointed) must be from the unincorporated area of the county.

Briefly, the steps toward county planning are:

- 1—Appointment of planning commission by the county court.
- 2—Preparation of a county development pattern by the planning commission.
- 3—Adoption of part or all of the development pattern by the planners, after a public hearing.
- 4—Preparation of drafts of ordinances by the commission for the purpose of carrying out the development pattern.
- 5—Submission to the county court of proposed ordinances drawn by the planners.
- 6—County-wide election on the question, "Shall the county court be authorized to enact zoning and land use regulations?"
- 7—Adoption of proposed ordinances by the county court in a favorable majority vote empowers it.

The act passed by the state legislature points mainly toward orderly development of "fringe" areas adjacent to incorporated cities. It specifically states that "no ordinance adopted under this act shall regulate lands used for grazing."

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Smoke Seen at Coburg, But It's Merely Drift

Smoke apparently rising northwest of Coburg Saturday was classed Saturday night as drift smoke possibly coming from as far north as Washington state. This was the belief of Jake Smith of Eastern Lane Forest Protective Assn.

Several reports of the smoke were telephoned the Register-Guard, but check calls by Smith and the newspaper to the Polk-Benton County area, Linn County, and the Western Lane Fire Patrol failed to show the presence of any nearby fire.

STAGE COACH PARADE

OREGON CITY, Ore. — (UP)—Stage coaches and horsemen will travel to Portland from here Tuesday in a preview parade for the Oregon Centennial celebrations planned next Thursday.

Electricity, Gas Slashed in Berlin

Household Cooking To Suffer The Most

BERLIN — (UP) — The American, British and French commanders Saturday night ordered another 50 percent reduction in gas and electricity rations for 2,400,000 persons sealed in the western sectors of Berlin by the Soviet blockade.

This sent the rations below their lowest wartime level. It meant that electric power used for household cooking would have to be cut in half and that household gas would be shut off from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily.

Germans in Berlin were not the only ones suffering, however. Soviet administrators admitted Saturday night that the food supply in the Russian zone was steadily worsening.

Food riots, which flared earlier this week, had apparently been curbed, but only after Soviet officials diverted several food trains to major trouble spots.

One German official in the Soviet sector told a Berlin newspaper that it would be five to six weeks before food ration cards could be honored in full.

Meanwhile, in an effort to ease the confusing money situation in this city of two currencies, the western powers prepared to fly in 25,000,000 "Westernmarks" to back up Friday's promise that each western Berlin firm would be advanced 100 westmarks per employee in order to meet payrolls already two weeks overdue.

This move was necessitated after Soviet authorities blocked the currency account of all western Berlin firms who kept their money in Soviet banks. Normally, these firms paid salaries 75 per cent in Soviet money and 25 per cent in western.

Plane, 22 Aboard Found High in Alps

FRANKFURT, Germany—(AP)—Wreckage of an American C-47 transport plane which has been missing for eight months was found Saturday, 9008 feet up in the Italian Alps, the US Air Force said Saturday.

The two-motor plane, carrying 22 persons, disappeared Nov. 28, 1947.

An Air Force announcement said two bodies were found near the wreckage. The missing transport was found in the Alps, 55 miles south of Turin, Italy.

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Inflation, Housing Measures Passed

Nearly All President's Requests Get Cold Shoulder from Lawmakers

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congress wrote its own ticket Saturday night on anti-inflation and housing legislation, then slammed the door on the extra session called by President Truman.

The House adjourned at 7:31 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time); the Senate at 8:39 P. M. They had met July 26 and had been in session 11 working days.

The adjournment was until December 31, with a provision that the session may be resumed earlier on call of the Republican leaders.

With a few minor exceptions, the lawmakers rewrote, blocked, or just plain ignored the far-ranging program Mr. Truman presented with an "urgent" label.

The President's eight-point anti-inflation program emerged cut down to two: Revived curbs on installment buying and higher reserve requirements for banks belonging to the federal reserve system. The Senate beat back by a 53 to 33 vote a Democratic attempt to revive rationing, price and wage control powers. The Truman plan to bring back the excess profits tax wasn't even considered.

Republicans said their housing bill would encourage the construction of low-cost homes and rental housing. But it omitted the federal subsidies for public housing and slum clearance that were features of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill endorsed by the President.

Mr. Truman had his way without quibbling on only one major item. The lawmakers approved a \$65,000,000 interest-free loan to the United Nations for construction of permanent headquarters in New York.

Of Show

Until the last couple of days, two extra-curricular developments stole the show from the actual lawmaking. One was a successful 5-day filibuster by Southern Democratic senators against the anti-poll tax bill. The other was a sensational series of hearings, before House and Senate committees, on charges that Communist spies and sympathizers

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Work to Start On New Carrier

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United States Navy announced Saturday night that construction will get under way soon on its \$100,000,000 giant flush-deck aircraft carrier.

The carrier will be the largest ship afloat, a Navy spokesman said, with a water line length of more than 1000 feet, and a beam, or width, of 130 feet. That will be 20 feet wider than the Panama Canal locks.

The huge vessel will be constructed by the Newport News shipbuilding and drydock company, Newport News, Va. The job is expected to take two years.

With a speed of approximately 36 knots, the ship will have no island on the deck, such as carriers now have. The additional space will be used in handling larger carrier bombers now being contemplated.

A Navy spokesman at Newport News said the vessel may eventually be an 80,000 ton craft. The basic tonnage now is estimated at 65,000 tons.

Salesman, 58, Found Dead of Heart Attack

A man identified as William D. Geho, 58, of Springfield, was found dead Saturday night, apparently of a heart attack, Deputy Coroner Fred Buell said.

Buell said Geho, a salesman for the Coast Cable Co., was found in a room at the Osburn Hotel about 6:10 p.m. Both the day and night maids had reported his door locked at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. After the latter report the manager and a bellboy looked into the room through the transom, then forced the door upon seeing Geho still in bed.

He had been last seen about 8 p.m. Friday. Buell said Geho apparently had died Friday night or early Saturday. He is survived by his wife, Nellie.

SLEEPING SICKNESS KILLS 49

TOKYO — (UP) — Japanese health authorities said Saturday 49 persons have died in the Tokyo metropolitan area since July 1 from sleeping sickness.

Just as Instructor of Children of Diplomatic Families Was to Sail for Moscow - - -

White Russians Kidnaped Red School Teacher In New York, Soviet Consul Tells Newsmen

NEW YORK — (UP) — The Soviet consul general announced Saturday that he had "forcibly rescued" from "White Russian bandits" a 52-year-old Soviet school teacher who, he said, was kidnaped shortly before she was due to sail for Russia.

Consul Jacob Lomakin said the woman, Kosenkina Oksana Stepanovna, formerly taught children of Russian diplomats in New York. He asserted that she was kidnaped in New York City July 31 and was rescued Saturday at Valley Cottage, N. Y., in Rockland County, 75 miles north of New York City.

Lomakin said that another Soviet teacher, his wife, and three children were still being held by a "White Russian organization" in New Jersey.

The strange story was told to reporters at a press conference called at the Russian consulate by Mrs. Stepanovna and the consul general.

Lomakin said he rescued Mrs. Stepanovna from a farm which belongs to the Tolstoy Foundation, a White Russian anti-Soviet organization. He said she and Mikhail Samarin, the other teacher, and his family had been missing since they failed to appear for the scheduled sailing of the S. S. Phoebe, a Soviet liner recently involved in a quarantine controversy with New York port authorities.

Mrs. Stepanovna said through an interpreter that she was false she had been warned not to re-scheduled sailing date, and that she had been warned not to return to Russia because she would be sent to Siberia and shot.

She said she was given a hypodermic injection and went with a group of White Russians to the farm without resistance. She said she was confused and did not know now why she did not resist.

The school teacher said that a Countess Tolstoy, a descendant of the novelist, Count Leo Tolstoy, accused her at the farm of being a spy. The countess reportedly said that there were many others like her at the farm, among them Victor Kravchenko, former Soviet cipher clerk in Ottawa, Canada, who is a leading anti-Communist.

Lomakin said he and Vice Consul S. Chepurnyka and the consulate chauffeur rescued Mrs. Stepanovna from the farm despite resistance from about 12 White Russians who, he said,

tried to hold her and who pelted the Russian car with stones. Lomakin said he called the New York missing persons bureau before driving up to the farm and asked for help. He said police officers promised to meet him there but never showed up.

Lomakin said he was tipped off as to Mrs. Stepanovna's whereabouts in a letter which the woman managed to slip to a tradesman driving by the farm.

Mrs. Stepanovna said she was fed and treated well, but was forced to work in the foundation kitchen.

Other Soviet teachers returned home on July 31 because the Soviet government had decided to send the children of diplomatic families to Russia to complete their education.

