

Election Turn Doesn't Affect Taft-Hartley Law, Says Agent

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Despite the administration's pledge to seek repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law, its chief agent, Robert N. Denham, intends to follow a "business as usual" policy.

Denham said in an interview Thursday he will keep on administering the Republican-sponsored labor law "as if nothing had happened," so long as it is on the books.

He has some ideas of his own for changing it, but "nobody has asked me for any so far."

A number of labor leaders have suggested privately since President Truman's upset election victory that Denham either should resign or be ousted in a revision of the law's terms.

States Future

But to questions about his future, the 63-year-old general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board responded:

"I am still general counsel and I will be until the law is changed. 'Nobody has asked me for my resignation yet,' he laughed.

As general counsel at a \$12,000 annual salary, Denham has a four-year term dating from his July, 1947, Senate confirmation to the post. He recognizes, however, that his tenure can be changed by amending the law.

Texas Cowhand

A one-time Texas cowhand with a colorful career, Denham was an NLRB trial examiner when Mr. Truman appointed him general counsel after Congress enacted the Taft-Hartley law over the presidential veto.

The new labor law built up the general counsel's position to one that labor unions have said made Denham a virtual "labor czar."

Whereas the NLRB under the Wagner Act had been prosecutor, judge and jury over labor cases, it became simply a deciding court under the Taft-Hartley law. Full power over prosecutions was given to the general counsel's office.

Actions Stir Anger

Denham, a Republican, quickly stirred the wrath of labor unions by his rigid enforcement of the new law. At the outset he ruled that no AFL or CIO union could

use the NLRB's facilities until top officers of the two groups signed the controversial non-Communist affidavits.

The five-man NLRB soon revised this interpretation, however. It exempted top AFL and CIO officers from the affidavit requirement, but held that officers of individual member unions must sign the pledges to become eligible to make use of the board.

Tough on Management

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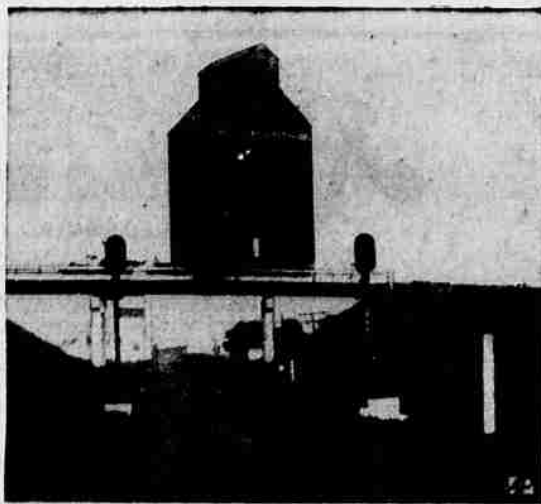
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ON THE MOVE—This 230-ton grain elevator crosses an over-pass on the Great Northern Railway at Glenfield, N. D., during a 65-mile move from Hamar, N. D., to Wimbledon, N. D. William Reese of Thief River Falls, Minn., moved it in 3 days.

Finds Beasts Are Pampered Correspondent on Zooey Trip;

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The tour of the Washington Zoo got around to the kusimanse, a mousy little critter from tropical Africa. (Scientific name: crossarchus obscurus.)

That little guy, said Dr. William Mann, zoo head man, came on a trade from England. The doctor's special guest on the tour was Maj. Albert Pam, former treasurer of the Zoological Society of London. The major nodded.

"It was like this," said Dr. Mann. "I was having a little zooey chat in England with Dr. Geoffrey Vevers, the director of the London Zoo, one day last summer. I admired his kusimanse. I said 'you folks have three of these things and the United States has none.'"

Major Pam squirmed a little in the presence of the press as though he knew what was coming, which he probably did.

Well, Dr. Mann talked the British zoo-man out of one of his prizes, but before he closed the deal he said he would like to call Washington to see if his zoo had an extra cage.

He picked up Dr. Vevers' phone and called his lieutenant in our capital. After he had finished he called the operator and learned the call cost \$15, including tax.

Dr. Mann put his lunch hook into his money pocket, but the Briton nay-nayed him.

"Why fool with the silly exchange of dollars," said the London man. "We'll make a trade. What I would like in exchange for my kusimanse is a pair of marmots."

What the British call marmots, Americans call prairie dogs. Dr. Mann said he thought he could oblige and, of course, he did.

Our tour turned then to the reptile house and the Washington man gave the Briton his dues.

Keep 'Em Happy

"The design of this house is a direct steal from the London zoo," he said. "Illumination in the cages. The false bottoms that allow the heat to come up from the floor instead of pouring in from the top. We save the lives of a lot of animals—thanks to the tips I got from the British."

The alligator snapping turtle (macochelys temminickii) slept happily through the noise that was going on outside his cage. It was 80 inside, just like a turtle of his kind likes. Outside where people were, it was like what people like. About 68.

Frailer

Another steal from the London Zoo. The right temperature for animals: ditto for humans.

"More attention must be paid to the animals," put in Major Pam. "They die easier than people, you know."

The tour worked its way to the zoo restaurant at lunchtime and Major Pam had to take a back seat to his host who was busy autographing his new book called "Ant Hill Odyssey."

"Doesn't have much to do with ants," said Dr. Mann. "More about me—the first 30 years of my life. In it I start out by getting born,

Grange Leader Asks Labor To Hold Off Wage Demands

PORTLAND, Me.—(AP)—The national Grange convention heard a plea this week that organized labor hold off on demands for a new round of wage increases.

National Master Albert S. Goss, in a keynote speech, declared further pay boosts would only add to inflationary problems now worrying both farmers and workers.

Fourth Round

This appeal was made as some labor groups in Washington and elsewhere started an offensive for a fourth round wage hike. It was accompanied by a Goss warning that agriculture faces a possible collapse in its prices and income similar to that of the early thirties.

In urging labor to go slowly on new wage demands, Goss predicted currently-declining farm prices soon would reduce workers' living costs.

The farm leader held out a cooperative hand to labor, however. "The farmer's best friend," he said, "is the well paid working man who turns out a full measure of non-farm products and buys a big volume of agricultural products."

Delegates paid particular attention to proposals by Goss for averting another farm depression. His suggestions included:

- (1) A high national income with full employment.
- (2) Government farm programs aimed at preventing price-depressing crop surpluses on the one hand and consumer shortages on the other.
- (3) "Stop loss" government farm price supports designed to protect growers against bankruptcy.
- (4) A return of millions of acres of grain and cotton land to pas-

Human Rights Draft Amended

PARIS—(AP)—The United Nations draft declaration on human rights was amended Friday to pledge illegitimate children the same social protection as those born in marriage.

Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, U.S. delegate, and P. C. Chang of China cast the only negative votes. The change was sponsored by Norway and carried 32 to 2, with 10 abstentions.

The amendment was made to Article 22 of the declaration. The entire article, as re-drafted by Chang, was adopted 40-0 with nine abstentions after eight other changes had been rejected.

Lowell Steen told the Bureau's annual convention to brace itself for a battle against farm price supports.

"There is a well organized drive to destroy this program," he declared.

The farm official denied that price supports have caused high prices. He urged that farmers be assured against disastrous losses in the future.

"Inflation can not be alleviated by lowering price supports," he said, "but can be remedied by greater production. But farmers will not and cannot be expected to continue record production unless they have some guarantee that future marketing disasters will be averted."

Who'll Hang The...

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Portland park board today sought demolition of a Christmas tree in the 140-foot tall fir.

Park Superintendent Kjer made a check of the tree after Los Angeles declared each tree to be a Redding's was \$800.

And further, the tree were imported, and growing.

There are about 1000 moths in America.

Morse Sounds GOP Warning

SEATTLE—(AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Republican, declared Friday that "if the Republican Party doesn't wake up to itself, it is going out of existence—the way of the Whigs."

He said the party must and will be revitalized by young members. The movement, he said, should start outside of Congress.

Morse declared the Republican Party should aim "at protecting the politically and economically weak from exploitation by the politically and economically strong."

But he said this should be done "within the framework of a private property economy in accordance with legislative principles and guarantees of the constitution, including the Bill of Rights."

Younger Men

He said that tenet should be followed by all the young Republicans, who, he said, make up the group that can save the party from extinction.

Morse described the party's defeat in the last election as worse than in 1932.

"There is no use kidding ourselves by saying too many Republicans stayed home on election day, or the country always retails a president during prosperous times."

He said the defeat was worse than 1932 because President Truman staged it almost single-handedly.

JAVA TERROR FATAL TO 47

BATAVIA, Java.—(AP)—The Dutch army said Thursday 47 persons were killed, 46 abducted and 18 wounded in 305 terrorist incidents in Java in the last two weeks. The report said the incidents ranged from shooting into military camps to sabotage, looting and arson.

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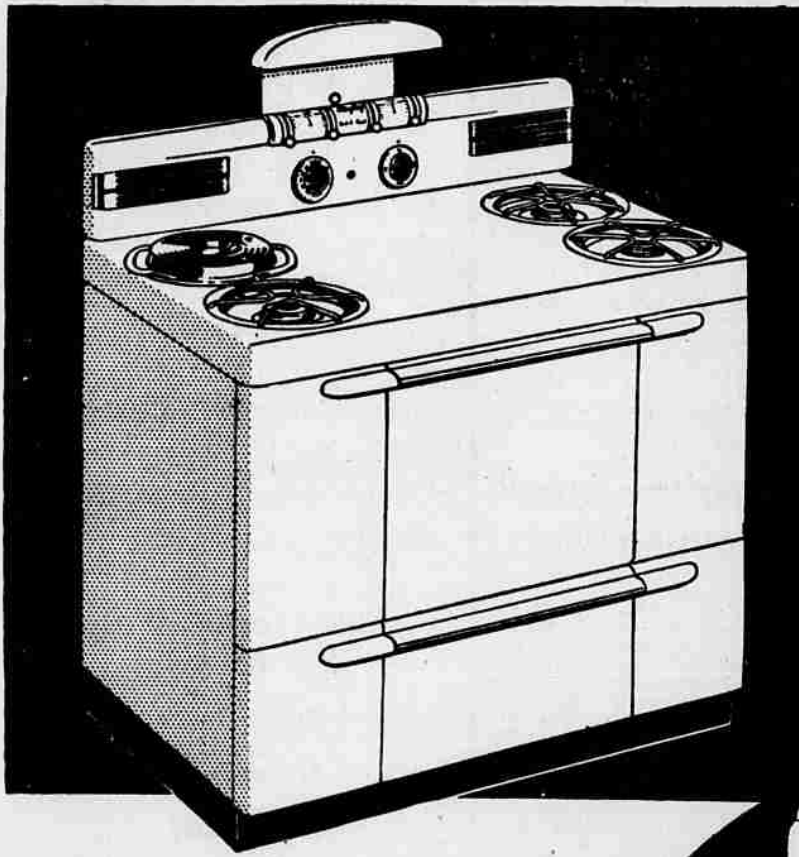
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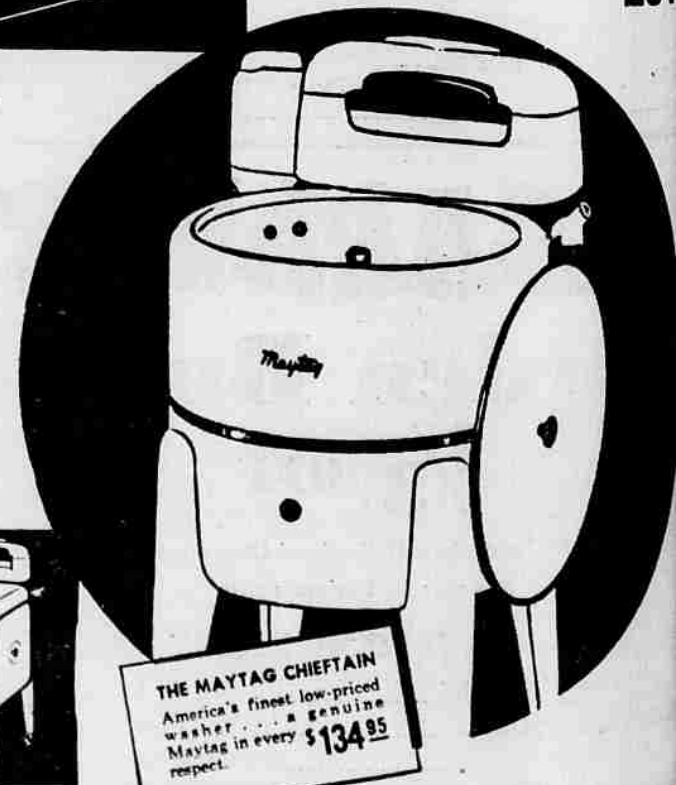
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