

### Most of Truman Legislative Program Still Bugged Down

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—The new Democratic Congress begins its eighth week Monday with President Truman's legislative program stuck in the political bogs.

#### Power Chances Slim

The chance that Congress will vote the President standby power to control wages and prices is getting slimmer every day. The administration's farm price support program still is under study and has not been presented to Congress. His program for medical insurance has been accumulating opposition as its various phases have been explained.

Brickbats are beginning to fly around the head of Sen. Scott Lucas, (D-Ill.), the Senate majority leader. Powerful organizations which helped the Democrats win their great election victory last November are beginning to complain about the caliber of Senate leadership. Mr. Truman himself is getting a few knocks from the left wing, too.

#### "Moral Leadership"

The magazine New Republic in its current issue says Mr. Truman will be evading his responsibilities for moral leadership if he fails to prod Congress into action toward realizing Democratic objectives.

The CIO claims much credit for restoring Democrats to control of the House and Senate last November. But the CIO is becoming angry and impatient.

In a communication from CIO headquarters last week there were these hard words: **Bungling Charged**

"Administration bungling of the worst order played right into the hands of the Taft-Hartley Republicans. A good many Democrats in the Senate will have to be reminded vigorously and often that the party campaigned on a clear-cut pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and to enact the Wagner Act—and that the party won its victory on that basis."

There probably is no one in Washington today who believes the new labor legislation will work out that simply or that way. On the contrary, the Senate is likely to write and pass a bill for which Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O) will cheerfully vote. Whether the House will be able to make the final bill more pleasing to Mr. Truman and his labor followers remains to be seen.

William III, who ruled England jointly with his wife Mary, always was more interested in his sovereign duties as Stadholder of the Dutch United Provinces.

### Norway Decides To Join West

OSLO, Norway.—(AP)—Norway has decided to risk Russia's displeasure and cast her lot with the West by joining the North Atlantic talks.

Despite Soviet warnings, the dominant Labor Party has approved the pro-Western foreign policy of Foreign Minister Halvard M. Lange.

The vote at a party meeting was 229 to 33, but the opposition Sunday decided to make the vote unanimous.

Parliamentary approval, which still is necessary, is expected this week. All parties except the small Communist representation are backing Lange's policies.

Observers said it is only a question of time before Norway joined the North Atlantic pact negotiations in progress in Washington. They said the U.S. timetable probably would be the deciding factor on when the Norwegians join.

Lange stressed the belief it is necessary for Norway to turn to the West for protection because he believes the United Nations alone is not capable of ensuring peace.

Norway's leaders feel a regional defense system offers more protection for small nations. But they rejected a Scandinavian pact with Sweden and Denmark because they believed that too could not afford them the security they need unless it were tied in with the North Atlantic pact.

The projected North Atlantic alliance would link the defenses of the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

The Norwegian Labor Party action killed Swedish and Danish hopes for a last-minute change in the Norwegian attitude.

### Bomb-maker Goes to Court

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal.—(AP)—William J. Ward, who blew up the home of nightclub owner Herman D. Hoyer and planted three other homemade bombs before his capture by police, appears in Beverly Hills police court Monday for arraignment on attempted murder charges.

Police said the former boiler-maker and prospector admitted setting the homemade bombs "to get even" with California Industrial Accident officials who denied his compensation claims.

When arrested he had a list of seven doctors and officials. Crude bombs were found at four of the homes. Ward said he mistakenly blew up Hoyer's home because he thought one of the doctors lived there.

The 55-year-old diabetic led police to a cache of dynamite and partially finished bombs Saturday near the Los Angeles River after a frenzied search had failed to locate 200 pounds of explosives he was known to have purchased.

### Slippery 'Guest' Leaves

PRINCETON, Eng.—(AP)—Victor James, a burglar, escaped from Dartmoor prison last week by slipping through bars just six and five-eighths inches apart.

Guards said James, a 168-pounder, who measures 40 inches around the hips, stripped off his clothes, smeared himself with grease and oiled right out of jail.

But it was all for naught. He was captured 17 hours later and returned.

### French Uranium Found

PARIS.—(AP)—The French press agency reported Sunday that deposits of uranium which may be the richest in the world have been found in Southern France.

The report said the deposit was found in the mountains of the Haute Vienne Department about 12 miles north of Limoges. Samples yielded 20 per cent uranium.

Government engineers are making test borings to determine the extent of the find, it was reported.

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### HOOPER COMMISSION URGES STATE DEPARTMENT CHANGES

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Hoover Commission Monday urged a top-to-bottom overhauling of the State Department to remove "flaws" in the handling of the nation's foreign relations.

The commission laid down a list of 22 recommendations in a report which said the reins over this country's dealings abroad—now spread out all over the government—should be concentrated squarely in President Truman's hands.

While some of the group's suggestions were directed to Congress, most were aimed straight at the State Department. That agency, the commission declared, has fallen to "low esteem" with lawmakers, the press, the public and many of its own officials.

The main reason for this, the report said, is the department's postwar work overload.

The 12-man bipartisan Commission on Government Organization is headed by former President Herbert Hoover. As vice-chairman, Secretary of State Acheson helped draft the recommendations for improving the department he came to head.

Those proposals included:

1. Letting the department drop such operating functions as handling passport visas, munitions control, aviation and shipping, so it can concentrate on policy matters.

2. Providing the secretary with

a larger top-level staff to help lift the "intolerable burden" he and his undersecretary bear.

There should be two new deputy undersecretaries, eight assistant secretaries instead of six, and a general reshuffling of functions, the report said.

3. Building up a team of expert negotiators to represent the United States at international conferences—an arrangement already started with the appointment of Philip C. Jessup as a special ambassador. The top officials, the commission said, "are needed in Washington."

4. Gradual merging of the Foreign Service and regular State Department establishment into a single Foreign Affairs Service, with all employees obligated to serve either at home or overseas.

5. Giving such responsibility to ambassadors and ministers abroad that there could be no conflict with other American representatives on the scene.

Along with these recommendations, the group turned thumbs down for the present on any move to transfer the military government of Europe and Japan to civilian control.

The commission submitted its recommendations without any estimate of possible immediate savings, noting that postwar adjustments already have cut down State Department personnel by 26 percent.

### LONGEST PINOCHELE GAME PASSES TIME AT LODGE

TIMBERLINE LODGE.—(AP)—The longest pinocchle game in the history of Timberline Lodge continued Monday among the ski resort's employees marooned by record snow drifts.

Manager Bill Temple said the game began two days ago and showed no sign of letup.

Erle Swanson, assistant manager, anxious to keep a wedding date with Miss Helen Farley of Oakland, Cal., next Sunday, tossed a suitcase on a toboggan and slid

down the mountain. He sledged one-quarter of a mile to a spot cleared by snow plows and took a bus to Portland.

The last of the lodge's stranded 40 guests got out over the weekend by ski or sled, Temple said. About 20 of the resort's 40 employees were kept on the payroll. The rest were given free room and board.

He estimated three days work by a bulldozer and snow plow would be needed to clear the last 1200 feet of road to the lodge, "if we have luck with the weather."

Temple said there was plenty of meat and frozen vegetables. "We are out of lettuce, milk and beer."

Hansel, the lodge's St. Bernard dog, was lost a short time Sunday. He strayed from a party of out-bound skiers.

### Eight Train Cars Derailed

CHATSWORTH, Ga.—(AP)—Eight cars of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad's fast passenger train, the Flamingo, jumped the tracks in rugged mountain country about five miles south of here Monday.

First reports said no one was killed or injured.

Most of the passengers on the Knoxville, Tenn., to Atlanta train were sleeping when the diesel-powered train hit a broken rail and plunged from the tracks.

W. A. West, L. & N. station agent here, said a high bank alongside the tracks at the point of the wreck prevented what could have been a major rail disaster. The car leaned against the cliff and did not turn all the way over, West said.

The railroad was not even blocked by the accident, West said, because the wreck happened at a spot where traffic can be shunted around the debris on a side track.

The train, due in Atlanta at 8:30 a.m., was barreling south through the mountains just about on schedule when the rail gave away and sent the cars catapulting from the tracks.

### Eric Johnston Wins Award

HOLLYWOOD.—(AP)—Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, will receive the Independent Motion Picture Producers Assn's plaque of honor, it was announced Monday.

"The award, to be presented next Monday, is for Mr. Johnston's outstanding efforts to bring public recognition to the motion picture industry," I. E. Chadwick, president of the Independent group, declared.

Only others who have received the plaque are Joe E. Brown, Jean Hersholt and Bob Hope.

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### FORECAST SAYS 'NEW STORMS'

PORTLAND.—(AP)—A warm storm swept in from the Pacific Monday as the weather bureau reported Western Oregon rivers had crested and were receding.

Storm warnings went up on the Oregon coast Sunday for south-east winds, 30 to 40 miles an hour. Sporadic showers were forecast for the region Monday.

The Willamette River reached levels five feet above flood stage at Corvallis, Albany and Salem but damage was reported slight. Other streams throughout Oregon had spread and forced an estimated 1700 persons at scattered spots to flee.

About 150 homes were stranded near Lebanon, Tillamook, Philomath and Southeast Portland.

At Oregon City the Willamette paper mill forcing it to suspend operations. The tug boat Peter-W was swirled against the Oregon City-West Linn bridge, shattering the pilot house and injuring the chief engineer. Six crewmen were unhurt.

The bulk of Oregon's flood migrants were in the vicinity. About 1000 were evacuated from flats near Glenwood and the Eugene Ferry Street bridge and were housed on the county fairgrounds and the University of Oregon campus.

Snows continued in the mountains and kept marooned winter sportsmen at Spout Springs. Timberline Lodge's guest population managed to ski and toboggan over the weekend.

### TRAFFIC DEATHS DROP TO LOW

Oregon traffic deaths dropped to a six-year low last month as accidents claimed 12 lives, the secretary of state's office has reported.

This is the lowest death toll since 10 were killed in February of 1943, and marks the lowest January toll since accurate records have been kept.

Last month's record was set while road and weather conditions were extremely hazardous, it was pointed out. Ice and snow kept many motorists off the roads while others used extra caution to help offset obviously slippery surfaces and poor visibility.

All but one of the January fatalities took place outside of cities and towns. Chief factors in most of the death crashes, as revealed by the accident reports, were icy roads and frosted windshields. Entering ice-coated curves at too great a speed led to at least three fatalities.

### DOG RETURNS AFTER SIX YEAR 'WALK'

KEARNY, N. J.—(AP)—Just as if nothing had happened, Tinker, a black and white dog, sauntered home Sunday and settled into his favorite chair.

"He's home to stay," Bill Nichols, his owner, said happily.

Tinker, completely nonchalant and uncommunicative, merely curled into a corner of the chair.

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