

Vinson Wants Bill Changes

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) Wednesday proposed amendments to the pending armed services unification bill, saying he wanted to make sure no "military dictator" ever arises in the United States.

Vinson is chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The amendments, which he told a news conference he will offer to his committee, would do these principal things:

1. Take the armed forces out from under the recently passed government reorganization law, and put them beyond the reach of a shuffling by President Truman.
2. Put a civilian chairman over the joint chiefs of staff, a body which includes the highest ranking military officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force.
3. Fix the membership of the National Security Council by law, and require that the addition of

Newbury Turns Down Junket

SALEM, Ore. — (AP) — Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury said Tuesday he had declined an appointment as a representative of the United States State Department at an international conference to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, because it would keep him from his duties.

On recommendation of Motor Vehicle Administrators of the United States, Newbury was asked to join the American delegation on the United Nations conference of road and motor transport. It will be held in Geneva in August and September. The American delegation will be headed by Thomas H. MacDonald, U. S. commissioner of public roads, and H. H. Kelly of the state department.

Other members be subject to Senate approval.

Vinson proposed the amendments as changes in a unification bill passed over a month ago by the Senate.

Kentucky grows twice as much burley tobacco as all other burley-producing states combined.

Hop Growers Vote on Contract

In the recent grower referendum on the hop marketing agreement, signed June 30 by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and effective on July 2, over nine hundred valid ballots were cast by Pacific Coast hop growers, according to advice received by Paul T. Rowell of the Salem office of U. S. Hop Growers Association, from W. J. Broadhead, Portland, agent of the Secretary of Agriculture who conducted the referendum.

Broadhead states this very heavy ballot represented votes from the growers of over 80 per cent of the entire 1948 crop production, with affirmative votes received from 84 per cent of this large share of the entire industry.

Rowell adds that this very heavy vote is important from the standpoint of indicating widespread interest and participation by the hop growers as a whole in the handling of their mutual problems.

Broadhead also states that prior to the effective date on July 2, the dealers or handlers of approximately 80 per cent of the 1948 hop crop had signed the Marketing Agreement.

Rural Phone Aid Opposed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. MaGee (D-Mo.) told the House Tuesday a move is under way among some Democrats to scuttle the rural telephone legislation "because the author has opposed many administration measures."

Rep. Poage (D-Tex.) is author of the bill. It would authorize government loans to build rural telephone systems.

"I am distressed to learn," MaGee said in a speech, "that there is a move on among some of my Democratic colleagues to scuttle this bill. They would do this because the author has opposed many administration measures."

Rent Board Gives 8 Boosts

Rent increases were granted for eight housing units and denied for six by members of the Rent Advisory Board Tuesday night.

Six cases were reviewed involving 14 units.

The board meets every two weeks at offices at 610 Willamette St., according to Mrs. Ruth Thorne, clerk. E. H. Peterson is chairman. Other board members are E. F. Bailey, Warren J. Butler, Virgil Parker, H. C. Edwards, Mrs. Virginia Gilmore, Otto F. Vonderheide, John L. Whitehouse, and Fred G. Stickels.

Fire Destroys Madras Mill

MADRAS — (AP) — Fire destroyed the old and new planing mills of the Warm Springs Lumber Co. Tuesday night, but firemen saved the main sawmill of the operation.

Company officials estimated the damage at \$100,000 and said the planer structure would be rebuilt.

The fire was believed started by a welding torch spark while workers installed the new planer equipment. It was discovered about 5:30 p.m. Flames were brought under control four hours later.

The mill is situated 16 miles from here at the edge of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Ray Wilson and Sons, formerly of Spokane, operate the mill. It had been idle over the holiday weekend and for the new planer installation.

Longshoremen Observe Day-off

SEATTLE — (AP) — Only about 100 of Seattle's 1700 longshoremen worked Tuesday on the annual "day off" taken in memory of six dock workers killed in West Coast ports in the 1934 strike.

William (Bill) Gettings, regional director of the CIO International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union, said only two ships were being loaded. One was a Navy reefer with perishable cargo and the other an Alaska passenger vessel on which mailbag and baggage were being aboard.

Sinatra's Dad Hurt

HOBOKEN, N. J. — (AP) — Capt. Martin Sinatra, father of singer Frank Sinatra, was hurt Tuesday night fighting a fire that destroyed a five-story building and the heart of the business district.

Sinatra and five other firefighters were treated at the scene of the blaze. One other fireman was hospitalized.

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Greeks Decline Yugo Offer

ATHENS — (AP) — The Greeks turned a cold shoulder Wednesday to Yugoslavia's good will overtures.

A foreign Ministry spokesman said "no particular significance" was attached to a letter to Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations, from Joza Filvan, permanent Yugoslav delegate to the U.N.

The letter, although declaring the U.N. Commission on the Balkans had failed in its task of mediating between Greece and her neighbors, held out Yugoslavia's own olive branch to Greece.

(The letter, according to Belgrade's reading, said the price of peace was an end of border "provocations" Yugoslavia blamed on the Greek government. The letter, as interpreted at Lake Success, repeated previous Yugoslav assertions that the Belgrade government was ready and anxious to settle the Balkan disturbances but was helpless in the face of Greece's lack of good will.)

French Prepare Bid for More Money

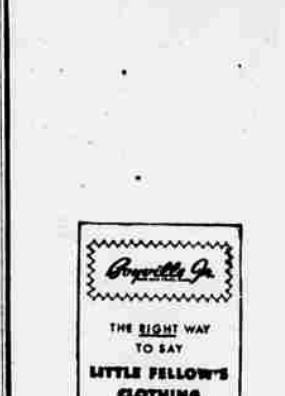
PARIS — (AP) — Finance Minister Maurice Petesche was reported to have told U. S. Treasury Secretary John W. Snyder Tuesday that America must grant more Marshall aid and continue it beyond the 1952 deadline if western Europe is to be put back on its feet.

Snyder, seeking a first hand solution of a threatened European economic crisis, talked for two hours with Petesche at the Finance Ministry this morning. Both were accompanied by high echelon advisers.



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