

Atom Energy Bill Snagging Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The debate-weary Senate met two hours ahead of schedule again Tuesday with little apparent hope for a quick vote on atomic energy legislation which has blocked almost all other action since last Tuesday.

Foes of an amendment which would spell out authority of the Atomic Energy Commission to sign a private power contract for the Tennessee Valley held the floor when the Senate finally quit Monday night after 13½ hours of deliberation.

Public Bodies Must Pay Men In Training

SALEM (AP)—Employees of the state, counties, cities and other local governments must receive their full civilian pay while they are on active duty at annual summer training of the National Guard or armed forces reserve camps, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Monday.

The law, Thornton says, provides that these public employees shall be paid for a maximum of 14 days a year while they are at camp.

The opinion was for Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon, who said that the city of Salem tried to deduct National Guard pay from the salary of a fireman while he was at camp.

Thornton wrote: "When the Legislature provided that any public officer or employee should be allowed a leave of absence for active duty in military service 'without loss of pay,' it meant 'without loss of salary, wages or other usual compensation.' It did not say 'without loss of income' or 'without loss of pay other than an amount equal to compensation received by the officer or employee for military service.'"

So, Thornton ruled, when a public employee goes to camp, he gets his full civilian pay plus his full military pay.

Payment of public employees while they are at camp is in the public interest, rather than just being of benefit to the employees, he said.

'Windfall' Profits Denied By Pal of Texas Oil Heir

WASHINGTON (AP)—A business partner of Clint W. Murchison Jr., stated Tuesday that the son of the Texas oil millionaire did not make "windfall" profits on government insured mortgages.

Robert Thompson admitted that the Tecon Corp., headed by the young Murchison had made "some money" on military housing projects. But he said the firm made it "according to rules and regulations."

"There were no windfalls," Thompson told a reporter. Thompson is executive vice president of Tecon.

Thompson made the statements as Murchison was called before Senate housing scandal investigators to explain how he shared in the financing, construction and profit of several military housing projects.

The Senate Banking Committee also planned to question Norman K. Winston, a sometime business

partner of Murchison who has been described by chairman Homer E. Capehart as a "key witness" in the housing scandal investigation.

Winston, a New York real estate operator, has been linked to several postwar apartment projects which were the source of "windfall profits" to the builders.

The committee Monday heard testimony from two of Murchison's former business associates indicating that the young oil heir shared in \$908,000 in profits from a military housing project near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Thompson said, however, that the \$908,000 did not represent a "windfall" but rather a fee of about five per cent for building the 2,000-unit project. He added that a five per cent profit for the builder is "pretty low" in comparison to ordinary returns in the construction industry.



GROUCHO TAKES A BRIDE—Movie and TV comedian and his bride, the former Eden Hartford of Beverly Hills, Calif., are pictured at Sun Valley, Idaho following their wedding. With them is Groucho's daughter Melinda, aged 7. Groucho is 58, the bride 24.

Rhee Opens Battle To Ease Spelling

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—President Syngman Rhee, who enjoys a good crisis, is involved in a new one—about spelling.

His simplified spelling program has displaced world affairs as the favorite topic of conversation in Parliament, government offices, universities and tea shops.

Rhee thinks the Korean language is too complicated. He demands the Parliament approve an official system of simplified spelling which he learned when he was a boy 70 years ago.

Arrayed against him are most members of Parliament and most educators.

But the 79-year-old president says stubbornly that if Parliament refused to go along he will make his simplified spelling official in government departments anyway.

Rhee says that the adoption of his simplified spelling would help to reduce Korea's 25 per cent illiteracy level.

The Rhee system is somewhat similar to the American simplified spelling in which "night" becomes "nite" and "through" becomes "thru."

Opponents say it doesn't work out that way—that it is only a Korean version of Pidgin English and that anybody who uses it might as well be illiterate.

A man who wrote a policeman "I adopted him as my son," one critic said, might find his letter interpreted to mean "I boiled my son."

If you write "He was greeted by his friends," they say, it will mean "He was beaten by his friends."

But Rhee pays no attention to his critics. He says he is right, and he never is an easy man to convince that he is wrong.

The Coast Guard at Long Beach said the sighting was made by the fishing boat Yellowtail which sent a message saying it would stand by to assist the raft.

The Coast Guard said exact location of the raft was 12 miles east of Anacapa Island. Spokesmen figured that the currents carried the raft only about 20 to 25 miles in the past two and a half days.

The raft had been unsighted since late Sunday.

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Heat Wave Toll Placed at 259

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More blistering heat scorched the central United States Tuesday.

It boosted hog, poultry and crop losses and ran the nation's heat deaths in two weeks to 259. The temperature was 100 degrees or higher Monday from Texas to South Dakota.

However, local thundershowers brought scattered relief in parts of the swelterbelt and somewhat cooler Canadian air began pushing into the Midwest.

CORN THREATENED

The combined effect of heat and drought had farm advisers

worried in Illinois, a major corn and livestock producing state.

J. A. Ewing, federal crop statistician, said corn is in only fair condition in the southern half of Illinois. Another week of heat and drought, he said, could cause serious damage.

County fair advisers reported wholesale deaths of hogs and chickens in central Illinois. Farmers near Stanton, in Macoupin County, said so many hogs have died they have been notified to burn the carcasses because reduction plants are swamped with work.

High temperatures included: Wichita, Kan., 107; Kansas City 108; St. Louis 102; Tulsa 105; Omaha, Neb. 103; Vandalia, Ill., 100, and Huron, S. D., 100.

SHOWERS HELP

At Little Rock, Ark., thundershowers kept the temperature down to a maximum of 82, compared with 106 the previous day. A surge of cooler Canadian air kept the mercury to 79 degrees in Dickenson, N. D., compared with 100 on Sunday.

Thundershowers sprinkled the Rocky Mountains, central plains and lower Mississippi Valley.

Some cooling occurred in the Pacific states but temperature changes in most other sections of the nation were minor.

Missouri has had the heaviest heat toll this month with 94 deaths, Kansas 40, Illinois 15 and 18 other states from one to eight deaths.

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