

Oratory Holds Up Farm Legislation

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bumper crop of election-year oratory made it uncertain Thursday how soon the Senate would get around to voting on controversial new farm legislation.

Sen. Young (R-ND), floor leader for a bipartisan group of senators who are bucking the Eisenhower administration plan for flexible farm price supports, said in an interview:

"If we can pick up three more votes we can win."

Young favors a one-year extension of present rigid supports on five basic crops—cotton, wheat, corn, rice and peanuts. He said a long list of speeches probably would prevent any major votes Thursday.

Attorney Raps NLRB Ruling

WASHINGTON (AP)—A National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruling that employers may question workers about union affiliation and activity drew quick criticism Wednesday night from a CIO attorney.

A long-established rule forbidding such questioning was overturned Wednesday by a 3-2 NLRB ruling, which specified that the interrogations are legal if an employer doesn't imply that workers will be subject either to reprisal or benefit because of their answers.

Tom Harris, associate general counsel for the CIO, called the decision "an outrageous backward step." He said it "opens the doors to intimidation of workers and to espionage by employers—so long as it is done with a wink in order to satisfy the labor board."

The majority opinion held that questioning would violate the law if it "reasonably tends to restrain or interfere with" rights guaranteed workers by the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Act.

Dissenting votes were cast by the two board members appointed by former President Truman.

The ruling was made in a case involving the Blue Flash Express, Inc., New Orleans, and local 270 of the AFL Teamsters Union. The union accused the firm of unfair labor practices for questioning employees about union membership.



NEW COMMAND — Defense Secy. Charles Wilson has announced a new military command comprising all the service—and to be run by the Air Force—will be set up for continental defense. General Benjamin W. Chidlaw (above), commander Air Force defense command, will head the operation. (NEA)

Airline, Agents Reach Accord

SEATTLE (AP)—Tentative agreement on hours of service and overtime was reached here Wednesday by West Coast Airlines and the AFL Air Line Agents Assn.

Federal mediator James Holaren said the agreement hinges on favorable settlement of the wage issue, to be negotiated Thursday.

He gave no details of the proposed agreement on working hours.

Employees are demanding overtime for all work above eight hours, and raises variously estimated at from 6 to 8 per cent. The company offered wage increases ranging up to 4½ per cent.

A scheduled walkout Monday was postponed at the request of the National Mediation Board.

Some 150 employees in Washington, Oregon and Idaho are affected.

90 Soviet Submarines Believed in Pacific

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TOKYO (AP)—The Russian Navy may have as many as 90 submarines in the Pacific area, Vice Adm. William Callaghan, commander of U. S. naval forces in the Far East, estimated Thursday.

"These submarines definitely would be a threat to maintaining sea lines of communication," said the tall, grey-haired admiral, whose job would be to fight them in the event of war with the Soviets.

"Russia has a total of 375 submarines," Callaghan said in an interview, "and we feel it would be reasonable to expect that one-quarter of them are in the Pacific."

He estimated the Russian Pacific fleet also has 50 destroyers and two cruisers, but no aircraft carriers or battleships.

"Submarines and air power are their greatest threat, so far as Soviet capability is concerned," Callaghan said.

Two weeks ago, Gen. Earle E. Partridge, Far East Air Forces commander, said combined Soviet, Chinese and North Korean air forces had 7,500 planes, most of them Russian.

Russian ground strength in the Far East has been estimated at 35 combat divisions by a high-ranking officer on the staff of Gen. John E. Hull, Far East commander.

Callaghan, the first skipper of the famed battleship Missouri, is a veteran of both world wars. He was in charge of the Military Sea Transportation Service during the Korean War.

His present command includes the U. S. 7th Fleet, made up of destroyers, cruisers and aircraft carriers, but presently no battle-

ships. The 7th Fleet is charged with preventing a Chinese Red invasion of Formosa, Chinese Nationalist redoubt.

Callaghan also is in charge of the Amphibious Force, West Pacific, made up of attack transports, cargo ships and landing craft. He also is in charge of yards at Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan and Inchon and Pusan in Korea.

Although there are no battle-

ships in the Far East at present, there are four aircraft carriers—the Boxer, Philippine Sea, Yorktown and Hornet.

Asked about the chance Russians would have in aircraft carriers into the Pacific in case of war, Callaghan said "I would certainly hate to command a Russian force trying to come around Cape of Good Hope," he said.

There were no surface warships in the Korean War. United Nations warships roamed the at will, hammering shore batteries and sending carrier planes deep into Korea in port of ground troops. Many munist mines were encountered, however.

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