

Truman Seeks \$350 Million for Foreign Relief

Congress Urged to Aid People of Liberated Countries Still in Need

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Truman asked congress today to vote \$350,000,000 for relief aid to people of liberated countries abroad. In a message to the legislators, the president noted that full scale supply operations by UNRRA are rapidly drawing to a close, and said: "On humanitarian grounds, and in the light of our own self-interest as well, we must not leave the task unfinished. We can not abandon the peoples still in need."

UNRRA—the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration—is scheduled to wind up its operations March 31, although winding up activities under way will continue beyond that date.

Mr. Truman's recommendation was only for liberated countries. United States relief activities in occupied countries, such as Germany and Austria, are financed by the war department from its appropriations.

There have been complaints in congress about UNRRA's administration methods. Some legislators contend its services have been used to support governments uncooperative with the United States.

The president made no reference to this, but recommended that future United States relief assistance be given directly rather than through an international organization, and "be administered under United States control."

Mr. Truman said the money he asks is designed "for the urgent relief needs for the balance of the year." He added: "The most critical period will be in the spring and summer months, when UNRRA will cease and their harvests are not yet available."

"Swift legislative action is necessary if our help is not to come too late."

While the aid was asked for "liberated" countries suffering from the "ravages of war," Mr. Truman did not mention any specific nations.

The president said that in some liberated countries, "UNRRA will have achieved its objective fully" when UNRRA's supply operations cease. He explained that means they will be again "self-supporting so far as the basic essentials of life are concerned."

But in other liberated countries, Mr. Truman said this is not yet the case and what remains to be done, while relatively small and limited in time and scope, is "none-the-less vitally important."

Moslem Insist On Separation

New Delhi, Feb. 21 (AP)—A highly placed official predicted today that the whole Indian problem would be dumped into the laps of the United Nations the moment that Britain drops the reins of government in June, 1948.

Few observers believed it possible that the disputing Moslem league and congress party could smooth over their differences in the next 15 months to a point where they could unite in forming a central government.

Moslem league sources declared there was not the slightest possibility that anything short of complete separation from Hindu-dominated parts of India would satisfy the Moslems.

Conflict over which part of India would be included in the proposed independent Moslem state seemed likely to send the problem to the U.N.

At present Moslem league ministries control Sind in the west and Bengal in the east, the latter containing Calcutta, second largest city in the British empire.

IRO to Get Funds Of United Nations

Geneva, Feb. 21 (AP)—The preparatory commission for the international refugee organization got a new lease on life today when Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations, called that "necessary" advances would be made by the United Nations.

Lie's message did not promise any definite amount—the commission had requested \$250,000. Alvin Roseman, U.S. delegate said that Lie's reply indicated that the latter realized the importance of the commission's work.

Meanwhile the commission prepared to close a 10-day session tonight with plans to reconvene here April 15.

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Uniform Basis Adopted for Salary Boosts

Comparative to Other States

A uniform salary schedule for state officials was adopted today by the joint ways and means committee, which said it was worked out in relation to what is paid in other states.

Heading the list is the governor, who would get \$10,000 a year, compared with \$7,500 now. In addition, he would get \$100 a month for expenses.

Five other officials would get \$7,500. They are the secretary of state and treasurer, who would get a \$2,100 boost; the attorney general, who would get \$2,500 more; the public utilities commissioner, who already gets that much; and the state highway engineer, who would get \$300 more.

Police Salaries Ok'd

The police salary bill, introduced by Speaker John Hall and already passed by the house, Hall had charged that the committee was attempting to bury the bill, which provides large increases for all state police officers.

The state health officer would be boosted from \$6,720 to \$7,000.

The following officials would get \$6,600 a year, their increases ranging from \$600 to \$1,800; superintendent of public instruction, liquor administrator, public welfare administrator, budget director, tax commissioners, unemployment compensation and industrial accident commissioners, state forester, director of agriculture, state police superintendent, and state superintendent of state hospital.

Other Salaries Listed

The following would get \$6,000 a year: superintendent of Fairview home, superintendent of tuberculosis hospitals, deputy state hospital superintendents, state engineer, adjutant general.

These officials would get \$5,520 a year: labor commissioner, prison warden, game supervisor, unemployment compensation administrator, industrial accident administrator, director of veterans affairs, secretary of retirement, deputy secretary of state.

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House Debates Overriding of Governor's Veto

Close Vote Indicated On Snake River Power Dam Issue

The Oregon house of representatives opened its debate today on whether to override Governor Earl Snell's veto of senate bill 99, which the senate already had voted 27 to 3 to pass the bill over the veto.

Prospects were that the question would be extremely close, with 40 votes of the 60 members necessary to override. The bill originally passed the house 48 to 14.

The bill, sponsored by eastern Oregon legislators who say it would enable the Idaho Power company to build a power dam on the Snake river and thus relieve a power shortage in that area, would permit power companies to keep their dams for the period for which they were licensed, unless condemnation proceedings are brought. The law now in effect, passed in 1931, permits taking over on the basis of net investment, less the total of certain items.

Gallagher Opens Debate

The house debated the question for more than two hours, with only the closing argument to be presented in the afternoon.

Rep. Martin P. Gallagher, Ontario, opened the debate by saying the present power law has made power development by private companies impossible, but Rep. Lyle Thomas, Dallas, countered by saying no private plants were built since 1931 because of the depression and the war.

Rep. J. E. Bennett, Portland, again threatened a referendum if the house approved the bill, and Rep. Robert E. Duniway, Portland, denied there is a power shortage in eastern Oregon.

Snell Denies Rumors

Asking that the governor veto the bill passed over his veto, Duniway read a letter from the governor saying the report is "absolutely false, unfair and without foundation." The governor said the bill is not in the public interest.

Rep. R. C. Frisbie, Baker, said the present law kept power development out of Oregon, that senate bill 99 is in the best interests of all the people, and that the proposed dam would bring to the state \$250,000 a year in taxes.

Rep. Alex Barry, Portland, denied the sponsors' claim that senate bill 99 conforms with the federal power law.

Those who took the floor against the bill, and who voted for it when it was first passed, were Barry, Rep. Frank Doerflinger, Salem, and Rep. William Niskanen, Bend.

Soviet Troops In Reich Cut

Berlin, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Soviet army has completed a big scale demobilization and transfer of its troops in Germany, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney reported today.

Berlin observers believed the Soviet occupation forces had been reduced to fewer than 200,000, or about the same as the American forces in Germany.

Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky advised McNarney of the completion of the troop movements. McNarney reported it in his final Berlin press conference as military governor in Germany.

Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who takes over from McNarney on March 15, announced a sweeping reorganization of U. S. forces, with most of the leadership transferred from Frankfurt to Berlin.

McNarney said Sokolovsky told him yesterday that the troop movements were completed, and correspondents again would be issued permits to visit the Russian occupation zone.

The zone was being sealed off since last October, when the major redeployment move began.

Soviet Zone to Be Opened to Newsmen

Berlin, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Soviet zone will again be opened to the American press after a five months blackout, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney disclosed today. He said that Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, Russian commander-in-chief, had informed him that passes into the Russian zone would be issued to American newsmen "with a minimum of delay" now that Russian troop movements have stopped.

American correspondents last went into the Russian zone in mid-September to report on elections. Later applications to tour the zone were rejected by the Russians on the grounds that it would be "dangerous" for correspondents to be in the zone while Red army troops were being redeployed.

\$6 Billion Cut In Budget Hit By Vandenberg

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) told the senate today he cannot vote for a \$6,000,000,000 slash in President Truman's budget because he deeply fears such a cut would "jeopardize our winning of the peace."

The presiding officer of the senate and chairman of its foreign relations committee opened senate debate on a house-approved resolution to put a \$31,500,000,000 ceiling on government expenditures in the fiscal year beginning July 1. This is \$6,000,000,000 below Mr. Truman's \$37,500,000,000 request.

Vandenberg said he applauded "this drive on swollen federal expenditures," but cautioned his republican colleagues not to promise more economy than they might be able to attain "without serious threat to the public welfare."

If the facts later justify a cut of \$6,000,000,000, he said congress can make it as it votes on individual appropriations bills.

A \$6,000,000,000 cut might require taking \$2,500,000,000 off the armed services allotment, he said, and added:

"I deeply fear that would jeopardize our winning of the peace."

Taft Urges Haste

For that reason, he said he personally favors adoption of an amendment by Senator Millikin (R-Colo) which would limit the budget cut promise to \$4,500,000,000.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) urged that the senate act without delay.

Taft, who heads the republican policy committee, told a reporter he sees no reason why a decision should not be reached quickly on the proposal by Senator Millikin (R-Colo) to put a ceiling of \$33,000,000,000 on government costs in the year beginning July 1.

The house specified a "limit" of \$31,500,000,000 compared with Mr. Truman's request for \$37,500,000,000.

With three or four economy minded exceptions, senate democrats lined up behind the Millikin suggestion as offering the best escape from what they considered the too-deep cut pledged by the house yesterday.

Chairman Bridges (R-NH) of the senate appropriations committee, who wants to go the full distance with his house republican colleagues, predicted that Taft and Millikin will take along about half of the republicans and are certain to win with the lower figure.

Search on For Missing Flier

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—A forlorn search began today for the third airplane to disappear this winter into the scattered mountains of southern Oregon.

Aboard the light, single-engine craft was a pilot identified as Douglas Locke, ferrying the Avion four-placer from Los Angeles to Beaverton, Ore.

Like the others, his disappearance was not reported at once because of his failure to file a flight plan.

He took off from Red Bluff, Calif., last Sunday afternoon, saying he would land here or at Lakeview. Three hours later the airport here heard a plane report it was lost. That was the last heard.

Missing in previous flights are Vernon Coulter and his mother, both Portland, lost after taking off from Red Bluff last October, and Robert Lee Rubottom, McMinnville, Ore., lost after leaving Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 10.

Private fliers and army search-rescue units from McChord field, Wash., and Hamilton Field, Calif., are expected to aid when the weather allows them to fly.

Atomic Scientists to Quit En Masse If Politicians Reject Lilienthal

Washington, Feb. 21—Dr. Karl T. Compton said today that scientists will quit en masse and the atomic energy program will become "a hollow shell" if political and special interests win their fight against David E. Lilienthal.

Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a leader in development of the atomic bomb, expressed "disillusionment and disgust" over senate delay in confirming Lilienthal as chairman of the atomic energy commission.

Compton, who is president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, warned that further delays would reduce the nation's atomic energy program to "a hollow shell."

Compton expressed his views in a letter to Senate President Arthur H. Vandenberg, (R-Mich).

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Soviet Budget Calls for Cut In Army Costs

Moscow, Feb. 21 (AP)—Delegates to the supreme soviet (parliament) debated today a 1947 budget calling for a decrease in expenditures for the soviet armed forces and increases for industry, public health, sport, communications and agriculture.

Total income for 1947 was estimated in the budget at 391,500,000,000 rubles and expenditures at 371,400,000,000 rubles, of which 18 percent would be assigned to the armed forces as against 24 percent last year.

The budget, submitted to a joint session last night by Finance Minister Arseni G. Zverev, would assign the armed forces 67,000,000,000 rubles this year, as against 72,600,000,000 in 1946.

Value of Ruble (The ruble is not quoted in foreign exchange trade.) The official exchange rate is 5.3 to the dollar. The diplomatic rate is 12 to the dollar. Russian government finances include many items which, in the United States, are handled by private capital.

Russia's estimated expenditures would total about \$70,075,000,000 at the "official" rate; or \$30,950,000,000 at the "diplomatic" rate.

(President Truman's budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, now under scrutiny of congress, calls for appropriations of \$37,500,000,000. Of this about \$11,200,000,000, some 30 percent, would go for defense.)

Accents Internal Economy

The budget recommendations, expected to meet with general approval of the many hundreds of delegates from all over the U.S.S.R., conformed with the announced policy of Russia to put less emphasis on the army, navy and air force and accent the internal economy in connection with Prime Minister Stalin's five-year plans.

Russia in 1947 will spend 131,800,000,000 rubles on her internal economy, which includes appropriations for industry, agriculture, transportation, communications, trade and stocks. Last year the U.S.S.R. spent 95,700,000,000 rubles in these fields.

Boy Suicides When Dog Lost

Chicago, Feb. 21 (AP)—Some things are too much for a boy to take and the loss of his Christmas puppy was more than Joey Craig could bear.

Home from school yesterday, the 13-year-old youngster looked high and low for the mongrel dog that his parents had given him as an extra special holiday present. Leash in hand, Joey and his two sisters recruited their playmates and scoured the crowded stockyards neighborhood. But there was no sign of Blackie.

Hours later the boy and his sisters returned home, the leash dragging forlornly behind them. "I'm going in the bedroom," Joey told Ellen and Norma Jean. "When I knock you can come in."

They waited, but there was no knock. Pushing into the bedroom they found Joey, hanging by his neck, his body dangling at the end of the old rope leash.

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Sergeant at Arms Pleads Innocent

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Kenneth Romney, former sergeant-at-arms of the house for 16 years, pleaded innocent today to charges of attempting to defraud the government by concealing a \$143,863 shortage in his accounts.

Romney was arraigned before Federal District Court Judge Blitha J. Laws, who set trial for April 21.

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Seek Victims of L.A. Explosion—Rescue workers search the wreckage of a two-story building destroyed by a violent explosion in Los Angeles, in which the death toll was 15 and of the 158 injured several were feared dying. An area four blocks square was damaged. (AP Wirephoto)

No Spring Opening Event But Summer Festival

The Salem Retail Trade bureau, meeting Friday at the Chamber of Commerce, voted not to promote a spring opening event, but instead to work towards a summer festival to be followed by a fall opening more elaborate than in former years. Opening events have not been held in Salem since prior to the war, and it was the intention to renew the custom this spring. The date would have fallen on Thursday, March 13. Restrictions that still exist on delivery of merchandise was the reason given for the action taken.

"We regretted reaching the decision against a spring opening," said Mal Rudd, manager of the J. C. Penney store and president of the trade bureau. "The merchandise situation was the reason. Automobile dealers are unable to display cars, but can't make delivery. That is also true of tractors. Clothing merchants can display goods, but can't deliver in quantity."

The increases will continue for about three months, livestock men said. Before it is ended, some butchers may be selling pork roasts for 90 cents a pound and center chops for \$1.25, one source said. Easter hams, he said, may retail at \$1 a pound.

The boom—resulting from the small spring pig crop—already has hit the hog market, where shipments from the farm have been gradually tapering off. Hog prices spiraled to record levels yesterday in the nation's major hog markets.

The public, however, will not pay the increased price for its pork appetite immediately. Hogs—in the form of fresh pork—generally take between seven and 10 days to travel the circuit from the stockyard to the kitchen. In the case of ham and bacon and other cured products, it takes about two weeks longer.

Bad news for the budgeting city housewife also developed in the Chicago grain mart. Wholesale wheat futures prices—soaring 30 cents a bushel since January 1—foreshadowed a possible hike in the price of flour and cereals.

Edgar O. Southard, of Seattle, was at the wheel when his relief driver, Lyle Smith, of Los Angeles, noticed flames working out from around a rear wheel, state police said. Both men fled to safety before the blaze reached the highly-inflammable truck load and set off a series of explosions as one barrel after another let go.

The truck was operated for the Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Transportation company. Truck and cargo were reported consumed completely.

Drivers Escape from Exploding Truck

Grants Pass, Feb. 21 (AP)—Two truck-line drivers escaped injury when their truck, laden with 50 barrels of paint thinner being shipped from Seattle to southern California, caught fire, exploded and burned on Pacific highway, 10 miles north of here last night.

British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan remarked tartly that the international court of justice is "not a police court."

The worst storm in years buried most of the eastern seaboard in snow today. It howled up from the south riding on tailwinds of 30 to 50 miles an hour, headed through Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, curved through New England and out to sea. By noontime 20 persons were dead.

Weathermen had predicted it would shift over the Atlantic north of Boston around noon, but at mid-day it still raged, leaving behind two to 19 inches of snow and piling drifts six feet deep in rural sections.

The storm grounded all airplanes. It delayed ships at sea. Train travel was slowed from minutes to more than three

Blast Death Toll Fixed at 15

Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (AP)—After a night spent probing beneath glaring searchlights, police today fixed the death toll from the city's worst explosion in 37 years at 15.

Of the 158 injured sufficiently to require hospitalization, several were feared dying.

The scene, as police and firemen shifted the blasted rubble of an electroplating plant, resembled somewhat a garishly-lit night-time movie set. Except that there was nothing fictional about the carnage.

The one-story brick plant of the J. J. O'Connor corp. at 932 Pico Blvd., a mile from the center of downtown Los Angeles, blew apart in a blinding flash of chemicals at 9:45 a.m. (PST) yesterday. But it was hours before a clear picture of the disaster could be pieced together.

Police and fire officials finally agreed that it was caused by the detonation of perchloric acid, an extremely unstable substance kept under pressure in refrigeration because at room temperature it is a seething, heavy liquid. But how the acid was set off remained a mystery.

O'Connor told reporters "we were doing something for the government." This, he later amplified, was the aluminum-plating of hospital beds and chairs under a secret trade process. Not in the plant at the time, he was reported in collapse at his home last night.

Price Boom in Pork Predicted

Chicago, Feb. 21 (AP)—A price boom in pork developed today and livestock men predicted it would hit the housewife's purse in about two weeks.

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Worst Snowstorm in Years Hits Eastern Coast Maine to Carolina

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The Weather
(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Partly cloudy today and tonight becoming cloudy with occasional light rain Saturday. Little change in temperature with lowest tonight 38. Maximum yesterday 57. Minimum today 38. Mean temperature yesterday 45 which was 2 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 3.43 which is .02 inch above normal. Willamette river height 28.