

Problems Vitaly Affecting U. S. Future And World at Stake

Washington, Jan. 5 (AP)—Questions bearing vitally on the future of the United States and most of the world confront the 80th congress meeting tomorrow for its final session.

Help for Europe and Asia, tax cutting, the high cost of living, rent control and the housing shortage, military preparedness and health insurance are a few of the top issues. And the list probably will grow.

A complicating factor is that this is a general election year. Democrats want to regain the control of congress they lost to the GOP in 1946. The republicans hope to put their presidential nominee in the White House for the first time since Franklin D. Roosevelt started his first term in 1933.

Colored by Politics

The first week of the new session will be devoted primarily to speechmaking and strategy huddles by congressional leaders, with a few committees starting to lay the groundwork for future legislative actions.

The senate republican policy committee and the house republican steering committee will meet during the week for decisions which will go far toward shaping the majority party's legislative program to counter the proposals President Truman will outline Wednesday in his annual state-of-the-union message.

The chief executive will go to the capital in person to deliver that message to a joint session of the senate and house. His economic report on Friday and his budget message next Monday will be delivered by messenger.

Tax Reduction Battle

The first actual battle of the session probably will take place in the house, over the GOP-backed tax reduction bill. House leaders want to pass the measure this month so, as Speaker Martin put it, the president will know what to expect.

The tax bill under consideration would cut \$5,600,000,000 and about 7,400,000 low income and elderly persons from the tax rolls. It goes further than the two bills Mr. Truman vetoed last year.

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Cold Eases in Eastern States

Heavy deposits of ice and snow in the midwest and the east below New England faced substantial melting today and tomorrow as mild temperatures moved into the eastern half of the country.

In New York, where a record 25.8-inch snow fell December 26, and New Jersey where even greater depths were reached, the weather bureau predicted afternoon temperatures in the high thirties.

Northern California had rainfall of more than an inch in some localities. Blue Canyon reported 1.35 inches of rain this morning. Crescent City had an inch. Susanville .93 inch and Red Bluff .83.

The Chicago weather bureau said temperatures would climb well above freezing over most of the midwest today and that most of the snow which fell in the wake of last week's freezing rain and sleet probably would be melted by nightfall, along with the ice on communications wires, poles and trees. But another day of similar temperatures probably would be required to dispose of the ice which lies under the snow, said Forecaster W. N. Percy.

Except for readings of 14 degrees at Rockford and Moline, Ill., last night the mercury dipped no lower generally than the 20s in the midwest. Some areas reported a night-long thaw with readings in the lower 30s.

Motorists Advised To Carry Chains

The state highway commission warned today that strong south winds are expected on highways in western Oregon and in the Cascade mountains tonight.

Mountain roads were in better condition today after being sanded, but motorists still were advised to carry chains.

The 9 a. m. road report: Santiam Junction—22 degrees, 13 inches new snow, packed snow on all roads, sanded; 69 inches roadside snow.

Odele Lake, Willamette highway—26 degrees, overcast, 56 inches roadside snow, packed snow east of tunnel, partly sanded.

Schuman Wins Confidence Vote From Assembly

Paris, Jan. 5 (AP)—The French national assembly gave Premier Robert Schuman votes of confidence today by defeating two communist-peasant-De Gaulist amendments to the government's anti-inflation bill.

The assembly voted down efforts to exclude 1,100,000 farmers from the tax bill and to exempt small artisans from the choice of paying a special income tax or investing the same amount in government bonds. The votes were 306-273 and 308-272, respectively.

Other Amendments

Other amendments still to be voted on would reduce tax levies on war, drought and flood victims and on small family-operated businesses.

Assembly circles predicted that the government's margin might be close in the voting on a tax relief for war victims, but it was generally believed that it would win out.

The tax bill, as presented by the government, is designed to produce approximately 125,000,000,000 francs (about \$1,000,000,000) in revenue.

Saturday when communist and rightist deputies sought to amend the measure with proposals for exemptions for those in small income brackets they were defeated by 322 to 262.

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Wherry Blasts Meat Rationing

Washington, Jan. 5 (AP)—A contention that meat rationing would not work without price controls and that a combination of the two would "stifle" meat production came today from Senator Wherry (R., Neb.).

The Nebraska expressed this opinion in commenting on plans of Senator Flanders (R., Vt.), to introduce legislation shortly authorizing the agriculture department to prepare for meat rationing to a point just short of putting it into effect.

Under the plan Flanders outlined over the week-end, congress would have to enact another law to get actual rationing under way.

The agriculture department already is at work on some preliminary planning. Secretary Anderson, who has predicted that Americans will be asking for meat rationing by spring, told a reporter he has assigned an assistant, Charles F. Branigan, to prepare recommendations in the event the department should be asked for them.

Flanders said his bill will make no provision for price ceilings on meat. But he expressed belief that rationing, properly handled, would have a restraining effect of prices.

Wherry, one of the chief critics of the old OPA, said his theory is "you just can't ration without price controls. Isn't that what Chester Bowles always taught us?"

Bowles is a former OPA administrator.

Brokers' Records of Graham And Pauley Given to Senate

Washington, Jan. 5 (AP)—A senate committee today obtained records of grain trading by Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, President Truman's personal physician, by serving a subpoena on Graham's brokers.

Edward F. McGinnis, senate sergeant-at-arms, handed the subpoena to Sarah B. Herschel, a Washington representative of Bache and Company, New York brokerage firm.

McGinnis acted for a senate appropriations subcommittee which is investigating grain speculation by federal employees.

Kimball Sanborn and Earl W. Cooper, committee staff members, took Graham's records to the capitol for scrutiny by the subcommittee.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif.), a committee member, told a reporter the subpoena was "just a formality" followed because of the firm's reluctance to yield its books on Graham's accounts without an order, although it had agreed to turn them over.

The subcommittee, headed by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), planned to begin analyzing the records today together with another set of books on the grain speculation of Edwin W. Pauley,

Munitions for Palestine Seized At Jersey City

New York, Jan. 5 (AP)—An explanation why crates labeled "used industrial machinery" which were being loaded for shipment to Palestine, contained explosive TNT was sought today by federal and local authorities.

The TNT, or tri-nitro-toluene, was discovered Saturday when a crate burst open during the loading of the American Export Line freighter Executor at a Jersey City pier.

When a second crate also proved to contain TNT, police and customs officials ordered 77 Palestine-bound crates impounded and removed by barge to a safe anchorage.

65,000 Tons TNT

Police said 26 crates were believed to contain 65,000 pounds of TNT—enough to devastate a 100-square-mile area.

Custom officials said explosives for export require special permits and must be labeled properly. The state department embargoed arms shipments to the middle east last month after the United Nations general assembly voted to partition Palestine. There was no announcement, however, that the TNT was classified as a military material.

A few hours after the shipment was impounded New York police searched a Bronx warehouse and reported finding cartridge-making machinery and a stencil used in labeling some of the crates seized in Jersey City. They returned to the warehouse yesterday and examined other crates which they said contained radio transmitting equipment, motors, pipe and electric equipment.

Other Equipment

The 26 crates believed to hold TNT were consigned to Haboreg, Ltd., Tel Aviv, Palestine, by the Oved Trading company of New York City, the export declaration said.

Julius Chender, described by police as the owner of the Bronx warehouse, was quoted by an NBC correspondent in Paris as denying that he owned such a warehouse or that he was engaged in shipping arms or ammunition to Palestine.

He said that "I have been interested in the Palestine situation since I was a kid."

Royall Urges Army Training

Los Angeles, Jan. 5 (AP)—In a world of unrest and possible future conflict, the United States defense requirement make imperative establishment of universal military training, Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall declared today.

Royall, in an address prepared for delivery at a civic meeting, said he had come to this conclusion "reluctantly." He emphasized that he had not abandoned hope for permanent peace, but added:

"Until world conditions are better stabilized than they are today, we must plan and we must have universal military training in order to be ready properly to defend our nation."

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Storm Warnings Flying on Coast

Seattle, Jan. 5 (AP)—The weather bureau announced southeast storm warnings today from Cape Blanco to Talooch, and through the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Port Townsend. Small craft warnings were hoisted south of Cape Blanco to Cape Mendocino.

The forecast was for increasing southerly winds becoming strong to gale force by noon, off the Washington and northern Oregon coasts.

U. S. Freighter Hits North Sea Mine

London, Jan. 5 (AP)—The United States Lines 6,103-ton freighter Pioneer Cove, damaged when she struck a mine in the North Sea yesterday, limped toward port today, buffeted by a gale that battered the British coast with 60-mile-an-hour gusts and heavy rain.

The storm delayed attempts to salvage the Silvia Onorato, Italian freighter aground on the Goodwin sands, off the Kent coast.

A spokesman for United States Lines in London said the Pioneer Cove was expected to reach Victoria docks, in the Thames, some time tomorrow.

The royal navy yard at Chatham reported no further signal from the Pioneer Cove today, indicating she was making good progress.



French Girls Arrive Too Late for Quota Deadline—Three Parisiennes show their credentials to Immigration Inspector Nicholas Di Franco at New Castle Airport, Wilmington, Del., after they landed Jan. 2—too late to enter U. S. outside quota after the Dec. 31 deadline. The French girls (left to right) Bernadette Davis, 23; Anna Goch, 34, and Martha F. Donas, 25. Bernadette hopes to join her fiancé, Harold Skeegs of San Francisco, and Anna Goch is bound for Fall River, Mass., home of Frank Marker. Martha is engaged to Roy Morrison, Atlanta, Ga. (AP wirephoto.)

Bennett Renews Claim To City Water Supply

Filing his reply to the city's answer in his case against the City of Salem, city water commission, state engineer and watermaster, involving the use of water by the city from its Stayton Island plant, Gardner Bennett declares that since dates in 1936 he has been owner in fee simple of certain specifically described lands, that since 1866 his predecessors, including his immediate predecessor, A. D. Gardner, have owned other lands near Stayton and at all times since that year there has been appurtenant to it the right to use 812 cubic feet or more per second of the waters of the North Santiam river taken and diverted through the Gardner-Bennett ditch for development of power and manufacturing purposes.

The reply further avers that since 1856 the defendant city of Salem and its predecessors have owned an interest in the right to use 254 cubic feet per second for power and other manufacturing purposes with a point of diversion about 600 feet upstream from the Gardner-Bennett diversion dam and that plaintiff and his predecessors in interest at all times have recognized the date of priority of the city's power right was superior to the plaintiff's 1866 right.

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1 Killed, 3 Hurt In Auto Crash

One person was killed and three others seriously injured in an automobile accident on the Pacific highway a few miles north of Hubbard Sunday afternoon.

David Murray Doherty, 17, of Pendleton route 2, died of injuries at a hospital here shortly after his arrival by ambulance. Dean Webb, also of Pendleton, received bruises and cuts and Charles Richard Stamper, of Coos Bay, a pelvis fracture and other injuries. Ralph M. Rathjen, Portland, has a broken leg and internal injuries.

Doherty was riding with Webb when their car, according to state police, was struck by the one driven by Stamper who was on his way to Eugene after his brakes locked as he was passing a third vehicle and was thrown in the path of the Webb machine.

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9 Castaways Await Rescue

Kodiak, Alaska, Jan. 5 (AP)—Cut off both by land and sea, nine—and possibly 10—shivering castaways huddled on a rocky ice-coated point of the Alaska peninsula, opposite Kodiak island, today as a navy tug and a coast guard cutter waited about a 60-mile an hour storm before attempting a rescue.

For all but three of the men it was their fifth night of exposure to the freezing cold.

Heavy seas whipped up by the gale balked rescue efforts Sunday for the third day, and forced the cutter Clavier to seek shelter in Portage bay, at whose mouth the men are stranded.

Three of the men are crewmen from the navy tug Mataco. They struggled to shore Saturday night after their surf boat capsized in a daring rescue attempt.

The others have been stranded since their 65-foot cannery tender, the motorship Spencer, struck a reef Dec. 31 and broke up in the pounding surf. Aerial photographs taken by a search plane showed a group of either six or seven men huddled on the point. Previous reports said six had been seen.

"There were no visible casualties," the Kodiak naval base said.

Pakistan Replies to India's Complaint

Karachi, Pakistan, Jan. 5 (AP)—A Pakistan information ministry official said today the dominion foreign office had prepared a comprehensive reply to India's memorandum to the United Nations security council charging Pakistan with aiding raiders in Kashmir.

It is understood the reply contains counter charges, offers evidence intended to show the Pakistan government has nothing to do with the raiders, and expresses sympathy with the Kashmir people, who are predominantly Moslems.

Palestine Hotel Blasted by Jews

Jerusalem, Jan. 5 (AP)—Rescuers dug today into the debris of the Semiramis hotel for 16 persons missing after the three-story stone structure was leveled by a bomb which police said the Jewish underground had planted. Three persons were known dead.

One informant said the hotel was one of five district headquarters for an Arab military group. The known dead included Manuel Salazar Travesedo, acting Spanish consul. Some 17 were injured.

A similar act of violence occurred Sunday in Jaffa, where Arab headquarters were bombed and 15 persons were killed and about 100 injured. Police blamed the Stern gang, the most extreme element of the Jewish underground.

Hagana, the Jewish underground defense force, said through a spokesman at Tel Aviv that the Jerusalem hotel attack was executed because "the building was an important meeting place of Arab gangs, where arms were distributed to villagers in the Jerusalem area."

At least four persons were brought alive from the hotel wreckage, one a woman who had screamed in pain for four hours before she was saved.

The Jerusalem and Jaffa bombings increased to 558 the number of persons killed in Palestine since the United Nations voted partition on November 29.

Board of Control To Meet Tuesday

The state board of control will meet Tuesday for the first time since the Christmas holidays.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newby returned to his office today, while Governor John H. Ball will come back tomorrow. Both have been absent since before Christmas.

Little North Fork Bridge Ready for Use Tuesday

In all probability the temporary steel Bailey bridge being constructed across the little north fork of the Santiam at the site of the old Lumber bridge destroyed last week by a logging truck will be in readiness for use by Tuesday, county court members said Monday. The county crew worked all day Sunday and expected to put all day Monday in on the job. In the meantime no word has been received of the stork expected by any of three expectant mothers having beyond the bridge site having as yet even headed into the isolated territory and the county crew was confident it had outwitted the bird.

The temporary bridge will take care of one-way traffic only, has a clearance of 10 feet and nine inches on the roadway and the state has allowed its use by the county until April at least, said County Commissioner Roy Rice. In the meantime it is expected the county will take steps to replace this with a new bridge expected to be done before April.

Building of the new bridge will not interfere with traffic with possible exception of a day or two when the final decking is laid. The new bridge will be built around the Bailey bridge and when it is finished and ready

Little Assembly Begins Year Round Sitzings With Address by Lie

Lake Success, Jan. 5 (AP)—The United Nations "Little Assembly" began its year-round sittings today with Russia and the five other Soviet bloc nations boycotting its opening session.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie in opening the meeting at 11:25 a. m. (EST) took no official notice of the boycott but he gave his full approval to the new experimental body, originally proposed by Secretary of State Marshall.

Although ignoring the vacant seats at the huge committee table, Lie took issue with the contention expressed previously by Russia that the "Little Assembly" would undermine the security council and threaten the entire UN structure.

Hope for Co-operation

"I am convinced," Lie declared, "that the interim committee (Little Assembly) can make a very constructive contribution to the effectiveness of the general assembly and thereby strengthen the United Nations as a whole."

A Soviet spokesman said in advance of the session that Russia still felt the U. S.-sponsored "Little Assembly" was unconstitutional and therefore would not attend. Informed quarters said the same attitude had been taken by Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, White Russia and the Soviet Ukraine.

A representative of the U. S. delegation maintained, however, that U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin had not given up hope that the Soviet bloc might eventually join in the new body, which was proposed originally by Secretary of State Marshall.

The "Little Assembly," known officially as the interim committee of the general assembly, was summoned amid these other developments:

The security council was summoned to a session tomorrow to take up India's complaint against Pakistan, growing out of the fighting in Kashmir province.

The council was expected to take up the Indonesian question again this week.

Argentina, Canada and the Ukraine will take their seats on the council for the first time tomorrow, succeeding Brazil, Australia and Poland.

Burma to Be Red Republic

Rangoon, Burma, Jan. 5 (AP)—President Sao Shwae Thak said today the policy of the new Union of Burma would be the establishment of state socialism and the elimination of capitalism.

In the first statement of policy since the state cut loose from the United Kingdom, the president said Burma would nourish the friendship of all other nations but would "tolerate no infringement on the territorial integrity of the Union of Burma."

Shwae Thak said Burma intended swiftly to establish a highly trained army, navy and air force to defend the country from external foes and create auxiliary forces in which all able-bodied Burmese citizens would be required to serve the country.

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The Weather

(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Cloudy with rain tonight and Tuesday. Lowest expected temperature tonight, 38 degrees; highest Tuesday, 48. Maximum yesterday 49. Minimum today 34. Mean temperature yesterday 42 which was 2 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 2.20 which is 1.05 inches above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Monday morning, 15 feet, falling.

Stassen Offers 5-Point Program To Foil Kremlin

New York, Jan. 5 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, outlined today a five-point program which he said "could" by 1950 result in "the inability of the Kremlin to successfully wage aggressive war, and diminishing communist strength in other nations."

Adoption of the program by the U. S., the former Minnesota governor said, also should show "continued success of the American economic system, marked progress in rebuilding Europe with rising standards of living, and a definite trend toward increased individual economic, social and political freedom."

The resultant situation in Russia, he said in an address before the New York Young Republican club, would be continued low production and poor living standards "compounded rather than corrected by the ruble purge."

Five-Point Program

The five points, as expounded by Stassen, are:

1. To demonstrate the continued success of the American system by "a net work of interrelated measures of limited powers in government, of curbs on excessive credit to decrease inflationary pressures, of supervision of exports to avoid too great an impact of world-wide shortages, of limiting of inventories to prevent hoarding, of economy in the civilian activities of government, and of a variable federal fiscal program, all to check booms and avoid depression busts."

He asked also "supplementary action on the housing and health and education shortcomings."

On Marshall Plan
2. Place the Marshall plan "on a sound and businesslike basis, establishing proper economic conditions to increase its prospects of success, but above all, treating it as the bi-partisan program that it is, and not permitting quibbling or politics to delay and handicap or cut in half and destroy."

3. "We should maintain a strong military position and increase our air power and enlarge our research."

4. "Stop shipping to Russia heavy machinery, machine tools, electrical devices, and other apparatus and equipment which could become a part of a communist war machine... unless and until the leaders in the Kremlin show by definite agreement and action that they will co-operate in rebuilding Europe."

Propaganda Campaign
5. "An extensive world-wide campaign of ideas to combat the propaganda line of the communists" which "should go far beyond the Voice of America broadcasts."

Stassen said that a positive republican foreign policy program should include "the calling of a major United Nations convention in 1950 for the purpose of amending and rewriting the charter and strengthening the United Nations for its noble and vital task."

Illegal Search Voided by Court

Washington, Jan. 5 (AP)—By a 7 to 2 vote, the supreme court today reaffirmed that an illegal search by officers does not become valid just because it turns up evidence of law violation.

Justice Robert H. Jackson, writing the majority opinion in the case of a Buffalo man convicted of possessing counterfeit gasoline ration coupons during the war, said:

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