

Senate Races Toward Final Passage of ERP

\$44 Million Fund to Aid Exports of Farm Surplus Added

Washington, March 13 (AP)—The senate raced toward final action today on the European recovery program after defeating a major drive to slash its first-year funds.

By a 56 to 31 vote late last night it blasted aside a determined effort led by Senator Taft (R., Ohio), chairman of the senate republican policy committee, to shave \$1,300,000,000 off the \$5,300,000,000 Marshall plan figures.

Senator Connally (D., Texas), one of the program's chief sponsors in congress, predicted its overwhelming passage by tonight. The bill is designed to speed funds to 16 western European nations to bolster them against communism.

Surplus Farm Exports

A \$44,000,000 fund for aiding exports of surplus farm products was tacked on the \$5,300,000,000 European recovery program by the senate today after a lengthy argument.

Action came on voice votes after Senator Williams (R., Del.) protested that it was a "subsidy by indirection." He also said it would increase total of the bill by \$44,000,000 for this year. Backers of the measure did not dispute this.

Senator Aiken (R., Vt.) aided by senators from tobacco, fruit, potato and egg producing areas scored the victory.

Details of Plan

What the senate decided to do is this:

Take \$44,000,000 in customs receipts congress already has voted to give to the treasury this year and make it available to pay half of the cost of exports of surplus farm products.

The other half of the cost would have to come out of money directly appropriated for the recovery program.

The vote came after Senator Wherry (R., Neb.) told senators they may be held in session far into the night in an effort to complete senate action on the European aid bill.

He advised senators to plan to take their meals at the capitol and "stay available for quorum calls."

Taft Defeated

Elated backers said the resounding defeat suffered by Taft's fund cutting proposal insured senate approval of the bill without major changes.

"We'll pass it by a bigger vote than we had against the Taft amendment," Connally told reporters.

That would be a victory for Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.), chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and chief Capitol Hill exponent of the bipartisan foreign policy.

Vandenberg stood his ground firmly as Taft led 22 other republicans and eight democrats in a roll call assault to batter the fund down to \$4,000,000,000. The Michigan senator carried 23 other republicans and 32 democrats with him.

Senator Morse Attacks Taylor

Washington, March 13 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.), pulled no punches last night in a statement before the senate that he regarded a speech by Senator Taylor (D-Idaho) as following the communist party line from start to finish.

It could not have done a better job if it had been written "in the Kremlin," Morse said.

The Oregon senator offered his comment after reading Taylor's two-day speech against the European recovery plan earlier this week. Morse was not in the senate when Taylor made his 35,000-word talk and the senate rejected 74-5 his substitute program for ERP action through the United Nations.

Taylor, running mate of Henry A. Wallace on a third party ticket, thanked Morse when the Oregonian added he did not believe his fellow-senator was a communist.

Morse added, however, that he could not understand how anyone could support the communist line when its policy had been to "run rough shod over the liberties of free men the world over." Taylor replied he had merely sought to prove the Russians had reasons to fear the United States.

Jap Weathermen Strike

Toyko, March 13 (AP)—Japanese weathermen plan to strike Monday for 24 hours. Wage demands of the National Employers' Union of Weather Bureaus were rejected today by the Japanese government. The strike will not affect forecasts for occupation forces.

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Byrnes Asks U.S. Prepare to Meet World Crisis

Charleston, S.C., March 13 (AP)—Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes—emphasizing he had no official information—today called for immediate re-enactment of selective service and a much larger air force to meet the world crisis "that may exist four or five weeks from now."

He predicted that the Russians, under the guise of the Italian communist party, might "act" in Italy before the April 18 elections.

He marked Finland off the books already.

"We have every reason to believe the Soviets covet control of Greece, Turkey, Italy and France," he said.

Hitler Methods Used

He foresaw "no armed invasion" of any of these countries. But he said there was "no important difference in the direct methods of Hitler in 1938 and the indirect 'methods of Stalin in 1948.'"

Byrnes spoke at the 105th anniversary of the famed Citadel military college. It was his first speech in many weeks and came on the heels of President Truman's and Secretary of State George C. Marshall's grave warnings of a "very, very serious" crisis.

Byrnes said those words — from America's top officials — are "alarming words." He reiterated their appeals for "cool judgment," but added:

"When the president and the secretary of state so describe world conditions, it is time for those of us who are private citizens to think not only calmly, but seriously, about the situation."

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UN Showdown On Czech Coup

Lake Success, March 13 (AP)—Chile's demand for United Nations investigation of the communist coup in Czechoslovakia pushed Russia today into the role of a defendant before the world.

It also opened the way for airing of conditions in at least one part of Soviet-dominated eastern Europe.

The security council put the case on its provisional calendar for next Wednesday. The Russians then must meet head on the Chilean allegations that the methods of Nazi Germany are being used by "a member state against another member state" and that "the extent and magnitude of the plans of the USSR" stand revealed.

This was the first time Russia has been called directly to account since the Iranian case in early 1946. The feeling here was that the current case presages a test between Russia and the western powers over expansion of Soviet influence.

The United States delegations cautiously refrained from early comment. However, on the basis of recent statements by President Truman and Secretary of State George C. Marshall, strongest American support for the Chilean case could be expected.

Highway Board to Ask Bids On Independence Bridge

The state highway commission will probably call for bids on the proposed Willamette river bridge at Independence for submission some time in April and if the results are agreeable to the commission and the Marion and Polk county courts construction will go ahead as early as possible, probably this year.

This was the upshot in a nutshell of the conference held Friday afternoon in Portland between the commission and the two courts. A Polk county delegation including Senator Dean Walker of Independence also attended the session.

It was estimated at the meeting that the proposed structure would require about two years to complete, this including 15 months for actual construction and about three months in the preliminaries of calling for bids, awarding a contract and other details preceding such a major undertaking. It was pointed out if the contract was let early enough this year it would permit the piers to be put in during the low water period and the scene would be all set for going ahead with the balance of the job. If there is a delay beyond the period when low water would allow installation of the piers it would set the whole project back another year.

Airliner With 30 Aboard Lost Over Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska, March 13 (AP)—Army authorities at Elmendorf field received an unofficial report today that wreckage of a missing Northwest Airlines chartered plane had been spotted on Mount Sanford, 200 miles northeast of here. The plane vanished last night with 30 aboard and a fire was reported sighted shortly afterward on the mountainside. The source of the report was not learned immediately.

The civil aeronautics administration search plane headed for 16,208-foot Mt. Sanford, where the Gulkana CAA range station reported a fire had been sighted during the night.

The plane was carrying 24 passengers and a crew of six over the great circle route from the Orient.

Contacted at Gulkana

The last radio contact with the big craft was at 11:03 p.m. (PST) when it passed over the Gulkana range station approximately 150 miles northeast of Anchorage. The station reported it was flying at 11,000 feet.

Airlines officials said the four-engine plane left Anchorage at 10:05 p.m. (PST) and was scheduled to make its first stop at Edmonton, Alta., at 5:04 a.m. (PST) today.

Gulkana reported early this morning that a fire was seen on Mt. Sanford, which towers high in the Wrangell range to the right of the plane's normal course through Nabesna Pass.

Weather Good

Weather conditions were reported good this morning and also at the time of the airliner's last report to the Gulkana station last night. Visibility was reported at close to 50 miles today.

Northwest Airlines headquarters in St. Paul, Minn., identified members of the ship's crew as Capt. James Van Cleaf, Minneapolis; Capt. Robert Petry, St. Paul; First Officer J. J. Stickel, Minneapolis; Navigator Wayne Worsley, St. Paul; Flight mechanic Donald Rector, St. Louis Park, Minn., and Purser Robert J. Hazlett, Seattle, Wash.

The plane was due to pass over Northway, near the border of Canada's Yukon territory, at 11:38 p.m. No contact could be made with the plane from any of the stations.

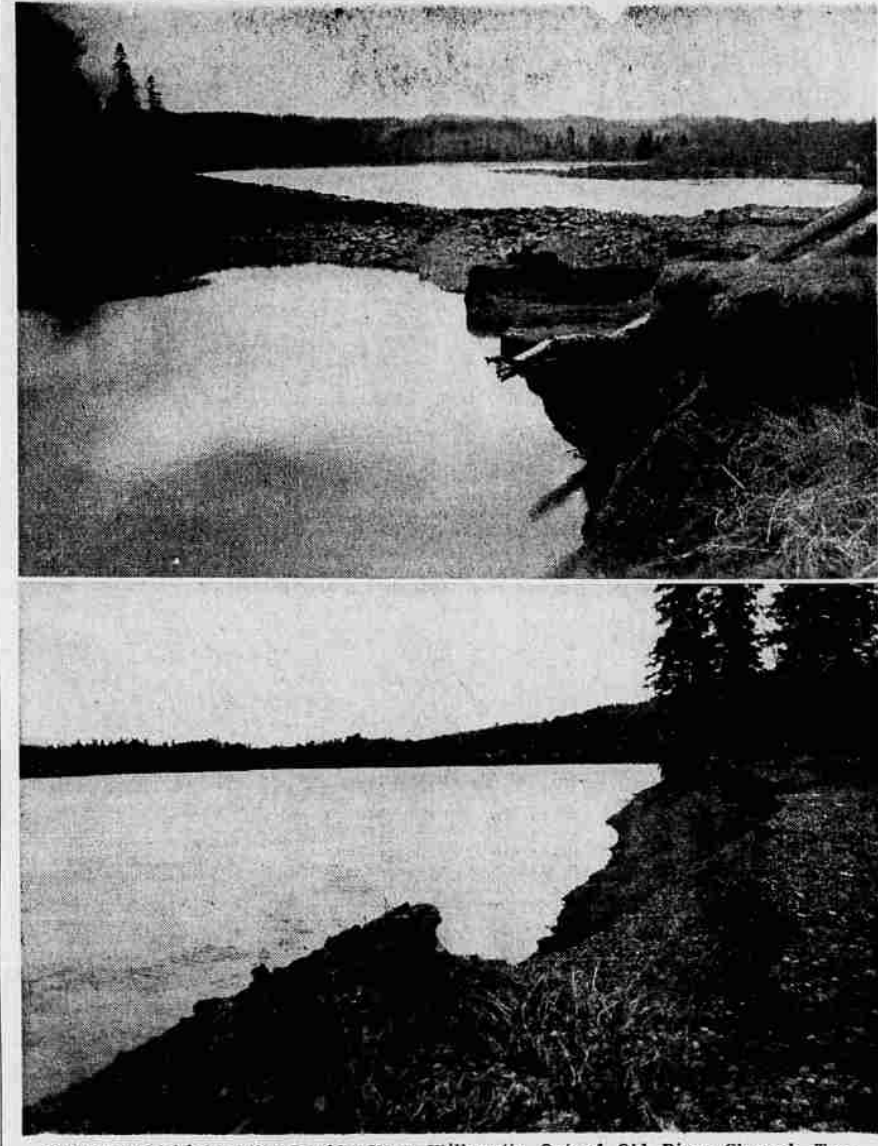
26 Seamen Aboard

The airline reported the plane left Shanghai on a non-scheduled charter flight 8:10 p.m. (PST) Thursday.

Northwest's St. Paul headquarters reported the passengers were seamen employed by California and Texas oil companies. They had taken an oil tanker from New York to Shanghai and were being flown back to New York.

An unofficial report that the plane had turned northward and landed at Fairbanks proved unfounded on a check with the Fairbanks CAA station.

If the big plane crashed, it will be the first disaster for a Northwest Airlines plane since the firm inaugurated its service to the Orient by the great circle route. The line started chartered flights over the route in January, 1947, and has been making regular passenger airliner flights three times a week, each way, since last July.



Narrow and Disintegrating Corridor Keeps Willamette Out of Old River Channel—Top: Revetment along Grey Eagle channel threatened by back-wash may collapse during next flood stage and allow full force of the river to drive through Brown's island. Lower: Northern extremity of revetment removed by engineers to allow river to widen at Eola bend and remove pressure against Grey Eagle revetment.

Next Flood Serious For Brown's Island

By BEN MAXWELL
That narrow corridor separating the established channel of the Willamette at Grey Eagle bar from the old river channel that once made Brown's island a part of Polk county has been further reduced by the flood stage of two weeks ago.

Unless river pressure is removed or more adequately controlled at this point reestablishment of the river in the channel of 1860 appears to be almost a certainty during the next prolonged flood.

In that event, says Tad Shelton, Marion county assessor, something more than 450 acres of very valuable land would be in jeopardy and possibly lost to Marion county. Largest owners of acreage in this area are F. E. Needham, J. W. Bishop and Brown Island Hop company.

Strip Narrower

A Capital Journal story following the January flood pointed out this possibility was in the process of rapidly becoming a reality. Then width of the corridor, including the driveway and revetment, was something like 50 feet. Now the driveway has been washed out and only the stone face of the revetment and a slight rim of sustaining earth remain. A rock may be tossed from the head of the new channel into the depths of the Willamette.

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DAR Favors UMT Elects Officers

Universal military training and the work of the committee on un-American activities in congress won approval of the Oregon Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in resolutions passed at the state conference in Salem, Saturday morning.

At the same time the state group, in other resolutions, opposed any changes in the immigration laws of 1924 and called upon members to notify their congressmen of their stand in opposing amendments to the nationality act which would allow quotas of displaced persons to come into this country. The society also passed a resolution opposing all legislation which would place control of education in the hands of the federal government.

Passage of these resolutions here merely carried out previous action taken by the national society.

Balloting on new officers was completed Saturday, the following being elected:

Mrs. A. W. McKeown of Hood River, regent; Mrs. G. R. Hyslop, Corvallis, first vice regent; Mrs. F. Louis Stoeckle, Portland, second vice regent; Mrs. W. E. Hanson, Salem, chaplain; Mrs. G. V. Uhr, Portland, recording secretary; Miss Ethel May Handy, Portland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Oscar T. Olsen, Portland, treasurer; Mrs. J. Roy Roberts, Bend, registrar; Mrs. William D. Foster, Ashland, historian; Mrs. W. R. Reed, Astoria, librarian; Mrs. J. H. Bennett, Coos Bay, custodian; Mrs. H. R. Butterfield, Woodburn; Mrs. Rutliff, Salem, and Miss Florence Richardson, Portland, all members of the Champoug cabin vote.

In a vote, also, the society, following the national society's action, passed a resolution commending Secretary of State Marshall for his foreign policy efforts.

The luncheon program Saturday featured a talk on Europe by Mrs. James T. Brand of Salem. She spent last year there when her husband, Justice Brand, served on the war crimes tribunal.

Inman Indicted On Murder Charge

Portland, Ore., March 13 (AP)—Arnold "Budd" Inman, Portland service station operator, today was under indictment for first degree murder in connection with the death March 3 of Everett L. Keith, his business partner.

The indictment, returned here yesterday by the Multnomah county grand jury, charges that Inman struck and beat Keith to death with a hammer.

Keith's body was found in a slough near Vanport. The two men operated a service station on Southeast Union avenue here, where police say the slaying occurred.

Princess Victoria, Kin Of King George VI, Dies

London, March 13 (AP)—Princess Helena Victoria, a cousin of King George VI and a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, died in her London home today. She was 77.

Buckingham palace sources said she had been in poor health for some time.

She was the daughter of Princess Christina, third daughter of Queen Victoria.

Papanek Fired, Refuses to Go

Lake Success, March 13 (AP)—The Czechoslovak government in Prague today fired Dr. Jan Papanek as its delegate to the United Nations but Papanek refused to recognize the dismissal.

The United Nations announced receipt of a communication from Dr. Josef Hanc, Czechoslovak charge d'affaires in Washington, saying that Papanek ceased to be the permanent Czechoslovak delegate as of March 10, the day he attacked the communist coup.

Dr. Papanek in a statement said that "I am going on in my position" although not representing the new regime in Prague. He said he will consider himself the delegate of the republic which existed before the communist coup—until he receives a letter signed by President Benes recalling him.

Papanek has demanded that the security council investigate the communist coup. Chile yesterday took up his fight and pushed Russia into the role of a defendant.

Lana Turner Injured

Hollywood, March 13 (AP)—Actress Lana Turner is hospitalized today with back and arm injuries after a fall on the set.

Her studio said that in a scene being filmed yesterday she was whirled through a doorway. As she went through the door she tripped and fell.

Secretary Anderson to Resign to Run for Senate

Washington, March 13 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson announced today he will run for the democratic nomination for U.S. senator from New Mexico.

Anderson said he will remain in President Truman's cabinet until congress adjourns, probably in July.

Anderson will be a candidate for the office now held by Senator Hatch. Hatch said last week that he will not be a candidate again in order to accept appointment to the federal district court in New Mexico if it is offered.

Anderson did not speculate on who might succeed him as secretary of agriculture.

A couple of days ago Mr. Truman praised Anderson's work in the agriculture department. Anderson said yesterday that the president had asked him to remain in the cabinet.

Last Rites of State Held for Jan Masaryk

President Benes Weeps at Bier As Child Chorus Sings

Prague, March 13 (AP)—Jan Masaryk received the last rites of state today as President Eduard Benes wept at his bier.

In the vaulted pantheon of the national museum, draped in black, Communist Premier Klement Gottwald made the main funeral oration, berating the critics of Masaryk in the west and indirectly accusing them of the foreign minister's death.

The frail, ailing president, who helped Masaryk's father mold this republic, dried his eyes as a eulogy by another government official recalled episodes of Jan Masaryk's life.

Favorite Folk Songs

The president stood with head bowed into the fur collar of his overcoat. He seemed to be trying to maintain his composure.

Then the lights went down and a children's choir sang the favorite folk song of Czechoslovakia's first president, Thomas G. Masaryk. Benes broke into tears. The president mopped his face and mouth with a handkerchief. He rubbed his eyes with his fingers.

It was Benes' first public appearance since the government crisis began in Czechoslovakia February 21.

Benes talked for an hour with Jan Masaryk Tuesday night. The next morning Masaryk's body was found below a window of Czernin palace, the foreign ministry office. The communists, who seized power two weeks ago, said Masaryk committed suicide.

Gottwald Funeral Orator

Benes kept his head bowed while Gottwald spoke the funeral oration. He showed no emotion when Gottwald called press attacks in the western nations the reasons for a nervous illness which brought Masaryk's death.

"I can prove that Jan Masaryk clearly and without compromise agreed with the action program of the new government and already started to fulfill this program within his sphere of influence," Gottwald said.

"I can prove that Masaryk, who decided to go with the people, when he stood on the crossroads of our nation's fate, meant what he said."

Then he indirectly blamed Masaryk's friends in the west for the foreign minister's death saying:

"Whoever knew the character of Jan Masaryk knew how sensitive he was toward personal attacks; must understand how difficult it would be for Jan Masaryk to get this concentrated attack on his deepest feelings and his nerves."

"To this comes his illness, and taking together these facts, we get the circumstances that drove him to his tragic end."

Soil Service to Fix Grazing Areas

Portland, Ore., March 13 (AP)—The U.S. soil conservation service will determine which areas in the Pacific northwest can take care of cattle driven from California by the drought.

Officials here said there was danger that the influx of cattle might wear out some eastern Oregon and Washington lands.

Other areas, however, are expected to be capable of absorbing large numbers of the California animals.

19 Seek Sheriff's Job

Klamath Falls, Ore., March 13 (AP)—Mrs. Opal H. Manning today filed candidacy for Sheriff of Klamath county.

She brought to 19 the number of candidates to file for the sheriff's post.

410 Candidates For 172 Offices In Primaries

Scott One of Five Republicans Seeking Governorship

By JAMES D. OLSON
Four hundred and nineteen candidates have filed for 172 national, state and district offices and thus are in a 70-day campaign culminating with the May 21 Oregon primary election.

State Treasurer Leslie Scott made a last minute filing Friday for the republican nomination as governor, his filing having been received in the election department just 14 minutes before the 5 p.m. deadline.

Scott's entry into the race makes it a five-man contest, with Governor Hall and Douglas McKay rated as the principal candidates and Glenn C. Ackerman of Portland and John Peyton of Junction City, as lesser known aspirants.

State Senator Lew Wallace of Portland is unopposed for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Truman's Name on Ballot

Petitions bearing 1800 names, filed by Monroe Sweetland, served to place President Truman's name on the Oregon ballot. Supporters of Henry Wallace were on hand in the election department Friday afternoon but did not file their candidate's name, largely because David O'Hara, in charge of the election department had ruled that Wallace could not be entered as an independent nor could his name be filed as a democrat in the primary race.

The Wallace supporters did file candidacies for state offices and one for representative in congress, Clifford T. Howlett of Portland. Stassen and Dewey.

Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and New York's Governor Thomas E. Dewey were the only two candidates for presidential preference on the republican ticket.

Senator Guy Cordon is unopposed for the GOP nomination, while State Representative Manley J. Wilson of Columbia county and Dr. Louis A. Wood of Eugene will battle for the democratic nomination for U.S. senator.

In the first district, which includes Marion county, Walter Norblad, incumbent congressman is opposed for the republican nomination by John T. Hensley of St. Helens. Edward E. Gideon of Salem is the only democratic candidate for this office.

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Friendship Train Ends Mission

Frankfurt, Germany, March 13 (AP)—A Friendship train from America's northwest rolled into the battered Frankfurt station today to wind up its mercy mission through Germany.

Three thousand persons gathered in the station to hear Lt. Gen. Clarence Huebner say the gift showed a spirit of friendly cooperation and "an unshakable resolve not to be turned aside from our ideals by the foes of real democracy in the world."

The American commander in Germany said the food and clothing came from "people like yourselves."

"Many of them have known want and hardship, and all of them know what it means to work for a living," he said.

The train brought gifts from people of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. It left Bremen Thursday and dropped off carloads yesterday in the British and French zones.

Christian Stock, minister-president of Hesse, called the train a "symbol of peaceful purpose—the penetration of the world with the spirit of love reconciling nations."

The Weather

(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Slightly cooler temperatures for Sunday. Lowest expected temperature tonight, 33 degrees; highest, Sunday, 50. Maximum yesterday 51. Minimum today 36. Mean temperature yesterday 44, which was 2 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 31. Total precipitation for the month 1.12 which is 46 of an inch below normal. Willamette river height at Salem today morning, 3 feet, falling.