

General Debate On T-H Repeal Nearing End

Bitter Fight Over How to Handle National Emergencies

Washington, June 10 (AP)—The senate warmed up today for its hottest labor fight—over how to handle strikes that could cause national emergencies.

General debate on changing the Taft-Hartley act neared an end, to come after speeches by Senators Humphrey (D-Minn.), Murray (D-Mont.), and Neely (D-W Va.). Next will come the one-by-one consideration of amendments to the Truman administration's bill for Taft-Hartley repeal.

"National emergency" amendments may be taken up Tuesday and some senators say this battle may continue the rest of next week.

Lewis' Coal Strike

That also happens to be the week John L. Lewis has set aside for a coal strike. With coal supplies high, a one-week stoppage isn't considered a national emergency. But it brings sharply to the attention of congress the possibility of a longer strike beginning in July.

President Truman was asked yesterday at his news conference about the work stoppage Lewis has called for his United Mine workers.

The president catalogued Lewis as a headline hunter, and said also that this is not supposed to be a strike but a sort of special sitdown. He said he understood that its object was to use coal and put the miners in a better bargaining position.

Want Injunction End

On one thing, the president and Lewis are agreed: They want an end to the Taft-Hartley provision for court orders to stop national emergency strikes. Lewis has been heavily fined under this provision in the past. Mr. Truman has expressed the view that the president already has inherent powers to deal with an emergency.

As much as Lewis hates the whole Taft-Hartley law, however, his strategy in calling a walkout during debate on the law's repeal has dismayed some of the lawmakers who are for repeal. Likewise, it has encouraged T-H friends who say that the timing is bound to help their effort to preserve much of the law.

The administration repealer, for which Mr. Truman expressed continued support, does not authorize either injunctions or government seizure of plants to delay strikes in vital industries.

Mrs. Chambers Talks of Hiss

(By the Associated Press)

A secret FBI report introduced at the Judith Coplon trial in Washington today said a woman who "may be a Russian espionage agent" had important contacts in the capital.

Irina Efimovna Aleksander was named as the possible agent. The report was taken from Miss Coplon's purse when she was arrested in New York with a Russian United Nations employe.

The report said army officers "carrying brief cases" frequently gathered at the home of Very Sandomirsky Dunham, a friend of Mrs. Aleksander's.

Mrs. Whitaker Chambers took the stand in New York to support her husband's account of his relationship with Alger Hiss, former state department official.

She testified that she and her husband saw Hiss at least twice after January 1, 1937. One count of the government's perjury indictment against Hiss charges that he lied when he said he never saw Chambers after that date.

In Washington, Robert Davis, a wartime employe of a West Point atomic laboratory testified before the house un-American activities committee that he was recruited into the communist party by an atomic scientist, Giovanni Rossi Lomanitz.

Lomanitz, who also testified, would not say whether he ever was a communist or tried to recruit anyone into the party.

Election Ordered At Lebanon by NLRB

Washington, June 10 (AP)—The national labor relations board today ordered an election at the C & M Lumber company's Lebanon, Ore., plant to determine whether employees wish the CIO International Woodworkers of America to continue as bargaining agent.

The union has had a contract with the company. An employe, George Thompson, filed a petition asserting that the union no longer represented a majority and asking that recognition as bargaining agent be withdrawn.

Federal Aid on South River Road Petitioned For

Fight Over Rights-of-way May Shunt Silverton Road Work

By DON UPJOHN

Possibility that completion of the Silverton road into Silverton as a federal aid project may be shunted to one side and improvement of the South River road from the Salem city limits to Roberts station be asked for instead loomed Friday as the county court received petitions from 233 landowners and taxpayers along the South River road asking that road be reconstructed with federal aid funds.

All plans for federal aid funds this year had been based on completion of the Silverton road project from where such work left off last year on into Silverton over a completely new right of way from the present road.

Right of Way Lags

But County Judge Grant Murphy stated Friday at a meeting of the court that the right of way progress has lagged and encountered several snags and also that property owners along the present Silverton road which would be abandoned had threatened injunction proceedings if the proposed new route is selected.

"The one advantage of the new route," he said, "is that it would furnish facilities for erection of an overhead crossing over the railroad not available if the present route is used. But the present route can be used without expenditure of a nickel for right of way. However, we are faced with sharp differences of opinion in the area as to which route the road should follow.

Fight Over Routes

"People living along the present route contend it would be folly to abandon a road through a well settled stretch of country to run it over a new route that is not built up and at a very heavy expense for right of way. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Unions to Unite To Defeat Taft

Washington, June 10 (AP)—Union spokesmen disclosed today that organized labor has been holding preliminary talks aimed at joining together—politically—to beat Sen. Robert A. Taft, (R., O.) when he comes up for reelection next year.

Taft is the symbol of the labor-hated Taft-Hartley law. Organized labor has made him the "No. 1 target for 1950" and its out to get him. To that end, the spokesmen said, some top labor people hope to set up a formal alliance of all the big labor groups. Some of the preliminary talks have been held in Taft's home ballwick of Ohio.

Among the principals in the movement for a solid-front "beat Taft" campaign are four nationally-known labor leaders—all residents of Ohio. They are George Harrison, political director of the AFL League for Political Education, and Jack Kroll, director of the CIO Political Action Committee—both from Taft's home city of Cincinnati—A. F. Whitney of Cleveland, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and John Owens of Cambridge Springs, international secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers.

Analysis of City Tax Levy Made by Treasurer Hauser

By STEPHEN A. STONE

City Treasurer Paul H. Hauser has made an analysis of the city of Salem tax levy as estimated for the fiscal year 1949-1950. The figures are compared with those of the fiscal years 1948-1949 and 1947-1948.

The fiscal year dates from June 30 to July 1 of the following year.

Salem's city budget for the coming year, not yet acted on by the budget committee and the city council, is estimated to total \$1,658,355.29.

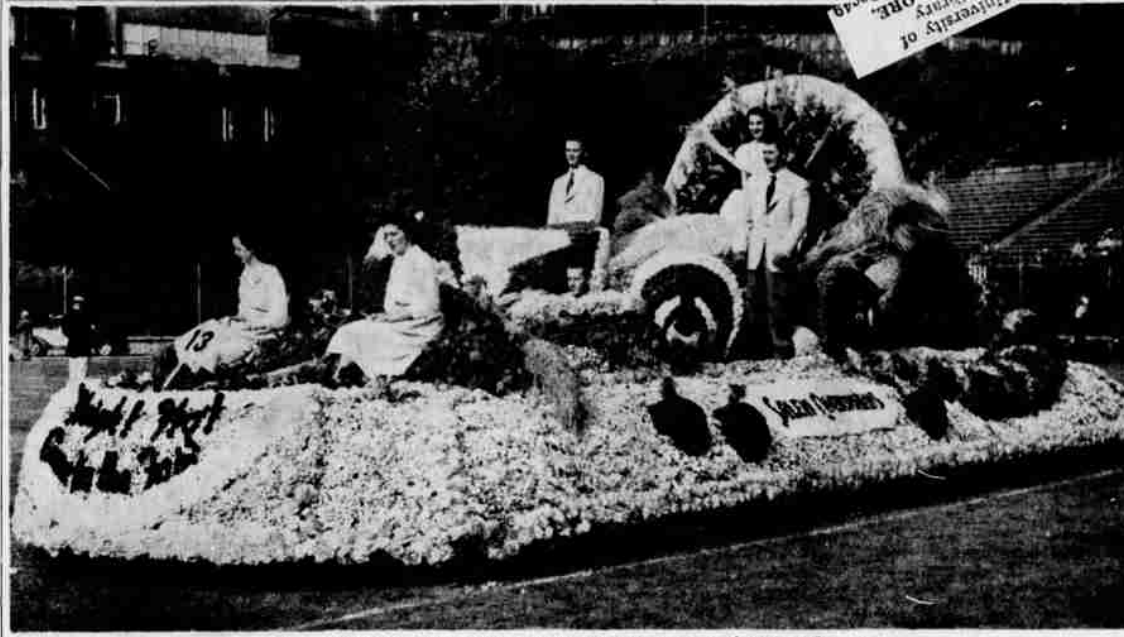
Of this amount an estimated \$572,320.29 will be raised by taxation, as against \$457,267.35 for the current year, and \$473,267.35 last year.

Of the total tax levy for the coming year there will be levied for the general fund an estimated \$326,094.16, as against \$307,636 for the current year, and \$290,218 last year.

Other items going into the total as special levies are: Bond and interest, coming year \$39,826.16, current year \$42,131.35, last year \$80,801.99; 2-mill fire tax fund, coming year \$51,600, current year \$43,900, last year \$41,000; 3-mill tax, voted by the people last November and now effective for first time, \$77,400; 2-mill street tax, coming year \$51,600, current year \$43,900, last year \$41,000; 1-mill park tax, coming year \$25,800, current year 21,500, last year \$20,500.

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Vandenberg As Atomic Check

Washington, June 10 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) called today for a close military check before atomic materials are sent abroad, "even to the friendliest of countries."

The Michigan senator said he wants to be sure that the military liaison committee approves in advance atomic energy commission decisions such as that which sent radioactive isotopes to a research division of the Norwegian military establishment.

"The point is not whether a country is friendly to us," he told a reporter.

The Liaison committee is composed of two high ranking officers from each of the army, navy and air force.

Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the atomic agency insisted during an exchange with Vandenberg yesterday that the fact Norway is a friendly country had some bearing on the commission's decision to send it the isotopes.

Lilienthal was appearing before the senate-house atomic energy committee as it continued its hearings on charges by Senator Hickenlooper (R., Iowa) of "incredible mismanagement" by the commission chairman.

The congressional group met behind closed doors again today to decide how to carry out the inquiry.

Coal Strike Forces Railroad Lay-offs

New York, June 10 (AP)—A series of railroad layoffs developed today with the approach of John L. Lewis' one-week coal mine shutdown due to start Monday.

A spot check of railroads showed well over 10,000 layoffs definitely scheduled and others likely, with indications the number would soar if the United Mine Workers should be out longer than a week.

Late additions to the list of planned layoffs included the Louisville and Nashville railroad, 4,000 to 5,000 workers, and the Reading company with approximately 1,000.

Salem Cherrians' Float Wins 4th in Rose Parade

Portland, Ore., June 10 (AP)—More than 200,000 persons jammed a five-mile line of march today to see half a hundred bands, floats and marching units in the Rose Festival's annual parade.

The sun was warm through a thin high overcast. Sidewalks and curbs were jammed. Nearly 30,000 persons crowded into Multnomah stadium where the parade formed.

Hours before the parade would reach them, thousands of persons perched themselves on folding chairs and apple boxes along the route.

Police Capt. Eugene Ferguson, from the head of the parade, radioed his estimate of "well over 200,000" spectators. It was a typical size for the 41-year-old June feature.

The spectacular Butte, Mont., high school band headed the parade after the marine corps color guard. Montana's Gov. John Bonner, honorary grand marshal, followed. Then came the festival queen and her court, seated on a 30-foot float fashioned of roses, daisies, peonies and white huckleberry.

Fourteen more bands were sprinkled through the line of march. The parade took nearly two hours to pass a given point.

Sweepstakes award for commercial floats went to Portland's Hollywood District Booster club—35-foot violin in white and blue, with non-commercial sweepstakes going to the Portland Kiwanis club for a huge pink and white rose.

Vancouver, Wash., fire department captured first place for cities outside Oregon, with a 35-foot float depicting an old steam pumper playing streams of water on a burning structure.

Second went to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses entry, showing a yellow moon shining between palm trees. The Pasadena entry broke down just as it was leaving the stadium but it completed the route under tow.

For Oregon cities outside Portland, the awards were: First, Beaverton Junior Chamber of Commerce; second, Multnomah Boosters club; third, Oregon City Junior Chamber of Commerce; fourth, Salem Cherrians; fifth, The Dalles; sixth, Newberg Berrians; and seventh, Albany Timber Carnival.

C. F. Leon, Portland, won the grand sweepstakes trophy in the rose contest yesterday. Portlanders won most of the other top prizes.

Mrs. Charles M. Andreassen, Eugene; and the Dr. R. F. Hunter trophy for the best display of 12 roses, mixed varieties. P. W. Miller, Corvallis, won a special gold merit ribbon for a rose entered in the grand sweepstakes.

The Floyd C. Lynch Memorial trophy for the best individual rose in novice exhibits went to Clifford L. Smith, Corvallis, the Portland Rose Society gold medal certificate for the best bloom semi-double rose went to John Criswell, Oregon City.

WEATHER

Released by United States Weather Bureau
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Clear tonight and Saturday except for morning cloudiness. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 53 degrees; highest Saturday, 63. Conditions will be favorable for farm work Saturday. Maximum yesterday 73. Minimum today 58. Mean temperature yesterday 68 which was 7 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today trace. Total precipitation for the month 33 of an inch which is 23 of an inch below normal. Willamette river height at Salem Friday morning 4 of a foot.

Truman Flies To Little Rock

Washington, June 10 (AP)—President Truman flies today to Little Rock to rejoin his old battery at another reunion of the 35th division of World War I.

The one-time captain of Battery D, 129th field artillery, will mix with old cronies, look in on a ball tonight, and have 7 o'clock breakfast Saturday morning with his battery mates.

The president worked last night to complete an address to be delivered at 1:30 p. m. (Pacific daylight time) Saturday, highlighting the observance with the buddies with whom he served in France.

With Secretary of State Acheson working at Paris on the German problem and the senate soon to take up the North Atlantic pact, the prospects for peace are expected to have heavy emphasis in the talk.

Mr. Truman's take off in the "Independence," the White House DC-8, was timed at 12:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) for the three and a half hour flight to Arkansas. He will return to Washington immediately after Saturday's talk.

Making the trip with the president are Secretaries Charles G. Ross and Matthew J. Connelly; John R. Steelman, assistant to the president; Budget Director Frank Pace, an Arkansas, and the president's three aides, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan of the army, Rear Admiral Robert D. Dennison of the navy, and Brig. Gen. Robert B. Landry of the air force.

Test Waters Run Through Dorena Dam

Eugene, June 10 (AP)—Test waters were run through the mighty Dorena dam for the first time this week as engineers checked various controls.

The river was diverted from its course to allow water to pour through one of the five hydraulically operated gates. Only a few witnesses were on hand to observe the tests.

The fourteen million dollar structure is scheduled for completion about October of this year, although the contract provides for completion by July, 1950, according to the engineers. It will be a 4659-foot earth structure, rising 145 feet above the water.

Elects Baldwin To SOB Club

Washington, June 10 (AP)—In an angry scene, Senator Eastland (D-Miss) dismissed C. B. Baldwin, who was Henry Wallace's campaign manager, from the witness chair of the senate hearing today and called him an SOB in the full-words version.

Baldwin had refused to answer a question whether or not he is or has been a member of the communist party, and had accused Eastland of "fighting against Negro rights."

Baldwin, former administrator of the farm security administration, also had shouted that Eastland represented "the cotton council," an organization which Baldwin said is made up of "plantation owners."

Despite the epithets, neither moved toward physical violence. Baldwin is a man of medium height, round-faced, balding. Eastland is a sturdy-built man of about six feet. Both are in their 40s.

The hearings were by a senate judiciary subcommittee on bills that would require the registration of communist and communist-front organizations.

Baldwin appeared as secretary-treasurer of the progressive party.

Bus Strike Ends
Louisville, Ky., June 10 (AP)—Buses were running in Louisville today for the first time since midnight, May 31, when Transport Workers union members struck for more pay.

Hoffman Told By McKeller to Resign ECA Job

"The Sooner the Better" Shouts Senator As Hearing Reopens

Washington, June 10 (AP)—Senator McKeller (D., Tenn.) today shouted at ECA boss Paul Hoffman: "The sooner you resign, the better it will be for the United States."

The veteran chairman of the senate appropriations committee openly accused Hoffman of trying to bully the committee into not cutting European recovery funds.

Hoffman coldly denied he tried to put any "pressure" on the committee or that his talk of resignation was a "threat."

To Press for Cut

Hoffman had told reporters yesterday he would resign if he reached the point where he no longer thought he could direct the recovery program successfully. And he said he did not think it could be done with less than the \$3,568,470,000 that ECA is asking for the first and one-half months of the next fiscal year.

McKeller brought up the subject early in today's hearing on the ECA appropriation, saying: "Other than giving away other people's money, I wonder what you are doing in Europe. I think it would be a very good thing if you did resign."

Some senators said they will press for a cut in the recovery funds even if it means Hoffman's resignation.

Defended by Ferguson

Hoffman tried to get in an answer several times but McKeller shouted him down.

Senator Ferguson (R. Mich.) broke in to say he did not consider Hoffman's remarks any threat and did not think the ECA chief had intended them as such.

"Don't you think," Ferguson said, "it is a good thing to have people in the government who are willing and able to resign if they don't think they can do a good job? Mr. Hoffman should be complimented. There are too many who stay when they know they can't do the job."

Missing Flier Returns Home

Seattle, June 10 (AP)—A flier who was listed as missing for five days on the Olympic peninsula was back home in Seattle today.

Alfred Blunt, a 30-year-old former Canadian paratrooper, was flown back from Portland late yesterday by the owner of the plane in which Blunt had vanished Saturday.

The plane was found yesterday at a Portland airport. Attendants said it had been parked there since last week-end.

Capt. Robert Masonheimer, air rescue commander at McCord air force base, estimated the wide scale search for Blunt had cost government agencies \$25,000 to \$30,000. He issued a statement yesterday criticizing the flier sharply for failure to advise authorities of his whereabouts.

Half a dozen agencies participated in the search.

Tom Taylor, chief of the King county sheriff's air patrol, said Blunt's wife had expressed confidence that the missing flier was alive. But he said Mrs. Blunt figured his survival would be because of his parachuting ability.

At McCord, the air rescue commander said Mrs. Blunt had appealed for a stepped-up search yesterday morning.

Police Probe Alleged Thefts Of 'Dickerin' Dick' Carter

By DOUGLAS THOMAS

The activities of Richard Roy Carter, better known as Dickerin' Dick, of the south 12th street used car business, were under continued investigation by state and Salem police Friday.

The investigation continued despite the fact that Carter entered a plea of guilty in district court to a charge of larceny involving the theft of an oil stove from the Associated Oil station in the Hollywood district of Salem. Bail was set at \$350.

A complete check of car titles and engine serial numbers on both of the used car lots operated by Carter was planned by police as well as sifting of the area for stolen parts and equipment.

A statement signed by the tall ex-Californian for Salem police admitted that he was present when a lawnmower was taken from a home in the Hollywood area. Police later identified the mower as belonging to Fred Kirkwood, 1090 North Summer, despite the fact that it had been repainted at Carter's lot.

Four wheels and two tires also awaited identification at police headquarters.

Further admission in Carter's statement included the theft of a section of garden hose from a

New Big 4 Meet Asked by Russia On Berlin Peace

Propose That All 4 Powers Withdraw Troops Within Year

Paris, June 10 (AP)—Russia called today for a new Big Four conference within three months to draft a German peace treaty, French sources said.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky placed before the foreign ministers' council a proposal that all four powers occupying Germany agree to withdraw all their troops one year after a German peace treaty is signed.

The proposal came in a meeting in which the ministers of Britain, France, Russia and the United States sought to salvage something from the clutter of disagreements in their talks on Germany's future. Yesterday Vishinsky had accepted a U.S. request that east-west trade and traffic talks in Berlin be ended by Monday.

Three Days' Recess

The ministers recessed for three days and will meet again Tuesday. French informants, reporting this, did not give the reason. In the three weeks of the conference up to now the ministers have met every day except Sunday. Informants said that when the conference is resumed the ministers will have reports of the Berlin negotiations before them.

The western powers previously had told Russia they were tired of jockeying in the foreign ministers' council and wanted to get results. If the Berlin talks do not produce an agreement by Monday the Big Four foreign ministers will step in.

Stymied by Strike

The current Berlin negotiations for an east-west trade and traffic agreement are being stymied by the western-blessed rail strike. The United States, Britain and France have told Russia that no accord is possible as long as the Berlin rail strike continues.

Unless the strikers return to work within the next 24 of 48 hours, the Berlin negotiators will have to report to the foreign ministers Monday that they have failed to agree.

Meanwhile the problem of concluding peace treaties with Germany and Austria is up in the air.

Western officials have said the ministers may propose the formation of a four-power commission to continue studying German peace treaty prospects if the Paris conference breaks up without any positive agreements.

To Lay Groundwork

The main function of such a commission would be to lay the groundwork for another foreign ministers conference at some future date.

The commission also might be assigned the task of tackling aspects of the Berlin situation which require quick four-power action.

It is believed that Russia and the west are not far apart on the issues holding up an Austrian independence treaty. But neither side is keen on concluding an Austrian treaty and withdrawing occupation troops while neighboring Germany is so unsettled.

Shipping Tieup May Be Averted

New York, June 10 (AP)—Federal mediators are hopeful of averting an east and gulf coast maritime strike when the contracts of three CIO unions expire next Wednesday.

Cyrus S. Ching, director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, said progress made so far indicates new agreements can be reached before the deadline.

Federal mediators have been meeting with the unions—the National Maritime union, the Marine Engineers Beneficial association and the American Radio association—since the negotiators reported last week that they are bogged down.

Ching said both sides had shown recognition of the serious consequences of a shipping tieup at Atlantic and Caribbean ports and of their responsibilities to the public and industry.

Issues in the dispute are union wage demands, manning scales, establishment of a 40-hour week, and continuance of union-operated hiring halls.

Representatives of the unions and 38 shipping firms are to meet again today.

Famed Cartoonist Dies

Chicago, June 10 (AP)—John T. McCutcheon, 79, famous cartoonist for the Chicago Tribune for 43 years and former war correspondent, died today at his home in suburban Lake Forest.