

Taft Criticizes Proposal to Rely on Congressional Action

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Senators sponsoring various plans for handling national emergency strikes blazed away at one another's proposals today.

With Senator Morse (R-Ore) ready to start the second chapter of a lengthy speech he began yesterday, it was uncertain when voting on the controversial issue would begin. It was supposed to begin yesterday.

Morse has been hammering alike at the injunction proposal of Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and the "seizure" proposal of Senators Douglas (D-Ill) and Aiken (R-Vt).

Danger of Filibuster In turn, Taft and Douglas, in separate interviews, criticized Morse's proposal to rely mainly on congress to act in each separate strike that imperilled the national health or safety.

Taft said the Morse plan might allow a filibuster to block any congressional voice in the matter. He said congress can't determine working conditions because it is a "political arena."

Douglas said congress might be unable to act with the speed required in a national emergency. Or, if congress did act, "it might act in passion," he said.

Long Speech Looms The senate expected to devote a couple of hours to miscellaneous small bills before getting back to Morse's address. He spoke three hours yesterday and said he had "given only the first part of my speech."

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the democratic leader, who had predicted that voting on national emergencies would begin yesterday, told reporters he didn't know whether it would be reached today.

He said he "hopes"—but is not sure—that the whole labor bill can be finished by the end of next week. Whatever bill the senate passes to replace the Taft-Hartley law will be sent to the house for consideration there.

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Camp Pioneer Ready July 10

Assurance that Camp Pioneer, official outing center for Boy Scouts of the Cascade area will be ready for operation by July 10 when the first group takes over was given by Gordon Gilmore, scout executive, upon his return from the scene.

Gilmore was one of a group of 38 adults and boys who spent a portion of last week at the camp cleaning up and salvaging the wreckage from the winter's snows that flattened several buildings. A similar group will return to camp late this week to complete the job.

The party succeeded in clearing away the debris of the main lodge found the floor in good shape. It will be covered with a large tent and used during the camping season. The kitchen has been repaired, the water mains leading from the reservoir placed in condition and other necessary tasks taken care of. Salvage operations have been highly satisfactory.

Shifting of the water tank used as a storage reservoir in its cradle constitutes something of a mystery. The tank shifted a mysteriously a foot, giving a bit of credence to the theory that the earthquake of last winter might have been partially responsible for the damage in the camp. The water lines were broken in numerous places. However, this damage has all been repaired.

New boats and canoes have been secured and a corps of water front instructors has just returned from an aquatic school with the latest in information concerning life saving technique.

Relief in Tax Plan Portland, June 21 (AP)—Portland businessmen won some relief yesterday from the city's new license fee program. The city council listened to the business appeals, then voted to consider as taxable sales only those which go to customers in Portland.

WEATHER

(Released by U. S. Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature with lowest temperature expected tonight, 50 degrees; highs, Wednesday, 80. Moderate winds will hinder dusting, otherwise conditions will be favorable for farm work Wednesday. Maximum yesterday 73. Minimum today 51. Mean temperature yesterday 62, which was 1 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month .77 of an inch, which is 17 of an inch below normal. Willamette river height at Salem Tuesday morning -1.1 feet.

Governors to Back Arms for Western Europe

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 21 (AP)—Told that Russia soon may be testing an atomic bomb, many of the nation's governors appeared ready today to back the administration's arms program for western Europe.

Although no official governor's conference action may be forthcoming, general reaction was favorable to an appeal by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith for support of a program of arms and fullweight economic aid for western democracies opposing communism.

It was Smith, former ambassador to Moscow, who told the governors assembled here for their 41st annual meeting that he thinks the Russians have solved the problem of atomic fission.

Say Russians Have Secret He told a banquet crowd of more than 400 persons in what was announced as an off-the-record session that the Russians soon may test a bomb.

But Smith emphasized he doesn't believe the Soviets have the know-how to make the delicate machinery needed for remote control handling of atomic materials necessary for production of any large number of bombs. He noted in this connection that the Russians can't even make matches yet.

As a "wild guess," he added that it might take the Soviets 10 years or more to produce the powerful type of bombs this country has stockpiled.

Dewey for Rearming Smith's call for backing of the administration's \$1,130,000,000 program to rearm Europe found support from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the 1948 GOP presidential nominee.

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, the states rights presidential nominee last year, told a reporter Smith ought to know what he is talking about, adding:

"I'm for anything that will preserve the peace."

Idaho's republican Gov. Charles A. Robins said that the United States having gone as far as it has in supporting western Europe, "might as well go the rest of the way."

On domestic issues, Dewey told reporters he is opposed to either state or national health insurance.

Senate Group OK's 75 Cent Minimum

Washington, June 21 (AP)—A senate labor subcommittee voted unanimously today for a minimum wage of 75 cents an hour. It decided against trying to extend coverage of the wage-hour law to 5,000,000 additional workers.

The seven-man subcommittee, headed by Senator Papper (D., Fla.), constitutes a majority of the 13-man senate labor committee. So presumably today's agreement means the full committee is certain to recommend wage-boosting legislation to the senate.

Bus Strike Negotiations Seattle, June 21 (AP)—A secret negotiating session has been arranged in an effort to settle the North Coast Greyhound lines strike, which has virtually paralyzed bus transportation throughout the state since Friday midnight.

800 Red Hatted Fire Fighters Go in to Oregon State Forests

Eight hundred red-hatted fire fighters moved into Oregon's state forests today as summer arrived with relative humidity only a little above the danger point.

Another 800 will be on duty in Oregon's 13 national forests with Forest Grove, where tools for an additional 700 fire-fighters are in readiness.

Schroeder said everything was set to meet fire in the state's worst danger-point—and he expressed concern that the crew might be called out in full strength.

The forests are dry. Today's fire weather forecast had this report: Northwest Oregon, warmer, humidity about 40 percent on the coast, 35 to 40 percent in the interior valleys and foothills and near 30 percent on the east slope of Mount Hood. Wednesday cloudy and cooler with scattered light showers and humidity about 50 percent; southwestern Oregon, warmer today with widely scattered thunderstorms in the Cascades this afternoon and tonight, humidity 40 percent on the coast and 30 to 40 percent inland.

Claims GE Saved \$40 Million at Hanford Plant

Washington, June 21 (AP)—A General Electric company official told lawmakers today that GE has made savings of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year in operations of the Hanford, Wash., plutonium plant.

The Hanford atomic operation, which GE took over on October 1, 1946, has been under critical scrutiny by the joint senate-house atomic committee. It is investigating charges of "incredible mismanagement" made against the atomic energy commission by Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa).

Harry Winne, GE vice president, listed these as accomplishments of his firm at Hanford:

1. A "material increase" in the output of production units.

2. A great reduction in the amount of raw material required to operate the plant. He said that he believes that at present production rates "this reduction alone will amount to an annual savings on the order of \$20,000,000."

3. A reduction by 20 per cent, with a goal of 50 per cent, in the volume of "liquid residue" which must be stored. He said this would result in a savings of more than \$1,000,000 annually.

4. A material reduction in the loss of plutonium in the waste solutions.

5. Other changes resulting from changes in methods, processes and organization, put into effect during 1948, which are estimated to amount to an annual saving of savings of approximately \$3,900,000.

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2 Carriers to Be Modernized

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Secretary of defense Louis Johnson, with President Truman's approval, today proposed the modernization of two aircraft carriers at a total cost of \$80,000,000.

Johnson made the announcement in departing from a prepared address to the 114 members of the graduating class of the National War college. President Truman presented the diplomas.

In his prepared speech, Johnson referred to the Soviet Union as "conspiratorial" and "despotic." He said it is because of Russia that the United States must maintain a strong military machine.

And this nation does have, he declared, "a readiness and defense potential superior to that of any previous period in our nation's peacetime history" despite "severely contested" agreements among the armed services that have hampered work of the national defense establishment.

Johnson said too much trust for defense should not be placed on mere possession of the atomic bomb.

In his impromptu remarks, Johnson described the modernization of the two carriers as an answer to those who assert that by the recent cancellation of the navy's supercarrier there was a conspiracy "either to sink the navy's air arm or to reduce the navy to a second class role."



Consistory Dissolved To Thwart Czech Reds

Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 21 (AP)—Archbishop Josef Beran has dissolved his consistory in an attempt to prevent Czechoslovakia's communist government from using the church office to influence Catholic priests, reliable church sources said today.

The archbishop also was said to have asked his bishops and priests to assume administrative autonomy and thus take over most of the functions formerly exercised by the consistory. It was through the consistory that Msgr. Beran normally issued his letters and orders.

Informants said a government official who had been stationed in the archbishop's palace since police occupied it a week ago said Msgr. Beran's stationery to send out an order demanding that his latest pastoral letter be withheld from the public.

The letter nevertheless, was read by a number of priests to their congregations. Some have been arrested as a result, it was understood.

Catholic church sources said at least two and probably more priests have been taken into custody. They said police also entered several churches early Sunday in an effort to confiscate the letter before it could be read.

The letter accused the government of trying to undermine Catholic ideology and to substitute Marxism for religion. It denounced the government-sponsored Catholic action movement as an attempt to split the church and warned that there could be no compromise on religious freedom.

The Vatican backed up Archbishop Beran yesterday by decreeing the automatic excommunication of all who organized, promote or join the movement.

One of the priests said to have been arrested was identified by Catholics as Father Tomas, rector of the Tachovice parish. The name of the second priest known to have been arrested could not be learned, informants said. They added that they believe others also had been taken into custody, but did not know how many.

Czech General Is Executed by Reds

Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 21 (AP)—Gen. Heliodor Pika, former deputy chief of the Czechoslovak army, was executed today at Pankrac prison, the Prague radio announced. He was sentenced Jan. 28 after a two-day secret trial on charges of divulging secrets to the British intelligence.

Communist President Klement Gottwald had rejected an appeal for clemency.

Bulldozer Downs Underpass Wires

Communication lines beneath the underpass on Portland road were pulled down by a bulldozer aboard a truck-trailer a police report disclosed Tuesday.

The report of the accident was made Monday afternoon. The driver of the truck, unaware of the mishap, continued until he was stopped by a Salem police car. He was identified as Virgil R. Dean, Portland.

The truck belonged to the Empire Construction company of Portland and was taking the bulldozer to Fairview home to aid in sewer construction work.

Probe Alleged Bribe For Getting Contract

Washington, June 21, Chairman Hoye (D., N. C.), of the senate investigating committee announced an inquiry today into the report of a \$1,000 fee paid for help in getting government contracts.

He said the investigation will be based on "articles in the New York Herald Tribune concerning a 'Washington five per center'."

He quoted the newspaper as reporting that Paul Grindle, a Massachusetts businessman, said he paid the \$1,000 to James V. Hunt, "management counselor." He identified Hunt as a former lieutenant colonel in the army quartermaster corps and later an employee of the war assets administration.

Whacked Passage of Housing Bill

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Administration leaders cracked the whip over house democrats today in a hard drive to pass President Truman's controversial housing bill.

In advance of a meeting of all 261 party members, they indicated they might try for a two-thirds vote to bind virtually all house democrats to support the measure. And one leader noted that under party rules a member is subject to "discipline" if he fails to follow such caucus instructions.

To Enforce Discipline Discipline in party affairs sometimes means a congressman's loss of the right to propose federal job-holders in his districts.

However, a member is not bound by a caucus action if he feels his vote would violate the constitution or his oath of office, or if it would be contrary to a commitment he made during his own campaign.

There has been a vigorous southern rebellion against the senate-passed housing bill, which the house starts debating tomorrow.

The measure calls for a vast program of slum clearance, low-rent public housing and farm housing aids. The cost is estimated all the way from \$10,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000.

Some private estimates say more than 60 southern democrats will oppose the bill. If republican leaders, arguing for economy, can hold most of their 171 party members in line against it, the vote will be close.

There were predictions that the battle will end in passage of a compromise bill providing somewhat less than Mr. Truman wants.

Meanwhile, backers and opponents tried hard to sell congress on their views.

The mayors of 46 large cities filed with House Speaker Rayburn (D., Tex.), a petition urging immediate passage of the bill. They said their cities, neither "alone nor with the aid of private enterprise, have yet been able to provide sufficient housing or clear our slums."

The lower house also rejected proposed three-cent and five-cent package cigarette taxes to finance a \$36,000,000 increase in state aid to public schools. The school bill itself, however, was sent out to reprint—an action that ordinarily indicates eventual passage.

At both ends of the corridor, the rush to get special appropriation bills out was underway. Warren's desecration of Earl Warren was appointed he will not permit the state to hold into the red if he can help it, holding that if more money is to be spent the legislature should say how it is to be raised.

Senator Jack B. Tenney (R.) Los Angeles announced meanwhile that he is out of the state Un-American activities picture after nine years as chairman, and two other years as a member of the committee.

He will not, he said, seek or accept membership on the committee if it is recreated to function in the future.

Sub Sighted Off Florida Coast

Miami, Fla., June 21 (AP)—The coast guard said today an unidentified submarine had been reported off the south Florida coast.

Then the coast guard said the hurricane-hunting squadron in Miami scouted an area roughly off Cocoa and Melbourne during the night without finding a trace of the craft.

When the coast guard said the case had been listed as "classified" and that no further information could be obtained here.

Comdr. O. D. Weed, said coast guard headquarters in Washington restricted the case on orders from the navy.

Comdr. R. C. Knowles, USN, skipper of the squadron, said the submarine first was sighted by the coast guardman from the beach near Miami. He said he could not reveal the man's name.

University Women Criticize College Education Courses

Seattle, June 21 (AP)—Delegates waded into the problems facing the educated woman in today's world as the 51st five-day biennial convention of the American Association of University Women reached the midway mark today.

A general session to advise "a program for our times" prefaced "special interest" discussions.

Dr. Mesta Glass of Charlottesville, Va., chairman of the AAUW fellowship funds committee, announced that a total of \$117,529—the largest in the association's history—has been raised during the past fiscal year for furthering advanced research by women.

The sum brings the fellowship fund to \$927,211. Dr. Glass reported the AAUW awarded 27 fellowships for advanced research by women scholars last year, and applications for the 31 fellowships offered for 1950-51 are now being received. Five will carry a stipend of \$2,000, one \$850 and the rest \$1,500.

Presiding at today's general session is Dr. Susan B. Riley, vice president of the southeast central region.

Special-interest meetings are scheduled on education, interna-

Jackson Opposes Referendum by People Of Northwest

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Rep. Jackson (D., Wash.), one of the authors of the bill to create a Columbia valley administration, said today he opposes holding elections to determine if the people of the seven northwest states want such an agency.

Jackson also told the house public works committee he opposed a proposal that the board administering the CVA consist of five or seven members instead of three and that the governors of the seven states be permitted to select them.

The committee is considering an administration-backed bill to create the new agency to develop the area's resources.

Repeating to questions by Rep. McDonough (D., Calif.), Jackson said the people elect their representatives to vote on legislative proposals without referring to referendum.

He also said he believes it would be unconstitutional for the governors to name the directors of the proposed agency.

On the other side of the capitol, Assistant Secretary Davidson of the interior department urged the senate public works committee to approve legislation to create the CVA. He explained it would provide centralized and more economical and efficient development of the Columbia basin.

Senator Cain (R., Wash.), presented two amendments he said were offered for "discussion purposes only." They would permit the CVA to take over all federal activities in the basin.

Under the CVA bill, the agency would take over only the operations of the army engineers and reclamation bureau in the Pacific northwest and the Bonneville power administration.

Jackson, under apparently hostile questioning by the house committee, yesterday stuck by his assertion that a CVA would bring about a more satisfactory development of the Columbia

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Seek to Speed Reorganization

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Congressional leaders today sought a way of approving President Truman's seven new plans to reorganize government agencies without keeping congress in session until August 20.

Under the reorganization law passed last week, the proposals Mr. Truman submitted yesterday normally would not become effective until they had been before congress 60 days without being rejected by either house.

The most important of the president's proposals would set up a department of welfare headed by a cabinet-rank official. The other plans involve the bureau of employment security, post office department, two national security agencies, civil service commission, maritime commission and public roads administration.

With little opposition to these reshuffling plans sighted, senate and house leaders—with the president's knowledge and the private approval of republican leaders—are aiming to avoid the waiting period.

Their assumption is that congress may be ready to adjourn before mid-August. If it does so without taking some unusual step to provide for the reorganization plans, they would have to be submitted again next year.

East Scorched By Long Drought

Summer arrived in America right on schedule today while the worst drought in 41 years scorched eastern states.

Forecasters had little encouragement for New York and New England farmers who have suffered a \$50,000,000 loss in burned-up crops. The prediction was for only a few thundershowers.

Scorching heat, with readings in the 90's, was forecast for a five-state New England area. There have been 43 deaths from heat or drowning in New England since the drought began, and the weather bureau warned of high humidity, but little rain. In 27 days, the Boston region has had only .19 inch of rain.

The rest of the country, for the most part, had typical summer weather. No extensive showers were forecast anywhere although some were expected in the Central Lakes region and in the upper Mississippi valley. There was no snow in all the land. About the coldest spot in the nation was Pembina, N.D., with 51 degrees.

More sticky, humid weather tortured New York City's millions.

Few Cherries Cracked By Recent Rain

Cherry cracking showing up in cherry deliveries is so infinitesimal from Sunday night's rain as to hardly be worth mentioning, reports Robert Shinn, manager of Willamette Cherry Growers, Inc., and what cracks there are will be far offset by improved and bigger cherries in his estimation.

He says deliveries have been very good since Sunday and the cherries are looking fine. A few growers have reported some cracked cherries but the percentage is low and no more damage is looked for barring further rain.

Shinn says this will be the peak week in deliveries the way it looks now and while they have been heavy nevertheless a large number of additional pickers are needed badly and this week if large quantities of the crop are to be saved.

Commission Handicapped by Lack of Working Space

By JAMES D. OLSON Plans to eliminate the three-year backlog of unaudited state income tax returns are being formulated by Ray Smith, tax commissioner in charge of the income tax division.

Tuesday Commissioner Smith held a conference with Harold M. Cook, chief auditor of the division and authorized employment of additional help in the auditing division.

"We are handicapped, however," the commissioner stated "by lack of working space. The old commission had the same problem and until the new office building is completed, freeing additional space in the old building for the tax commission, we do not expect to make too much progress in catching up with the auditing of the old returns."

Expansion Authorized The 1949 legislature authorized the employment of more than 100 auditors, accountants and stenographers for the income tax division. The recommended budget of \$1,595,755 for salaries for this division was upped to \$1,787,315.

Commissioner Smith stated that it was the aim of the commission to bring the auditing up to date as rapidly as possible, and through this method, recapture thousands of dollars of unpaid state income taxes.

As soon as office space is available all three divisions of the tax commission, income tax, assessment and taxation and utilities, will again be located in the old state office building.

Offices Scattered At present only the income tax division has offices in that building, the assessment and taxation division being housed in the forestry building near the state penitentiary and the utilities division at 375 N. Capitol street.

Commissioner Smith also announced that the Portland office of the income tax division hereafter will be closed on Saturday, as is the Salem office, and that the hours of the Portland office will change from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The change in hours, Smith said, was to give workers an additional half hour to transact business with the office. Longer hours will be maintained during the tax rush, however, Smith said.