

McKay Predicts No CVA Passage At This Session

Governor Says Too Much Opposition—Talks With Truman

There will be no CVA legislation passed by the present congress in the opinion of Governor Douglas McKay who returned to Salem after attending congressional hearings in Washington, D. C.

"It is obvious that there is so much opposition to the administration's CVA bill that there is no chance of its passage at the present session of congress," Gov. McKay said.

McKay, who testified against the CVA bill before both the house and senate committees said Monday that he would support a CVA bill if control of the area remained with the states.

"I am opposed to any legislation that places jurisdiction of the area in the hands of Washington bureaucrats," he said.

Together with Governors Arthur B. Langle of Washington, C. A. Robins of Idaho and Vail Pitman of Nevada, McKay called at the White House to call on President Truman.

"We told the president that we were opposed to his program for a regional authority," McKay reported.

"The president was very pleasant and said that he knew where we stood but he hoped he could convert us. We spent 20 minutes at the White House. I don't agree with the president's policies but I must agree he is one of the most likeable persons I have met."

McKay said that State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson had attempted to inject politics into the hearing but was stopped by Senator Chavez of New Mexico who was chairman of the senate committee.

"I contended that the CVA question was not political," McKay added "and on this Assistant Secretary C. Girard Davidson, who has been in the northwest advocating the administration bill, agrees." McKay said following the hearing.

The governor said that the administration was now ready to accept amendments to the CVA bill but added that he did not think that the amendments that

Nation Swelters In Humid Heat East of Rockies

Drought Broken in Maine—Few Thunderstorms Elsewhere

Most of the nation east of the Rocky mountains sweltered in humid stickiness today, and there was little relief in sight.

The U.S. weather bureau in Chicago said that except for a few spots, no rain had fallen over a hot, humid week-end and none was predicted before Tuesday. Even then light, scattered thundershowers won't give much relief, the bureau forecast.

West of the Rockies it was generally cooler. A line of thunderstorms was reported moving from Kansas up to Minnesota, although the showers were to dissipate by the time they reached Minneapolis.

A Few Rainy Spots

But there were a few rainy spots in the country. Northern Maine, which hadn't any rain for weeks, was bathed in a steady downpour over the week-end. That freshened wilting crops and decreased the hazard of forest fires in the area.

Most of the rest of New England was fair and hot. Burlington, Vt., got 22 of an inch of rain last night.

A deluge swamped Logansport, Ind., early yesterday. One of the heaviest downpours in the north central Indiana city's history flooded streets and basements, and winds snapped off numerous small trees. The storm lasted about four hours. The rest of Indiana and southern Illinois got scattered thundershowers, and St. Louis had some rain.

Record of Heat

Maximum temperatures which packed the beaches and swimming pools in the Midwest and east over the week-end included these:

New York 94, Washington and Philadelphia 96, Richmond, Va., 99, Miami and Pittsburgh 90, Cleveland 84, Detroit 93, Tyndall, S. D., 104, St. Louis 83, Des Moines 85, and Chicago 88. Las Vegas, Nev., had a typical 107-degree high for this time of year.

On the cooler side in the west were maximums of 62 at San Francisco, 68 at Los Angeles, 65 at Seattle, 67 for Havre, Mont., and 60 at Lewiston, Mont.

High temperatures in the southwest included Ft. Worth, Tex., with 90, while Presidio on the Rio Grande reported a seasonable 104.

McKay to Name Justice Tuesday

A new supreme court justice probably will be appointed tomorrow and he probably will be a resident of the Willamette valley outside of Portland.

Governor McKay said he hopes to make the appointment tomorrow, and sources close to the governor said they expect the new judge to be from the same general area as the late Justice Percy R. Kelly of Albany.

Justice Kelly died two weeks ago, but the governor has been unable to make the appointment because he returned to the state only last Saturday night. He had attended the national governor's conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., and congressional hearings in Washington, D.C., on the proposed Columbia valley authority.

If the governor promotes a circuit judge to the high court, he might appoint Judge Arlie G. Walker of McMinnville, or E. M. Page of Salem. Two other names prominently mentioned are Attorney General George Neuner and Assistant Attorney General Rex Kimmell.

The governor also will have to name a new insurance commissioner to succeed Seth B. Thompson, Portland, who said he would not accept reappointment when his term expires June 30.

Governor McKay's new private secretary, Lawson McCall, Portland radio commentator, will report for work next Friday, the governor said.

FDR, Jr., Favorite For Mayor of N. Y.

New York, June 27 (AP)—Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., who says he has no interest in running for mayor of New York, has won an overwhelming victory in a mayoralty preference straw poll conducted by the New York Daily News.

The newspaper said today that Roosevelt received 3,011 of the 7,500 votes cast, giving him 40.1 per cent of the total.

Roosevelt's nearest contender, Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore, a democrat, received 11.5 per cent of the total.

Forty-eight potential candidates, including write-ins, were named in the poll.

Strike Looms at Atomic Plant

Seattle, June 27 (AP)—A threatened strike of some 400 office workers at the atomic energy project at Richland may be averted tonight as members of Local 100, Office Employees International Union (AFL), vote on a proposed agreement.

Contract negotiations, conducted between three contractors and the union in Pasco, reached the proposed agreement Friday, according to federal labor conciliators Albin L. Peterson and Guy Lintner.

The union had set a strike deadline for tonight, Peterson said.

Firms involved are the Guy F. Atkinson & J. A. Jones construction company, the Neon Electric company and the Urban, Smythe & Warren company. All are subcontractors.

Meanwhile, Thomas P. Graham, regional director of the national labor relations board, said machinists of the Atkinson & Jones firm has voted to be represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers (AFL).

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Veterans Review Upper Willamette Steamboating — Top, left: The Claire chugged veterans from Portland to Champeog in four hours. She is one of four remaining sternwheelers now operating on the Columbia and its tributaries. Lower, left: Oldtimers on the Upper Willamette assemble in the Claire's pilot house. Iver Tomenson, Dayton, the Ramona in 1897; Harry White, Portland, the Altona in 1904; Fred Lefly, Duke's Slough, the Leona in 1900; Harry May, Portland, Capt. Clyde Raabe (foreground) who started on the Elmore in 1895 and handled the Grahama in 1918. He is now a Columbia river pilot. Top, right: Captain Edward Lyons, 83, Portland, who served on the N. S. Bentley, Three Sisters and William H. Hoag, elegant upper river sternwheelers of the 1890s. Lower, engine room men of bygone times: Paul C. Shaver, the Maria, C. E. Kern, the Resolute and Northwestern in 1932, Adrian Kemp, Salem, the Victoria in 1908 and G. A. Ross, the Elmore in 1900.

County Road Fund Into Red — Report by the county auditing department shows that the road fund as of the end of May is overdrawn \$64,983.36 with a month yet to go before the new budget becomes effective for the next fiscal year. The slack is taken up by the \$100,000 borrowed recently from the state highway department granted because of extraordinary expense caused by freeze damage to roads last winter.

But expenses were so heavy in May the overdraft leaves only about \$35,000 of the \$100,000 borrowed while it is estimated that the road expenses for June will be in the neighborhood of \$70,000 mainly because of heavy costs of the repair of oiled roads, work on which is now under way.

In addition it had been planned to use \$25,000 of the \$100,000 borrowed of the state to set up a fund from which advances would be drawn to pay for work done under a new law of the last legislature on improvements of public and dedicated roads, this money to be later repaid from assessments against property abutting on such roads. Court members seemed to feel that this financial tangle may be straightened out without difficulty.

The auditor's report showed that total appropriations for the year for roads and highways were \$558,000 and \$622,983.86 has been expended, causing the overdraft note. Broken down it is shown that only the appropriation for bridges and ferries has a balance which is \$23,187.34. Other funds are in the red, improvement of market road money being \$34,267.34 overdrawn, market road maintenance \$53,584.85, and road districts, \$318.81, or a net overdraft of \$64,983.66.

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Taking part in the coronation ceremonies with the queen will be her four princesses Dorothy Neufeld of Dallas, Grace Kirk of St. Paul, Jeannine Bentley of Lyons and Stayton and Katherine Specht of Jefferson, and Patricia's junior attendants, two younger sisters, Peggy, age four, and Maureen, who is five years old.

On the program that night for the entertainment of the royal court will be dance numbers by the Merlan school of dance; a dance review by the students of the Paul Armstrong school of dance; radio impressions by Lyle Lorentz, and numbers by the Cherrvette trio of Miller's department store.



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Love Swindler Held to Jury — Chicago, June 27 (AP)—The persuasive charms of Sigmund Engel, master "love" swindler, failed in felony court today and he was held to the grand jury under \$50,000 bond after a red-haired victim denounced him as cold-blooded.

Engel, 73, who has fleeced 50 or more gullible women out of an estimated \$2,000,000 in the last four decades, was arraigned before Judge Matthew D. Hartigan on a charge of having swindled Mrs. Reseda Corrihan, 39-year-old Chicago divorcee, of \$8,700.

Hartigan boosted Engel's bond from a previous \$10,000 when State's Attorney John S. Boyle handling the prosecution personally, denounced Engel as "an international swindler."

Hartigan continued until July 14 Engel's hearing on a New York fugitive warrant charging that he bilked Miss Pauline Langton of New York of \$50,000 in jewelry after marrying her.

Engel, who has charmed policemen, questioners and newspaperwomen since his arrest here Friday, sat quietly during the court proceedings and only glanced casually at Mr. Corrihan as she told how he had romanced her and promised to marry her. Usually dapper, his collar was wilted after a night on a hard police cell cot.

Most All Czech Catholic Offices Seized by Reds — Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 27 (AP)—Roman Catholic sources charged today communists have seized virtually all church administrative offices in Czechoslovakia and arrested priests who resisted.

The informants said reports from various parts of the country showed repressive measures against the church are increasing. Some priests reported police charged them with "inciting unrest" after they had read from the pulpit yesterday the Catholic hierarchy's accusations of deceit, fraud, kidnapping and robbery against the communist government.

The denunciation, in the form of a pastoral letter, was a virtual white book catalogue of alleged anti-church actions by the government, which it accused of aiming at the "extermination of the Church of Christ." The letter told Catholic communicants their "hour of trial" may be at hand.

Prague priests said they believed the pastoral letter, signed by Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague, Archbishop Josef Macho of Olomouc and the country's other Catholic bishops, had received wide circulation despite police attempts to prevent the

Railroad Strike At Berlin Ends On Allies' Orders

Non-Communist Workers to Return to Jobs on Tuesday

Berlin, June 27 (AP)—The allies announced today their four power talks on Germany will be revived tomorrow afternoon. The five-week-long rail strike which has imposed a virtual second blockade on Berlin is scheduled to end in the morning.

The new conference was called to carry out the will of the Big Four foreign ministers, who decided at Paris a week ago today that four-power talks should be begun to forge at least "a way of life" for Germany and Berlin, even though major disagreements on policy in the divided city and nation still exist.

Trade Situation

Informed sources said tomorrow's agenda probably would include the trade situation and transport conditions. Trade in Soviet-occupied eastern Germany is sagging. In western occupied zones, it is booming.

The executive board of the anti-communist railway union (UGO) bowed to the orders of the western allies yesterday and ordered members back to work on the Soviet-controlled railways at that time.

The British, American and French commanders in Berlin had warned that if the strike were not called off by Tuesday, the West Berlin city government would quit relief payments to the strikers.

No Longer Justified

They said the strike could no longer be justified because it was seriously damaging Berlin economically, was blocking the Paris four-power agreements to revive east-west trade, and was laying a big burden on the western powers in maintaining the airlift.

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The railway management will convert 60 percent of each employee's east mark salary into west marks; the west Berlin city government will exchange the other 40 percent.

Contract Bribe Denied by Hunt

Washington, June 27 (AP)—James V. Hunt, management counselor, has denied that he ever promised or received improper favors in doing business with the government.

Hunt, declared in a week-end statement: "Anyone who says I ever offered to get him government contracts through 'influence' is a liar."

He said he would welcome a congressional investigation of his dealings with Paul Grindle, Framingham, Mass., furniture manufacturer.

Reached at Briarcliff, N.Y. — Grindle replied, "I'd be delighted to have a congressional committee judge whether Col. Hunt or I am a liar. It is useless for me to make a direct reply to Col. Hunt's statement. He has already been branded by bigger people than I ever hope to be."

Grindle, in last Tuesday's New York Herald Tribune, was quoted as saying he had given Hunt \$1,000, to be followed by \$500 a month for one year, plus five per cent of the gross on any government contract received.

Grindle said Hunt had mentioned several government officials and had implied he had considerable influence.

Senator Hoey (D., N.C.) chairman of the senate investigations subcommittee, has ordered a preliminary study of government contracts to see if a full-scale investigation is needed.

Hoover's Advice on U. S. Aid to Schools — Washington, June 27 (AP)—Former President Hoover estimates that \$150,000,000—half the amount voted by the senate for annual federal aid to schools—can be saved by helping only the "real backward states."