



Wabash Flood Covers Highway—U. S. highway 50 dips far under the Wabash river floodwaters near the west end of the bridge opposite flood-besieged Vincennes, Ind. The breached Russell-Allison levee is shown dividing the waters. The classic columns of the George Rogers Clark Memorial are shown on the Vincennes waterfront (center, foreground). (AP Wirephoto)

Truman Forces Won Battle but Not the War on Fair Deal Bills

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—The Truman administration won the battle, but not the war—at least that was the battle: Whether the Truman program could be bottled up for the rest of this congressional session by the rules.

This committee of 12 members—with four Trumanites overwhelmed by 4 southern Democrats and 4 republicans—was all set to block the Truman program this year.

But yesterday the Trumanites won the battle when a majority of the house, including some republicans, voted against the committee.

This is the war: Whether congress, before it quits next summer, will shove through any, or much, or all of the Truman program.

The rules committee now can't block the program. And some parts of that program—for instance, part of the civil rights program—may get through the house.

But that's not the same as getting through congress because before any of it can become law the senate must also approve.

There are plenty of southern democrats in the senate, ready to block the civil rights program any way they can, particularly with filibusters.

So until the war is over, don't bet, particularly don't bet on the civil rights program getting through.

Still, winning the battle was important for the Trumanites. The rules committee used to have tremendous power.

It decided—since it was supposed to be a kind of traffic cop for the whole house—what bills it thought the whole house should vote on, what it shouldn't.

This meant the small group of committee members were able to bottle up any bill, any time—unless 218 of the 435 house members signed a petition to take it away from the committee. Getting such a petition with 218 names was never easy.

Last year the house stripped the committee of this power. Now the house can bring up any bill after the committee blocks it 21 days.

The southern democrats and republicans on the committee teamed up this week and asked the house to give them back their old power.

Everyone knew what this meant for the Truman program. Yet, when voting time came, 64 republicans joined 171 democrats and the one American-laborite in the house, Rep. Marcantonio (N.Y.), in slapping down the committee. Their total vote: 236.

In favor of giving the committee back its old stranglehold were 85 democrats, 98 republicans, a total of 183.

First item on the civil rights program in the house now is a bill to set up an FEPC—Fair Employment Practices Commission.

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Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—The plight of the battleship Missouri reportedly prompted a grinning offer from the commander of the Air Force yesterday to haul the big battlewagon out of the mud with B-36 bombers.

Senators who lunched with the chiefs of staff of the armed forces said a good-natured revival of the air power-versus-sea power dispute was set off by Gen. J. Lawton Collins of the army.

Collins suggested solemnly that perhaps the Air Force had dropped phony buoys into Chesapeake Bay to lure the Missouri onto a mudbank.

Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, denied it. Just to prove that there is "complete unification" among the armed forces he said, "I'm even willing to attach some B-36s to the Missouri and yank her out by air power."

The ribbing was directed at Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations. Senators reported that a sad grin was Sherman's only contribution to the discussion.

Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—Joe Darst, mayor of St. Louis, is a big little man in a big town.

Down there along the Mississippi river they don't pay much attention to protocol. Not like they do in Washington where you white-tie or sport-slack it by invitation.

Well, Joe was in our town these other day. He was big enough (St. Louis is in Missouri) to get into the White House to see H.S.T.

His assignment was simple. All he wanted was a few million for relief of a couple of the slum areas in St. Louis known as "Kerry Patch" and "Goat Hill." If you've ever prowled around St. Louis as I have, you know these sections could stand a little fixing up.

Anyhow, Joe Darst did his duty at the White House and then wandered over to the Statler hotel where he was to pitch a fine old St. Louis hoe-down for a lot of people. They included the three congressmen from St. Louis: Frank Karsten, John Sullivan and Raymond Karst—all good, deserving democrats.

The mayor read all about Washington protocol. He didn't want to make any mistakes. Carolyn Hagner Shaw in her little book had set down the rules, and he read them all. Sit the big shot first, the next big shot, and go on from there, the book said.

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Tracks Cleared After Wreck
Klamath Falls, Jan. 23 (AP)—Work crews and machinery toiling around the clock since late Saturday night had shoved and tugged 21 freight cars from the Southern Pacific right-of-way north of Klamath Falls and opened the line to traffic early this morning.

The northbound passenger, the Cascade, was eased through the derailment site shortly after 6 a. m. Salvage work on the shattered cars and the big locomotive, which cleared the tracks after it struck a boulder, is still going on and probably will take several days.

The roadbed was not extensively damaged by the costly derailment but several hundred feet of track had to be relaid.

Thawing weather was blamed for the fall of the rock. It plummeted from the high bluff known as Modoc point, smashed a section of highway paralleling the tracks at a high point and fell to the rails. The scene is 18 miles north of here.

Five passenger trains were stalled early yesterday behind the block. The railroad estimated 1,600 passengers later were shuttled by school buses around the wreck scene.

Engineer Ernest Smith, Portland, and head brakeman William Poole, Klamath Falls, escaped injury although still in the engine when it overturned at the edge of Upper Klamath lake.

The southbound Klamath passenger train and some freight trains were rerouted over the Siskiyou division via Eugene and Medford, Ore., and Weed, Calif.

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Mrs. Cotter said Miss Howard told her the state welfare commission auditors had found that Linn county need not divert its remaining general assistance funds to match state and federal funds, as was feared necessary to tide the social security program over the remaining five months of the fiscal year.

How the social security program is to be maintained Mrs. Cotter could not say but she expects further information later.

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Koh Leaving For Washington

Byung Choll Koh, student from Korea who has completed his work for a political science bachelor's degree at Willamette university, will leave in the near future for Washington, D. C., where he will enter George Washington university. He expects to earn his master's degree at that institution.

Koh, son of a republican party leader in southern Korea, plans to return to his native land after completing his educational program. During his stay at Willamette the young Korean has been assisted by a number of individuals and groups. He expressed his gratitude for their help.

Koh's wife, Ruby, whom he married after coming to Salem, currently a receptionist at Fairview home, will remain here for the time being but will join her husband in Washington eventually. She was born of Korean parents now living in the Gresham district and has never been in Korea.

Due to exchange difficulties Koh's parents can send him no money to further his education.

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