

SENATE BILL 57

Salem Letters Ask Congress To Act Favorably on Matter

At least 100 letters from Salem urging congress to pass Senate Bill 57, sponsored by the Atlantic Union committee, probably will be on their way to Washington shortly.

A letter signed by Lawrence Osterman, chairman of the congressional action committee of the Salem unit of the Atlantic Union committee, asks that the letters be sent to members of the senate subcommittee considering the bill and to the six members of the Oregon delegation in congress.

Senate Bill 57 is in the hands of a subcommittee of the senate foreign relations committee, and similar bills are in committee in the lower house.

The proposed measures would request the president to invite the democracies that sponsor the North Atlantic Treaty to name delegates to a federal convention for the purpose of exploring possibilities of federal union.

Members of the Salem unit are requested not only to write letters themselves but to persuade others to do so.

The Osterman letter calls attention to a forum meeting at the First Congregational church Sunday night, March 12, arranged by the Congregational young adult group. The meeting will hear a discussion between Justice James T. Brand of the state supreme court, state chairman for the Atlantic Union committee, and Orva Etter far west secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Members of the senate subcommittee to whom Salem people are asked to write in behalf of Senate Bill 57 are: Senators

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(Editor's Note: Some 4,000 American veterans of World War II have settled down in Australia. Twenty thousand more are said to be eager to try their luck there. In the following dispatch the United Press general manager for Canada, who is on a tour of Australia, tells how the Americans are getting along down under.)

By PHIL CURRAN

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 10 (U.P.)—Ex-G.I.s are doing all right "down under" in Australia, but they have had to shift mental gears.

Of more than 2,000,000 American troops who surged through Australia during World War II, an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 have returned to make their homes here.

President OKs Probe of Trusts

Washington, Feb. 10 (U.P.)—President Truman today approved congressional investigation of alleged monopolistic practices by certain firms in the steel, newspaper, chemicals, soap, airline, and theater industries.

Chairman Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.), of the house judiciary committee said after a White House call that Mr. Truman had endorsed the inquiry. Celler said a judiciary subcommittee will investigate.

U. S. Steel corp.

The newspaper industry, which Celler said is monopolized by Canadian firms "with the connivance" of U. S. paper companies.

The E. I. DuPont De Nemours Co.

The soap industry with special attention to Lever Bros., and its parent corporation, Unilever.

Pan American Airways.

Alleged control of the whiskey-barrel manufacturing industry by distillers.

The Shubert theatrical holdings.

Celler would not discuss the subcommittee's investigation plans. But from previous announcements, he has indicated the committee will open its inquiry with inquiries into U. S. Steel in March.

2 Railroad Unions Authorize Strikes

Chicago, Feb. 10 (U.P.)—Members of two operating railway unions have voted to strike for a 40-hour week, the unions announced today.

A spokesman, however, said that does not mean a strike is imminent. He said that under procedures of the National Railway Mediation act a strike could not possibly occur before late spring.

The two unions are the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors. Together they represent a total union membership of about 200,000 railroad workers.



Vote of Confidence — Republican William B. Widnall gives out with a big smile in Hackensack, N. J., as he hails his 2 to 1 election to the congressional seat vacated by J. Parnell Thomas as a vote of confidence in the GOP. The district is normally republican, but democrats hoped conviction and imprisonment of Thomas for salary kickbacks would channel some votes their way. (Acme Telephoto)

Railroad Man Hurt In Speeder Collision

Dallas, Ore., Feb. 10—Fred A. Brown, operator of a Southern Pacific speeder, was hospitalized Wednesday night after the collision of his speeder and an automobile at the Uglow avenue crossing. He received shock and bruises.

Joseph Cabral, a companion on the speeder, and C. V. O. McTaggart, driver of the automobile, were not injured. Both men live in Dallas. McTaggart is purchasing agent for the Willamette Valley Lumber company.

"Competition is easy because the Australian doesn't like to work as hard as we do," he said. "I think it's easier to make a good stake than it is in the states and to keep it because the taxation isn't so bad despite what you've heard."

Charlie Petersen of San Francisco, who is studying accounting and helping a bookmaker on the side, said he also was "doing all right."

Pollack said there are still 150,000 jobs open in Australia. "Any G.I. who wants can get work," he said. "But he'll have to change some of his stateside ideas, slow down the pace a bit, and get to thinking like Aussies if he wants to be happy."

"The war-time glamor and easy dough days are gone and the Yank is no longer a big-timer operator on his Australian income. But it's a comfortable life if you make the adjustment."



Lewis Faces Fact Finders—United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis (left), Union Secretary-Treasurer John Owens (center), and Welly K. Hopkins, UMW counsel, confer at the hearing table in Washington at they faced presidential fact finders seeking an analysis of the soft coal crisis. (AP Wirephoto)

Paul Miller, Hit by Coal Strike, Only Gets by After Bad Luck

By JAMES HOLTON

Lake Lynn, Pa., Feb. 10 (U.P.)—Just about everyone in this mining town is pitching in these days despite the coal strike to help the Paul Miller family—they've had the toughest luck of anybody.

To the Millers—Paul, Harriett and four surviving children—hunger is just another chapter in a tragedy that began two years ago.

Their neat, four-room frame home burned to the ground in 1948. With it went everything the Millers owned but the clothes on their backs.

Miller, a coal miner, started all over again. He bought an old house and tore it down. Then he partially rebuilt it—rather crudely, he admits—on the site of the old house.

Last August, four-year-old Bobby died of a ruptured appendix.

Two months later Mary Elizabeth, 10, was stricken with tetanus and spent 38 days in the hospital.

In the meantime, recurring coal strikes and "holidays" pared down Miller's usual \$80-a-week check.

Came 1950.

Miller, along with most miners in this area, worked just three days a week and stopped when the miners began their "no contract no work" strike.

There was no extra food in the Miller larder. Last year hadn't permitted any saving. The few dollars he earned vanished fast.

Couldn't he get some other kind of work?

In this shabby mine town, there aren't any steady jobs to be had and odd jobs are out because nobody has money to pay for them.

Miller applied for relief. He was turned down.

The state department of public assistance places a lien against property owned by a relief recipient. Miller owns his rebuilt shack, but he nothing in the way of a deed to prove it.

The Salvation Army provided several food slips.

"Without them we'd have starved, I guess," said 35-year-old Mrs. Miller.

The government provided the miners with surplus potatoes and the Millers got 100 pounds.

"That's all the food we have 'in the house,'" the chunky housewife declared. "I'm trying to save them, so I can only give the children three potatoes between them to take to school for lunch."

"I know this sounds terrible but I tell them that maybe the other children will share their lunches with them. And they do, too."

The other Miller children are Paul Jr., 12; Harry, 8, and Roger 9 months.

How do the Millers feel about their plight? Miller, speaking slowly, commented: "I can't say much except I want to go back to work aw-

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Reds to Lose Right to Teach

Washington, Feb. 10 (U.P.)—The office of education said today that communists have surrendered the right to teach "in a nation of free people."

There is no justification, therefore, said education commissioner Earl J. McGrath, for knowingly hiring teachers "whose commitments are contrary to the foundation principles of freedom itself."

In his annual report to the federal security administration, McGrath warned against the effort to keep communists out of the schools lead to thought control and limitations on academic freedom.

McGrath called for an investigation of the teaching profession to see why it attracts some people while repelling others.

He also proposed a vigorous educational campaign "focused directly on problems of international understanding" to help avoid another war "which would wipe out our civilization."

Additional federal aid to schools, is needed, he said, especially in the poorer states, to halt what he described as "deterioration in the quality of education."

McGrath said a shortage of teachers and school facilities has brought an "emergency crisis which will mean educational deprivation to many of our children."

Jean Wallace Faces Sentence

Los Angeles, Feb. 10 (U.P.)—The ex-wife of Franchot Tone faces sentencing Friday on a charge of drunken driving Christmas eve, the night officers say they found her in her car clad only in lace panties and a coat.

Actress Jean Wallace, 25, was convicted yesterday after a trial in which she contended policemen offered to drop the charge if she'd "be nice" to them.

No Oregon Potatoes Dumped or Sold for 1c

Portland, Feb. 9 (U.P.)—No Oregon potatoes have been dumped this year—and none are for sale at one cent a sack.

That's what the U.S. production and marketing administration reported today. The PMA added that 277,602 sacks of potatoes were sold to stockmen for feed or distributed to schools and institutions for lunch programs.

The dumping of potatoes has occurred in areas where the agencies have not been able to dispose of the surplus as feed or at one cent a sack, mostly in the Maine potato growing counties.

Waves Going to Hawaii

Washington, Feb. 10 (U.P.)—The navy announced today that 73 enlisted Waves are to leave San Francisco tomorrow for duty at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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