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HOUSE VOTES 212-194 TO ARM SHIPS NON-OPERATING RAIL UNIONS SPURN SETTLEMENT PROFFER

Five Years for Local Man



Eugene Hugh Smith (above), 29-year-old Medford service station operator, was sentenced to serve five years in prison in circuit court in Klamath Falls yesterday on his plea of guilty to a charge of failure to stop at the scene of an accident. Smith, shown as he left the Klamath county jail for his preliminary hearing in connection with the death of Marie Russell, 17, Klamath Falls high school girl, admitted through his attorney that he had picked Miss Russell up in his car October 25, the day she was found fatally injured alongside the Dalles-California highway. (Photo courtesy Klamath Herald)

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 13.—Kurusu is not carrying a peace plan in his portfolio, or in his hat. The proper authorities have been forewarned privately from Tokyo not to credit popular reports. The leading career man of the Japanese diplomacy was sent here, they say, to become a second ambassador for an indefinite period. They are merely to see what they can do.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ed Pease and cohorts putting on a three-act side show in the basement of the Pease cabin at Prospect.

Cappy Theron Bean keeping his office hot enough to incubate chickens.

Jacob Gorby proudly showing the script type with which his new typewriter is equipped.

JAPANESE TROOPS MASSING OFF INDO

Chungking, Nov. 13.—(P)—A Chinese army spokesman said today intelligence service reports told of large-scale Japanese troop movements at sea and indicated that great numbers of warships and troops transports were being massed off the coast of northern Indo-China.

The spokesman predicted that the next few weeks would disclose where Japan would strike next.

He said the Chinese army had received word that 130 to 140 Japanese warships were massed at Hainan, Hainan Island, across the Gulf of Tonkin from Indo-China.

COMMUNITY CHEST REPORTS WANTED

All those having Community Chest cash or pledges to report were asked today by C. E. Gates, director, to turn them in by Saturday.

Head office of the Community Chest is at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the returns may be made to Mr. Gates there.

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 13.—(P)—Aluminum Company of America officials announced here today that bids for grading and foundation work on Alcoa plants at Troutdale, Ore., and Spokane were being considered at Pittsburgh.

PRESIDENT MAKES DRAMATIC APPEAL IN ELEVENTH HOUR

Rayburn Reads Letter From Roosevelt Saying Failure Would Weaken Defense.

Washington, Nov. 13.—(P)—After eleventh hour intervention by President Roosevelt the house dramatically gave congressional approval today by a vote of 212 to 194 to legislation scrapping the neutrality act bans against arming American merchant ships and sending them into combat zones.

The momentous vote came after Speaker Rayburn, in a supreme effort to avert a major defeat for the administration's foreign policy, descended to the well of the house and read a letter from the chief executive stating that failure of the house to approve the neutrality act changes would "bolster aggressive steps and intentions in Germany" and weaken the positions of Britain, Russia and China.

Tension At Close
Tension prevailed in the closing hours of the day's debate as influential Republicans joined with the Democratic leadership in appeals for passage of the legislation.

In one of the appeals to which the house and crowded galleries listened most intently, Rep. Wadsworth (R., N. Y.) said he felt a "profound conviction that what's left on the statute books of the neutrality act is injurious to the safety of this nation."

Immediately after the voting, Rayburn signed the bill, clearing the way for its dispatch to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

FINLAND BELIEVES DOOR NOT CLOSED ON NEGOTIATIONS

Helsinki, Finland, Nov. 13.—(P)—Finland does not consider the door closed to further negotiations with the United States, a foreign office spokesman said tonight.

He said Finland's note of yesterday, in effect rejecting an American warning against continuing her fight against Russia, was meant to be only a cordial exposition of her reasons for warring on the Soviet Union.

Finland, he declared, in no wise wanted to set obstacles to possible future diplomatic overtures from Washington.

Washington, Nov. 13.—(P)—The Finnish minister called at the state department today, while word spread in diplomatic circles that the United States and Great Britain might renew their efforts to end Finnish-Russian hostilities.

The visit of the minister, Hjalmar J. Procopio, to Under-Secretary of State Welles followed closely on the delivery of the Finnish government's note rejecting a Soviet offer to negotiate peace with Finland, which was transmitted to the Finns by the United States.

Salem Alternative For Planes in Fog

Salem, Nov. 13.—(P)—United Air Lines, which will start service to Salem December 3, will use the Salem airport also as an alternate to the Columbia airport in Portland, J. Raymond Dyer, Chicago, attorney for the company, said here last night.

Dyer said passengers would be landed here when weather conditions forbid use of the Portland airport. Such passengers now are taken to Seattle.

FOURTH SHIP READY Portland, Ore., Nov. 13.—(P)—The fourth liberty fleet cargo ship to be launched by the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation—the Robert Gray—will go down the ways Sunday.

GRANGERS HEAR WICKARD OUTLINE THEIR WAR ROLE

Farmers Must Run Risk Of Overproduction Is Word Secretary of Agriculture.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 13.—(P)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard declared today that the "adequate defense of America means nothing less than the defeat of Hitler."

Therefore, he told the nation's farmers, they must run the risks of overproduction in the interests of national defense.

The cabinet member also served notice that the United States was ready to show its "force" in both oceans, if necessary, should the country's interests be menaced.

Material Main Worry
In an address prepared for the 75th anniversary meeting of the National Grange, Wickard said that Hitler "can be defeated only by a superior force of materials and men. The men are there today, in Russia, in China, in England. Our greatest need is to get materials to these men and get them there fast enough."

"If our production is 'too little and too late' it may be too late for us to hope for freedom in our generation."

The United States, he went on, desires peace "but not at the price of slavery."

Grange leaders, asserting that improved prices had not solved the farm problem, called for legislation which would offer farmers "something better and more respectable than government gratuities and subsidies."

Taber Warns
Louis J. Taber, master, told the convention that when the war ends "agriculture will face greater losses than those following the last war unless in the meantime we take steps to correct some of the basic causes affecting agricultural income."

"Today, prices of most farm commodities are approaching parity, but this is due to war conditions. This increase in farm prices must not give us a false sense of security," he said.

Taber suggested a "two-price" system under which farmers would be free to produce abundantly and sell to the domestic market at "parity-protected" prices and abroad at competitive world prices.

Fruit and Produce Plants Picketed to Aid Yakima Strike

Portland, Ore., Nov. 13.—(P)—Portland's food troubles spread to fruits and vegetables as well as meat today with the picketing of the Pacific Fruit & Produce Company.

Thirteen meat markets have been closed for nearly two weeks and 16 other large meat markets posted notices that they would close Friday night.

Seattle, Nov. 13.—(P)—The Pacific Fruit and Produce company plant was closed here today after pickets appeared before the plant and approximately 150 employees refused to go through the picket line. A company official said he understood the pickets were from Yakima, representing an AFL-Teamsters union affiliate on strike there against Yakima apple growers and packers.

Silverton, Ore., Nov. 13.—(P)—The Silverton board of education notified teachers of the system pay increases were impossible now because of "excessive warrants and loans" outstanding. Teachers, in request raises, said this was one of the few districts in the state where teacher salaries remained unchanged.

CAMP ARCHITECTS TO COMPLETE JOB COMING SATURDAY

Any Further Preparation For Local Cantonment To Be Done By Quartermaster.

The firm of Myron Hunt and H. C. Chambers-Blackie and Wood today was in receipt of official army orders to complete its architect-engineering work on the proposed Medford cantonment Saturday. Additional time was provided for the final accounting work, this task being expected to take a couple of weeks.

It is expected that after Saturday any further engineering work necessitated by changes in plans at Washington, D. C., will be done by the constructing quartermaster's office which is in charge of Capt. Theron W. Bean.

The constructing quartermaster's office now comprises 16 army officers and civilians and the staff will be augmented to 30 to 40, the size of the staff depending partly on what other changes in plans are received from Washington, Capt. Bean said.

55 On Staff

The architect-engineering staff now comprises 55 persons. Mr. Hunt, head of the Los Angeles architectural firm of Myron Hunt and H. C. Chambers, and Harold I. Wood of the San Francisco engineer firm of Blackie and Wood, arrived here last May 15 and received official notice on May 21 to proceed with the advance planning of the 35,000-troop cantonment proposed for the Beagle-Antelope area. Mr. Wood expects to remain here until the final accounting work is completed, the constructing quartermaster's office said. The contract contains a clause by which the government may exercise an option to use the services of the architect-engineering firm during construction after the planning work has been finally accepted. There has been no official indication, however, when if ever construction will be authorized.

The plans of the proposed cantonment will be kept at all times in readiness for bidding so that a call for bids can be issued on short notice, Capt. Bean emphasized.

Rail Plan Changed

As an example of the changes in plans ordered at Washington, Capt. Bean cited the railroad to the proposed camp. Instead of rehabilitating the Medford Corporation railroad as originally contemplated, Washington headquarters ordered construction of a government-owned access railroad from the Southern Pacific tracks to the cantonment. This change is part of the work that now will be taken over by the constructing quartermaster.

Another major change involved the warehouses at the proposed camp. In the original plans there were two rows of separate warehouse buildings along the railroad. Under revised plans the buildings will be grouped in units under a common roof and with common side walls but with fire walls at intervals to comply with good insurance practice, Capt. Bean explained. The change, he added, accomplishes better consolidation of loading and construction economy. The architect-engineer staff has made a sketch of the recommended warehouse layout and this will be developed by the constructing quartermaster's office.

TURKEY PRICES

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—(P)—Net prices paid producers for live poultry delivered San Francisco: turkeys, young toms, under 18 lbs., 24½-25; 18-20 lbs., 24½; over 20 lbs., 24½; young hens, 23-24.

BOTH SIDES GIRD FOR BIG SHOW IN MOSCOW SECTOR

Movement of Reserves Portends Climactic Battle—Germans Storm Kerch.

(By Associated Press)
Masses of German and Russian reserves were reported moving up to the central front today for a possible climactic battle for Moscow, while in the south, Adolf Hitler's Crimean armies were declared to be storming the fortifications of Kerch at the gateway to the Caucasus oil fields.

A Nazi spokesman said the German air force was already roaring over the narrow Kerch strait to carry the war into the great fields which produce much of Russia's oil.

Take Key Forts
German military dispatches said Nazi assault troops had captured several of Kerch's key fortifications and that the port was open to direct attack from the west and south.

On the Moscow front, Soviet reports said the Germans were intensifying their scouting operations, testing red army lines along the entire 200-mile defense arc, apparently as the prelude to a new grand offensive. Fresh Soviet troops were streaming up to the front to meet the expected assault.

On the north flank, in the Kalinin sector the Russians said they had driven the German invaders back toward the Volga river despite a hurricane of Nazi mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire.

Southwest of Kalinin, a red army group was said to have crossed the Volga in a successful raid on the German rear. The gravest threat on the long battlefield centered at Kerch, with the Germans apparently making final preparations to cross the Kerch strait and drive into the Caucasus.

GENERAL WHITE SERIOUSLY ILL

Portland, Ore., Nov. 13.—(P)—Maj.-Gen. George A. White, commander of the 41st division, was in serious condition from an intestinal ailment at his home near Clackamas, Ore., today, his physicians indicated.

Drs. William S. Knox and Homer P. Rush said the general had been denied visitors. Before returning to his home, he spent a week in a Portland hospital.

His illness dates from maneuvers at Camp Hunter Liggett, Calif., last summer. The general at present is on an extended leave of absence.

Week's Ration for Englishman Only One Meal for an American

Washington, Nov. 13.—(P)—Some 250,000 tons of American food are reaching England each month now, but even so Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said today an average American could consume an Englishman's weekly ration of fresh meat, bacon, ham, eggs and cheese at one meal "without feeling he's overeating."

Agriculture department officials said that English housewives can buy all the flour they need and that England was producing all the potatoes and most of the vegetables required, but they added it was this country's job to produce the meat, eggs, and dairy products required for shipment abroad under a \$1,000,000,000 fund earmarked for food under the second lend-lease fund.

While officials here discussed what they said were "mistaken" ideas in this country concerning British food supplies, Wickard told a national Grange session at Worcester, Mass., that in spite of American shipments the "British still are on very strict rations of most vital foods."

Department officials who have been in England in recent months listed these diet limits for an individual: cheese, three ounces a week; meat, seven ounces a week; bacon and ham, four ounces a week; eggs, two a month when available.

New Envoy?



Maxim Litvinov (above), former Russian foreign minister who sought an understanding with the allies before Russia signed an accord with Germany, was reported in Washington diplomatic circles to have been selected to succeed Constantine Oumansky as Soviet ambassador to the United States.

'CUPID' MATLACK FINDS 3 COUPLES EAGER TO MARRY

Three couples already have volunteered to be married publicly as a feature of the merchants' Christmas opening November 26, Jack Matlack, director of the opening celebration, stated today. A few other couples have notified him that they are considering the matter, he said.

With a number of couples ready to have a public wedding, a selection of one couple will have to be made and the method of choice will be announced later, Mr. Matlack said.

All who are willing to be married at the celebration must report to Mrs. Matlack at the Craterian theater not later than 3 p. m. tomorrow.

To the couple chosen will go an extensive array of gifts, including house furnishings and accessories, groceries, a month's rent, and a complete wedding wardrobe for both bride and groom, Mr. Matlack stated.

Salem, Nov. 13.—(P)—The state supreme court today sustained the validity of taxes levied by Clatsop county against the Gearhart Park company, the decision upholding Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters.

LAW GIVERS TALK COOL OFF PERIOD TO CURB STRIKES

Railroads, Telephones, Coal Mines, Plane Making Endangered By Turmoil.

New York, Nov. 13.—(P)—John J. Moran, president of the Federation of Long Lines Telephone Workers, announced tonight a strike of 15,000 workers, called for midnight Friday, had been postponed until Nov. 21.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—(P)—Fourteen unions of non-operating employees, representing 900,000 workers in the railroad industry, issued a joint statement today rejecting the recommendations of the president's emergency board for settlement of their wage dispute.

The statement did not contain a direct threat of a strike, although non-operating employees authorized their leaders last September 5 to call one, and the five big operating brotherhoods have ordered a walkout to begin Dec. 7.

By the Associated Press
With railroad transportation, long distance telephone communications, steel companies' soft coal mines and a large war aircraft company threatened with possible strike stoppages, high administration officials were reported today to be considering legislation requiring a "cooling off" period before workers could walk out of defense industries.

The proposition under study was said also to include bonuses to employees based on cost of living.

Administration Spurred
The labor situation also was pointed up by the declaration of some house members that they would not vote to send American ships into war zones unless the administration took firm steps to prevent work stoppages on defense projects. Speaker Rayburn predicted, however, that despite this threat the ship legislation would win house sanction.

Renewed was the strike at Bell Aircraft's two large warplane plants where Leo Lamotte, assistant aviation director of the CIO-United Automobile Workers, said a walkout would be called unless the company "begins to bargain."

The UAW, claiming 90 percent of the workers, seeks a 20-cent hourly blanket wage boost, a minimum of 75 cents hourly instead of 50, a union shop and dues checkoff. A strike was voted Oct. 19 but was delayed pending mediation before the defense mediation board.

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Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
Tonight, The War—5:45 MBS; 5:55 CBS; 6 NBC-Blue; 7 MBS; 7:45 CBS; 8:30 MBS; 9 NBC-CBS.

Talks—NBC-Blue 6:15 Town Meeting, "What Kind of Peace?" Dorothy Thompson, Norman Thomas, John A. Zellers; MBS 6:15 Paul V. McNutt on Welfare Day; NBC-Red 8:15 Rep. H. C. Dworshak on "Have We Forgotten?"

Friday, The War—8 MBS; 9 MBS; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS; 12:35 p. m., CBS; 1:45 CBS MBS; 1:55 NBC-Blue; 3 CBS MBS; 3:25 NBC-Red; 3:45 CBS NBC-Blue.

Short waves: DJD DZD Berlin 3 comment; GSD London 5:30 Britain Speaks; TGWA Guatemala 7 radio theater; RV68 Moscow 9 News.