

DEMobilization BILL RAPPED BY WEST VIRGINIAN

Murray-Kilgore Measure
Would Give Administrator
Unlimited Power, Is Claim

Washington, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Sen. Chapman Revercomb, R., W. Va., asserted in the senate today that the Murray-Kilgore demobilization bill would establish a virtual national service act over unemployed workers.

Revercomb led off the second day of senate demobilization debate on the issue of whether unemployment compensation should be left to the states or turned over to the federal government. The fight moved swiftly with prospects of a senate vote as early as tomorrow.

Too Much Power

Revercomb objected to the broad powers which the Murray-Kilgore bill would give to a so-called work administrator who would direct retraining and re-employment of veterans and civilians for two years after the war.

Sen. James E. Murray, D., Mont., said he was prepared to offer "clarifying and modifying amendments" to that section of the bill, but Revercomb insisted on challenging the measure as it stood before the senate at the time.

Revercomb and other senate Republicans, as well as conservative Democrats, favor a demobilization bill by Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga., which would leave unemployment compensation in state hands. He said the Murray-Kilgore bill would give the work administrator almost unlimited power to recruit, transport, and assign unemployed workers.

Premium On Idleness

The proposal to pay unemployment compensation up to \$35 a week, Revercomb said,



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Army Seizes Philadelphia Transit



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Carrying an American Flag, Capt. J. W. Cody walks through crowd of striking Philadelphia Transit Company's employees as he enters car barn to take possession of the strike-paralyzed transportation system for the Army.

would "place a premium on unemployment and be an inducement to people to avoid work." He said that under the bill it would be possible for a person who worked only three months and earned \$600 within the year to draw unemployment benefits up to \$1,820 a year for two years provided he could not find a "suitable" job.

Nylon Parachute Makes Dress For Bride of Airman

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—The nylon parachute which served Lt. Col. Robert D. McCarten as life saver, blanket, raincoat and tent during combat flying in the Burma-India theater will be worn tonight as a wedding dress by his bride, Miss Leona Burton.

"My bride is going to get married in this," McCarten told fellow officers when he reached headquarters safely after bombing out at 10,000 feet from his bailer over India jungles last year.

He brought the parachute back and turned it over to Miss Burton who commissioned her dressmaker to metamorphose the shapeless white folds into a suitable gown.

"I'm glad he wasn't equipped with a red 'chute like some flyers have," Miss Burton said today.

BIDDLE CONDEMNS TRUCKER STRIKE AS "OUTRAGEOUS"

Impeding War Effort to Keep
Negroes Down Draws
Wrath of Attorney General

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 9.—(U.P.) Attorney General Francis Biddle today condemned the "outrageous conduct" of the Philadelphia transportation strikers in choosing to obstruct the war effort "on a comparatively unimportant question involving eight negroes out of some 6,500 workers."

Biddle promised that the army would insure the upgrading of some Philadelphia Transportation company negro employees to trolley motormen, the issue of the strike, and declared his office would see that a "thorough, searching investigation" is conducted before the Philadelphia federal grand jury which began deliberation today.

Would Shed Light

"We are going to call every federal official, company official and city official, in addition to the strikers and their leaders, who can shed light on just what was done to prevent this strike before it started," Biddle said.

The attorney general suggested that the facilities of the department of justice in its endless war against monopoly and trusts could well be used in the coming struggle for continued development of western industry after the war.

Coast Problems Cited

"I think one of the great problems on the west coast is that you have the task of seizing the opportunity to develop western industry with the help of your vast water power resources."

"Against you in this battle you have aligned (1) certain eastern capital which wants to maintain the east's control on industry, (2) discriminatory freight rates, and (3) all cartel and monopoly agreements which tend to 'freeze' almost all industrial development in the east where it has been concentrated in the past."

CANNON REFUTE JAP CLAIMS OF HENGYANG FALL

Chungking, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—The Central News Agency reported today that Japanese heavy artillery pounded Chinese positions inside Hengyang yesterday, refuting enemy claims of having captured the city, although Chinese military authorities abandoned hope of holding the key junction on the Hankow-Canton railway.

One military source said radio communications with Hengyang had been cut since yesterday morning and described the situation there as "obscure."

Say Americans Taken

(A Tokyo broadcast, heard by United Press in San Francisco, claimed that several of 70 American liaison officers were captured at Hengyang, which the Japanese reported was conquered finally Monday.

(Tokyo said that with occupation of Hengyang, Japanese forces would start an immediate offensive against Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi province, 180 miles southwest of Hengyang.)

Central said the Hengyang commander, Fang Hsien-Chueh, who notified Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek two days ago that he would hold out until death, personally was leading his remaining troops in hand-to-hand fighting in the city's streets.

In what he said might be his last message, Fang reported that his troops had been killed "virtually to the last man," by the Japanese who broke into the city Monday morning.

The first musical instrument heard over the telephone was a cornet in a concert arranged by Bell.

HEALTH QUIZ

Do you have poor digestion? ☐ YES ☐ NO
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SEN. REYNOLDS DEFENDS AMERICA FIRST RECORD

Washington, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert R. Reynolds, D., N. C., today defended his "America First" record in congress and his American nationalist committee of independent voters in response to an inquiry by the California encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Reynolds released a 10-page

letter addressed to a VFW board of inquiry which meets at San Francisco tonight pursuant to a resolution adopted by the annual encampment in June.

4 STARS FOR STILWELL

Washington, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—The senate late yesterday confirmed the nomination of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. ("Vinegar Joe") Stilwell to be a temporary four-star general.

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1944 MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

WARNING

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—The story of the little moron painter who wanted to get a firmer grip on his brush before someone borrowed his ladder almost had a sequel here recently. When a Kansas City resident started to trim a few low-hanging branches from the trees in his yard, he placed his ladder against a large

limb. As he sawed off small branches attached to the ladder prop, the limb became lighter and ascended as each branch was cut off. Results neared disaster!

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