

Truman Asks Public Support For Legislative Program to Halt Strike, Inflation Trend

Washington, Jan. 4—(UP)—Elements of labor, management and Congress stood charged by President Truman today with hindering reconversion and exposing the nation to economic disasters.

His chief complaint was against Congress. His sharp words inevitably will invite a counter attack when the House and Senate end their vacation on Jan. 14. But he also objected to "misrepresentation" of his policies by some spokesmen of both labor and management.

APPEAL MADE TO PEOPLE FOR SUPPORT

In that vein the president appealed to the people for emergency support in a broadcast last night. His speech was touched with the fireside chat strategy of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. There was a phrase in the manner of Woodrow Wilson when Mr. Truman protested the powers often wielded against him on Capitol Hill by "a handful of men." Balked in Congress, he asked the people to join in a great pressure group movement to bring Congress—and all hands—back into line.

Members of Congress reacted to the president's words with mingled resentment and predictions of greater cooperation. Their comment was divided largely along party lines.

Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga., believed the president "will get heavy cooperation on all important issues." Rep. Frank E. Hook, D., Mich., said Mr. Truman's legislative program should be adopted but also called for more efficient operation by government departments.

There was an angry note in comment by republicans. Rep. Robert W. Kean, R., N. J., said the president's address indicated he was "misted and very bewildered." The speech, he said, "will have no effect on Congress whatsoever."

MORSE SEES "SAD CONFESSION" OF DEMO FAILURE

Sen. Wayne L. Morse, R., Ore., said the address was a "sad confession of the democratic majority in Congress under the president's leadership." He called for election of liberal republicans in this year's balloting.

In his speech, Mr. Truman said the dangers of inflation or deflation confront us but that Congress has done little—very little—to stave them off.

"Time is running out," he said, "and the danger of a collapse worse than that which hit this nation in 1920 after the victory of World War I."

"What the American people want," he said, "is action!" Labor-management strife is the greatest hazard now before us, Mr. Truman warned in appealing again for establishment of fact-finding machinery to settle disputes. He said that maintaining stable price and rent conditions was essential to our national safety. For 1946 he predicted a peak food output. Clothing production, he said, would reach a satisfactory level during the year. But he raised the danger signals over housing.

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He said Homma gave orders that American and Filipino prisoners of war, marched from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell. Hundreds of the prisoners died along the way from illness and starvation or as the result of brutal treatment by their Japanese guards.

Earlier Maj. Gen. Toshimitsu Takatsu, who was in charge of prisoners of war, testified that survivors of the march died at the rate of 300 daily after reaching Camp O'Donnell because of a lack of food and medicine.

Kitayama, who followed Takatsu to the stand, directly blamed Homma for the orders. Homma previously had disclaimed any responsibility for the death march.

London, Jan. 4—(UP)—The UNRRA today discharged Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, its chief of operations in Germany, for saying Wednesday that organized Jewry was plotting a mass migration from Europe to Palestine.

A swift series of announcements by the UNRRA revealed that Morgan had been given a "suggestion" that he resign. He refused. The suggestion was made a blunt demand, and his name was stricken from the list of UNRRA employees.

Soon after the regional office of UNRRA issued a formal announcement that Morgan had been asked to resign, an official told the United Press: "The incident is closed from UNRRA's standpoint. Morgan has been deprived of authority and pay, and is without a job in the UNRRA. No statement he can make will alter the situation."

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Washington, Jan. 4—(UP)—Democrats split today in their reaction to President Truman's speech assailing Congress for delaying his program of reconversion legislation.

Some democrats supported the president's program. Others declared that fundamental blame rested with the White House—particularly for not having taken sterner action to stop strikes.

Republicans almost unanimously declared the situation showed the bankruptcy of democratic national and congressional leadership.

The White House expressed pleasure over public reaction to the speech as reflected in telegrams to the president.

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They were appointed receivers by U. S. bankruptcy referee Benno Frank.

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Capital's Hello Girls Stage Sitdown Strike; New Walkouts May Idle 2 Million More



(Acme Telephoto) President Truman as he went on air from White House to seek support in his fight to overcome congressional indifference to his legislative program.

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FOUR IN FAMILY SUICIDE TOGETHER

Reading, Pa., Jan. 4—(UP)—A woman and her husband and two sisters were found dead today in the kitchen of their apartment in what Berks County Coroner Dr. George J. Stark said was a "quadruple suicide."

Ex-Convict Tries Insanity Defense

Santa Cruz, Jan. 4—(UP)—Thomas Henry McMonigle, 30-year-old ex-convict who today pleaded not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity to the kidnap-slaying of Thora Chamberlain, San Jose, Cal., bobby soxer, will be tried here on the murder charge on Jan. 30.

FIND SAILOR'S BODY DANGLING IN 'CHUTE

Seattle, Jan. 4—(UP)—The body of an unidentified sailor, still strapped in parachute harness, was discovered dangling from a tree near Cougar, Wash., last night, as service crews and civilian loggers spurred a renewed search for possible survivors of a navy Ventura bomber which crashed Nov. 29, coast-guard headquarters said today.

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WASHINGTON HAD PLAIN NOTICE OF JAPANESE PLANS

Knox Report on Pearl Harbor Investigation Read Into Congress Probe Record.

Washington, Jan. 4—(UP)—The late Secretary of Navy Frank Knox found in his Pearl Harbor investigation in 1941 that Washington had "plain intimation of some surprise move by Japan" before the attack on Hawaii, it was disclosed today.

The Knox report to the late President Roosevelt was read into the record of congress' Pearl Harbor investigation of Adm. Harold R. Stark, former chief of naval operations.

Services Unsuspecting

Knox reported that neither Adm. Husband E. Kimmel nor Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, navy and army commanders at Hawaii, expected the raid on Hawaii because of the supposed danger to any attacking Japanese carrier force from "the preponderance of American naval power at Pearl Harbor."

"Neither Short nor Kimmel had any knowledge of the plain intimation of some surprise move, made clear in Washington through the interception of Japanese messages," Knox reported.

The report showed that Knox based his statement of Washington knowledge, which Kimmel and Short did not have, on interception of messages instructing Japanese Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura to deliver the final Japanese note to then Secretary of State Cordell Hull at 1 p. m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941.

Humphrey Planning Dwelling Court at 536 Haven Street

P. G. Humphrey, recently discharged from the United States naval reserve after three years and five months of service, has returned to Medford to reside and is making plans for construction of a dwelling court.

Humphrey, who held the rank of lieutenant, states that the court will have three units and is to be erected at 536 Haven street as soon as materials are available.

Editorial Comment on Truman Plea

OREGON JOURNAL—If the president doesn't get the cooperation he asks, we will have the doubtful satisfaction of knowing who is responsible. If he does, there will rise a tide of prosperity that will sustain his popularity.

NEW YORK TIMES

The president's talk does nothing to answer the more fundamental questions of policy raised by the present labor crisis.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE

The message is unlikely to achieve the desired results because it does not face up to the critical issues.

PM

The heart of his radio talk was an appeal to "plain people" for help against congressional obstruction.

WASHINGTON EVENING STAR

Basically Mr. Truman's address last night was a confession of inability to control his own party in congress, especially with reference to the committees which he singled out by name for criticism and which have a majority of democrats.

FOREST SERVICE REPAIR SHOP TO BE MOVED HERE

Central Shop to Be Shifted From Grants Pass to Former Army Ordnance Depot

In the near future the National Forest Service central repair shop for this district will be moved from Grants Pass to Medford it was announced today, the shop to operate in the building on the South Pacific highway recently used by the army ordnance department. A crew will begin operations in the shop as soon as transfer of the equipment from the army to the forest service is formally completed, according to officials of the Rogue River National Forest service.

The building, owned by the service, was first used by the Civilian Conservation corps and was taken over by the army during the recent war. Use by the army terminated Dec. 1.

Two forest service employees, Clarence M. Jester, mechanic foreman, and James Seely, have moved from Grants Pass to Medford and are now working in the Rogue River Forest Service shop on McAndrews Road until the new shop is ready for use. It is expected the crew will average about four mechanics and a clerk, with men being shifted to shop work from other forest service work during winter months when major repairs on heavy machinery are made.

There are but four of the central shops in Oregon, officials state, and in addition to the forest service repair work, the crews also handle repairs for other federal agencies.

SOGE REGISTRY SHOWS INCREASE

Ashland, Jan. 4—Southern Oregon College of Education counted an enrollment of 107 students, an increase of more than 50 per cent over last fall, at end of a two-day registration period held earlier this week. Of the new registrants, 51 are men and 56 are women while several more are expected to register in the next few days.

Dr. R. E. Stevenson, president of the college, stated that all students have been taken care of as far as housing accommodations are concerned, but said much additional housing will be needed for the influx of students yet expected for the current quarter and in forthcoming periods.

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Mrs. Truman will introduce Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., son of the late president, Cornelia Otis Skinner and Elizabeth Taylor, 13-year-old actress, also will take part.

Masquerade Gives Boy Lowdown On What Girls Discuss

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 4—(UP)—A 17-year-old youth, who masqueraded three years as a woman without getting caught, burned his ladies' garments today and gave some first-hand advice on how "to find out about women."

Sitting in county jail here, Bob Williams, alias Yvonne White, who he left his home in Miami three years ago, dressed as a woman, because his soft voice and feminine features "embarrassed" him.

"If you want to find out about women, just dress like one and start talking with a lot of waitresses," he said. "They really let their hair down. I was amazed at first, but after a while I got tired of hearing about boys, love, money, and boys, so I'd just walk away."

MAC'S DIRECTIVE MAY BRING FALL OF JAP CABINET

Tokyo, Jan. 4—(UP)—Baron Kijuro Shidehara's government may be driven from office by two directives of Gen. Douglas MacArthur ordering a political purge of all men and organizations guilty of promoting Japanese aggression, informed Japanese sources said today.

At least three members of the Shidehara cabinet were members of political organizations abolished by the broadly worded MacArthur decrees. They were expected to quit the cabinet, forcing a major reorganization.

Hits at Rooths

MacArthur struck deep into the roots of Japanese aggression with his two decrees, which will bar the militaristic factions from seeking office in the coming elections for the diet.

The first decree abolished at least 27 political, ultra-nationalist, militarist and secret organizations. The second ordered the Japanese government to purge public offices and the government service of men who have been active exponents of militarism and aggression.

Officials listed for removal from office include high military personnel, influential members of the Black Dragon society and other terrorist organizations, and influential members of the wartime totalitarian organization known as the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society, the Political Association of Greater Japan, and their affiliates.

A headquarters spokesman said the directives were based on the Big Three Potsdam conference communique of last July. The Potsdam document said, "There must be eliminated for all time the authority and influence of those who have deceived and misled the people of Japan upon embarking on world conquest."

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NEGOTIATIONS IN EMPLOYER-LABOR DISPUTES BOGGED

Phone Operators Refuse to Answer Calls for Hour to Protest Work Allocation.

By United Press District of Columbia local and long distance telephone operators conducted a one-hour sit-down strike today against company supervisory tactics.

The operators remained at their switchboards but refused to answer calls.

The operators and the company said the sitdown was called because the operators felt their supervisors were doing certain work which operators should be doing.

The walkout had no connection, both sides said, with the walkout of 17,000 Western Electric Co. workers at plants in New York and New Jersey, although the local telephone union has been asked to authorize a sympathy strike with Western Electric.

2,000,000 May Strike

Strikes and shutdowns idled 376,000 American workers today and 2,000,000 more were threatening to walk out within two weeks.

Management-labor negotiations were stalemated in most major disputes, and Congress of Industrial Organizations leaders met in Washington to map strategy in their fight for higher wages in the steel, auto and electrical manufacturing industries.

Two Alternatives

Beyond that there were only two alternatives, he said—to seize the plants under the president's wartime powers or to let the strikes run their course.

Meanwhile, top CIO leaders met with Union President Philip Murray to set up consolidated strategy in the CIO auto workers 45-day strike against General Motors and other strikes threatened by the union over demands for higher pay.

PRISONERS HERDED OVER CLIFF BY SS

Nuernberg, Jan. 4—(UP)—A Mauthausen concentration camp guard told the war crimes tribunal today that he saw eight prisoners hurl themselves over a 125-foot quarry cliff while SS men lashed them.

The SS guards called this "playing paratrooper," he said. The witness was Alois Hoellriegel, a 36-year-old Austrian barber. He said he watched from a guard tower in 1941 while two SS men herded the prisoners toward the cliff.

"They beat the prisoners, and I saw that they intended to throw them over the cliff," he said. "Because of the beatings the prisoners threw themselves off the cliff in desperation."

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