

Senate To Investigate Demobilization Controversy

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CALL ARMY HEAD FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT POLICIES

Hope to Stabilize Situation and Clean Up Trouble—Early Action Is Objective.

Washington, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—The Senate Military Affairs committee today appointed a subcommittee to conduct a public investigation of the demobilization controversy.

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., immediately summoned acting Secretary of War Kenneth C. Royall and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to appear at their earliest convenience.

Sens. Frank R. Briggs, D., Mo., and Chapman Revercomb, R., W. Va., were appointed to serve with Johnson on the subcommittee.

"Our hope is that we can stabilize the situation and clean up the controversy," Johnson said. "We want to do it as soon as we can. Congress must determine the military policy of this country."

By United Press

Enlisted men on two Pacific editions of the army newspaper Stars and Stripes complained today that they were being muzzled in their coverage of the world-wide soldier protest against demobilization policies.

A formal statement by the enlisted personnel of the Tokyo Stars and Stripes claimed that open pressure against them by officers had changed the paper into a "house organ for the War Department."

No Criticism Order

The Honolulu Stars and Stripes staff said they had received orders not to print letters or stories which criticized "anyone in authority."

Protest meetings were reported from all quarters of the globe. A proposal was made by demonstrators in Hawaii that American occupation forces be restricted to former enemy territory.

High officers of the European headquarters in Frankfurt called a meeting of G.I. spokesmen and newspaper men to record the grievances aired by a crowd of more than 5,000 troops which tried to storm Gen. Joseph T. McNarney's headquarters last night.

News Angled, Claim

The Tokyo Stars and Stripes statement claimed that the paper had been forced "to delete, distort and play down news to serve personal and professional interests of the army hierarchy, and in many instances officers in general."

Everywhere the protesting troops demanded quicker trips home, clarification of policy and explanation why American soldiers were being kept in friendly territories.

The soldiers said they wanted to get out of China, the Philippines, France and Hawaii. They demanded replacements in Japan and Germany so combat veterans could be demobilized.

New Agitation

Mass meetings continued in the Pacific and Europe. New agitation and protests were reported despite efforts by military and political leaders in Washington to reassure the men.

More than 1,500 soldiers at Fort Shafter, in the Hawaiian Islands, demanded that the army publish a definite schedule of demobilization and asked that occupation forces be limited to hostile territories.

The Hawaiian demonstrators adopted a resolution for relay to Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur stating, "we believe that far greater numbers of men are held overseas than are actually needed for accomplishment of duties as prescribed by the War Department."

INSURANCE MEASURE UP IN CALIFORNIA SENATE

Sacramento, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—A disability insurance measure to pay benefits to persons out of work because of illness or injury was to be introduced in the state senate today with the backing of Gov. Earl Warren.

Sen. John F. Shelley, D., San Francisco, who sponsored a similar bill last year, was to introduce the measure. It would pay up to \$20 a week for 23 weeks to ill or injured persons covered in the present unemployment insurance system.

JAPS BACK HOME

Tokyo, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—More than 30,000 Japanese nationals were repatriated to Japan in the first week of January and 16,201 other nationals were removed from Japan during the same period, allied headquarters announced today.

LAST DITCH EFFORT TO AVERT STRIKES

TWO MILLION MAY BE IDLE SOON IF OFFERS SPURNED

Phone Offices to Be Picketed Friday—Communication Tieup Would Hit 44 States

By United Press
Government labor officials made last ditch stands today to stave off a paralyzing nationwide telephone strike and to avert walkouts in other major industries.

Conciliators received a setback when Swift & Company rejected an undisclosed government price relief offer which federal labor officials hoped would prevent a nationwide strike in the meat packing industry.

A Swift statement said the offer was "inadequate and impractical." The terms were not disclosed but the Swift statement said the offer to increase prices on government purchases of meat and lard on a basis of January rates would afford only one and one-half cents an hour of the 25 cents per hour sought by a CIO packing industry union.

In New York a new union proposal was submitted to the Western Electric Company and William D. Barry, president of the New York local of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers (Ind.) union, indicated that acceptance might halt the strike.

The proposal was that the union, which had held out for a contract to be effective only until April, 1946, agreed to sign one to be in force until April, 1947. Length of the contract is one of the issues at stake.

2,000,000 May Idle
Almost 400,000 workers already were idle and various strike threats, if carried out, would add 2,000,000 others to the list.

Major developments in the labor situation shaped up as follows:

1. Striking installation workers said they would set up picket lines tomorrow around 775 telephone exchanges from coast to coast. Members of the National Federation of Telephone Workers union have pledged to respect the lines.

2. CIO and U. S. Steel Corp. officials were to resume negotiations today after the government reportedly agreed to price increases of \$4 to \$5 a ton to help the corporation meet union wage demands. About 700,000 steelworkers are slated to strike Monday.

3. An unannounced price relief offer was made to two of the big meat packers which government officials hope will prevent a strike of 335,000 AFL and CIO meat workers, scheduled for Wednesday.

4. Members of the General Motors fact-finding panel expected to submit their recommendations to President Truman today for settling a strike of 175,000 CIO auto workers.

Federal conciliators worked feverishly in last-minute attempts to end a strike of nearly 8,000 Western Electric Co. employees and stave off a communications tieup affecting all but four of the 48 states.

The strikers, members of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers, who install and maintain switchboards and other technical equipment, quit work yesterday in a wage dispute.

Western Electric acknowledged that the strike was "effectively complete" in 44 states and predicted a virtual communications paralysis if picket lines were set up around exchanges in key cities of the national telephone system.

The walkout followed by 24 hours a strike of Western Union employees that crippled telegraph communications in New York city and two adjacent New Jersey counties.

G. M. Fact Finders Recommend 191-2c Increase Per Hour

Washington, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—President Truman's fact-finding board in the General Motors dispute today recommended a wage increase of 19 1/2 cents an hour.

The president issued a statement summarizing five basic recommendations of the board.

Obviously mindful that the board's recommendations have no authority of law, Mr. Truman said he thought the report commended itself to "the good judgment of the American public."

The five recommendations of the board briefly consisted of the wage increase, reinstatement of the 1945 contract between the company and the union, resumption of collective bargaining, cancellation of the strike and speedy resumption of production.

INSANE DENTIST LATEST SUSPECT IN DEGNAN CASE

Chicago, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Police released three of the principal suspects in the kidnap-slaying of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan for lack of evidence today.

Those freed from custody were Hector Verburgh, 65, his wife, Mary, 64, and Desere Smet, 35.

Chicago, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Squads of police, working against a deadline of 4 p. m. (CST) to build a case against their chief suspects, searched for an insane dentist today in their quest for the kidnap-slayer of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan.

The man being sought was a former inmate of the Illinois State hospital for the insane, who once had worked as a handyman at a nursery school near Suzanne's home. He was dismissed from the job because of his strange behavior.

Search For Arms
Detectives drained catch-basins, cesspools, and sewers in the vicinity of the crime today in another effort to find the child's arms. Other portions of her body were found earlier in four cesspools.

Police picked up another man for questioning early today. He was Frank Holland, 46, a dishwasher, who police found in an alley near the Degnan home on the north side.

Investigators had until 4 p. m. to place charges against two janitors and the wife of one of the men. If not charged by that time they will be released by court order.

State's Attorney William J. Touhy said he did not have enough evidence "at this time" to seek an indictment of anyone for the crime—the most brutal murder in Chicago's history.

Jail Population In Sudden Spurt

County jail population has taken a sudden spurt since the first of the year, with 21 now incarcerated. This is an increase of about a dozen over December when the average was eight.

Present inmates are held on a variety of charges including vagrancy, threatening to commit a felony, juvenile delinquency, auto theft, larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses.

Since the jailbreak last Saturday, rules for visitors have been tightened. They are allowed only on visitors day and must talk through a meshed door, in the presence of an officer. The rule does not apply to lawyers and ministers of the gospel.

The salmon, a salt water fish always spawns in fresh water.

PHONE EXCHANGES IN OREGON TO BE PICKETED FRIDAY

Equipment Workers Hope Other Employees Will Respect Their Lines.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10—(U.P.)—The Oregon branch of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers announced today that picket lines would be established Friday morning around Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company plants throughout Oregon.

E. T. Healy, president of the United Telephone Employees of Oregon, said the test as to the effect of the strike on operations of the company would come then. He disclosed that his union, numbering 1,000 members in Portland, would respect the picket line.

However, in a statement to telephone employees, F. D. Tellwright, vice president and general manager of the company in Oregon, urged workers to go through the lines, stating "our company urgently requests all employees to do their full duties in meeting our responsibility to the public."

May Halt Service
Should long distance operations fall in line with the union program, Portland will be severed from most of the outside world by long distance telephone. A mass meeting to outline developments in the strike and steps to be taken by United Telephone employees in regard to picket lines is scheduled for tonight.

Branches other than Portland hampered by the strike are Grants Pass, Eugene, Dallas, Klamath Falls and The Dalles.

WAR II VETERANS SEEK NEW LEGION CHARTER IN CITY

Veterans of World War II are asked to attend a meeting at the USO auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock at which time plans will be formed and a charter drawn up for a new American Legion post in Medford.

The new post will be exclusively for World War II members and will conflict in no way with Post 15, the other Medford chapter, according to James J. Peters, who is handling arrangements for the meeting. Peters is acting in behalf of Attorney Hugh Collins, who is one of the men behind the original plans. Collins was called out of town yesterday.

Tonight's meeting will be devoted to completion of charter plans, election of officers and discussion of future plans. It will be followed by a social gathering. All World War II veterans are invited, Peters said.

Lumber Magnate Dies In Klamath

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Frank H. Ransom of Portland, leader in the Oregon lumber industry nearly half a century, died today in Klamath Falls after suffering a heart attack several days ago on a train.

Ransom, 75, recently resigned as president of the Eastern & Western Lumber company and became chairman of the board of directors.

LEW AYRES SIGNS

Hollywood, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Lew Ayres signed today to solve a movie murder mystery and said it was the part he had been looking for since his discharge from the army as a noncombatant conscientious objector.

Left at Hotel



(Above Telephone) Bellboy in a Chicago, Ill., hotel had a new task on his hands when Mrs. Dorothy Campbell of Palm Springs, Cal., left her 2 1/2-year-old daughter Pauline (above) with him and hopped off to Marinette, Wis., to visit her fiancé, a sailor.

BIKE LICENSES ON SALE FRIDAY BY CITY POLICE

Sale of 1946 bicycle licenses opens tomorrow Police Chief Clatous McCredie and Traffic Officer Clyde Fichtner announced today, the cost to be 25 cents as in the past. All persons owning bicycles that will be operated on streets, alleys or highways in the city of Medford must have licenses, it was stated, and they may be obtained at the police department in the city hall basement.

If bicycles are sold or transferred to another owner, the name and address of the person to whom the bicycle was transferred must be furnished the police and the registration card returned, Fichtner states. This should be done within five days and the new owner then applies for a registration card.

Rules Cited
Bicycles for rent must be licensed, the officers state.

Rules for riders were emphasized by Fichtner, who warned that not more than one person may ride a machine except in the case of tandem bicycles or those equipped for two or more riders, and that in no case may anyone else ride in front of the operator, the person using the handlebars. It is unlawful to ride without using at least one hand on the handlebars at all times, he said, and it is also unlawful to hold on to another vehicle while riding a bicycle.

Fichtner plans to call at each school in the near future to speak concerning bicycles and their use.

AFL CHIEF DENOUNCES KAISER-UAW DOCUMENT

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10—(U.P.)—The agreement between the CIO United Automobile Workers and the Kaiser-Frazier corporation under which a bonus will be paid employees was denounced today by J. T. Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, AFL.

Marr said the agreement was "a step backward toward the sweat shop which labor has combatted for more than a century."

Nazi Plan To Wipe Out All Poles Related At War Crimes Hearing

Nuernberg, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Hans Frank, Nazi governor of Poland, carried out a calculated policy designed to wipe out the whole Polish people, the war crimes tribunal was told today.

Lieut. Col. William H. Baldwin, Detroit, Mich., assistant prosecutor, presented the case against Frank. He read extracts from Frank's diary in which the Nazi declared "once we have won the war then for all I care mince meat can be made of the Poles and Ukrainians and all others who run around here."

An entry from Frank's diary in October, 1939, disclosed that Hitler and Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel it was decided that "it is not the task of the administration to make Poland a model province or to put it on a sound economic and financial basis."

"The standard of living is to remain low. We only want to draw labor forces from there. The accomplishment of this task will involve a hard racial struggle which will not permit legal restrictions. The government general will give to the Polish nation only bare living conditions and maintain a basis of military security."

In a pep talk to his staff in January, 1943, Frank said: "We are now in duty bound to hold together. We must remember we who are gathered here figure on Mr. Roosevelt's list of war criminals. I have the honor of being No. 1. We have, so to speak, become accomplices in the world historic sense."

BATTLING CHINESE FINALLY AGREE ON CEASE-FIRE ORDER

Immediate Establishment of Headquarters at Peiping To Carry Out Pacts.

Chungking, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—The long awaited cease-fire order in China's civil war was issued officially today shortly before Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek convened the political consultative council and outlined a program for political freedom and democracy.

The order to cease hostilities was announced by government representative Gen. Chang Chun and communist representative Gen. Chou En-Lai after a series of meetings with Gen. George C. Marshall, President Truman's special envoy to China. It had been approved by Chiang and Mao Tse-Tung, head of the communist party.

The order provided for immediate establishment of executive headquarters at Peiping to carry out the agreements for ending hostilities.

Announced By Chiang
Chiang announced the truce at the opening of the consultative council called to prepare for a national assembly and drafting of a constitutional government.

The generalissimo outlined a four-point program: "1. People's freedom—for all people to enjoy all the freedoms, all anti-freedom laws and regulations will be abolished or revised."

"2. All political parties shall be equal and may conduct open activities within the limit of the law."

"3. Self-government shall be promoted from the bottom up."

"4. All political prisoners, except criminals, shall be released."

Chiang promised immediate government action on the program and urged the delegates to work hard toward the goal of achieving national unity.

Ashland Radio Firm Selects Officers, FM Permit Awaited

Ashland, Jan. 10—G. M. Green was named president and general manager of the Siskiyou Broadcasting company at the first organization meeting Tuesday after receiving a charter from the state corporation commission. The corporation has made application for construction of an FM radio station in Ashland.

Harry Morris was named vice president, Elmer Biegel secretary, Mrs. Marian N. Green, treasurer, and William Briggs attorney. The five officers are directors of the corporation.

A consultant radio engineer has been employed but it is understood it may be several months before the necessary construction permit is procured and operation of the station effected.

INDIANAPOLIS, JAN. 10—(U.P.)—

W. F. O'Connor, Seattle, Wash., today headed the newly-organized Laymen's League of the Christian church. He was named chairman of the executive board.

Other board members include A. C. Hagsdale, Columbia, Mo., and C. D. Pantle, St. Louis.

FRENCH, YANKEES IN FREE-FOR-ALL

Paris, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—The French Press Agency reported today that 80 French and American soldiers battled with knives and fists at Marseille last night.

The French dispatch said the battle started when a group of American soldiers leaving a cafe attacked a civilian. The French soldiers defended the civilian, and a free-for-all developed.

Several Frenchmen were wounded by knives and daggers before police intervened, the dispatch said. It did not state whether any Americans were wounded.

FIND THE SUITS

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 10—(U.P.)—San Diego merchants told the government it would suit them fine to show servicemen preference in selling suits, if the government would find the suits. "We'd gladly set up a priority system for veterans if we had any clothing to supply, but all the suits are off our racks," a spokesman said in answers to an unofficial request that they set up a system giving ex-GIs' first crack at civilian clothes.

Attlee Calls On UNO To Dominate Foreign Policy Throughout Globe That Atomic Ruin May Be Averted

London, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee called upon the United Nations organization at its formal inaugural session today to become the "overriding factor in the foreign policy" of all the states of the world.

Hall Packed
Edouard Zuleta Angel of Colombia, temporary president of the convocation, formally called to order the first assembly meeting of the 51 nations which have pledged their collective effort to avert future wars. The Blue and Gold assembly hall was jam-packed with delegates, their advisers, the press and radio, and the public.

Attlee welcomed a decision to remit the atomic control problem to the UNO but warned the assembly that the atom bomb invention was fraught with danger.

"It is for the peoples of the world, through their representatives, to make their choice between life or death," he said.

28 MILLION FOR BONDS SPENT BY COUNTY CITIZENS

Jackson county citizens purchased approximately \$28,000,000 in war and victory bonds during World War II according to final figures released by the county war finance committee this week following close of the last drive early this month. This covered all issues during the years 1941 through 1945 according to N. H. Zacharisen, chairman of the war finance committee.

The county topped the "E" bond quota in closing days of the last bond drive. It was announced, final figures from the Oregon War Finance committee showing "E" sales at 118.7 per cent of the quota. Sales totaled \$623,420 for the "E" bonds. Total sales for the drive were 203.2 per cent of the quota and amounted to \$2,834,322.

The last, or Victory bond drive, was sponsored by the Medford and Ashland Elks' club, with George Frey serving as chairman for the Medford club and Herb Huston chairman for the Ashland group. Ernest L. Scott of Medford was publicity chairman, and serving with him were W. A. Gates, Walter Leverette, Herb Grey, Moore Hamilton and Art Adler.

Eugene Thorndike was chairman of the special names committee, assisted by A. S. Rosenbaum and O. H. Bengtson and T. E. Daniels was in charge of sales for rural areas and mills. Victor Milnes and Bill Meyst were in charge of the Victory Queen contest and Chaplain Carl S. Ohman conducted the drive for Camp White.

Assisting Huston of the Ashland Elks were Roland Parks and Joe Fader.

BUTTER SHORTAGE TO BE CRITICAL IF PRICE HELD DOWN

Pittsburgh, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—The next four months will see the nation faced by a critical shortage of butter if Price Administrator Chester Bowles persists in his opposition to a price increase, leaders of the butter and milk industry said today.

Speaking before the annual meeting of the National Dairy Council here, Charles W. Holman, secretary of the National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, told delegates "inequitable and frozen price relationships" virtually had forced butter off the market.

Russell Fifer, executive secretary of the American Butter Institute, recommended immediate action on a four-point program to avert continued shortage.

1. Immediate restoration of war food orders, lifted Sept. 1, limiting use of butter fat in cream and ice cream, preventing the sale of whipping cream and curtailing cheese production.

2. A raise in the ceiling price of butter that will restore it to its proper relationship with other dairy products. (The six cents per pound increase, suggested by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton D. Anderson is still too low, Fifer said.)

3. Suspension of ceilings on dairy products about May 15.

4. Immediate consideration of a price ceiling on cream, comparable to that on butter.

ASHLAND MAN IS HELD ON DISORDERLY CHARGE

Floyd S. Williams, 25, was expected to be arraigned in Justice court today to face a charge of disorderly conduct, the sheriff's office reported. Williams broke glassware and kicked in a lavatory door at the Zero Club on highway 99 at the north city limits last night, according to the report.

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