

CONGRESS EYES DEMOBILIZATION, STRIKE EPIDEMIC

Returning Solons To Tackle Top Issues—Truman Due For Test On Leadership

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Congress returned today from its holiday vacation to tackle the immediate problem of army demobilization and to face a possible showdown on the question of reconversion strikes.

Truman Test Due

The president will test President Truman's party leadership on the issue of his legislative recommendations. Mr. Truman went directly to the people for support during the congressional recess.

Top legislative issue is the President's request for a law to create fact-finding boards to halt strikes. Sen. James O. Eastland, D., Miss., said he would ask the senate to take up this question immediately.

Eastland said he would seek unanimous consent to bring the administration fact-finding bill to the floor at once. It is now in the senate labor committee, which has been holding hearings. It seemed doubtful however, that Eastland could get the senate to act at once.

Would Sue Unions

Sen. Harry Flood Byrd, D., Va., also planned to speak on labor problems at the opening session. He was expected to demand that unions be subject to civil suits and other restrictions that now affect only corporations.

The President wants congress to impose a 30-day pre-strike cooling off period on unions and to compel corporations to open their books to government wage-scale boards. He asked for action before the Christmas recess began Dec. 22, but congress ignored his plea.

However, neither Eastland nor Byrd made any attempt to do anything today, as the senate session lasted only 13 minutes. There were 49 senators present.

Baird Appointed County Jailer

A. F. (Tony) Sloger, county jailer, has submitted his resignation, effective Feb. 1, it was announced today by Sheriff Howard A. Gault.

Calvin H. Baird has been appointed to succeed Sloger, the sheriff reported. Baird has been a field representative of the State Liquor commission until recently, and resigned to accept the county jail post. He was employed for four years at the Federal prison on McNeill's Island and is an expert in fingerprint work and other phases of criminal identification. He was also sergeant of guards for the Boeing Aircraft corporation in Seattle and Tacoma for two years.

Sloger, appointed about a year ago, formerly resided in Ashland.

Leonard Lyons Given Year In Penitentiary

Leonard S. Lyons was sentenced to an indeterminate term of not to exceed one year in the state penitentiary on a plea of guilty to a district attorney's information charging threatening the commission of a felony. The information charges Lyons said, "I will kill you," to his wife, Emily Ann Lyons, during an argument. Lyons was sentenced by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna.

Side Glances

Mary Wilson declaring that for a woman who has absolutely nothing to do she is the busiest person in the city.

Raymond Proctor deciding that life was simply wonderful after catching a 15-pound steelhead, his first, on a combined honeymoon and fishing trip.

An honorary member of the Boxing commission making apologetic apologies for having to pass up the best feed he gets in a year.

TELEPHONE TIEUP CALLED OFF

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Negotiating in the threatened nation-wide communications tie-up at Washington, D. C., are (left to right, seated) James P. Lafferty, labor relations manager for Western Electric; Lewis R. Schwellenbach, secretary of labor, and Ernest Weaver, president of the Association of Communication Equipment Workers, and Joseph Beirne, president of the National Association of Telephone Workers (standing).

NURSE CONFESSES DISMEMBERMENT OF YOUNG WOMAN

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Sonya Leggett, 52, was charged today with the slaying of Miss Louise Mary De Chants, 20, whose dismembered body was found in a manure pile behind a summer cottage at Lonely Lake.

District Attorney John T. Doyle said Mrs. Leggett had confessed striking the pretty girl during an argument over an abortion which Mrs. Leggett was to have performed for the girl. When she realized Miss De Chants had died, she dismembered the body with a carving knife, Doyle said Mrs. Leggett confessed.

Doyle said Miss De Chants disappeared last Wednesday after going for a automobiles ride with a woman.

The girl's torso, with the head, part of the legs and both arms missing, was found in the rear of the Leggett cottage.

Austrian Nurse

Mrs. Leggett, trained in nursing in Vienna, Austria, served as a domestic nurse in several Saratoga Springs homes, Doyle said. He said that she had seven children by a previous marriage in Germany.

Doyle said Mrs. Leggett claimed that her present husband to whom she had been married for 19 years, had no knowledge of the slaying until authorities investigated.

The dismemberment took place behind a chicken coop in the yard of the Leggett home, Doyle said.

WRC Head Calls On Former War Nurse

Ashland, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Susan Clayton, only surviving Civil War nurse and a founder of the Women's Relief Corps, was visited Sunday by Mrs. Rebekah Pool, Portland, president of the Oregon department of the corps.

Mrs. Pool made the trip south especially to see Mrs. Clayton, who is now 94 years of age. The nurse is a patient at the Parkview Convalescent Home in Ashland.

Mrs. Pool was accompanied by Mrs. Freida Lawrence, Medford, president of the Medford Women's Relief corps.

8,000 Arriving

Los Angeles, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—More than 6,000 troops arrive at Los Angeles port of embarkation today aboard the aircraft carrier Tucker and the transports Aconage and Oxford. A total of 4,636 homeward bound servicemen arrived yesterday aboard the USS Barnwell, the Dona Nati and the Kittson.

Service Officer To Set Up Offices In Liberty Building

Jack Murray, recently named Jackson county service officer for the veterans administration, reported today he would open offices in the Liberty Building about February 1. Murray, a former Seabee, with war service in the South Pacific, resigned recently as deputy sheriff, effective tomorrow. His place has been filled by Charles Holbrook, an air corp veteran who saw service in the Pacific and Europe.

Murray said he would leave soon for Portland to attend a school of instruction for his new berth.

Sewers Offered Helpful Hints

Special clothing meetings will be held in Ashland and Medford, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Miss Lucy Lane, clothing specialist, Oregon State college, will demonstrate make-over for children on Tuesday, at the Washington school, Ashland, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Tailoring skills is the project set for auditorium at the court-house Medford, Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. Miss Lane has had many requests from Jackson county for special help in tailoring. In answer to these requests she is presenting this meeting which is open to the general public.

This meeting will offer special help to the experienced seamstress with the more advanced problems of tailoring coats and suits. Special emphasis will be placed on collars, sleeves and buttonholes.

There are approximately 191,800 railway bridges in the United States.

Tomorrow Is Income Tax Deadline For Several Million Americans

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Tomorrow, Jan. 15, is another income tax deadline for several million persons.

Those who must make their peace with the income tax collectors are for the most part professional men, farmers and other individuals whose incomes are in excess of \$5,000.

These number between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000. Income tax payers as a whole number 50,000,000. Most of them have until March 15 to square themselves away taxwise.

Thus, the following groups are subject to tax action by Jan. 15:

Those who filed declarations of estimated income for 1945 last spring and made quarterly payments. Their final quarterly payment is due Jan. 15.

Those who wish to re-estimate 1945 income to avoid pen-

ARGENTINA FACES 3-DAY STOPPAGE OF ALL BUSINESS

Government Order For Wage Increases Brings Lockout—Disorders Mean Death

Buenos Aires, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Business and industrial leaders shut down the commercial life of Argentina today in the face of a government warning that any political uprising connected with the lockout would be crushed.

The lockout began at midnight in protest against a government decree sponsored by Col. Juan D. Peron which ordered business firms to raise all wages 10 to 25 per cent and pay employees an annual bonus of one month's pay.

Almost total paralysis of Argentine business life is expected. Business leaders said they would maintain the lockout for three days, possibly longer.

Factories, department stores, groceries and bakeries were among the business institutions planning to remain closed. Movie houses were to be shut for the duration.

Brig. Gen. Felipe Urdapilleta, minister of interior, announced late Sunday evening that he had ordered the 15,000 federal police around Buenos Aires to suppress with gunfire any disturbances, no matter who instigated them.

The national lockout by the business interests was closely linked with the forthcoming presidential election on Feb. 24, when Peron will seek election to the presidency. By sponsoring the decree for pay increases, he seemed certain to gain a large share of the labor vote.

2 NEW SUSPECTS IN DEGNAN CASE

Chicago, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Two new suspects were seized by police today in their investigation of the six-year kidnaping and slaying of William Degnan.

They were William Tague, 25, Farmer City, Ill., and Frank Caruso, Chicago.

Tague was brought to Chicago by Deputy Sheriff William Barron, Clifton, Ill.

Barron told Chief of Detectives Walter Storms that Tague had been picked up in Farmer City after telling friends that he had to leave Chicago in a hurry because he feared he might be arrested for questioning in the Degnan case. Barron said that Tague tried to commit suicide by taking poison in jail at Farmer City Saturday night.

Congress Asked To Investigate Surpluses

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Rep. Jack Anderson, R., Calif., today introduced a bill to start a congressional investigation to find out if surplus government property is being disposed of "promptly, efficiently and economically."

Anderson said he was not satisfied with reports he had that of \$100,000,000 of surplus, only one and a half per cent had been disposed of.

"All these agencies appear to be freezing onto these things and not disposing of them," he said.

LESNEVICH ENTOURAGE VICTIMS IN ROBBERY

Portland, Ore., Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Two members of the Gus Lesnevich entourage were among several hotel guests here to lose cash in a series of early Sunday room burglaries, according to police reports today.

Isidore Diamond, New York, Lesnevich's financial manager, reported loss of \$370, and John Davis, the light heavyweight's manager, lost \$225. Both were here for the Lesnevich-Kahut fight Friday night.

Byrnes Urges UNO To Create Atomic Energy Commission

London, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes called on the United Nations today to create promptly an atomic energy commission and appealed to big nations to use their power as a "sacred trust" for the good of all.

London, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., told the UNO general assembly today that he would seek official action by all the United Nations to promote "world wide freedom for exchange of news and views."

Byrnes warned against swamping the new-born UNO with too many difficult problems and reminded the members of the UNO that the charter provides that they try to settle disputes peacefully before appealing to the UNO.

LUMBER INDUSTRY ASKS PRICE HIKES

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Stabilization Administrator John C. Collet is considering lumber price increases in answer to industry demands.

Collet told a loggers and lumber manufacturers industry advisory committee today that the price increases would be made to increase production of construction lumber.

Members of the advisory committee told OPA last week that production cannot be increased unless price changes are made for lumber and mill work.

They said the normal balance of sales prices in the industry was changed during the war to stimulate production of items required for war purposes. This price unbalance is now "operating to the detriment of production of housing items," they said.

Committee members said some manufacturers may be forced to go out of business because present costs are high and the sales price of lumber "is small."

TRUMAN PRUNES APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—President Truman today continued his economy campaign. He asked congress to repeal \$5,751,428,483 more in appropriations and \$420,070,000 in contract authorizations.

This would be in addition to \$50,345,409,169 in cancellations approved by congress at the end of the last session.

The 50 billion reduction, however, was vetoed by the president because of a rider that would have returned the United States employment service to the states within 100 days.

VFW TO TAKE IN LARGE CLASS ON JANUARY 15

A large class will be initiated at the meeting of Crater Lake Post No. 1833, Veterans of Foreign Wars, set for January 15 at 8 p. m., it was announced today.

Any overseas veteran wishing to join the class is asked to report at the armory at 7:30 p. m., bringing discharge papers, V. B. Robb, commander, stated that there will also be business of importance and he urges a large attendance.

The Ladies auxiliary will serve luncheon following the meeting.

FLIER SHOT

Remo, Nev., Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Dr. James Thom, Carson City physician, was shot in the neck Sunday by a 14-year-old boy as he was flying over Remo 1000 feet in the air, police reported today.

Thom, not seriously wounded, landed the plane without difficulty. Police took the boy into custody after he admitted having taken a ".22 shot" at the airplane with a "pot caliber rifle."

POSTPONE STRIKE THIRTY DAYS FOR FURTHER PARLEYS

Electrical Workers, Packing House Employees Still Threaten Industrial Scene

By United Press

Threat of new strikes overshadowed the ending of the nationwide telephone tieup today as the nation entered its most critical week of labor-management negotiations since the end of the war.

Picket lines around telephone exchanges dissolved, and the long distance telephone lines buzzed with calls which had been cut off for three days by a strike.

Other Strikes Pend

But scheduled strikes by 200,000 electrical workers and between 300,000 and 335,000 packinghouse workers and meat cutters still clouded the industrial scene.

The major week-end developments:

1. A nationwide strike of 250,000 telephone workers was ordered, then postponed for 30 days, and a walkout already in progress within the industry was called off.

2. CIO steelworkers put off for one week a strike of 800,000 members, giving rise to hopes that the parties might arrive at a formula for settling spreading wage disputes.

3. The United Electrical Workers (CIO) notified 124 local unions to go on strike as scheduled tomorrow in plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors.

4. Industry and union officials met with representatives of three federal agencies in zero-hour efforts to avert a strike of 335,000 packinghouse workers, slated for Wednesday.

5. Delegates for 175,000 striking auto workers backed down from an original 30-per cent wage demand and offered to end the 55-day General Motors strike for a 19½-cent hourly pay boost.

Cool-Off Agreed

In a swift-moving series of events, the National Federation of Telephone Workers last night issued a strike call to its members, then agreed to abide by the 30-day "cooling off" provisions of the Smith-Connally act and asked the Association of Communications Equipment Workers, an affiliate, to call off its strike and turn its dispute over to the parent union for settlement.

Telephone service over the country was drastically curtailed Friday when federal unionists refused to cross picket lines worked by striking installation workers.

Developments in the steel industry on the labor front, although locals in at least four cities left their jobs despite the week's grace granted by steelworkers president Philip Murray.

To Meet Wednesday

Murray agreed to the one-week postponement after meeting at the White House with Benjamin Fairless, president of the U. S. Steel Corp. They were scheduled to meet again Wednesday.

Reports circulated that the government might appeal for similar postponements in the electrical and meat packing strikes, in the hope that a steel settlement might provide a formula for other wage disputes.

Some 11,000 steelworkers jumped the gun at the Lackawanna, N. Y., plant of Bethlehem Steel, 4,400 walked off their jobs in Buffalo, N. Y., and Indianapolis, and more than 5,000 were scheduled to strike today in five plants in the Worcester, Mass., area. In each case, union leaders cited "other grievances" than the wage issue.

JayCeas To Elect Officers Tuesday

Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold an election of officers at their meeting at the Chamber of Commerce office on West Main street Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Bob Schenck, Paul Hershey and Chester Cole, in charge of the program, have promised special entertainment for the meeting, it was announced.

CONTRACT LET

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes today announced award of a \$89,132 construction contract for work on the Roza division of the Yakima Reclamation project, Wash. The contract was awarded to Goodfellow Brothers, Inc., of Wenatchee.