

LABOR COMMITTEE BALKS EFFORT TO OKEH FACT FINDING

Republicans In House Group Try Surprise Move to End Hearings on Truman Bill.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The house labor committee by a tie vote today rejected a surprise Republican motion to approve President Truman's labor bill without further hearings.

The bill would meet Mr. Truman's request for fact-finding boards with statutory authority and permit them to subpoena company records. It also would provide a cooling-off period of 30 days in labor disputes.

7 to 7 Tie
The committee vote on the motion for immediate approval was 7-7, with all Republicans present supporting the motion. It was offered by Rep. Gerald Landis, R., Ind., during committee hearings on an entirely different subject.

Landis said that controversial provisions of the bill—the subpoena authority and the cooling-off period—could be taken up later.

Democratic members charged that Landis motion was out of order, and was "hasty and ill-considered."

Republican House Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Mass., meanwhile put the labor problem at the top of the Republican list for quick congressional action.

DIXIE SENATOR FLAYS TRUMAN FEPC MEASURE

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The senate today voted to take up at once a bill to create a permanent fair employment practices commission. The vote was 49 to 17.

The motion was made by Sen. Dennis Chavez, D., N. M. Southern Democrats voted against bringing the controversial measure up for debate. They have threatened to filibuster against the bill.

President Truman, despite the southern opposition, has repeatedly urged passage of the bill.

Sen. Walter E. George, D., Ga., criticized Mr. Truman and the Democratic party for bringing up the FEPC bill at this time.

"I criticize the Democratic party," he shouted, "for bringing it up under the explicit condition that no controversial matters would be brought up at this time."

"My party can take whatever course it will but there are men on this side (Democratic) who are free men. They will not follow the party whip."

"I serve notice that if the president has nothing more important to submit to the American people in a time of industrial crisis than this bill, then I must say to him I shall follow the best course I know."

"If this is all that Harry Truman has to offer, then God help the Democratic party," yelled George.

He waved his arms and his locks of white hair flapped up and down.

Nightingale Club Destroyed By Fire

Fire about 6 a. m. today completely destroyed the Nightingale Club, located on the Crater Lake highway near the Big Y Market. One small compressor was all that was saved, according to G. H. Johnson and Sam Mete, owners. The club, under construction, was to have opened in about two weeks. Cause of the blaze was undetermined. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Sign of the times: Pearl and Ned Coverdale deciding to go into the real estate business after being offered sums up to \$2,000 above the price of a house which they didn't even own yet, the offers starting to come in while they were making their first inspection and continuing even while they got their John Henry on the dotted line.

CIO PICKETS BATTLE POLICE

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Kimmel Claims Simple Jap Device Wrecked U. S. Fleet in Pearl Harbor

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., today requested that former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill be asked to appear as a witness before the Pearl Harbor investigation committee.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Adm. Husband E. Kimmel said today the Japanese aerial torpedoes which caused the wreck in Pearl Harbor were a simple device which "the best brains of our navy department" had been unable to produce.

Seth W. Richardson, counsel for the Pearl Harbor committee, said the Japanese merely attached wooden fins to standard torpedoes to make them useful in the shallow water of Pearl Harbor.

U. S. Experts Failed

Navy witnesses have testified that it was the plane-launched torpedoes which caused the most damage to the fleet in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack.

Richardson asked Kimmel for his estimate of the Japanese success in developing such a weapon.

"It was a device which all the best brains of our navy department had been unable to arrive at," Kimmel said.

"When you see the solution it is simple. . . it was a device which the Japanese discovered and our own people had been unable to discover."

Kimmel denied Richardson's suggestion that he subordinated security to training after receipt of war warnings from Washington.

"I took the steps which I thought advisable and which I thought the situation demanded," Kimmel responded.

"It put you on a training basis rather than an alert," Richardson said.

Fleet On Alert
"No," Kimmel insisted. "The fleet was on the alert at that time."

Richardson showed Kimmel a navy dispatch dated April 1, 1941, in which the chief of naval operations warned that "past experience shows the axis powers often begin activities in a particular field on Saturdays and

Arrest of two 17-year-old Medford boys was made Monday night by city police and the boys are in the county jail awaiting hearings on car theft and burglary.

According to the officers, both have confessed stealing a car Jan. 11, driving it to Butte Falls, where they entered a pool hall, taking wine, cigarettes and other articles, including \$10 cash, and returning it to North Central avenue from where it was stolen.

Confession was also made to taking a second car Jan. 12, belonging to H. L. Nichols, 609 West Second street, and driving it around the country before returning it to place of theft, according to officers.

Police said the youths also admitted prowling cars about the city.

Betty Johnson, 15, Reported Missing

Reported to city police today as missing since noon yesterday was Betty J. Johnson, 15, daughter of A. H. Johnson, route 3, box 195. Police were told the girl was last seen at noon yesterday and was wearing a light green tweed suit, pink blouse and tan coat.

She is five feet three inches tall with brown hair and eyes.

WANT A LOCOMOTIVE?

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Here's the chance for you rail road fans to buy a locomotive but you may have to enlarge your living room a bit to accommodate it. The war assets corporation announced today that it has placed seven locomotives, complete with coal tenders, on sale at its Portland, Ore., office.

The state of Wyoming stands second in wool production in the United States.

EISENHOWER BANS DEMOBILIZATION DEMONSTRATIONS

Leader Says Time for Mass
Protests Now Past; Three
GIs Confined in Honolulu.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will explain the army's demobilization program to the nation at 6 p. m. PST tomorrow in a 15-minute broadcast over Columbia Broadcasting System.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower revealed today that he has ordered all army theater commanders to forbid further mass demobilization demonstrations by soldiers.

Eisenhower told a senate subcommittee on demobilization that this did not preclude individual complaints.

"But the time for mass demonstrations is past," he said.

"With publication of the army's demobilization policy, demonstration could serve no useful purpose."

Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U. S. commander in Europe, already has issued an order forbidding further mass demonstrations.

Three Confined
In Honolulu, three enlisted men were confined to quarters today pending investigation of activities in behalf of speedy demobilization since point score reductions were announced Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. R. C. Richardson, Jr., mid-Pacific army commander, told his officers that "further agitation" will not be tolerated.

Eisenhower's testimony before the senate subcommittee came as the committee chairman, Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., suggested raising the draft age limit and reducing physical qualifications in order to draft men to replace combat veterans.

(Eisenhower told congress that the war department has ordered that all enlisted men with 45 points or two and a half years' service either be discharged or aboard ship returning home by April 30. This will be reduced to 40 points or two years of service by June 30. He said it was impossible to release two-year men by March 20.)

NORMAN NUTTER INJURED BY CAR

Norman J. Nutter, eight, son of C. W. Nutter, 1114 Stevens street, was reported recovering at Osteopathic clinic today from skull fracture, abrasions and severe ligament strain sustained yesterday about 5 p. m. when he ran before an auto operated by John Olson, 906 Sunset avenue, according to a report from local police and the attending physician.

The boy ran into the street near 630 Crater Lake avenue and was struck by Olson's car, which was traveling south, police said.

Sacred Heart hospital attendants said today that Jimmie Dennis, 11, who was struck by an auto driven by Leland Breedlove at the intersection of 11th and Holly streets Jan. 5, is still unconscious and his condition remains unchanged.

Another Clue Fades In Kidnap Slaying

Chicago, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Another lead in the kidnap-slaying of Suzanne Degnan dissolved today after police released Desere Smet, 35-year-old janitor, re-arrested on the testimony of a young Chicago waitress.

Smet was released after Gloria Williams, also known as Patricia Johnson, 22, was unable to identify him as the man she claimed to have overheard in a Chicago tavern talking about a \$20,000 job.

The geographical center of the United States is in Kansas.

Packer Tieup Blocks Chicago Streets



Striking meat workers block traffic at entrance to Chicago stockyards as 35,000 workers there and 300,000 throughout the nation stop work despite urging of Government officials to postpone strike. The walkout, which threatens to shut off most of the nation's meat supply, is largest single work stoppage since pre-war days.

ARTICLES FILED BY BROADCASTING FIRM AT ASHLAND

Ashland, Jan. 17.—Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Rogue Valley Broadcasting Co., Inc., with M. S. Hamaker, H. H. Hill, R. E. Dodge, R. R. Peck and F. J. Van Dyke named as directors. The incorporation is unlimited with a capital stock of \$50,000.

General business of the radio station will be rental of wire facilities and "the sending of music, speech and pictures from one source to another."

A spokesman for the firm said construction of a broadcasting station would be started immediately if and when a permit from the Federal Communications commission is received.

It is the plan of the corporation to reach the entire Rogue River Valley.

The request is the second application for a broadcasting permit to be made here recently.

BELL'S PROPERTY SELLS AT PROFIT

Los Angeles, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—A 200 per cent profit was realized today on the sale of the Tip Top hotel in Azusa, Cal., part of the property from the bankrupt estate of Arthur L. (The Voice) Bell's Church of the Golden Rule.

The hotel for which Bell originally paid \$15,000 was sold by trustees to Hiram Eisenstein for \$45,000.

A bid of \$375,000 for the Continental Hotel in Los Angeles was rejected and the property will be offered for sale again.

Meat Strikes To Have Little Effect On Supply Locally

Valley housewives will probably find local supplies of beef, veal and lamb unaffected, at least for a time, by the present strike of meat handlers employed by the nation's four largest packing firms, but the already small supplies of fresh pork, ham, bacon, other cured meats and of margarine will probably become even more difficult to obtain. This was the opinion of local meat dealers polled this morning, but all reported that no exact information had been received by dealers here as to which plants on the coast might be affected and to what extent.

It was pointed out that valley meat retailers obtain a large share of their beef, veal and lamb from local sources, patronizing small packers and slaughter houses, but that supplies of cured and canned meats are obtained principally from one nationwide firm affected by the strike and that in all probability these supplies will be shortened even more than at present.

A large share of the valley butter supply is produced locally, it was said, but margarine is imported. It was said that this butter substitute has been very hard to obtain for many weeks. Dealers were generally of the opinion that the scope and length of the strike would be the determining factor and that if it is short-lived, little effect would be felt in this area.

1,500 STRIKERS ROUTED AT GATE OF LOS A. PLANT

Tear Gas and Clubs to Break Up Lines; Kansas City Packers Also Breached.

Violence broke out today in the nation's industrial crisis which has nearly a million workers and become a pressing problem for administration leaders and lawmakers in Washington.

The most serious outbreak on the picket lines came at Los Angeles where 100 police routed 1,500 CIO electrical workers from the gates of the U. S. Motors plant. The police used tear gas and clubs to break the line so that 50 office workers could enter the struck plant. A number of persons were injured in the fighting.

Packers Breached
There was violence also in the nationwide meat strike when police drove a flying wedge through packinghouse workers picket lines at Kansas City, Kan. About 50 members of an independent union passed through the CIO lines after police opened a gap.

Ten CIO pickets were arrested at the Chicago stockyards for violation of the state picketing law. Police charged the pickets prevented non-strikers from reaching their jobs inside the center of the nation's meat producing area.

At Washington, administration leaders hurriedly sought to settle the steel and meat wage disputes. The deadlocked steel negotiations came to a showdown at the White House. President Truman promised to submit his own proposal for settling the controversy over the CIO steelworkers demand for higher wages unless the disputants reached agreement today.

Meeting Slated
Representatives of AFL and CIO packinghouse workers, government officials, and officers of the big four meat packing companies were scheduled to meet late today in Washington to seek settlement of the meat strike which started yesterday.

In the overall strike situation—keeping more than 920,000 workers from their jobs—the major developments included:

1. President Truman told deadlocked principals in the steel industry that if they didn't arrive at a wage agreement today, he would submit his own settlement formula.

2. Representatives of the major meat packers and two striking unions met in Washington with Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach in an effort to end a nationwide walkout, idling nearly 300,000 workers.

3. There was no move toward a renewal of negotiations between CIO electrical workers and officials of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors, whose 78 plants were strikebound for the third consecutive day.

4. Contract negotiations were resumed between the Ford Motor Co. and the CIO auto workers, with a difference of only two cents blocking settlement of the crucial wage issue.

5. Officials of six independent unions, representing 68,000 Western Electric Co. employees, conferred on the possibility of another nationwide telephone tie-up.

Without a steel settlement, government officials held little hope of ending the coast-to-coast work stoppage against the major meat packing firms.

The meat strike, now in its second day, already had curtailed meat supplies.

Striking AFL meat union leaders yesterday announced they would call off their end of the walkout for an additional 15 cents an hour, but CIO officials stuck by a 17½-cent demand. Top industry offer was 10 cents from Swift & Co.

BUENOS AIRES 'CHANGE ROCKED BY EXPLOSION

Buenos Aires, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The Buenos Aires Stock Exchange was rocked early today by a bomb explosion which broke window panes over a 50-yard radius and slightly injured a policeman.

The explosion occurred at 1:45 a. m., less than two hours after the end of a three-day lockout by business and industry against a government decree raising wages and granting Christmas bonuses to workers.