



FLOOD DANGER AREA—Arrow spots Cairo, Ill., and indicates its dangerous position at the junction of the swollen Ohio (background) and Mississippi Rivers. More than 900 families have fled the "Swamp East" area of Missouri (foreground), where engineers plan blowing up the new Madrid-Birds Point levee to reduce pressure along more vital bulwarks of the Mississippi.

Broadening Of Social Security Coverage Called Gigantic Task

Washington, Jan. 23.—(U.P.)—Chairman Walter F. George of the senate finance committee, which is considering administration proposals to broaden social security coverage said today he is not "rushing" toward any conclusions.

"This is one of the biggest problems before the country today," the Georgia democrat said. "I don't want to be rushed on it."

He said the present system is "discriminatory" to some who are and are not covered by the social insurance system. He said "serious problems" remain to be worked out.

The finance committee began another week of hearings today on the house-approved bill to expand coverage and enlarge social security benefits to those already covered.

State public welfare commissioners were here to testify on the bill. In the main, they favor the bill. For one thing it cuts down the cost load to the individual states.

Dr. Ellen Winston of North Carolina, Broughton Lamberth of Alabama, and Bill Child of Idaho were those called today. Also on tap were Ben Huit, commissioner of labor for Georgia, and Miss Lulu Dunn, director of the American Public Welfare association.

Would Add 11 Million

The house-approved bill would add 11,000,000 persons to the 35,000,000 now covered by the social insurance program. The house bill would add, among others, about 4,500,000 self-employed city dwellers and 3,800,000 state and local government workers.

But Social Security Administrator Arthur J. Altmeyer last week asked that another 10,000,000 also be added. These would be mainly farmers, farm laborers and certain types of domestic workers.

Altmeyer also recommended that congress consider changing the basis for federal grants to the states for public assistance programs. A state's income and

ability to pay should be given some weight in making the grants, he said.

During the hearings last week, Sen. Eugene D. Millikin, (R., Colo.), demanded to know why employers were "junking" older workers. The question followed a statement by Altmeyer that employers were "reluctant" to hire old persons.

"What are you doing to encourage the employment of these people?" Millikin asked.

Altmeyer said it was not his job. But increased coverage by insurance benefits would help, however, by cutting down the risk to the employer, he said.

Reserves Set Aside

Millikin also questioned whether the social security trust fund is not a "temptation" for extravagant government spending. The trust fund amounts to reserves set aside for payments in future years.

"The trust fund may become a pawn for general treasury fiscal policies," Millikin said.

Altmeyer said the trust fund now totals more than \$11,000,000,000 of which \$2,228,000,000 is invested back into government issues.

"The congress and the president may be tempted by this easy-come, easy-go money," Millikin said.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens

RRA...

Couple winters after they got politics to going in Paul Bunyan's logging camp a bunch of the new breed of government men hove in on him one day and put up to him a plan they called the Rabbit Relief Administration—RRA, for short.

The spokesman was an ex-bull-cook called Double Jaw Murphy. "Mr. Bunyan," says Double Jaw, "the rabbits have run out of panthers. So it's up to you to join with us to put the rabbits on relief. We've got the plan, you've got the money. Simple, hey?"

Rabbits had always looked out for themselves. They were big, tough and bloodthirsty. Never bothered to eat loggers, for they liked panthers better.

Hunting panthers, a rabbit would wait in ambush, then noose the first one that came along, the rabbit using his powerful rope of a tail. Choking the panther down, the rabbit would kick the life out of him in no time. They had feet like iron and hind legs like spring steel. They thrived for generations on panther meat.

"Now they've run out of panther meat," said Double Jaw Murphy. "So there is nothing for it but the Rabbit Relief Administration."

Ruin Of The Rabbits

Paul Bunyan was having a big bother logging a stand of conky timber, so he told Double Jaw and the other government boys to go ahead, so long as they didn't worry him or tap him for too much of what it would take.

By spring Paul Bunyan found he'd been stuck for more money on RRA than he'd ever dreamed could happen. Besides, a pile of men had been taken out of the

woods to do the work of fencing the rabbits in. But Paul Bunyan had to admit that the job had been done. Fenced up on the bottoms of Round River, the carnivorous rabbits had learned to live on wild hay, and to like it. Nearly all of them came through.

"Well, you boys did a job," Paul said to Double Jaw Murphy and the government men. "It put a hole in my bankroll, but I won't bother."

"Next phase of the plan will make up what it cost, Mr. Bunyan," said Double Jaw Murphy. "This is to plow up a lot of the hay land and put in carrots and lettuce. That's the diet the rabbits really need—carrots and lettuce, some spinach maybe."

"How'll that do me and my logging any good?" Paul Bunyan asked. "Seems to me that plowing and carrot-putting-in will only cost more money."

"At first, at first," admitted Double Jaw. "But in the end there'll be oodles of rabbit meat. This trouble you've been having from the men wanting prime ribs of beef and big steaks morning, noon and night will be over. They'll go for the new kinds of rabbit meat in a big way. And all it will cost you is the growing of carrots and lettuce. Leave it to us, Mr. Bunyan."

He did, still having his own troubles in the woods, and the government men went on a whooping with rabbit relief. Now it was a project.

The RRA

The next thing Paul Bunyan knew the Rabbit Relief Administration had grown into the Round River Valley Authority plan—called RRA, for short. When he did wake up to it he

GOP Asks Explanation Of Denfeld Dismissal

Washington, Jan. 23.—(U.P.)—Republican members of the senate armed services committee today formally demanded a "full and complete" explanation of the dismissal of Adm. Louis E. Denfeld as chief of naval operations.

The demand was made in a letter to Committee Chairman Milard E. Tydings (D. Md.). The letter, signed by five of the six GOP members, asked that Secretary of Navy Francis P. Matthews be called to a closed committee session.

Los Angeles, Jan. 23.—(U.P.)—Police today arrested nine men on gambling charges in a raid on the AFL labor temple.

was into the plan so deep that he could see nothing else to do but go through with it.

If you want to know what it was all about, how all its angles and chart curves run, don't ask me. All I know is that it brought Paul Bunyan to spending more time with Double Jaw Murphy and the other government men than he was spending in the woods, and Timekeeper Johnny Inkslinger had more men making out forms than were falling timber.

And I do know that the rabbits were scarcely what you'd call improved by the Rabbit Relief Administration and its plans and doings.

Not much. From a rip-snorting, up-and-at-'em creature of the woods who could lick (and eat) three times his weight in panthers, the rabbit came to be a poor, trifling beastie, with no tail on him, no fight in him and no appetite for anything but lettuce and carrots and such.

And Paul Bunyan never did get the loggers to take the rabbit stew in place of prime ribs and sirloins. Soon he quit trying. Soon after that he just quit everything. Will he ever come back? Oh, ho, ho!

High School Students Alleged 'Shoplifters'

Oklahoma City, Jan. 23.—(U.P.)—Police today began rounding up members of a high school "club" devoted to shoplifting.

The 10-member ring was broken up yesterday when a department store detective caught two of the girls, 14 and 16, trying to get away with some clothing.

At their homes, juvenile department officers found clothes and other items worth more than \$300. The girls implicated the other "members."

Major North California Highways Reported Open

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—(U.P.)—All major highways in northern California were open to two-way

traffic today for the first time since many were closed by blizzards and floods early this week. The California State Automobile association said tire chains were strongly advised for mountain trips this week-end.

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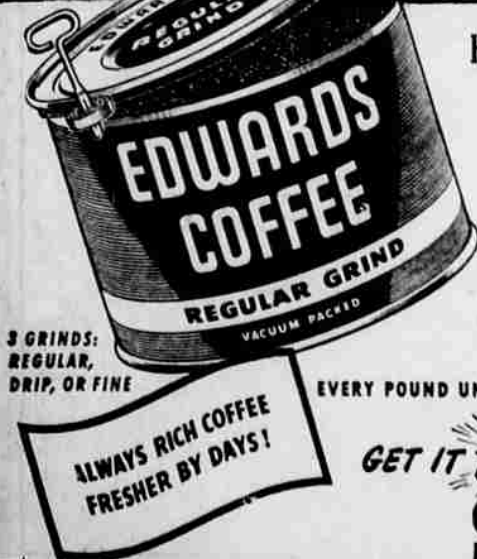
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