

Truman Vetoes Kerr Natural Gas Measure

President Claims Not Designed for National Interest

Friends, Foes Press For Truman Action

Washington, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—President Truman today vetoed the Kerr bill to exempt independent gas producers from federal regulation and said he did so because the measure "would not be in the national interest."

The president had been under intense pressure from friends and foes of the bill.

Strategists of the democratic national committee had urged him to reject the measure on the grounds that signing it would give the republicans campaign ammunition for accusing him of knuckling under to a "vested interest."

Rayburn in Favor

But powerful figures like Speaker Sam Rayburn, on whom the president must rely for piloting administration legislation in the house, strongly favored the bill.

Foes said the bill would jack up gas prices to consumers by \$200,000,000 to \$500,000,000 a year. Rayburn reported it would not boost costs "one red cent."

(At his home in Bonham, Tex., all Rayburn would say about the veto was, "I have been right in the middle of the fight on that measure—I was for it, but I don't think I'll comment on the president's action until I see him.")

Rayburn said he will see the president in Washington on Tuesday.

Class Votes Recorded

The bill passed both houses by close votes, a fact which appeared to destroy any hope of its proponents for overriding the president's veto.

Chairman Edwin C. Johnson, (D., Colo.), of the senate commerce committee, agreed with this appraisal. Asked if there was any chance of overriding the veto Johnson, a supporter of the bill, snapped: "Of course not."

The veto pleased Sen. Paul H. Douglas, (D., Ill.) who put in many hours of research and made many speeches in a vain effort to defeat the bill in the senate.

King Leopold Offers 'Yield' Temporarily

Brussels, Belgium, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—King Leopold III offered today to yield his royal powers at least temporarily to his son, 19-year-old Prince Otto Baudouin, if parliament will recall him to the throne.

The king, addressing his people for the first time in nearly 10 years in a recorded radio speech, asked parliament to approve a compromise solution for the royal crisis which has left Belgium without a government for four weeks.

He asked for a law empowering him to delegate his powers to Baudouin, his son and heir, "and to put an end . . . to this delegation at a time that I will adjudge in conformity with the interests of the nation."

Leopold indicated in his eight-minute speech that he would expect parliament first to recall him to the throne and that he would then consult with political leaders on a solution to the crisis.

Registration Procedure Easy; List of Registrars Provided

Getting properly registered to vote is a simple chore. The registrant merely gives the registrar his name, age, occupation, address and precinct numbers, swears the information is the truth, and is then eligible to perform the citizen's most important duty—voting.

The county government has left very little excuse for Jackson county residents failing to register. In addition to precinct maps printed on pages four and five of the second section of today's Mail Tribune, the county clerk's office has appointed registrars at every city, town and village in the county. They are authorized to accept registrations up to and including next Tuesday, April 18.

In Medford, the League of Women Voters is conducting an intensive non-partisan campaign to get every eligible voter's name on the poll books. They have set up registration booths in the J. C. Penney store and at all the city's elementary schools. They are allowed to accept registrations only from persons residing within the city limits. There are 23 other registrars scattered throughout the county.

Registrars Listed

Residents in all Medford precincts can register at the clerk's office in the courthouse or with Doris M. Roberts at the labor temple, 24 1/2 South Grape street. There are five registrars in Ashland who are appointed to register voters in all the Ashland precincts. Mrs. Nellie M. Burns,

'Water Bureau' Tells Weather Forecasts

Portland, Ore., Apr. 15—(U.P.)—The weather man called the United Press Portland office today with the daily report, and, in a hopeless tone of voice, said:

"This is the weather bureau talking. Or should I say the water bureau?"

Plaintiff Awarded \$50,000 in Damages By Circuit Court

A \$50,000 award for damages, believed to be the largest ever awarded by a circuit court jury in Jackson county, was returned Saturday afternoon in favor of Edward Gaines, plaintiff against Cloyd A. Golden, B. F. Nork and Elk Lumber company. Gaines' attorney was Don Newbury.

The case, which began last Tuesday, concerned injuries suffered by Gaines in a collision between his and Golden's vehicles January 23, 1948 on Crater Lake highway near Camp White. Nork and the lumber company were named co-defendants but were not included in the judgement.

The case involved numerous and complex questions of law and fact and Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna said the number of counsels' requests for instructions to the jury was the greatest ever submitted to him since he has been on the bench in Jackson county. There were 89 of them.

Attorney William McAllister represented Golden; George Roberts, G. W. Kellington and Edward Branchfield appeared for Nork, and Frank Van Dyke was counsel for Elk Lumber company.

Air Force Corporal Sentenced 5 Years

Garmisch, Germany, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—A 19-year-old air force intelligence student, who insisted he was caught in his own trap for Red spies, was sentenced to five years at hard labor today for trying to give U. S. secrets to Russia.

Cpl. Gustav A. Mueller, St. Paul, Minn., sobbed dejectedly after the seven-man military tribunal delivered its verdict and sentence. He had defended and stammered when he was on the stand in his own defense.

Mueller readily admitted he had sent a fatal—by him—telegram to the Soviet embassy in Bern, Switzerland, offering to provide top secret documents to Russia.

The handsome, blue-eyed defendant also confessed he removed classified information on German subversive movements from the library of the nearby U. S. intelligence school, where he was a student, and gave it to two men he believed to be Soviet agents.

Springfield Balloting Shows Mayor in Front

Springfield, Ore., Apr. 15—(U.P.)—Returns from Friday's municipal election showed that Mayor B. P. Larson won against an attempt to recall him by a vote of 1,198 to 903.

Larson had been opposed because of his program of continuing with a public power program in Springfield in competition with the Mountain States Power company.

Ski Conditions

Warm weather and good skiing were expected today at Crater Lake, the national park ranger's office reported.

All roads were open yesterday and no chains were required. The ski low and lunch counter were to operate today.

Weather at the lake yesterday was warm. There was a hard snow pack with a two or three-inch mushy surface.

Justice of the peace for the Ashland district, will register voters in precincts 1 through 18 at her

Maps of Medford, Ashland and Jackson county, showing the recently re-arranged precinct boundaries, are printed on pages four and five of the second section of today's Mail Tribune. In addition a list of precincts by number and by name is printed for the information of Jackson county voters. The registration deadline is the afternoon of Tuesday, April 18.

office, 15 North Main street. Those precincts include Ashland west, Barron, Bellevue, Pinehurst and Celestine precincts.

Lona M. Dameron, in the city recorder's office in Ashland, is authorized to register voters in precincts 1 through 13, in Ashland proper. They can also register with Samuel S. Davies at the barber shop located at 784 "A" street. Layton E. Schell and Richard Joy, in a store at 1257 Siskiyou boulevard, are registrars for all Ashland precincts.

Ashland west and Barron and Bellevue precincts. Pinehurst residents can also register with Ferris Mace at a store located midway between Pinehurst and Lincoln.

Others Named

Other registrars, their precincts and locations are:

Democratic Leaders Assert Republicans Playing Russ Game

Barkley, Lucas Lash Out at GOP Tactics

Washington, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—Democratic leaders asserted tonight that republicans searching for "spies or devils" in the state department are playing Russia's game by encouraging bipartisan bickering which could lead to another Pearl Harbor.

Vice President Alben W. Barkley and the senate's top administration leaders swung hard on charges by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, Wis., and other republicans that the communists and spies have infiltrated the government.

Barkley Lashes Out

Barkley, in a speech delivered on the steps of the U. S. capitol, lashed at those who would "sow rumors and suspicion" at home. He told his listeners that such persons would consider Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Tom Paine "revolutionary . . . subversive" if these heroes of the past were alive today.

Senate Democratic Leader Scott W. Lucas told a democratic political rally at Carbondale, Ill., that now is the time to end "partisan" tactics which he said have "dismayed our allies and encouraged our enemies."

"In recent weeks," Lucas said, "the people of this nation have been bewildered and astounded by a series of savage attacks upon the men who must bear the burden of guiding our foreign policy."

Acheson Defended

Secretary of State Dean Acheson has been "bitterly denounced" and President Truman has been subjected to "a barrage of partisan criticism" on foreign policy by some republicans, Lucas said.

It is time for true Americans to ask their senators to compose their differences, to close ranks with their leaders, and to join in the great effort which must be made to save our civilization from the hordes of communism," Lucas said.

Lucas, who for the first time came directly to the defense of Acheson, told his audience that some members of congress sought to make a "scapegoat" of the secretary and Mr. Truman for the collapse of nationalist China.

Wendell Paul Flipse Killed at Camp White

Wendell Paul Flipse, 25, of 444 North Grape street, was killed instantly during operations Friday afternoon at the Elk Lumber company docks at Camp White, according to coroner Carlos Morris.

Flipse reportedly was struck on the head by a boom when the boomline broke. Conger-Morris ambulance was called. He was an employee of Bernie Hughes, logging contractor.

Survivors include an uncle at Glendale. Conger-Morris has charge of arrangements.

Chicago, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—Union leaders held a three-hour meeting today to discuss whether to call 110,000 firemen and engineers out on strike against the nation's railroads.

Officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen adjourned their secret strategy session late today and said they would meet again tomorrow. They declined to comment on their discussions.

The union has threatened a strike to support its demand that the railroads hire an extra fireman on each multiple-unit diesel locomotive. No strike date has been set but the union is free to strike at any time because "cooling off" provisions of the railway labor act have been exhausted in the two-year dispute.

However, David B. Robertson, president of the brotherhood, declined to comment on the possibility of an immediate strike as today's session broke up.

Premature Explosion Kills 3, Injures 1

Anchorage, Alaska, Apr. 15 (U.P.)—A premature dynamite explosion killed three men, injured a fourth and buried the Alaska railroad mainline for a distance of 200 feet today, an ARR official said.

Herbert Rhodes, public relations officer for the road, said the charge fired prematurely while workmen employed by the Max Kune Construction company were cutting away a bank in preparation to building a highway parallel to the main line.

The 10th Rescue squadron sent two helicopters with doctors and medical equipment to the scene, about 75 miles north of Seward near the community of Bird.

Portland Fisherman Missing in Columbia

Bonneville, Ore., Apr. 15—(U.P.)—A fisherman was feared drowned and another rescued today when their boat upset and filled with water in the Columbia river off Bonneville point.

Authorities said Lee Talley, 23, a Portland filling station employee, was missing.

Martin W. D'Volpe, 30, Portland, was rescued.

The two were fishing for salmon when their boat developed engine trouble. Talley pulled the motor into the boat to work on it while D'Volpe tossed out the anchor. The anchor fouled up and tipped the boat.

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CONGRESS OVER HALFWAY MARK; BIGGEST BATTLES STILL AHEAD



NAVY PATROL BOMBER MISSING—Search plane Saturday night reported oil slicks and possible life raft in hunt for missing United States navy patrol bomber missing in Baltic. Photo above was made prior to plane's takeoff on routine training flight on which it disappeared.

Oil Slicks in Baltic May Indicate Plane

Copenhagen, Sunday, Apr. 16 (U.P.)—American rescue planes took off today for the area where two oil slicks and a possible life raft gave search officers "the hottest lead yet" in the search for 10 missing crew members of a U. S. navy patrol bomber.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—A search plane tonight reported sighting two oil slicks and what appeared to be a life raft in the Baltic hunt for 10 missing crewmembers of a U. S. navy patrol bomber.

Search officers said it was the "hottest lead yet."

The crew of the last search plane to land at Kastrup Air-drome tonight reported the find, after air force authorities announced they would abandon the search at dusk tomorrow unless some important clue turned up.

Cutter Dispatched

A Danish cutter immediately was dispatched to the spot, 48 miles northeast of Bornholm island and 23 miles southeast of the Swedish naval base of Karlskrona.

The location given by crew members was just about an hour's flying time from the point over Russia-held Latvia where the Soviets said the missing plane privateer and a Soviet fighter exchanged fire last Saturday.

The crewmen said they spotted the slicks and a yellow and blue object which they all insisted was a life raft about dusk, as the plane was coming in to wind up the seventh straight day of futile search.

Dusk Ends Search

They said they circled over the object until dusk closed in and shut off visibility. They said it was yellow on top and blue underneath. The bottom, they said, became visible when a wave lifted the raft.

Crewmembers of the search plane said "there was no visible sign of life on or around the raft."

Lt. W. E. Dahlen, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who piloted the plane said there was "excellent visibility" at that time. He said he made two passes over the lifeboat before returning to Kastrup airport here.

4 Naval Reservists Killed Plane Crash

Spokane, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—Four Spokane naval air reservists were killed today when their Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber dived into the ground as it prepared to make a practice carrier landing.

Lt. Comdr. Robert Anderson, Geiger Field naval air station here, said the plane crashed in a clump of pine trees 300 yards west of the Spokane-Cheney highway a half mile from Geiger field.

Victims were: Lt. Duane K. Johnson, 37, pilot; Chief Aviation Mechanic James F. Uprichard, 37; Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Lewis J. Kneevich, 21, and Aviation Mechanic 3rd Class Donald W. Westervelt, 25.

'Mac' McKinney Dies At Local Hospital

Earl E. "Mac" McKinney, 55, of 423 Laurel street, died at a local hospital yesterday afternoon following a heart attack at his home.

McKinney, a salesman for Fridger Grocery company, Ashland, was active in semi-professional baseball circles here until the recent advent of professional ball. He was a member of the former Medford Athletic association and was its secretary for a number of years.

In 1940 he was a leader in the sale of bonds for lighting the fairgrounds ball park. McKinney was one of those instrumental in formation of the Far West Baseball league and then in bringing professional baseball here.

Survivors include his widow, Henrietta.

Per funeral home has charge of arrangements. Time of services and a complete obituary will be published later.

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SPORTS BULLETINS

Medford high golfers placed second behind Corvallis in the first half of the upstate high school golf tournament played on the Corvallis Golf club course. The Tornadoes won 36 strokes behind Friday and could not catch up with the Spartans Saturday.

Phil Getchell scored a 78 and was medalist. Eddie Oldfield and Bill McAllister each got 77. Justin Smith 86 and Bob Shepherd 90 for Medford on Saturday.

JOE CHEZ WINS

Berkeley, Cal., Apr. 15—(U.P.)—Stanford university took a firm hold on second place in the California intercollegiate baseball association today by defeating University of California 5 to 2.

Sophomore Pitcher Joe Chez repeated an earlier win against the Bears by holding them to eight scattered hits.

Los Angeles, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—New Westminster staged a three-goal comeback in the final period Saturday night to defeat Los Angeles 6 to 4 in the opening game of the Pacific Coast Hockey league playoffs.

Huge Throng Jams Armory for Scout 'Adventure' Show

A crowd which varied in size during the evening, but which never dropped below an estimated 2,000 persons, jammed the Medford armory last night for the largest Boy scout exposition in Medford's history.

The event, given the theme "Scouting Adventure," carried out this motif with many displays of camping activities and troop, pack and unit projects. More than 400 boys—cubs, scouts and explorers—participated to make the affair one which scout leaders characterized as "the best ever."

Two of the outstanding features of the evening were the "monkey bridge," a three-rope suspension conveyance stretched from one balcony of the armory to the other, put up by Troop 10, and a breeches buoy, also from one balcony to the other, operated by sea scout Ship 21, Grants Pass.

The exposition opened its doors at 7:30 p. m., with the flag raising ceremony at 8. Honor ribbons were presented to the winning and participating booths at 9:15, and the closing ceremony on the year's theme, "Strengthen on the Arm of Liberty," closed the show at 9:30 p. m.

Forty-four different units participated.

Tacoma Finance Firm Held Up; Cash Taken

Tacoma, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—A bandit wearing a bandana over his face held up the Lake Finance company in the downtown Rust building here today and escaped with "several hundred dollars" in cash, police reported.

The office is located on the third floor of the building.

Officials said the man walked in and without saying a word, motioned Credit Manager Vernon M. Johnson to the cash drawer. He kept his hand in his pocket as if carrying a gun.

Mrs. Dorothy Walsh, a typist, said Johnson handed him the money, after which the bandit said, "Is that all?" He then went to the door, opened it, stepped to look back and escaped.

NW Irrigation Water Supply Said Enough

Washington, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—The agriculture department today forecast a shortage of crop irrigation water for the southwest but said there may be enough water in the northwest to cause floods.

The forecast was based on April 1 surveys of the snow pack and water reservoir holdings in the western mountains.

The department predicted that northwestern states will get "plenty of water and maybe enough more to indicate flood possibilities." It said there will be "enough water" in the intermountain area and the Pacific slope, but "not enough for comfort" in the Rio Grande valley and Arizona.

Book Shop Thieves Get Terms in State Prison

Charles R. Winn, 24, and Fred M. Bangle, 35, both of San Bernardino, Cal., Saturday were sentenced to prison terms in Oregon's penitentiary for the theft of \$1,923 from Swann's Book and Gift shop here Dec. 11, 1949.

Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna sentenced Bangle to three years in prison and Winn was given two years and eight months. The pair had been held here in lieu of \$10,000 bail since they were apprehended just two days after the crime was committed. They pleaded guilty January 6.

WEATHER	
FORECAST—Increasing cloudiness Sunday and Monday with few showers Monday. Continued mild.	
Highest Yesterday	Temp. 64
Lowest Yesterday	Temp. 39

Easter Recess Ends For House Tuesday; Senate Continues

Session Deadline Set For July 31 by Laws

Washington, Apr. 15—(U.P.)—Congress passed the theoretical halfway point for its 1950 session today with a heavy backlog of unfinished business indicating that the biggest fights are still to come.

The house returns Tuesday after a 12-day Easter recess to resume debate on its \$29,000,000 omnibus appropriation bill. The senate, which took no recess, will be back at work Monday wrestling with its \$1,500,000,000 river and harbor bill.

Congress has been in session for 3 1/2 months, and under the congressional reorganization law it is supposed to quit at the end of seven, that is, by July 31.

The deadline was ignored last year but there will be terrific pressure to meet or beat it this year to allow time for campaigning. All house seats and 36 senate seats are at stake in the November elections.

A look at the record shows that congress has much more left to do than it has done this year, even after deducting the holly disputed parts of President Truman's program which have been shelved until after the election.

These pigeonhole bills include the Brannan farm plan, federal aid for education, national health insurance and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

Major bills which have become law include measures to repeal oleomargarine taxes and to provide economic aid for Korea and Formosa. Another carried credit aids for "middle income" housing but lacked the administration-backed plan for loans for cooperative housing.

Displaced persons bills in line with administration recommendations have passed both houses but difference between the two must be adjusted.

Springfield Police Chief Resigns Job

Springfield, Ore., Apr. 15—(U.P.)—Police Chief Clieff Pryor Saturday night became the fifth official of this city of 15,000 to resign or be fired this week.

Springfield's civic upheaval reached a turning point today when final results of Friday's mayoral recall election were announced. Mayor B. P. Larson retained his seat by a small majority.

Earlier this week the city council fired City Manager Fred Chatham, and Marvin Sander, city attorney, resigned.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gile, city recorder and his secretary, turned in their resignations to the council.

And that isn't all—the police force of Springfield is reported considering a mass resignation but has assured the council it will stay on duty over the weekend.

Myrtle Creek Logging Company Election Tie

Portland, Ore., Apr. 15—(U.P.)—A 43 to 43 tie vote was announced by the National Labor Relations board today on the basis of returns from an AFL-CIO election for representation among city employees of the Myrtle Creek Logging company.

Robert J. Wiener, local NLRB administrator, said a run-off election will be held to break the deadlock.

Californian Facing Charges of Murder

San Jose, Cal., Apr. 15—(U.P.)—Harry A. Wilson, 28, husky Mountain View graduate and ex-convict, will be charged Monday with first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Helen May Piper, 27, Sheriff Howard Hornbuckle said today.

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