



COLORFUL—Ambassador Tran Van Kha of Viet Nam arrives at the White House to present his credentials to President Truman. The colorfully dressed ambassador is his country's first envoy to the United States.

Controversial Farm Price Support Bill Signed by President

Washington — (U.P.)— President Truman Friday signed into law a controversial bill requiring the government to support basic farm crop prices at rigid, high levels for the next two years.

Although some of the nation's major farm organizations bitterly assailed the measure, Mr. Truman said it would insure "reliable" price supports and promote "high" production for consumers.

Falls Short of Demands
The president said the law falls short of his demand for outright repeal of the much-criticized "sliding scale" price supports. But it does set the system aside for the next two crop years.

In short, the measure:

1. Insists that grower prices for corn, wheat, cotton, peanuts and rice must be supported at 90 per cent of parity through 1955 instead of according to the 75-90 per cent "sliding scale."

Extends Dual Parity
2. Extends for two years the so-called "dual parity" program on wheat, corn, cotton, and peanuts, providing that parity is figured according to which of two formulas will produce the higher price.

3. Establishes price supports for extra long staple cotton on a similar basis as ordinary length, staple, upland cotton.

The National Grange and American Farm Bureau Federation charged that rigid supports would lead to more and more government control of farm production.

President Expects To Leave Hospital

Washington — (U.P.)— President Truman, comforted by the presence of his wife, Friday spent what he hoped would be his last day of medical tests at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital.

Mr. Truman is scheduled to leave the hospital sometime Saturday and return to the White House for a quiet week end before settling down by his telephone and television set for the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Mr. Truman still plans to go to Chicago next Thursday or Friday to address the convention after the delegates have selected the Democratic presidential and vice presidential nominees.

White House staff members were optimistic about the President's physical condition. Apparently he has thrown off most of the effects of his virus attack. Thursday was the first day since Sunday that he had no fever.

New Engine Delivered To Fire Department

The Medford fire department added a new fire engine to its equipment yesterday. Fire Chief Gordon Barker said this morning.

The engine arrived yesterday, but the piping is still being worked on. The pump will receive its test run next week, Barker said.

The new truck, a Maxim, is believed by Barker to be the only one of its make in this part of the country.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Saturday. Low tonight 45. High Saturday 50.

High	Low
54	34

Lowest this morning 30

Limited Steel Seizure Under Consideration As Negotiations Fail

Washington — (U.P.)— The White House has instructed the Justice Department to draw up papers to seize the steel industry under the Selective Service Act, it was reported Friday.

A high government source said seizure under terms of the act was being "seriously considered" because the industry and the CIO Steelworkers have failed to settle the 47-day strike through collective bargaining.

The decision to move ahead with seizure plans was made at a meeting Thursday between Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman and officials of the Justice and Defense Departments and the Munitions Board.

Seizure 'Very Limited'
It was reported the seizure would be "very limited." Presumably, the government would channel defense contracts just to certain producers and then take over those plants if production was not forthcoming.

The White House spokesman said every possibility of getting the steel mills back into production was under consideration but that no decision has been reached. This left open the possibility that the Justice Department had been instructed to draw up seizure papers for use

on an if-and-when basis. Section 18 of the Selective Service Act permits the President to take over any steel plants that "fail or refuse" to deliver on defense orders.

The administration did not use the seizure powers when it first took over the steel industry, claiming it was "too involved" a process to determine what plants were holding direct defense contracts.

President Truman then seized the industry under his so-called "inherent" powers but this was struck down in a momentous decision by the Supreme Court.

Efforts Collapse
The move was reported as the latest efforts of Steelman to bring about an agreement through collective bargaining collapsed.

Steelman instructed Union President Philip Murray and the Bethlehem Steel Corp.—speaking for the "Big Six" steel companies—to make a final stab at an agreement last Monday. The parties failed to bridge the final issue in the dispute, the union shop.

This indicated Mr. Truman was standing pat on his refusal to use the Taft-Hartley Labor-Management Act in an attempt to halt the nationwide walkout.



SOME CHANGES MADE—Lennie Dennis removes a portrait of Dwight Eisenhower as Estes Kefauver picture takes its place in Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

Two Forest Areas To Be Closed To Non-Permit Entry

Two forested areas of Jackson county will be closed Monday to all entry, except by permit, it was announced today by District State Forest Warden Ted Maul.

The two areas affected by the order, issued by Gov. Douglas McKay upon advice of the state forester, are generally similar to the territory similarly closed last year. The areas are closed to "menace to life and property due to excessive amounts of dry grass and inflammable debris left on the ground by logging operations, and fires in past years."

The northernmost area lies between Prospect and Butte Falls. Permits for entry may be obtained at state forest patrol headquarters on Table Rock Road, and at the Butte Falls, Prospect, McLeod and Trail guard stations.

The other is the Jenny Creek-Dead Indian Creek area, lying north and south of the Green-springs highway. Permits to enter there are obtainable at patrol headquarters, and at the Ashland, Lincoln and Moon Prairie guard stations.

Red warning signs telling of the closure, which have maps showing the area involved, will be posted at all forest road entrances to the areas by Monday, Maul said. Violation of the permit order subjects the violator to a fine of \$25 to \$250, and a jail term of 10 to 60 days, or both.

Dirt Slide Blocks SP Railroad Track

A dirt slide in the vicinity of Savage Rapids dam this morning covered the Southern Pacific railroad tracks, delaying the southbound train from Portland by about 4½ hours, it was reported today by SP officials.

Robert Holmes, district freight and passenger agent here, said that bulldozers were put to work clearing the tracks, and that the train was expected to arrive here early this afternoon. Passengers on board were brought to Medford by bus from Grants Pass, where the train was held until the tracks were cleared.

Holmes added that due to communications difficulties, he did not have details about the slide, but he said he understood it to be about 30 feet in length, and varying from a few inches to eight feet in depth. The railroad runs along the north side of the river in that section.

BASEBALL AMERICAN

Chicago	3-11-0
New York	6-6-1

Stobbs and Sheely; Gorman, Sain 8; Silvera, Beres.

Home runs for New York: Bauer and Woodling.

3,000 Gallons of Cyanide Accidentally Dumped Into Wabash River in Indiana

Lafayette, Ind. — (U.P.)— More than 3,000 gallons of deadly cyanide flowed down the Wabash today and authorities warned Hoosiers to stay away from the river.

A crew of state health and conservation employees launched a row-boat and floated along with the poison to watch its effects and shoo swimmers, fishermen and animals away from the river.

Health and conservation authorities conferred hastily in Indianapolis Thursday when they learned that workmen at a Lafayette industrial firm had accidentally dumped the cyanide into the Wabash.

They sent an emergency pa-

trol to watch the banks of the fabled river and to take samples of the water all along the way. The samples will probably be tested in Indianapolis today, said Dr. L. E. Burney, state health commissioner.

The poison had already killed hundreds of fish as it drifted lazily southward, but no human beings were reported dead or ill.

The cyanide is drifting at a rate of about one mile per hour and is expected to reach the city of Terre Haute, Ind., sometime Saturday.

Drinking Water Endangered
Terre Haute takes its drinking water from the Wabash, and a state health expert has already been sent there to test the

Southern Revolt Brewing

Disputed Democrat Delegations Go To Credentials Group

Texas, Mississippi Ballots Contended

Chicago — (U.P.)— Rival "loyalist" and "regular" delegations from Texas and Mississippi appealed Friday to a credentials subcommittee for formal recognition at next week's Democratic National Convention.

Seventy convention votes were involved in the two contests—52 for Texas and 18 for Mississippi.

Time Allotted

The subcommittee allotted one hour to each side for arguing the Texas case and 30 minutes to each side in the Mississippi dispute.

The subcommittee will make its decisions in closed session. Chairman Calvin Rawlings of Salt Lake City said, and these will not be announced publicly until they are handed to its parent body, the Democratic National Committee, on Saturday.

No matter what the subcommittee decides or the National Committee recommends, the contests will be fought out and settled finally on the convention floor.

Important To Russell

The cases are important to the presidential candidacy of Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia. If the anti-administration "regulars" from Mississippi and Texas finally are seated in the convention, Russell will get all 70 of the votes. Neither pro-administration "loyalist" group is committed, but probably would go for any candidate who finally gets the Truman administration's nod.

Gov. Allen Shiver of Texas is chairman of his state's "regular" delegation. In Mississippi, Gov. Hugh White has a similar role.

Separate Mishaps Claim Four Lives

By UNITED PRESS

Highway accidents, a fire and a drowning claimed the lives of four persons in Oregon Thursday.

Mrs. Elsie K. Keeney, 57, Eugene, suffocated when fire destroyed her house about 12:30 a.m.

Mrs. Barbara Moody, 30, of Portland, an expectant mother, died of injuries suffered in a collision on Sunset highway at the intersection with North Plains road.

Hugh Glenn, 55, veteran Bay Ocean rural mail carrier, was killed when his automobile swerved under a loaded log truck three miles west of Tillamook.

Sue Ann Byers, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Byers of Independence, drowned in the Willamette river when a speedboat operated by her father capsized.

Savage Rapids Dam Work Bids Due Oct. 1

Bids for rehabilitation of Savage Rapids dam across the Rogue river on the Jackson-Josephine county line have been called for October 1 by the Bureau of Reclamation, it was reported by United Press from Washington, D. C., today.

The portion of the project planned for this fiscal year will cost an estimated \$700,000, and a bill including an appropriation in that amount was signed by President Truman July 9.



STAND TOGETHER—Governor Allen Shivers of Texas (left) and Governor James F. Byrnes of South Carolina smile as they listen to congratulations after Governor Byrnes threatened to bolt the Democratic convention if Governor Shivers' delegation is not seated at Chicago.

OREGON DELEGATES MAY LEAVE KEFAUVER AFTER EARLY DEMOCRAT VOTES

Chicago — (U.P.)— Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman from Oregon, said Friday that there were indications some of the Kefauver pledged Oregon delegation may bolt from the Tennessee senator

unless he wins on an early ballot.

Two other Oregon delegates, however, insisted the 12-member delegation would stay with Kefauver to the end. They pointed out Oregon law requires the delegates to stay with their pledged candidate as long as he has a chance.

Great Variation in Loyalty

Sweetland said there was a "very great variation in the intensity" of the loyalty of the 12 delegates to Kefauver. Three of the group attended a conference of delegates backing Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, he said.

Two of the delegates are known to favor Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, he said, and added that his own preference is Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois.

To Stay With Kefauver

Delegates Walter Dodd of Eugene and Gene Conklin of Pendleton said they expected the delegation to stick with Kefauver. The remainder of the delegation is to arrive here Sunday.

Sweetland said he was working for a strong plank in the party platform for public development of water and power projects. He is a member of the platform drafting committee.

Eastern Power Interests

The platform, he said, should include a denunciation of what he called attacks by "eastern power interests" on western public power projects.

He said he expected the platform to call for an end to freight rates that are "discriminatory" to the West Coast.

Cooler Weather Trend Continuing in Valley

The cooler trend in temperature continued today with a maximum reading of about 90 degrees forecast by the Medford office of the weather bureau.

Maximum Thursday was 94, a slight drop from 95 recorded the previous day. A high of 90 degrees is predicted here for Saturday.

The five-day forecast for the western part of Oregon includes occasional rain Sunday and again Wednesday, but the bureau reported that the rain was not anticipated in southern Oregon.

Central Point Fire District Vote Monday

Central Point—An election on whether or not a rural fire district surrounding Central Point shall be formed, and election of five directors for the proposed district, will take place next Monday, July 21, according to officials of the present rural fire department.

Voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in three polling places situated at Howard, West Side and Table Rock schools. Candidates for director positions are A. W. (Bill) Lingas, Claude Hoover, John Wheeler, Dr. Alvin Roberts, A. C. Thompson and David DeArmond.

Washington — (U.P.)— President Truman Friday named Walter J. Donnelly, present ambassador to Austria, to succeed John J. McCloy as U. S. High Commissioner for Germany.

Seek Compromise By Middle-of-Road Democratic Leaders

Left-Wing Elements Want 1948 Repeated

Chicago — (U.P.)— Events were building Friday toward a Southern bolt from next week's Democratic National Convention.

The trend was unmistakable, but middle-of-the-road politicians were moving in to keep the party together with a compromise platform and presidential ticket.

With 72 hours to go before the convention opens, it was still anybody's guess whether the peace-makers could prevail over the left-wing elements who seemed determined to repeat the 1948 pattern of sacrificing the "Solid South" in order to woo votes in Northern industrial states.

Battle Joined in Earnest

The North-South battle was joined in earnest today before the convention credentials committee and the platform writing subcommittee. The former faced a decision on seating "states' rights" or "loyalist" delegations from two Southern states. The latter was enmeshed in the old familiar row over a civil rights plank.

Backstage, the candidates and king-makers jockeyed for position in the biggest fight of all—over the presidential nomination. Confusion still reigned in that free-for-all race, with all of the front-running candidates a country mile short of the 616 convention votes necessary to nominate.

Robert Kerr, Alben Barkley and Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina were due in today, the governor to lead the Southern rebellion against left wing and administration domination of this convention.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, Georgia, knows a trend when he sees one and has grabbed for the tailgate of the administration bandwagon by calling for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, which he voted for twice in 1947.

His about-face on Taft-Hartley produced the first firm evidence the South may bolt this convention if it is pushed too far. That evidence came from Roanoke, Va., where a convention of Democrats refused at the last minute to pledge their 28-vote delegation to Russell as expected.

Reserve Battalion To Leave for Camp

Thirty members of the 382nd quartermaster battalion of the army reserve will leave here Sunday for a two-week summer training camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash., it was announced today by Lt. Col. W. H. Prentice, commanding officer of the unit. They will travel by chartered bus.

Two quartermaster sales companies, one from Portland and the other from Seattle, have been attached to the local battalion for training and administration. The Medford unit will be one of 22 attached to the 313th logistical command, which will control the operation.

Inspection trips will be made to the Auburn general depot and the Seattle port of embarkation. The 382nd battalion will return to Medford August 3.

DR. DIERDORFF NAMED

Atlantic City, N. J.—Dr. G. A. Dierdorff, Medford, Ore., has been elected to the house of delegates of the American Osteopathic association, now concluding its 56th annual convention here. Dr. Dierdorff will represent the Oregon Osteopathic association in the national group.

United Nations Throws Back Red Tanks in 5-Hour Battle

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.)— United Nations soldiers and tanks hurled back a Communist tank-led assault on a hill northwest of Chonwon in a bitter, five-hour battle Friday and pushed on north to take new positions.

It was the first tank-vs.-tank engagement in months. The U. N. tanks claimed victory after destroying a Russian-built T-34 with a direct hit.

Starts With Barrage

The Red attack began about 10 o'clock Thursday night with an enemy artillery barrage. Shortly after, several T-34s and a reinforced enemy battalion began slogging through the rain toward Allied positions.

Enemy tanks also supported a

light jab at another hill in the Chonwon area, but it was easily repulsed.

Red Casualties High

The Allies claimed they killed or wounded near 250 Communist soldiers in hot and frequent patrol actions in the Central Sector.

The weather restricted U. N. naval operations, but the 45,000-ton battleship Iowa pounded shore installations Thursday on the east coast, knocking out at least two gun positions, and possibly a third, and destroying two bunkers.

Radio Peiping claimed Chinese Communist troops beat off a South Korean raiding party which tried to land on Korea's West Coast July 13.