

Congress Returns For Election Year Session With Labor Strife, Demobilization High On Docket

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The 79th congress began its second session at noon (EST) today with a request to its leaders by President Truman to expedite action on his unfinished legislative program.

Acting House Speaker McCormack of Massachusetts told reporters the president declared at a White House conference with congressional leaders that he was "very anxious" for early action on his legislative program.

McCormack said the entire program was discussed at the White House in a general way, and the strike situation was reviewed.

He quoted the president as believing early action imperative on his proposal for a law setting up fact-finding boards to handle major labor controversies and providing for a 30-day cooling off period before strikes take effect.

Senator Eastland (D-Miss.) told reporters he would seek immediate senate action on the fact-finding legislation asked by the president.

"We've either got to get out some strike legislation or surrender the country to the CIO," he said.

As the lawmakers reconvened, Mr. Truman sent them a recommendation that appropriations and contract authorizations be cut back by \$5,021,897,483.

This would be addition to \$50,345,409,169 in recessions approved by congress near the close of the last session.

Strike Discussion
Eastland said he planned a discussion of strikes on the senate floor.

Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors corporation, and R. J. Thomas and Walter Reuther, leaders of the CIO Auto Workers union, had been scheduled to testify on the fact-finding bill before the senate labor committee this forenoon.

All three informed the senate group they were unable to be present because of the negotiations between them. Wilson asked to appear later.

McCormack told reporters the president also is anxious for prompt action on legislation dealing with the United States employment service. Congress passed a law last year returning the employment offices to state control in 100 days but the president vetoed it.

A bill to retain federal control until the middle of 1947 as requested by the president, will be considered by the house labor committee Thursday.

Peacetime Session
The first full peacetime session since 1941 finds congress somewhat "on the spot"—with a mountain of work ahead, its White House relations strained to the breaking point and the voters displaying a keener-than-

usual interest in Capitol Hill activities.

For this is a congressional election year. All 435 house and 32 of the 96 senate seats will be filled in November. Hence political considerations will dictate many congressional actions.

Tomorrow senate and house members will hear in person from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz an explanation of demobilization policy. The lawmakers hope the informal meeting in the congressional library will pacify complaining GI's abroad and their relatives and friends at home.

Committees of both branches have arranged to resume hearings shortly on legislation asked by Mr. Truman to set up fact-finding boards backed by law to handle major labor controversies. These hearings were

halted last month, despite the chief executive's request for action before Christmas.

Congress currently is cool to the plan, and strong sentiment is development instead for stiff union-control legislation. Ready for house action is a bill to penalize unions striking in violation of contracts and to curb union political activities.

If Mr. Truman has any new ideas on the labor situation, they probably will be transmitted to congress in the annual state-of-the-union message scheduled to be delivered Thursday. Congressional leaders say they believe the president will stick to his guns and insist on his original proposal.

A second presidential utterance, the annual budget message expected next Monday, will go far toward shaping congressional fiscal policies. There have been mounting demands for economy since the war and its unprecedented spending ended with the national debt soaring toward the \$300,000,000,000 mark.

Coupled with the budget will be the 1946 tax program. What that will be, only time will tell. But right now there is growing clamor for reduction or elimination of war-levied excise and luxury levies. No further cuts in income taxes are sighted immediately.

Kidnapers Get Prison Terms

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 14 (AP)—District Court Judge Charles Koelsch sentenced two men to prison terms here Saturday on charges of kidnaping.

William Blinkensop was sentenced to a term of one to 25 years and William Graves to a term of 10 to 25 years in the state prison.

The two men, who allegedly forced two other men in a taxicab here December 21 turned their earlier plea of innocence to a plea of guilty, after questioning by James W. Blaine, prosecuting attorney.

Roy R. Valkenburg, third member of the trio charged with the kidnaping of Thomas W. Hume, Tacoma, and James S. Hensley, Seattle, will be tried before a jury January 22. He pleaded guilty at his arraignment last week.

Hensley and Hume told officers earlier that the three men forced them into a taxicab in an alley in downtown Boise the night of December 21, and drove them toward the railroad station.

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ed when she outdid him in wrestling bouts. She twice threw the 23-year-old navy dischargee pretty hard, said the wife, and he retaliated, hurting her feelings.

In the same court yesterday, Janice N. Clemente, 20, divorced her 21-year-old husband, Benjamin, testifying he made her take an oath that she

was not going with other men after an ouija board said she was.

INJURIES FATAL
PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Mrs. Velma Oberg, 34, died here yesterday of injuries received Thursday in the auto-train crash north of Canby in which a north-bound Southern Pacific train

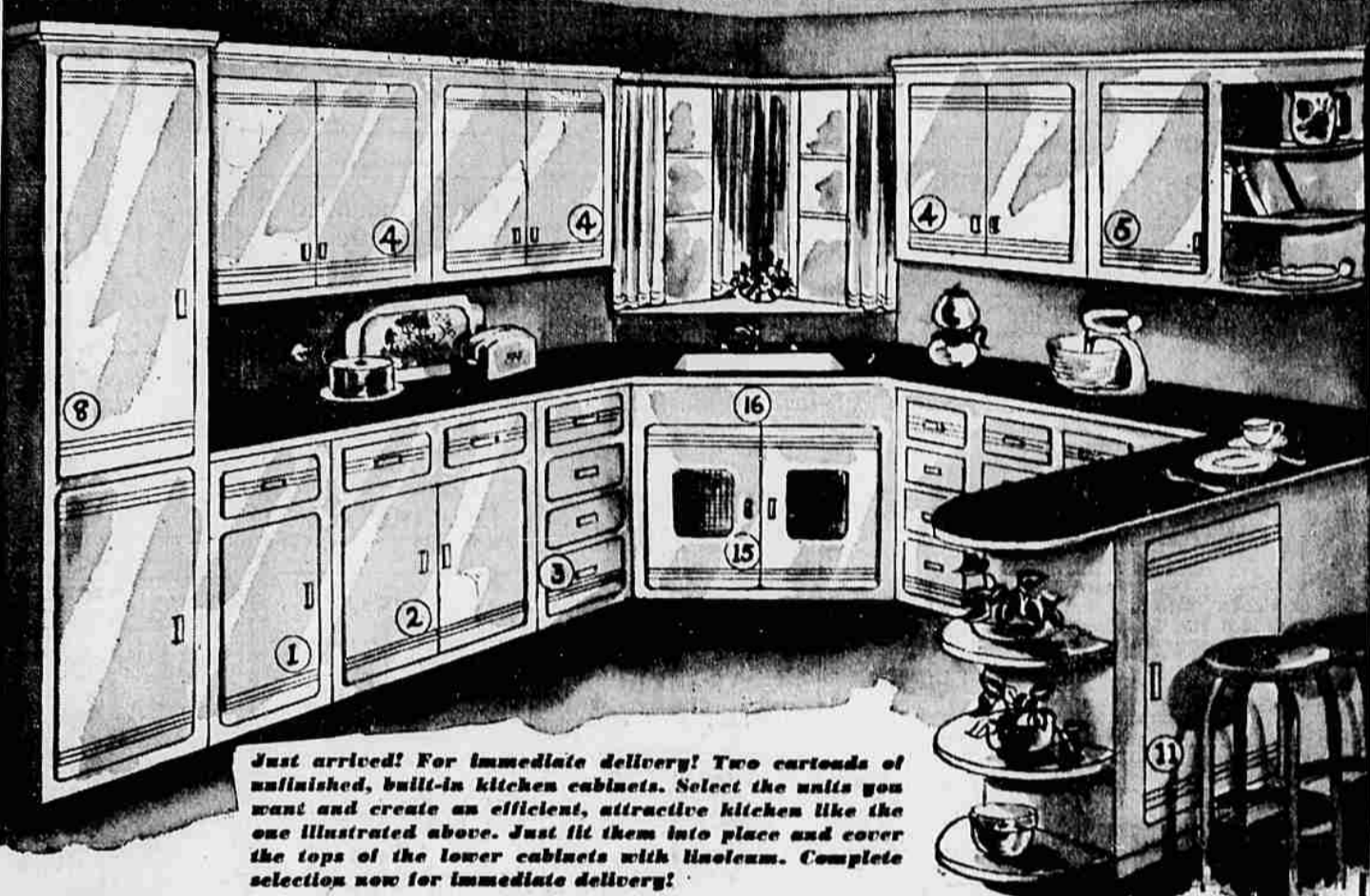
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hurled a stalled car against her after she and a companion had jumped from it.

The British took the island of Cyprus from Turkey in 1878 as part of a plan for the introduction of reforms in Asia Minor.

HERALD AND NEWS—TEN
THINGS ARE TOUGH
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14 (AP)—Sign of the times Pawnbroker William Keller says:
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5-Drawer Lower Cabinet
Not pictured in room scene. 30 in. wide and 36 in. high, 3 large drawers, 2 small drawers.
Without 17.59
With top 20.63

Two-Door Cabinet
Has 3 drawers. Not shown in room scene, 1 shelf, 30 in. wide, 36 in. high.
Without top 17.20
With top 18.09

Lower Corner Cabinet
Not pictured in room scene. 36 in. high, 39 in. wide. With or without top.
Without top 14.14
With top 16.42

Upper Corner Cabinet
Not pictured in room scene. Right or left hand door. 4 sizes available. 24 in. ht. 1 shelf 9.81

Five-Drawer Cabinet
Not pictured in room scene. 1 door, 5 drawers, 30 in. wide, 36 in. high.
Without top 17.59
With top 20.63

Kitchen Bar
Pictured also in room scene. Useful for snacks. 2 shelves. One door on each side of bar. Without top, 48 in. width 20.83
60 in. wide, 24.46

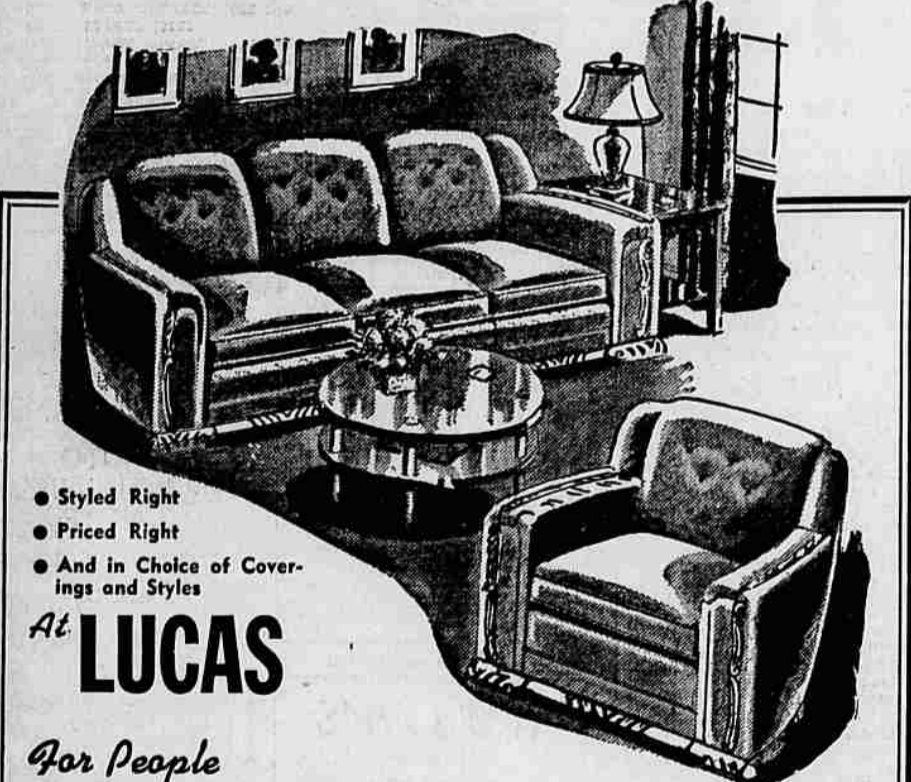
Sink Cabinet
Pictured above and in room scene. Without top, doors included. 30 in. wide for 24-inch sink. 14.95

Storage Cabinet
Shown above and in room scene. Has 2 shelves, 2 doors; 18 in. wide, 100 in. high and 21 in. deep. 19.22

Corner Shelf
Pictured in room scene. 13 in. wide, 13 in. deep, 44 in. high. 4.14

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