

GOP'S SPLIT OVER BUDGET CUT

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THE Los Angeles area has at least a couple of place unique enough to be well worth the time it takes to see them. One is the Farmers Market, out in the general neighborhood of Hollywood, and the other is Knott's Berry Farm, down toward Santa Ana.

For one thing, time is all that is required. If you can induce some friend to provide the transportation, you can leave your money behind. That, to put it mildly, is SOMETHING down in this part of the world, where the theory that money is the root of all evil has more discontents than disciples.

THE Farmers Market was founded back in the depths of the depression by an odd genius named Roger Dahljem, who associated himself with another screwball by the name of Fred Beck. Between them, they managed to talk an indulgent oil man out of the use of what was even in those comparatively recent years a cow pasture. Fred then cobbled up a few market stalls out of second-hand lumber (which the oil man was prevailed upon to throw in with the vacant land), supplemented by discarded goods boxes, etc.

Having thus hurdled the obstacle of a place to set up shop, Dahljem tackled with Beck's help his real job, which was putting across to nearby growers of fruits and vegetables the bizarre idea that if GOOD STUFF was displayed in the booths and the tomatoes properly beaten the city folk would come out in their own conveyances and haul it home after having paid good money for it.

On this point the growers (who in those benighted days were having trouble giving it a way without the growers in lagging) displayed extreme skepticism, but eventually Dahljem and Beck argued them down and some of them agreed to give it a try. Possibly they figured they might as well starve trying to sell their truck in a crazy man's way as be talked to death by a couple of persistent crackpots. Anyway, they gave in.

It seems to have been a success almost from the beginning, although there was apparently a brief period when the two promoters might have starved before they could get going if they hadn't been dealing with producer merchants who couldn't yet quite grasp the idea that food could be sold to people if you went about it right, and so were always willing to spare carrot here and a cabbage there to keep the souls and the bodies of their market Messiahs together.

About a year ago, Beck told all about it in a book entitled "The Second Carrot From the End" in which he poked such rib-tickling fun at himself and his fellow marketer that it became a best-seller in these parts and there was a while when you couldn't qualify as up-and-coming unless you had read it.

DAHLJEM was the organizing genius, but the thing would have been a flop without Beck, who has a mastery of homely, chuckling humor and just can't keep his fingers away from a typewriter. He now writes a daily column in the Times that probably takes the all-time, all-placed cake for schizoid humor advertising. He makes throaty, good-natured fun of the market, what is sold there and the people who do the selling.

But it GETS READ. In any scientific Gallup-method survey of the Times, it would rank well up toward the top as the best-read feature that would be most missed by the most readers if anything should happen to Fred Beck. It is paid for in good, hard Farmers Market cash, but up to now the talented members of the Times editorial staff haven't been able to hit upon anything that tops it among the cash customers, and their talented co-workers in the circulation department would class as a major

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Lilienthal Battle Halts U. S. Uranium Production

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Western mine owners said today they could give no assurances because they may not stay in their positions—their appointments may not be confirmed by the senate.

H. W. Baisley of Moab, Utah, one of the mine owners, noted that the atomic act forbids the sale of fissionable materials to any agency outside the government, hence the mines have no way of recovering on their production.

Much of the uranium ore in the region is mined in connection with vanadium, and Baisley said the present vanadium market will not justify operations for that steel-hardening metal alone.

"If a price is set for uranium, we could get out a lot of ore," F. A. Sisson of Dove Creek, Colo., commented.

The group said their mines produce the bulk of the uranium used in this country and that the operations have finally halted after beginning to taper off at war's end.

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Basic School Fund Debate Slated

Truman Asks Early End To Emergency

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—President Truman today asked congress for legislation to make possible "an early ending" of the state national emergency under which the country has lived since 1939.

Mr. Truman asked outright repeal of 24 laws, proposed that 36 other emergency statutes be allowed to lapse upon a declaration of the end of the emergency.

and recommended that most of 20 defense appropriation measures be wiped out.

Mr. Truman proposed that only 12 of "more than 100" emergency acts still on the books be extended by permanent legislation.

Ten others would remain in force for six months after the actual proclamation ending the emergency, whenever it may come or for some other stated period.

"The process of reconversion now makes it possible to take an additional step toward freeing our economy of wartime controls," Mr. Truman said in his message to congress.

High White House advisors have indicated to newsmen that if congress acts with reasonable dispatch, the emergency may be terminated by July.

The proclamation would cover both the "limited" emergency proclaimed September 8, 1939, and the "full" emergency declared May 27, 1941.

Mr. Truman proposes immediate repeal laws authorizing employment of men from industry as dollar-a-year-men in government; the leasing of merchant ships to other nations; the tax-free withdrawal of alcohol for industrial use; the lease of public lands for munitions manufacture; and the appointment of enlisted men to the naval academy.

Among the major statutes which would be allowed to lapse upon an end-of-emergency proclamation would be:

The army's "streamlined" procurement power under which supplies can be purchased without advertising for bids; the power to transfer the coast guard to the navy; to increase the authorized strength of the navy; and to initiate measures to increase the market quotas of corn, wheat, cotton, rice, tobacco or peanuts.

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WAA Rejects MB Proposal

SALEM, Feb. 19 (AP)—The war assets administration has rejected the state board of education's request for changes in the proposed contract to take over the Klamath marine barracks for use as a vocational school, O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, announced today.

Paulson said the board will meet within a few days to consider the WAA letter.

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Foreign Labor Extension Asked By Californians

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—California house members expressed concern today over the decision of the house agriculture committee to recommend extension of the foreign farm labor import program only until December 31.

Californians contend that the authority to use Mexican laborers should be extended at least until June 30, 1948, to be of benefit in the harvest of crops which mature in California during the winter and early spring months.

Chairman Anderson (R-Calif.), of the delegation's subcommittee said the Californians "viewed with regret" the proposed six-month extension. He did not indicate, however, whether they will offer an amendment on the floor to carry the program another year from its present expiration date of June 30.

Woman Trapped In Wreckage



An unidentified woman passenger lies trapped behind the luggage rack of a wrecked coach of the Pennsylvania railroad's "Red Arrow" which left the rails on a sharp curve near Altoona, Pa. An estimated 20 persons were killed and 100 injured.

Relatives Tell Tragic Story Of Apartment Fire

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'Big Truck' Bill Delayed For Week

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Oregon legislature's hottest and most complicated issue—distribution of the \$16,000,000 annual basic school support fund to school districts—will be debated at 11 p. m. next Monday when the house is scheduled to act on house bill 9.

The bill won the unanimous recommendation last night of the house education committee, but only after being amended to compromise differences.

The bill now gives 75 per cent to grants and aids, and 20 per cent for equalization. The bill originally divided the two about equally.

New Apportionment
As amended, grants and aids would be apportioned on the basis of \$500 per teacher employed and 20 cents for each day's membership of resident pupils. The original bill provided \$450 per teacher and 10 cents per pupil.

The senate roads and highways committee voted 5 to 4 to let the "big truck" bill remain in the committee for at least another week, the majority wanting to consider it along with the measure to increase truck taxes \$1,000,000 a year.

The revenue measure is in the house but has not been considered by either house yet. The "big truck" bill, which would make permanent the temporary wartime increased sizes of trucks, was passed by the house.

Death Toll Rises To 25

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 19 (AP)—A heap of twisted metal scattered over a desolate mountainside was all that remained today of the Pennsylvania railroad's flyer, the "Red Arrow," which plunged over a 150-foot embankment yesterday, killing 25 persons and injuring 141 others.

An investigation of the wreck, one of the worst in railroad history, was started by the interstate commerce commission, the Pennsylvania public utility commission and the railroad.

Five of the dead were still unidentified, two of the bodies mangled beyond recognition. The dead included 16 passengers, six railway mail clerks and three members of the crew—an engineer and two firemen—which manned the twin locomotives in the train's tortuous climb over the Allegheny mountains.

Many of the injured lay in critical condition at Altoona's two hospitals, some expected to die.

Elderly Pilot Still Flying

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 19 (AP)—The oldest known private pilot in the world, 80-year-old Starr Nelson of Delta, Colo., has come through some "close shaves," but he was being cautious today as he watched the sky for clearing weather before taking off for home.

He started the homeward flight yesterday but was forced to turn back when he ran into rough weather near Provo, Utah.

Nelson, retired cowhand and locomotive engineer who flew here on a business trip, recalls some pretty tight squeezes going over the Continental divide, but these experiences haven't dulled his love of flying.

To him flying "is the door to another world. It's the most thrilling thing that can happen to man."

No Meter Charge On Saturday

Saturday, February 22, is George Washington's birthday and a legal holiday.

Folks that use the business district streets for parking are reminded that Saturday is a free parking day. Motorists forgot that they did not have to poke pennies and nickels in the parking meters as he watched the city collected just as much money on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, as any other day in the week.

Held



Lyle Collins, 37, (above) factory worker, was quoted by Grand Rapids, Mich., Detective Inspector Frank Sullivan as saying "women irritate me." Collins is held in connection with the scissors-stabbing of five of them. —AP wirephoto.

Army Probes Gem Theft

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 19 (AP)—Col. Edward J. Murray was held in the U. S. eighth army stockade today while the army pressed an inquiry into where he got \$210,000 in diamonds he took home as "souvenirs."

Ordered back to Japan by General MacArthur, the former custodian of the Bank of Japan vaults reached here by plane from San Francisco last night and was hustled off to the stockade by military police.

Murray told reporters in San Francisco after being taken into custody February 5 that he obtained the diamonds from Japanese sources. He was not allowed to talk to newsmen here.

Army authorities restricted all statements on the inquiry to those issued by the public relations officer. It was reported reliably, however, that a check showed that none of the \$2,679,000 in diamonds in the Bank of Japan vaults was missing.

Storm Lashes North Atlantic

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—A storm which started in the Gulf of Mexico and howled northward lashed at North Atlantic shipping today and some passenger lines were delayed from two to three days.

The weather bureau's meteorological station at LaGuardia field describing the disturbance as a "vicious circular storm," said it now was centered about 280 miles south-southeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and was rolling eastward at 30 knots.

The storm reached its peak between Miami, Fla., and Bermuda when winds exceeded 50 knots, the bureau said, and airline pilots reported they were "pushed around at 10,000 feet altitude."

Scores of passenger liners and freighters hove to in mid-Atlantic to escape the storm's fury.

Airliner Lands After Trouble

PARIS, Feb. 19 (AP)—Air France headquarters announced tonight that an Air France Constellation plane with 17 passengers aboard had landed at Casablanca after jettisoning cargo when one of its four engines failed during the trans-Atlantic trip from New York.

Responding to American and British inquiries, Moscow voiced assurances, however, that steps were being taken to carry out her part of the bargain reached at the 1945 Potsdam conference.

The department officials said both the United States and Britain have carried out their commitments to sink or otherwise destroy the damaged Nazi vessels allotted to them for the purpose.

Topping the list of the captured vessels the Russians voted to destroy was Germany's single aircraft carrier, the Graf K. Zepelin. Whether this flatboat was among the craft whose destruction has met with "difficulties" was not revealed.

Other vessels were placed in a category to be destroyed. These were assigned individually to the three powers for the purpose and time schedules set up.

Threat To Defense Big Objection

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The stand by a majority of republican senators against a \$6,000,000,000 budget slash stirred sharp debate in the senate today with Rep. Owen (R-Ill.) shouting that the senators acted "cowardly."

The GOP split apparently made it a foregone conclusion that the senate would favor a \$4,500,000,000 cut, proposed by Senator Milliken (R-Colo.) as a substitute for the \$6,000,000,000 recommended by the joint senate-house budget committee.

Most democratic senators were backing Milliken's figure. The chief argument of those opposing the bigger figure is that it would require too heavy cuts in military spending.

The budget committee's recommendations were up formally today in the senate. While the house will not consider them until tomorrow, Owen's criticism of the senators touched off an advance debate there.

Rep. Whitten (D-Miss.) argued that a \$6,000,000,000 slash not only would take money from the war and navy departments but would cripple agriculture.

The large budget cut, he said, would reduce department of agriculture funds by 42 per cent, from \$947,000,000 to about \$553,000,000.

The big slash backers, Whitten declared, have as their main objective a "tax reduction on a 20 per cent across the board basis, under which big business, those with a large income would reap by far the greatest benefits of such tax reduction."

Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) led a battle in the senate for the \$6,000,000,000 cut.

Oil Workers Delay Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 (AP)—A U. S. conciliation service commissioner announced today a strike of approximately 20,000 CIO oil workers in five western states, scheduled to begin at 10 a. m. (PST) had been postponed for another 24 hours.

Frank Wenig, said the decision had been arrived at in a telephone conference with O. A. Knight, president of the CIO Oil Workers International union, who last night announced in Long Beach that all efforts to settle the wage dispute between the oil workers and seven major oil companies had failed.

"One final effort to reach a settlement will be made today at a meeting of the union representatives and the Standard Oil company, in El Segundo, near Los Angeles," said Knight in a statement released by Wenig.

OPA Agency Faces Breakup

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—OPA, down to its last million dollars unless rescued by the senate, insisted today it may have to quit enforcing rent ceilings, sugar rationing and the few remaining price controls within 72 hours.

Price Administrator Max McCullough declared that the house decision to slash \$9,000,000 from the agency's current appropriation will—if upheld by the senate—put OPA out of business four months before its scheduled expiration date.

It appeared doubtful, however, that the senate would act on the matter before this week, thus putting the whole issue over for perhaps another week, or longer. The cut cannot be made effective until passed by both houses and signed by President Truman.

Recommended by the house appropriations committee, it went through as part of a \$139,380,000 deficiency appropriation bill late yesterday.

The Soviet acknowledgment of delay was received last December 6, but was made public today only in response to inquiries. It was a memorandum to the tri-partite naval commission of the allied control council for Germany.

The commission, set up to enforce the naval aspects of the Potsdam agreement, is composed of the senior naval officers in Germany of the Big Three powers.

The Potsdam conference decided that surface vessels remaining from the battered German fleet which were in operating condition or could be repaired within six months should be divided equally among the three powers. Thirty U-boats also were included in the division.

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