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House Passes Pension Pay Hike

Treasury Men Urge Tax Slash

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Two former undersecretaries of the treasury urged the house today to go ahead with plans to slash federal income taxes 20 per cent across the board.

The witnesses—Roswell Magill, lawyer and Columbia university professor, and John W. Hanes, both of New York—served in the treasury in the administration of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Their views, given the committee which is holding hearings on the tax cutting measure sponsored by Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.), directly opposed those of Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, given yesterday.

Magill told the committee that tax relief is necessary to "keep the American system functioning" by renewing incentive for business ventures.

Hanes said that "we can continue to disregard the interest of the taxpayer only with the greatest peril," as he reported the cut estimated to benefit taxpayers by \$3,500,000,000.

They testified after the republican-controlled committee turned down 12 to 5, a proposal of democrats to open the hearings to any witnesses who desired to testify.

Riding roughshod over administration advice, the house ways and means committee moved toward approval of the bill to slash individual income taxes.

Issue Said Talked Over In October

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—A demand that the administration tell whether Britain disclosed as long ago as October her intentions to withdraw economic support of Greece was made at a senate republican conference today by Senator Jenner (R-Ind.).

After the closed-door meeting, Jenner elaborated to reporters: "It has been generally reported that Foreign Minister Bevin of Great Britain informed James F. Byrnes, then secretary of state, in October of the intended withdrawal.

"If that is true, I think congress ought to know that this is not something that has just popped up overnight with a demand for immediate attention."

Jenner said he wants the question answered before deciding whether to support President Truman's proposal for \$400,000,000 financial and limited military help to Greece and Turkey.

Other senators said Chairman Taft (Ohio) of the republican policy committee also mentioned reports that Bevin had notified Byrnes of Britain's contemplated action last November.

Statement Not Heard
But, they said, Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) of the senate foreign relations committee, who served as an advisor to Byrnes at several international conferences, commented that if any such notification had been given Byrnes he never heard of it.

The Michigan senator was represented as having agreed to put Jenner's question on a list he is compiling to present to top ranking administration officials for public replies before congress acts on the aid proposal.

Another question raised at the republican conference was possible demands on the United States if the present French government should fall. Chairman Millican (Colo.) of the conference said no conclusions were reached.

Congress Eyes End Of Draft

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—President Truman overruled his top military manpower experts in advising congress to let the wartime draft act expire at the end of this month.

This became known today after Chairman Gurney (R-SD) made available to a reporter the transcript of a closed-door session of the senate armed services committee.

Gurney previously reported a committee decision to urge a delay of at least three months in the transfer of draft records from local boards to state capitals because of the troubled world situation.

The recorded testimony of Tuesday's committee meeting disclosed that both Maj. Gen. W. S. Paul, army chief of personnel, and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, concurred under questioning that they had recommended continuance of the draft even though there have been no induction calls since October.

Formosa Charges Chinese Failure

NANKING, March 14 (AP)—The leader of the Formosan delegation declared today that China had gone back on its promise to reform the administration in Formosa, scene of recent disorders, and allowed reinforced Chinese troops to resort to terrorism on the island.

Yang Chao-kai, speaking for his delegation, said the government was resorting to "a deliberate policy of procrastination."

Yang added that he had been informed Formosans in Hong Kong, British crown colony, intended to appeal for foreign intervention "but we 6,000,000 Formosans will never swerve an inch from our loyalty to the central government."

Russian Newspaper Ivestia Accuses U.S. Of Interfering In Greek Affairs

MOSCOW, March 14 (AP)—The Soviet government newspaper Ivestia accused the United States today of interfering in the internal affairs of Greece and Turkey and of behaving in a manner that could not have been expected from a member of the United Nations.

It was the first real Russian editorial reaction to President Truman's speech to congress Wednesday urging U. S. aid for Greece and Turkey.

"In Washington," said the editorial, which was eagerly read by foreign delegates to the Big Four foreign ministers conference, "they obviously do not want to consider the obligations adopted by the United States government before the United Nations organization."

"Expressing unusual nervousness, President Truman did not even deem it necessary to wait for the results of the work of the security council's commission sent to Greece to determine the situation there."

Delegates and this certainly must have included U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, read in this attack on Wednesday's presidential request for \$400,000,000 to aid Greece and Turkey that the United States "desires to go over the head of the United Nations."

From one end of Moscow to the other this editorial, which in size alone was one of the longest to appear in many months—it stretched from the masthead to the bottom of the front page through two columns—was read with avid interest by all who could get a copy and read Russian or prevail upon the already burdened translators to read it to them.

Official translations were reported under preparation for the principal delegates.

"Claims of the United States for leadership in international affairs," said the government newspaper's editorial, "grow in keeping with the appetites of interested American circles."

"However," it continued, "American leaders, acting on a new historical situation, do not take into consideration that the old methods of colonizers and hard-headed politicians have already outlived this century and are doomed to failure. In this is the principal weakness of Truman's speech."

Ivestia said, "Truman did not take into consideration either the international situation or the sovereignty of Greece."

Liquor Bill Voted Down By Senate

SALEM, March 14 (AP)—The house, after a half hour of speeches in favor of "the old folks," voted 59 to 1 today to liberalize slight old age pension benefits, while the senate killed 21 to 8 a bill to permit court appeals from liquor commission refusals to renew liquor dispensing licenses.

The old age pension bill, by Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland, permits old age pensioners to have \$250 cash and \$500 insurance without affecting the amount of pensions given by the public welfare commission. The bill now goes to the senate.

Harvey's bill originally called for a \$50 minimum pension, but this provision of the bill provides a \$500 fine for any person who offers to try to get a pension increased on condition he get a percentage of the increase. Harvey said this would eliminate a "vicious racket" that now is going on.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, sponsor of the liquor appeals bill, which is similar to one already killed by the house, said "before you destroy a man's business you should give him a chance to be heard in the courts."

Opponents contended the bill is unnecessary, and that the liquor business is merely a privilege extended by the state.

Trade Union Group Rapped

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP)—Matthew Woll, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, said last night that the purpose of a world federation of trade unions delegation now en route to Japan was to "spread communism under the guise of trade unionism."

The AFL has refused to join the WFTU on the grounds that Soviet trade unions are members. The Congress of Industrial Organizations is affiliated with the WFTU.

Woll said at a news conference that he had asked the war and state departments and General Douglas MacArthur to publish in the Japanese press his statement that it would be "utterly unfair and injurious" for the Japanese union movement if Japan's labor heard the WFTU viewpoint without hearing also the AFL case against the WFTU.

Pelicans Meet Newberg Tonight

Klamath's Pelicans will play Newberg tonight in Eugene in the semi-final playoff for the state championship basketball title. Again, Don Neal, sports announcer, will broadcast the game on radio station KFLW at 8:45, direct from McArthur court in Eugene.

The Pelicans gained the right to play in the semi-finals with their defeat of Eugene last night, 61-51. Full details of the game appear on the sports page of today's Herald and News.

In consolation games today, Roosevelt of Portland defeated La Grande, 57-53, and Rainier downed Redmond, 51-42.

French Plane Reported Missing

PARIS, March 14 (AP)—A plane which took off from Nice for Paris today with 23 passengers aboard is reported missing, a French press agency dispatch said.

The news agency described the plane as the regular Nice-to-Paris liner and said it took off from Nice at 1:30 p. m. (7:30 a. m., eastern standard time). Nothing has been heard from the craft since it passed over Montelmar, between Marseille and Lyon, the agency reported.

USBR To Release Bids Tomorrow

The abstracts of bids for the League of Nations and Frogpond lease tracts are prepared and the officials of the bureau of reclamation expected to start awarding the units sometime this evening or tomorrow morning. The awards, when made, will be printed in The Herald and News. Reclamation officials have been holding up the awarding to study the bids before arriving at any decision.

Siskiyou Freeholders Sign The Charter



William Hagelstein of Dorris, one of the Siskiyou county board of freeholders named to draw up a charter form of government for the nearby county, is shown affixing his signature to the charter at a meeting at the Weed hotel in Weed last night. Earl Ager, Tulake, another freeholder from eastern Siskiyou, is standing directly behind Hagelstein. Other freeholders in the background, discussing the significant occasion.

Electricians Back On Jobs

HOLLYWOOD, March 14 (AP)—The ranks of strikers in Hollywood's seven-month-old film strike were thinned today as electricians, who reached an agreement with the non-striking International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, began returning to their jobs.

In a joint statement, Charles P. Hughes, international representative of the AFL Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Roy M. Brewer, international representative of the AFL IATSE, said the agreement bans jurisdictional strikes between the two unions.

A month ago the electrical workers, members of local 40, withdrew from the striking AFL conference of studio unions, headed by Herbert K. Sorrell. Wednesday night the 400 electricians voted to go back to work.

Navy Slates New Ships

LOS ANGELES, March 14 (AP)—The navy, says Vice Admiral Earl W. Mills, considers the atom bomb more of a weapon against land targets and shore installations than a menace to dispersed ships at sea.

Admiral Mills, chief of the navy department's bureau of ships, said, however, that emphasis is being placed on lighter type vessels rather than heavy battlewagons and the navy is striving to increase the resistance of surface ships to atomic activity to meet the atomic threat.

The admiral, on a tour of west coast naval installations, said in an interview that faster submarines are being designed and the design of carriers being altered to accommodate speedier planes.

Chief Shot In Gun Battle

WEST COVINA, Calif., March 14 (AP)—Chief of Police John Thomas Brown, 30, was shot today in a gun battle with two men he said had the body of a woman tied up in the back seat of their car.

Earlier, San Bernardino county authorities received a report that two men were seen loading a woman's body into their car in the isolated Lytle creek district—about 35 miles east of here.

Brown said he stopped his police car to investigate a parked machine, was greeted by gunfire as the other sped away. One of the shots struck his side, but hospital attendants said the wound was not serious. He emptied his service revolver at the fleeing car, and reported he apparently struck it.

He said he could not determine whether the woman was dead or alive.

Crew Rescued From Sinking Ship

HONOLULU, March 14 (AP)—The master and nine crewmen of the wrecked tanker Fort Dearborn were rescued today, Capt. J. W. Ryssy of the coast guard announced.

Ryssy said the men were taken aboard the freighter St. Johns Victory and then transferred to the American President liner General W. H. Gordon, both of which were standing by the scene 1100 miles northwest of Oahu.

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Marshall Speaks For Democracy

MOSCOW, March 14 (AP)—Secretary Marshall bluntly told the conference of foreign ministers today that the United States does not consider a society democratic if men who "respect the rights of their fellow men are not free to express their own beliefs and convictions without fear that they may be snatched away from their home and family."

Marshall was speaking on the need for democratization of Germany, but his comment, coming on top of President Truman's declarations against totalitarianism in Greece, heavily stressed the American stand for other parts of the world.

"To us," said the American secretary, "a society is not free if law-abiding citizens live in fear of being denied the right to work or of being deprived of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Progress Told
Marshall also told the council: 1. Eighty of 117 war production plants in the American zone of Germany are 100 per cent liquidated.

2. The United States now holds only 15,103 Nazi prisoners of war, mostly in Italy, while 15,873 more are rapidly being discharged in the American zone of Germany.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov announced that figures on prisoners of war held by the Russians would be circulated among the delegations tonight.

The foreign ministers agreed to take up tomorrow the thorny question of displaced persons and territorial reorganization of Germany.

Meanwhile prospects dimmed for Big Three talks concerning the Chinese crisis, with China present, despite Russian insistence. An authoritative source said China was not likely to agree to participate.

Vets To Get Idaho Land

BOISE, Ida., March 14 (AP)—World War II veterans will be given homesteading rights to 43 irrigated farm units in the Minidoka area of southeastern Idaho—the first major postwar land opening in Idaho—Regional Director R. J. Newell of the bureau of reclamation said today.

The bureau of reclamation is taking applications for the 43 units which will be officially available for homestead entry April 25, Newell said. The farms, comprising 3226 acres of public land, are on the Gooding division of the Minidoka project near Eden and Hazelton, Ida.

Veterans who qualify will be given an added start when they tackle the raw land—each man will receive two buildings without charge from the war relocation authority evacuation camp in the area. Surplus equipment ranging from small tools and sewing machines to rubber boots and blankets also will go to the 43 lucky homesteaders.

Streetcar Ruled Not A Vehicle

PORTLAND, March 14 (AP)—A streetcar isn't a vehicle in Portland.

Deputy City Attorney Stephen King said today a motorist wanted to charge a streetcar operator with hit-run driving for failing to stop after a collision with his car. But, said King, the hit-run ordinance covers only vehicles—and conveyances operating on stationary rails or tracks are excluded from the statutory definition.

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REACTIONS to President Truman's new foreign policy (spotlighted on Greece and Turkey) are beginning to come from Russia. They are interesting. If intelligently read, they are informative.

IZVESTIA (Soviet government newspaper) says that in interfering as it has in the internal affairs of Greece and Turkey the United States is behaving in a manner that could not have been expected from a member of the United Nations.

In an argument, we could report that neither has Russia behaved in a manner becoming a member of an organization that is seeking world unity and peace. But that would get us nowhere. There has been too much argument already. The time for a showdown is nearing.

IZVESTIA (which speaks for the communist government of Russia) goes on:

"Claims of the United States for leadership in international affairs grow in keeping with the appetites of interested American circles... Really what will be left of Greece's sovereignty after the American military and civilian personnel will sit on the heads of the Greek rulers and when this personnel commences the direction of Greece with the aid of 250 million American dollars?"

That amounts to a retort from Russia that what we are doing in Greece is as bad as what the Russians are doing.

AGAIN the comment must be that there has been too much argument already. The time for a showdown is here. Truman's new policy, if backed up by congress and the American people, amounts to a showdown.

TASS, official Russian news agency, takes another tack. It says the new Truman policy is directed against "democratic elements" in Greece.

That brings in the highly important matter of DEFINITIONS. According to the Russian definition, democracy is ANYTHING RUSSIAN; therefore, according to the Russian idea, anything communistic is democratic.

When Russia talks of democracy, she is talking, PERFECTLY SINCERELY, of something entirely different from our conception of democracy. Understanding of that fact helps clear the situation in our minds.

GENERAL MARSHALL (now our secretary of state), clearly understanding this basic fact, takes the trouble today to give to the conference of foreign ministers now meeting in Moscow America's definition of what is democracy and what is NOT democracy. He says:

"The United States does not consider a society democratic if men who respect the rights of their fellow men are not free to express their own beliefs and convictions WITHOUT FEAR that they may be snatched away from their homes and their families."

GENERAL MARSHALL is referring to a fact that is too widely misunderstood in this country.

What he means is that in America THERE IS PUBLIC OPINION, based upon free expression of what men believe. In Russia, there is NO TRUE PUBLIC OPINION, because there men who speak are listened to by SECRET POLICE, who, in General Marshall's words, have the power to "snatch them away from their homes and their families," without trial, and immerse them in concentration camps or perhaps shoot them against a wall.

Therein lies the real difference between our system and the Russian communist system.

BUT all this is argumentative chaff—and one of the purposes of argument, especially POLITICAL argument, is to CONFUSE MEN'S MINDS.

This is the real question we face on this new foreign policy issue: Is it or is it not vitally necessary to our safety to STOP RUSSIA NOW, before she gets too big to handle?

Only President Truman can answer that question. It seems to this writer that it is time for him to speak out and let the chips fall where they may.

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