

U.S. OFFERS PLAN FOR GERMANY

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IN Washington this morning, Senators Vandenberg (Republican) and Connally (Democrat) propose a preamble to the Greek-Turkish aid bill declaring that American help for Greece and Turkey "will contribute to the freedom and independence of all members of the United Nations."

That is to say, these senators propose that we assert that in MOVING ALONE the United States is moving in support of the ideals ENVISIONED but not yet ACCOMPLISHED by the United Nations Organization.

LET'S think clearly, here as elsewhere.

The purpose of such a declaration was to assure the small nations that we are moving in the direction of support of their ideals of freedom and independence. The EFFECT of it would be to assert our belief that the United Nations has FAILED and we are taking over world leadership.

That is probably true. But before taking such a position, we must be sure that the people of the United States know what we are doing, know why it is being done and are willing to back it up with all their lives and all their property.

IT is this writer's guess that the American people aren't YET willing to take on such a commitment. They haven't yet been told enough of the blunt truth. Before they will be willing to take on such a contract they must be told ALL of the facts and convinced that no other course is safe.

This is no time for diplomatic pussyfooting.

THIS is a time for facing of facts everywhere.

In Washington, there is a lot of backing and filling on tax reduction and debt retirement. If we are to be efficient as a nation, we've got to quit squandering public money like drunken sailors. If we aren't efficient as a nation, we'll face a disturbed world at a great disadvantage.

The way to cut taxes is to cut expenses. The way to cut expenses is to CUT FIRST and then fit spending into the picture of reduced income. That is the only way reduced spending was ever accomplished. It is the only way it ever will be accomplished.

No sensible person doubts that we can reduce spending from the fantastic figures of recent years and still have enough money left to do a good job of government.

THIS is a good time to face some facts right here in Oregon.

Up in Salem, the joint ways and means committee of the legislature has been wrestling with the problem of PUBLIC WELFARE. We learn from the dispatches that our Oregon public welfare program is now being carried on at the rate of 51 MILLION DOLLARS per biennium (a biennium is two years).

A new program has just been prepared calling for public welfare expenditures at the rate of \$43,700,000 for the next biennium, a reduction of about seven million dollars, from the present scale. Of the proposed nearly 44 millions for public welfare in Oregon, roughly 30 millions would be borne by state (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

Bill Asks Limit For Legislature

SALEM, March 22 (AP)—The house adopted almost unanimously today a proposed constitutional amendment to limit the length of legislative sessions to 60 days, and to pay each legislator \$10 a day for the whole session.

There now is no limit, and legislators get paid \$8 a day for only the first 50 days.

The measure goes to the senate, and would be referred to the people.

Current legislature already is 60 days old, and will last at least a week longer.

Police Press Search For Recluse In Ruined Mansion

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP)—Not knowing whether they were looking for a corpse buried under a 36-year-old accumulation of junk in a Fifth Avenue ghost house, or for an aged and grief-stricken recluse wandering the streets of a strange modern city, police dug in again today in their search for legendary Langley Collyer, 71.

Some detectives theorized that he would be found alive—that he was the mysterious tipster who phoned police the news that his blind and crippled brother, Homer, 75, was dead in the decayed mansion where the wealthy, educated and aristocratic brothers had hidden from the world since 1909.

Other investigators believed Langley Collyer might be found dead somewhere in the labyrinth of litter they called home.

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Snell Signs Throughways Bill

Legislation Kills Portal Wage Suits

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—On the strength of decisive house and senate victories for legislation killing portal pay suits, republicans spoke confidently today of overriding a veto by President Truman if necessary.

The senate vote for a measure to outlaw virtually all pending and future portal claims was 64 to 24.

It now goes to the house, which passed a similar bill three weeks ago, 435 to 36.

Conference Stated

Next week a house-senate conference committee will iron out the differences. Ratification is a foregone conclusion.

Then the bill will go to the White House.

With a two-thirds vote needed to override a veto, GOP congressional leaders could point to the fact that they mustered the required strength—and more—in both the house and senate.

In the senate yesterday, 18 democrats joined with 46 republicans in approving the portal pay bill voiding pending claims for nearly \$6,000,000,000. The democrats lost, 33 to 35, an earlier attempt to substitute a milder bill for the GOP-sponsored measure finally adopted.

They proposed to exempt future back-wage claims from the general ban.

Assailing the measure in the senate, Senator Lucas (Ill.), the democratic whip, predicted flatly that Mr. Truman will veto it.

Radio Strike Ends Today

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (AP)—A three-day strike of AFL radio announcers against stations KYA and KSFO ended late last night when the American Federation of Radio Artists accepted a compromise wage offer and a security clause it termed satisfactory.

The two stations went back on the air at 8:43 p. m. when AFL technicians went through the announcers' picket lines in the belief the truce had been reached. Actually, the strike did not end officially until two hours later.

Seventeen announcers and 15 free-lance performers who walked out Wednesday morning resumed work today.

AFLA said announcers, who had been receiving \$55 to \$60 a week from the six bay-area independent stations, would be paid \$67.50 to \$77.50 until next October 1, and then a scale ranging from \$70 to \$80—the original AFLA wage demand.

The contract runs to June, 1948. The increases are retroactive to January 1.

Snow, Rain Fall At Crater Lake

A mixture of snow and rain peppered the Crater Lake National park area this morning and unless the temperature drops skiing will not be as good as it has been the past several week-ends.

It was warm Friday, the temperature reaching 56 degrees but dropping to 33 at 8:30 this morning. Chains should be carried by motorists going into the park.

Agreement On Tax Cut Collapses

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—A reported republican agreement upon a budget compromise, taxes and debt payment collapsed today at a senate-house committee conference.

Rep. Taber (R-N. Y.) told reporters that house conferees, earlier reported in agreement with senate republicans, "had unanimously insisted upon a \$6,000,000,000 cut" in President Truman's budget estimates of \$37,500,000,000 for the new fiscal year starting July 1.

No Agreement

Senator Bridges (R-N. H.), chairman of the senate appropriations committee who earlier had told reporters about the compromise reached at a secret session of republicans, explained that "we thought we had an agreement but it failed."

Taber, chairman of the senate-house group appointed to work out differences, reported "we had one vote, talked things over for about an hour and then agreed to adjourn." He added that he did not know when another meeting will be held.

Senate conferees had offered to accept a \$5,250,000,000 reduction in the president's budget instead of the \$6,000,000,000 asked by the house, and the \$4,500,000,000 voted by the senate.

Also tied into the proposed compromise were plans to include \$2,000,000,000 for reduction of the debt, instead of the \$2,600,000,000 asked by the senate, and a sizable sum to allow reduction of income taxes.

Probe Slated On Gas Hike

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—Motorists' complaints over widespread boosts in gasoline prices the past two weeks has started an inquiry by the justice department's anti-trust division.

The department said last night it has received many complaints about the increases which, reports from representative cities show, range generally from 1/2-cent to 1 1/2 cents a gallon. In some areas the advances were the second in recent weeks.

Douglas W. McGregor, acting attorney general, told reporters: "We are studying the situation and have been doing so for some time through the anti-trust division."

Two governors, Mon C. Wallgren of Washington and Earl Warren of California, joined in criticizing the increases and in asking an FBI investigation.

Council To Talk Street Closures

Expected to be on the city council docket Monday night is the planning commission's recommendation regarding closure of cross streets on the site of the new north entrance highway into Klamath Falls.

The state highway department recently requested the action, pointing out that no actual construction can be started or contracts let until arrangements for closing the streets are completed.

Two streets, Portland in the city limits, and Quarry, outside the city boundary, will be left open should the recommendation be accepted and acted upon by the city council and the county court.

Soldier Shoots Chinese Youth

PEIPING, March 22 (AP)—U. S. army authorities expressed deep regret today over the killing of a Chinese schoolboy by an American airfield guard and promised the boy's family would be compensated and the guard court-martialed.

A Chinese-American investigation team announced that the boy was killed March 17 at Cpl. Lloyd M. West, 20, of Pine Grove, W. Va., pursued a man he had seen climb a fence in the airfield warehouse area.

The man escaped around a wall, investigators said, and when West saw the schoolboy 50 yards away, he assumed he was the fleeing man and fired 12 bullets.

West will be court-martialed because he was firing outside the American controlled airfield.

Acheson Testifies From 'Book'



With the "secret" book of Greece and Turkish emergency background documents spread before him, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson finds an answer to a question, as he testifies before the house foreign affairs committee in Washington. A state department aide, Hubert Havlik (right), chief of division of investment and economic development, assists him.

—AP wirephoto.

Expert Says Atom Bomb War Could End Humanity

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (AP)—The nation's top authority on radiological safety today sounded a somber warning that an all-out atomic war could mean humanity's doom.

Dr. Stafford Warren, chief of radiological safety for the Manhattan project which developed the atomic bomb, declared one or two well placed bombs could make the average big city untenable and require its evacuation within two hours if survivors of the blast were to escape death from radioactive poisoning.

Radioactive particles contaminating buildings, crops and water supplies would rain death slowly upon the earth for generations after any atomic war, Warren told the University of California Medical school faculty in a talk yesterday.

He said a surprise atom bomb attack on this country would bring death to the aggressor, who could only expect a furious counterattack unless he were lucky enough to knock the United States out in the first few minutes. That, he added, would be unlikely.

He said radioactive particles from the first atom bomb explosion near Alamogordo, N. M., July 16, 1945, have been carried around the world several times and still are detectable in the air.

As an aftermath of an atom bomb explosion radioactive forms of oxygen, nitrogen, carbon and other elements become part of living things such as plants and animals, even entering the walls of buildings, clothing, growing crops or ships.

After an atomic war, said Dr. Warren, food and water would be unfit for use. Persons who consumed them would risk death through destruction of their blood cells. Or the human race would be in danger of dying out because of sterility caused by the radioactive particles.

Dr. Warren, dean of the new medical school at the University of California at Los Angeles, said he believed the United States could lose 100,000,000 of its people in an atom bomb attack and survive as a nation—providing its resources did not become contaminated.

But radioactive poisoning of its food, water, houses and industrial plants would mean the end, he said.

Income Tax Cut Bill Introduced

SALEM, March 22 (AP)—The house finished its sales tax program today by approving 36 to 20 and sending to the senate a bill reducing state income taxes if the people vote for the 3 per cent sales tax at the June 24 special election.

The bill increases income tax exemptions for single persons from \$750 to \$1000 a year, for married persons from \$1500 to \$2000, and for dependents from \$300 to \$500.

It was the third of the trio of sales tax bills. The others provided for the tax, and for the special election.

Klamath Sentiment Divided On Highway Revenue Issue

Klamath people representing both sides of the argument will be on hand Tuesday night at Salem when a senate hearing is held on the measure which would give cities and counties a larger share of state highway revenues.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf said today he will go to the hearing to help present the arguments of the League of Oregon Cities in favor of the measure. But Klamath sentiment on the other side of the issue will be represented by Alfred D. Collier, member of the roads and highways committee of the Klamath County chamber of commerce, which is on record against the bill.

WEATHER
Mar. (Mar. 21) 48 Min. 45
Precipitation last 24 hours .559
Stream year to date .559
Last year—11.05 Normal .677
Forecast: Cloudy, light showers.

SALEM, March 22 (AP)—The senate passed 20 to 5 today and sent to the governor the bill to tax cigarettes two cents a package, the measure intended to raise \$2,000,000 a year for the state general fund.

Committee Finishes School Bill

SALEM, March 22 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell signed into law today the bill to permit the state highway commission to build throughways or limited access highways which would be free of commercial development alongside them.

The bill, passed after bitter battles in both houses, will limit throughways to new construction, relocated routes, and to existing routes where there are less than 10 commercial establishments per mile.

The senate education committee finished its work today on house bill 9, to apportion the \$16,000,000 basic school support fund to school districts, by recommending that the senate pass it in about the same version as approved by the house.

Bill Considered

The bill, which will be considered by the senate about next Tuesday, distributes 75 per cent of the fund in grants and aids, 20 per cent on the basis of equalization, and 5 per cent for transportation and administration.

Sen. Ernest R. Fatland, Conn. did not concur in the committee report. He favors distribution of the money on the basis of congressional districts, the plan which also is favored by Portland school leaders because it would give Portland much more money.

The joint ways and means committee had its critical public welfare problem solved today, but it means a drastic cut in general assistance, and possibly a reduction in old age assistance.

The program, prepared by the committee's sub-committee on public welfare, calls for \$43,700,000 for all welfare in the biennium beginning July 1. This compares with the program which is now going on at a \$51,000,000 rate.

The state would contribute \$22,000,000, the government \$14,900,000, and the counties \$6,800,000.

Hatcheries May Shut Down

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22 (AP)—Possibility that two federal fish hatcheries in Washington state may be closed July 1 by lack of funds was reported today by A. Kemmerich, assistant regional director of the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

The two are the Quinalt, on the Olympic peninsula's Quinalt river, and the Birdview on the Skagit river. Federal hatcheries in other parts of the country are similarly threatened, Kemmerich said.

Congressional action has not yet been taken on appropriation requests, he said, and the decision will wait that. He pointed out that the hatcheries each require \$12,000 to \$14,000 annually and that additional maintenance funds also will be needed soon to compensate for lack of wartime maintenance work.

Kemmerich said the fish and wildlife service and the Indian service had sought to work out a co-operative program to keep open the Quinalt hatchery—which benefits Quinalt reservation Indians—but that the Indian service reported its own funds critically short.

Fierro Mine Blast Kills Four

SILVER CITY, N. M., March 22 (AP)—Four men were killed early today in an underground explosion at a small mine near Fierro, 18 miles northeast of Silver City.

Justice of the Peace H. O. Worthen, who is conducting an inquest, identified the dead as Francisco Salas, 30, of Hanover; Robert Garcia, 22, and Lorenzo Moreno, 28, and his brother, Melquiades Moreno, 24, all of Fierro. All except Garcia were married.

Coal Parley Possibility Seen Soon

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—Officials in touch with the soft coal dispute said today there may be a government call within the next week for John L. Lewis and the mine owners to start negotiating for a new contract.

Before it comes, they told a reporter, two legal moves remain:

1. Lewis to "purge" himself and the United Mine Workers of contempt of the federal district court here by showing that he has called off his notice terminating their contract with the government as operator of the seized mines.

This will include paying his own fine of \$10,000 and one of \$700,000 against the union. The supreme court, in upholding District Judge T. Alan Goldsborough's contempt finding, lopped \$2,800,000 off a \$3,500,000 fine against the UMW. Colateral for both fines was posted with the district court in the form of government bonds.

2. The justice department to decide whether it wants a final judgment on the basic issue of the court fight, which was whether Lewis had the right to reopen his contract with the government on 30 days notice.

The government contends the contract holds good as long as the government holds the mines. But authority to continue the seizure expires June 30 under present law and officials say the justice department may not insist on a court ruling.

Britain Hit By New Floods

LONDON, March 22 (AP)—Swollen rivers overflowed new sections of northern England today even as thousands of troops and civilian volunteers fought to seal riverbank breaks through which flood waters were pouring over farmlands.

The river Don, still rising, spread over more territory in Yorkshire, some 150 miles north of London. In the fenland, 50 and more miles north of here, the river Ouse and the river Welland had broken through their banks.

South of the fenland city of Ely in Cambridge, army engineers arranged to float nine huge Neptune amphibian tanks around a break in the Ouse banks.

Smoking Proves Dangerous Job

ADAMS, Ore., March 22 (AP)—One way to rid oneself of a habit is to burn it out.

At least that is what Carl Christian discovered, Christian always lighted his after-breakfast cigarette with a match ignited by scratching on the underside of the table. But the other morning, while enjoying his usual smoke, Christian noticed his elbow had become unusually warm. The match had set afire the table cloth.

Search Started For Missing Ship

SEATTLE, March 22 (AP)—Planes and shipping between San Francisco and Hawaii were alerted by the navy to watch for the Panamanian steam schooner Catherine II (formerly the Catherine Olson) overdue at Honolulu since Tuesday. The 30-year-old vessel, operated by the Logan corporation, loaded railroad ties in Tacoma and sailed for Shanghai. She has a crew of 22.

After passing Cape Flattery she experienced two leaks and rudder trouble, but declined assistance and went to San Francisco for repairs. She resumed her westward voyage March 8.

Coed, Companion Named In Yacht Murder Accusation

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 22 (AP)—Heiress Beulah Louise Overell, 17, and her fiancé, George R. Gollum, 21, were named in murder accusations today in connection with the deaths of their wealthy parents aboard their yacht, blown up in Newport harbor last Saturday night.

Chief of Police R. R. Hodgkinson of Newport Beach said the written accusations would be presented today in the court of justice of the Peace Howard C. Cameron as the basis for murder complaints charging the college student sweethearts with killing Mr. and Mrs. Walter Overell, who left a reported \$600,000 fortune.

Chief Hodgkinson and Sheriff James Musick of Orange county planned to arraign the couple, who expected to be married April 30, her 18th birthday anniversary, after complaints are issued, then a preliminary hearing would be set.

Investigators originally presumed that Overell, 62, head of a Los Angeles finance company, and his wife, Beulah, 57, died in a dynamite blast aboard the yacht but Sheriff Musick said evidence indicated they had been slain with a ball pen hammer before the explosion.

Beulah and Gollum, arrested Wednesday and booked for murder, have not been permitted to see each other since. Drawing of charges, Sheriff Musick said, was to prevent attorneys for the couple from obtaining their freedom via habeas corpus writs.

Musick and Hodgkinson said they would present "convincing and conclusive evidence" that Overell and his wife were bludgeoned to death before their 47-foot yacht, the Mary E., exploded and sank in 18 feet of water about 150 feet from shore.

Thomas McGuff, head of the sheriff's identification bureau, said that Chief Hodgkinson was in possession of "a ball pen hammer that was used to kill the girl's parents." It was found, McGuff told reporters, near a broken toilet bowl on the yacht.

McGuff said he made an intensive examination of the bodies and placed the ball pen hammer in the head wounds. It fitted the wounds exactly, he said.

Russian Suggestion Opposed

MOSCOW, March 22 (AP)—The United States urged tonight the formation of a provisional German government at "an early date" after Russia proposed the old Weimar republic as a basis of Germany's future regime.

U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, in a paper circulated at the foreign ministers council, proposed a re-created Germany of from 10 to 18 laender (states) headed at first by a provisional government to be composed of the heads of the states. The allied control council would refrain from direction, operation or detailed supervision of the provisional government's activities.

Opposition Offered

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov proposed that the Weimar constitution be the basis for the new German government. This brought quick opposition from British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

The French minister said "the ghost of the Weimar republic will not find favor with the French people."

Marshall's paper elaborated the fundamental principles he laid down yesterday.

Molotov proposed that Germany be governed by a two-chamber parliament, elected by direct proportional representation.

Bidault himself proposed a decentralized, loosely federated government structure for Germany, but warned that France opposed the rapid development of even a provisional regime.

The French minister suggested that a one-house parliament be authorized, with its members to be chosen by the states.

He said the French position was that any establishment of a provisional government for Germany was "premature" but that his delegation found the U. S. government proposal for a federalized Germany "interesting." He indicated there were grounds for a compromise.

Marshall, Stalin Meet Seen Soon

MOSCOW, March 22 (AP)—An authoritative British source said today that a meeting between Prime Minister Stalin and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was expected for this week-end, but added that it might take place "somewhat later."

It was learned that the British had indicated Bevin would be glad to see the Soviet leader, but made no specific request for such a conference.

Political forecasters predicted earlier that Stalin might see both Bevin and Secretary of State George C. Marshall this week-end—"if somebody isn't giving somebody else the silent treatment."

Baseball Voted Major Sport

The student body of Klamath Union high school voted, by a better than two-thirds majority, Friday afternoon to make baseball a major sport on the school's roster.

The change was brought up by the members of the baseball team and Coach Ed Ryan, and discussed in the student congress, where it was decided to submit the plan to the student body. Thursday afternoon the idea was discussed pro and con in a student body assembly and the ballots were passed around in the home rooms yesterday afternoon.

The votes were collected and tallied by a committee under Student Body President Ben Larson, and the result announced before the end of the day.