

SALES TAX PASSED BY SENATE



By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is a faintly hopeful sign in the international relations sky today.

WITH RUSSIAN PERMISSION, the vast chains of Pacific islands that we took from Japan go under American control through security council approval of a United Nations strategic area trusteeship.

This "trusteeship," which gives to the United States such sweeping powers over these strategically important islands as to amount practically to annexation of them as American territory, could have been vetoed by Russia.

It wasn't.

THE "trusteeship" empowers us to FORTIFY these islands, to close them AT WILL (our will for security, our security reasons) and to ban foreign aircraft from them—as the Japs did when they owned them.

It freezes these terms. That is to say, it gives to US the right to reject ANY modification of alteration of the trusteeship as it now stands. Our sovereignty over these islands is to be hereafter unchallenged. They are to remain OURS, to do with practically as we see fit.

It was on this point that Gromyko, the Soviet delegate, objected most strenuously. He contended that the security council of United Nations should retain the power to change the trusteeship in the future.

But he refrained from using his veto.

LET'S use the sound device of moving over across the table and putting ourselves in the other fellow's seat for a moment—in order to get his viewpoint. These Pacific islands, in American possession, could be at least as great a threat to Russia (and her system) as Russian dominance of eastern Europe can be to us and our way of life. It isn't hard to understand why Russia can fear our practically complete possession of them.

YET, in the pinch, Russia permits the trusteeship to go through.

Why? It is a safe assertion that no one outside the Kremlin knows why. Russia could be preparing to withdraw from United Nations and go it on her own. She could be impressed by our show of firmness in our recent policies toward her. There could be many reasons.

The fact remains that Russia gave ground on this point when she might have stood pat. That provides at least a faint glimmer of hope that we may be able to find a way to compromise our present sharp disagreements.

THIS dispatch from Essen (Germany) is less hopeful: "The Ruhr's giant coal industry came to an almost complete standstill today as most of the area's 300,000 miners ignored British appeals (the Ruhr is in the British zone) to remain on."

No Trace Of Paine Found

Law enforcement agencies in Klamath county, including city police, advised today that there was no trace of Alfred A. Paine, San Quentin escapee who engaged in a gun battle with officers Monday night and eluded an intensive search, despite the alarm sent throughout the north-west.

Late Wednesday afternoon John G. Fanning, owner-operator of the Time Oil company on S. 4th street, signed a complaint against Paine and Norman Jacklin, his partner and now held in the county jail. The charge is assault and robbery, armed with a dangerous weapon.

Jacklin, captured during the battle Monday night by city police, admitted his part in holding up the station operator a few minutes before the shooting as Fanning locked up his plant and started to step into his pickup. The pair took Fanning's wallet, containing some \$90.95, and police found the money on Jacklin's person during a search at the city jail.

Foreign Relations Group Approves Greek Loan Move

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—The senate foreign relations committee today approved by a vote 13-0 legislation to carry out President Truman's program of extending \$400,000,000 financial and limited military aid to Greece and Turkey.

Brushing aside proposals to eliminate Turkey as a beneficiary and to strip out the military aid provisions, the committee unanimously sent an amendment bill to the senate for expected action there next week.

Before acting, it revised an amendment by Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) to give the United Nations authority to call on American assistance only when the international organization finds that assistance

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Compromise Offered On Reparations

MOSCOW, April 3 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall told the council of foreign ministers today the United States would be willing to consider limited German reparations from current production, but only if the allied powers agreed to leave in Germany a number of plants now earmarked for capital reparations.

At the same time Marshall proposed the compromise formula, he reaffirmed in a paper circulated among Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov of Russia, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault that "present demands to increase the reparations agreed upon at Potsdam cannot be considered by the United States."

This was a restatement of his qualified opposition to Molotov's demand for \$10,000,000,000 over 20 years. Marshall's new proposal, which previously was taken up briefly in a secret session last Tuesday, is based, he said, on the assumption that the German level of industry is to be raised and that plants now marked for reparations export can be used to boost the level.

Couple Face Murder Charge

SANTA ANA, Calif., April 3 (AP)—By their own assertion still very much in love, 17-year-old Beulah Louise Overell and her fiancé, George Gollum, 21, will face superior court action today on charges of murdering her wealthy parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Overell.

Superior Judge Franklin G. West, sitting in juvenile court, ruled yesterday that the blonde heiress was not to be considered a juvenile in the bizarre yacht slaying case, although she won't be 18 until April 30.

So, tomorrow morning, she and Gollum, 220-pound ex-navy radioman, will be arraigned in Judge West's superior court room, both as adults.

However, by California law, conviction for Miss Overell would bring a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. She could not be sentenced to death as she was under 18 at the time her parents met death aboard ship, sunk by dynamite charge in Newport harbor March 15.

The replacement training center here is to be discontinued on orders of the war department and its 9000 troops are to be moved to Colorado and California posts, it was announced today by Maj. Gen. Paul W. Kendall, post commander.

Six training battalion cadres and one regimental headquarters will be sent to the new replacement training center at Camp Carson, Colo., and one training battalion will go to Fort Ord, Calif., Gen. Kendall said.

The final status of the training center headquarters is not yet determined. The center is scheduled to close 20 days after the last unit has completed its training, which is expected to be sometime within the next three months.

being provided by itself makes the continuance of American aid unnecessary.

Rep. Eaton (R-N.J.) bluntly blamed Russia for inability of the United Nations to act in the Greek-Turkish situation.

Eaton has served as a consultant to American delegations at U. N. conferences.

"The U. N. has absolutely no funds to meet starvation," throughout the world, Eaton said, and added that it has no military organization.

"The reason for that," he said, "is that the Russian delegate has exercised a continued veto—holding back, confusing and delaying—which has made it impossible to be ready now."

Klamath News

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Winter Beauty In Springtime



This artistic "9 o'clock special" was made this morning in front of the armory, where a springtime "snow shower" had dressed up a hedge in white finery. By mid-day the snow was gone from the hedge.

USBR Calls On Krug For Aid In Halting Amendments

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—The reclamation bureau called upon Secretary of Interior Krug today to bolster its stand against what it says would be crippling amendments to the 1939 reclamation act.

Reclamation Commissioner Michael Strauss said that Krug would appear before a house public lands committee to testify on the proposed revisions.

Turk Premier Warns Of War

ISTANBUL, April 3 (AP)—Istanbul newspapers quoted Premier Recep Peker today as telling a group of merchants at Izmir that "it is quite possible we might wake up one morning and find ourselves in a war."

The premier's warning, press dispatches said, came last night in reply to a request that the merchants be permitted to export wheat—an item which Turkey has kept chiefly for home consumption since the beginning of the last war.

Peker was quoted as saying that Turkey had plenty of wheat this year, but that she still must hold herself prepared for eventualities.

"Under prevailing conditions of today our big neighbors should not declare war. It is absolutely so, but logic is not enough. We cannot judge everything according to our own logic."

Air Scout Club Room Stymied

Officers of the 20-30 club reported today they are stymied in their plan to set up a club home for the Air Scout troop of Klamath Falls at the end of Orchard street.

They said they need signatures of 13 property holders in the area to make it possible to set up the house under the zoning ordinance. They have 12, but one owner would not sign up.

The club hopes to move a building from the WRA center at Tulake to Klamath Falls, and is looking for another location. It is planned to put siding and other exterior finish on the structure and to make it attractive, as well as to fit it up inside for use of the Air Scouts.

America's Fastest Bomber Tested

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 3 (AP)—America's fastest bombing plane, a new four-jet propelled craft built experimentally for the army air forces, streaked away into the air for the first time here Wednesday.

The 105-foot medium bomber designated as XB-46 and built by Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft corporation, was scheduled to make a test flight to Muroc army air field.

Bill Would Have Raised \$4 Million

SALEM, April 3 (AP)—The house killed 29 to 26 today the bill to levy a 30 per cent tax on receipts of slot machines and other illegal gambling devices. The bill would have raised \$4,000,000 a year and would have eliminated the state's deficit.

The measure, however, was bitterly opposed by church and social groups, which contended that to tax them was to legalize them.

Rep. Giles L. French, Moro, sponsor of the bill, said:

"This bill is not taxing the machines, but merely the income from them. They do operate and people know it, so here is a good opportunity to obtain money for the state. Either be reasonable and accept the situation, or go on and ignore it and be hypocritical. The social and fraternal clubs made lots of money from them. Most of them are rich from them."

But Rep. Stanhope S. Pier Portland, countered that "this is the screwiest bill in this session. It semi-legalizes gambling."

Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, said it is unfair to tax property and incomes, and then to let these racketeers get by without paying taxes.

Rep. J. E. Bennett, Portland, fought the measure, asserting "Oregon should surrender to the racketeers or demand that the laws be enforced. You might as well license murder as to say we know they operate and therefore we recognize them and tax them. Passage of such a bill would be the crowning event for this legislature on the eve of adjournment."

The vote came in accepting the house taxation committee's recommendation for defeat of the bill.

Strike Parley Bugged Down

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—Government efforts to avert next Monday's threatened coast-to-coast telephone strike moved slowly today.

With 287,000 workers preparing for the walkout, federal officials concentrated on trying to break an impasse in negotiations here between the American Union of Telephone Workers and the long distance division of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

The Long Distance Workers union is one of 39 affiliates of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, which is pushing demands for \$12 weekly pay increases and other contract revisions.

Joseph A. Beirne, NFW president, pledged that if the A. T. & T. or its subsidiary firms in the Bell system, fail to make counter-offers to NFW demands, the strike will come off as scheduled for 6 a. m., Monday in each time zone.

Lumber Men File Strike Notice

SEATTLE, April 3 (AP)—A notice of intention to strike, legally effective April 28, was disclosed today by Early Hartley, president of the Puget Sound district council of the Lumber and Sawmill Worker's union (AFL).

He said approximately 16,000 workers in 186 western Washington lumber operations may walk out unless contract negotiations are completed by that date.

Representatives of management and union, he said, are deadlocked on the wage issue after a month's negotiations.

Snell Gets Fair Employment Bill

SALEM, April 3 (AP)—The much-kicked-around fair employment practices bill, only a shadow of its former self, went to Governor Snell today.

It sets up a state fair employment policy, and its only effect is to discourage the state and its subdivisions from discriminating for the purposes of employment because of race or religion.

The bill originally would have prohibited such practices, and it also would have applied to persons holding state contracts.

Final Vote On Barracks Slated Today

SALEM, April 3 (Special)—A close vote appeared in prospect in the senate late today when the Klamath Marine Barracks vocational school appropriation comes up for final legislative action. At last reports, the bill was assured of a favorable vote by a majority of senators, but the margin was narrow.

Yesterday, the bill passed the house with only six dissenting votes, after Representative Rose Poole made a speech for the proposal.

There was no opposition to the measure expressed on the floor, with Rep. Rose M. Poole, Klamath Falls, leading the discussion for the bill.

She explained to the house that if there was no need for the school after 10 years, it could be turned back to the government. She said 25 to 30 skills and trades would be taught at the school.

Rep. Frank J. Van Dyke, Ashland, said "this gives the legislature a chance to do something progressive for the state," while Rep. William B. Morse, Prineville, said it would help give training to many war veterans whose training was interrupted by the war.

Voting against the bill were Reps. Carl H. Francis, Dayton; Giles L. French, Moro; Robert C. Gile, Roseburg; E. Riddell Lage, Hood River; Burt K. Snyder, Lakeview, and Rudie Wilhelm, Portland.

Walkout Closes Ruhr Mines

ESSEN, April 3 (AP)—The Ruhr's giant coal industry came to an almost complete standstill today as most of the area's 300,000 miners ignored British appeals to remain on the job and walked out in a demand for more food for their families.

Workmen at the mines in Dortmund and Hamborn, who struck earlier in the week, entered the pits as usual, however, apparently satisfied with the part they had already taken in the demonstration.

Some officials described the demonstration as a "petitional strike." They said the miners, with the highest ration in Germany, had no reason to strike on their own behalf but must have listened to wives' complaints that they and their children lacked food.

One responsible official said that both union and political agitators had played upon this idea.

Spring Picture Given Notice

That spring fever picture of three little girls lolling in Conger avenue grass last March 20, took the eye of The Associated Press and editors throughout the nation.

The picture first appeared in The Herald and News on one of those rare early spring days. Wesley Guderian, H-N photographer, grabbed the shot as he was walking down Conger and saw the trio soaking up the sun.

Shortly after the picture appeared, Guderian was queried by the AP, which requested the picture. It was sent throughout the country over wirephoto and thus far reports have come back from former residents that the three little faces have beamed from the pages of the Chicago Tribune, the Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer, and the Miami Herald. Youngsters depicted were Rebecca Solie, Christine Solie, and Karen Hanley.

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Twelve Die In Inferno Of Burning Fireworks Plant

CLINTON, Mo., April 3 (AP)—An explosion and gunpowdered fire destroyed a fireworks manufacturing plant yesterday, burning to death 12 of the 28 employees working in the one story frame building and injuring three.

One of the injured was in a critical condition. Eleven of the victims died in the explosion and fire and the 12th succumbed in a Clinton hospital.

The workers were making toy buzz bombers in the Brown Manufacturing company factory. Fourth of July sale. Shortly after the blast, the cause of which was not known, flames were so intense that firemen were unable to get closer than 100 yards from the building.

The bodies, burned almost beyond recognition, were taken to the city hall where relatives came to make the identification.

The dead were identified as Roy Burnside, 62; Frank Chansor, 58; J. C. Herst, 62; J. S. Moyer, 70; Mrs. Edna Moyer, 54, wife of J. S. Moyer; George C. Tally, 60; Mrs. Lillian Shepard, 55; Lydia Crockett, 50; W. H. Belton, 59; Mrs. Morton Johnson, 51, and Harry L. Pogue, 67. All lived in Clinton or Deepwater, Mo.

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Special Vote To Be Held On Measure

SALEM, April 3 (AP)—The senate passed 21 to 6 today the 3 per cent sales tax bill and sent it back to the house, where leaders predicted the house would accept the senate amendments.

The bill will be submitted to the people at a special election, the date of which will have to be worked out in a senate-house conference committee. The house wants the election June 24, and the senate November 4.

Distribution

One-third of the bill's \$24,000,000 annual revenue would go into the state's general fund, and 1/6 would be given each to counties, cities and school districts to reduce property taxes. The other 1/6 share, by senate amendment, would be given to public welfare provided liquor revenues are insufficient.

The people have defeated sales tax bills five times, the last time having been by a 3 to 1 margin in 1944.

Food for consumption off-premises is not taxed under the bill.

Taxes Cut

If the bill is passed by the people, income tax rates would be reduced. If the bill is defeated, income tax rates would be increased. These changes would be accomplished by raising or lowering the income tax exemptions. Also, if the sales tax fails, then a 1 per cent withholding tax on incomes would go into effect to catch people who evade their income taxes.

Witness Raps Agency Head

The Indian service came out second best in recent hearings before a congressional panel. Lands virtually in the opinion of Mrs. June Poltras, secretary of the Klamath Indian loan board, who is home after testifying before the committee in Washington and attending subsequent hearings.

Klamath Reservation Superintendent B. G. Courtwright's testimony before the committee was "distinctly unconvincing," according to Mrs. Poltras, who was present when the superintendent landed virtually in an all-day appearance. Mrs. Poltras asserted that Courtwright was trapped in evasions and was made obviously uncomfortable by searching questions directed at him by members of the committee.

While the superintendent denied that he had attempted to influence the outcome of Indian elections and other tribal practices, Mrs. Poltras said that the facts brought out in the questioning indicated otherwise. She said it was necessary for the committee to press Courtwright closely to get from him information on the financing of purchase of airplanes for the reservation.

Courtwright, home last week from Washington, said he felt that he had given the congressional committee a great deal of valuable information and had cleared up misunderstandings as to Indian service policy and activities.

Mrs. Poltras testified on matters pertaining to the Indian reservation loan board. She recommended that the whole loan program be abolished because it is "not run in a business-like way."

Jackson To Get Second Judge

SALEM, April 3 (AP)—The Jackson-Joseph county judicial district, whose lone circuit judge has been hard-pressed because of the rapid growth of population resulting in greatly expanded court business, will get the extra circuit judge it has been fighting for the past several years.

Governor Earl Snell signed today the law yesterday the bill aiding the new judge, who will live in Josephine county.

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