

TRUMAN SIGNS PORTAL PAY BILL

Senate Approves \$350 Million Relief Program For War Torn Countries

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—The senate approved today a \$350,000,000 relief program for war-torn countries of Europe and Asia. The vote was 79-4.

It passed the measure after first refusing to go along with a house-approved slash of \$150,000,000 in the amount asked by President Truman and the state department.

The senate stand against a cut was by a roll call vote of 64 to 19. That means it will have to seek a compromise with the house.

Often such differences are split which in this case would mean a final bill providing a \$275,000,000 program.

While the legislation itself does not set forth the countries in which food and supplies will be distributed, Secretary of State Marshall has said they are Austria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, China and Trieste.

The bill is the second of two key multi-million dollar measures in the administration's foreign policy program.

The other is a \$400,000,000 economic and military relief grant to Greece and Turkey. It has been passed by both senate and house but awaits final approval of a compromise on minor differences.

Before final passage of the \$350,000,000 relief bill the senate rejected an amendment by Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) which would have barred any relief to Russia or countries "under the political or economic domination" of the Soviet.

During final debate, Senator Lodge (R-Mass.) urged that the United States help only those countries which carry out their commitments and "not pour money down a rat hole."

Asserting "we have defeated the enemy but we have not won the peace," Lodge told the senate this nation has "only begun" to learn the lesson of too fast a demobilization after the war. He said the people have "yet to fully grasp the far-reaching positive and purposeful steps yet to be taken" in a successful foreign policy.

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—The votes of Pacific coast senators on the bill for relief for war-devastated areas:

Republicans for: Cain, Cordon, Dworshak, Knowland, Morse.

Democrats for: Downey, Magnuson, Taylor.

Break Closes Alcan Road

EDMONTON, Alta., May 14 (CP)—The Alaska highway was closed today to all traffic following reports of a washout on a section of road near the B. C.-Yukon border. It was expected traffic would be banned about one week while Canadian army engineers make repairs.

Spring break-up of waterways in the area south of Watson lake was reported responsible for a washout at a point 570 miles along the road north of Dawson Creek.

A section from miles 528 to 575 will undergo repairs.

Northern traffic will be halted at Edmonton until further notice and any vehicles on the route before the ban will be halted at Dawson Creek. Another small washout last Saturday resulted in halting of traffic during the week-end until repairs were completed. Remainder of the road was reported in good condition.

\$200 Million Check Cashed

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—Britain has cashed a check on the U. S. treasury for another \$200,000,000 chunk of the \$3,750,000,000 lent her last July, treasury records disclosed today.

This brought withdrawals in 10 months to \$1,750,000,000—nearly half of the total sum which British and American officials originally figured would last Britain at least three years.

What that amounts to is borrowed at the bank to pay your grocery bill while you wait to get a job. If you ever tried that, you know it leads to trouble.

IN hungry Germany, there are nasty food riots and official American investigators report that the "winter-time resignation of the German people has given way to an ugly mood of bitter resentment toward the United States."

The situation is aggravated by the fact that German farmers are hoarding the food they produce instead of selling it. They do that because the situation in Germany is so bad that food is about the only thing that has any value.

We're getting ready to feed the Germans more — especially wheat and dried milk. Since they can't pay for it (having no industries

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On their way to school, scrubbed and shining, Gary Jansen and Juanita Easter walk toward the camera of the 9 o'clock Special photographer. Gary and Juanita are students at Conger school.

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Regardless of the outcome of congressional action on reclamation finances, the current construction program on the Klamath project will proceed and an early opening of Coppeck bay homestead area near Tulelake can be held in the coming year. He said that it appears likely that a drawing can be arranged for the middle of next winter, so that new homesteaders can get on Coppeck lands in time for the 1948 farming season.

100 Units

More than 100 homestead units will be made available in Coppeck bay, under arrangements expected to be similar to those which prevailed in the recent homestead opening.

Best said that he feels certain boundary dam construction will go ahead, but not on the elaborate scale as recently projected. A more modest project will be carried out, he said. The importance of the proposed dam to the protection of the Klamath area from floods makes it imperative to proceed with that project, the district manager said.

The dam site is on the California-Oregon boundary at the head of Langell valley.

Survey Curtailed

Best said that the current survey of the land and water resources of the Klamath basin may be curtailed and set back by the reclamation economy program in congress. He said that there was a congressional proposal to cut drastically the money for investigations, which would probably affect the local project. The survey was urged by the Klamath county chamber of commerce and other local agencies, and is in charge of C. W. Burningham.

On the whole, Best said, the situation does not look too dark for Klamath reclamation, but he said that it is hoped some restoration can be made in the investigation budget that will enable carrying on the Klamath survey. Strong economy supporters have agreed that the investigation of \$125,000 in the interior department appropriation is absurdly small, it is reported.

Mercury Drops

On East Coast

By The Associated Press

Chilly temperatures extended northward and eastward from Chicago to New England, today.

Cold air moved into New England, Upper New York state, across Lake Erie through Michigan and most of Wisconsin. Temperatures were close to freezing in Northern New England and around the Lake Superior region, and other temperatures in the area dropped to the upper 30s or low 40s.

A swift warm-up was expected in the western sections of the cold belt, but continued cold weather was forecast for New England, Upper New York State and the northern borders of Ohio today and tonight.

Full Crew

Repeal Denied

SACRAMENTO, May 14 (AP)—The state assembly today said "no" to the repeal of the 36-year-old full train crew statute.

It voted 48 to 21 against Assemblyman Alfred Robertson's motion to reconsider the repeal by which on a previous day it had defeated repeal 43 to 35.

Arguments for and against the statute were rehearsed, refurbished and elaborated on but the mind of the majority obviously was made up.

The decisiveness of the vote appeared to indicate the proposal is dead for the session.

Yesterday's decision favoring taxation of hard liquor licenses was made more definite today by Assemblyman Thomas Doyle's withdrawal of his motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment had been adopted. The bill itself, however, has yet to be passed.

The measure, by Assemblyman Jonathan J. Hollibaugh, Huntington Park, would have made all business licenses uncollectible but the amendment expressly exempted liquor permits from the exemption classification, hence they could be taxed.

JAP SENTENCED

YOKOHAMA, May 14 (AP)—Hajime Honda, former Fukuoka prison camp guard, was sentenced today to be hanged by an eighth army court.

He was found guilty of contributing to the death of Cpl. William Iverson, Seattle, and of cruelty to other allied prisoners.

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Income Tax Cut

Bill In Senate

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—The \$4,000,000,000 income tax cut bill reached the senate today, clearing the way for action on the measure, probably next week.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) of the finance committee, which approved with some changes the bill passed by the house, formally reported the legislation to the senate.

Under present plans, it is to be called up for consideration next week. However, there has been growing support for a democratic proposal to delay action until the senate and house have agreed on budget cuts.

Smith Backs Broadcasts

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—Walter Bedell Smith, American ambassador to Russia, told a congress wrangling over the state department's foreign broadcasts today that the United States must "sell" its way of life to the confused peoples of Europe.

Testifying before the house foreign affairs committee, Smith declared that the people of central Europe are in "a state of mental confusion, a state of mental and physical depression without precedent, 'uncertain' of which way to turn, groping for a ray of light."

To them, he said, the United States has a product to sell—a "decent way of life for the average citizen."

And he declared that the United States must use the radio, publication and news to get its message across in competition with efforts to sell a different ideology.

That different ideology is communism, he made clear, and warned: "If we remain silent we will turn over the groping peoples to an ideology which we consider inferior to our own."

Near Miss Spares Deer

A near miss was reported today by Lloyd Owen of Tumwater, Wash., when he arrived in Klamath after an experience with a buck deer on the Greensprings highway.

"First I saw a streak of brown," said Owen. "Then, a buck deer leaped across the highway, just barely clearing my car. I was going 55 miles an hour at the time, and I'm sure I clipped his tail as he flew through the air."

Owen, on a business trip here at the head of a new community group at Tumwater, called the Oregon Trailers, that town being the "end of the Oregon trail." Tumwater, he said, has been a town since October, 1845, but it needs awakening, and that's the job of the Trailers.

Owen issued an invitation to Klamath travelers to stop at Tumwater and Olympia when traveling in the north, and promised warm hospitality.

Southwell To Head Students

Bill Southwell was elected president of the Klamath Union high school student body in a run-off balloting today.

The final result was: Southwell, 600; Glenn Lorenz, 471.

Other results in the voting on 1947-48 student leaders:

First vice president—Wilbur Elliot, 553; Jack Lust, 524.

Second vice president—Joe Demetras, 518; Dick Pettsold, 539.

Secretary—Assurance, Lou Ann Chase, 610; Pat McMillan, 438.

Jim Crisman was elected yell leader in yesterday's first election, winning a majority of all votes cast for that position.

No Shortage Of Coal Is Report

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—F. F. Estes, executive secretary of the Coal Exporters association, said today coal is no longer a scarce commodity and should be exempted from an extension of export controls.

Estes appeared before a senate judiciary committee considering President Truman's proposed one-year extension of controls beyond June 30. He said that if the coal industry is left free it can work out its own problems and ship more coal to Europe, South America and Asia.

SOLONS PONDER BALD MEN'S PLEA

SACRAMENTO, May 14 (AP)—At the request of the Los Angeles chapter of the Society For Bald Men, California legislators today considered rationing the charge of barbers according to the hair they cut.

Assemblyman Philip L. Boyd, scratching his own practically hairless pate, offered a proposal which would have enabled the state board of barber examiners to issue hair measurement certificates to "any bald-headed citizen seeking relief from excessive charges for haircuts."

It was offered as an amendment to a bill requiring barbers to display photographs with their licenses.

Toupee wearers would receive confidential cards, striped in yellow, never to be available for public inspection.

Wearing a toupee himself, Author Boyd finally withdrew his amendment and the assembly voted 53 to 0 to require barbers to frame their pictures.

Honor Students At Sacred Heart Academy

Ellen O'Keefe, left, was named valedictorian of the senior class of Sacred Heart academy, and Patricia O'Leary holds Honor's diploma of the graduates. Commencement date has been set for May 28 at Sacred Heart church.

—Kennell Ellis.

British Administration In Palestine Hit By Soviets

NEW YORK, May 14 (AP)—Soviet Russia today delivered a vigorous attack on Britain's administration of Palestine and demanded immediate termination of the League of Nations mandate.

As one possible solution of the Holy Land problem, Russia recommended creation of a dual Arab-Jewish state.

The Soviet position was set forth by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko as the extraordinary session of the United Nations assembly moved toward final action creating an 11-nation Palestine inquiry commission.

Admitted Failure

He said British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had admitted failure of the mandate as a solution to the Palestine problem and that several commissions had reached the same conclusion.

Gromyko said discussions before the assembly had shown that the present situation in Palestine was a threat to peace.

He criticized Britain's efforts to maintain order in the Holy Land by military force and declared British troops were the enemy of both the Jews and Arabs.

Gromyko's long speech in Russian followed the opening of a last-ditch Arab-country fight in the assembly for immediate independence of Palestine.

Inquiry Approved

It was a foregone conclusion, however, that the assembly would approve plans for an 11-nation inquiry commission adopted yesterday by the 58 member nations meeting at Lake Success as the political committee.

These plans give the inquiry group a free hand to consider the independence question on the same basis as all other possible solutions of the Holy Land problem.

The new Arab move was led by Dr. Fadhil Jamil, foreign minister of Iraq, who announced he would vote against creation of the inquiry commission and said Iraq reserved the right to "take the attitude they choose to take" toward the investigating body.

Two Injured Here Tuesday

Two industrial accidents occurred here late Tuesday afternoon, sending both men to Hillside hospital for treatment.

Joe Duncan, resident of the Fairview district and employed as a painter in an auto paint and body shop, was overcome by lacquer fumes while painting at 3:35 p.m. and was moved unconscious to the Klamath Medical clinic by fellow workmen.

The Ambulance Service was called and, still unconscious, Duncan was transferred to Hillside. He improved during the night and was able to return to his home Wednesday morning.

Clarence Neathammer, 37-year-old Weyerhaeuser Timber company planing mill employee, suffered severe bruises of the pelvic region at 4:30 yesterday afternoon when he was forced against a wall when a large board came off the planing table. He is reported resting comfortably in Hillside.

One Convict Recaptured

William H. Evans, 33, one of the three convicts who escaped from a California prison camp at Goose Lake last Sunday night, was recaptured in Los Angeles this morning, according to word received here by Sheriff Lloyd L. Low.

The other two escapees, also believed to have headed for Los Angeles, are still at large. They are Russell Hays, 39, life-terminer, and Frank H. Schultz, 34, serving 10 years for attempted robbery. Evans had been serving 10 to 14 years for forgery.

They broke out of the Goose Lake camp Sunday night, kidnapping Jack Means, 24, a civilian employee, and taking Means' car. Means was turned loose and his car abandoned at Sparks, near Reno, Monday.

The Goose Lake camp is just below the California line on the Lakeview-Alta highway.

Harry Asks Minimum Wage Boost

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—President Truman signed into law today legislation banning portal pay today and sent congress a fresh request that it raise the minimum wage to 65 cents an hour.

In a message to the legislators, the president:

1. Emphasized that he was signing the portal bill because he believed it in "the interests of economic stability" that both business and the government be relieved of the potential liability for billions of dollars. But he said there were defects in the measure and asked that congress remedy them.

2. Asked again that congress raise the statutory minimum wage from 40 to 65 cents an hour.

3. In effect, prodded business to reach wage agreements with workers and reduce prices.

Mr. Truman said that with uncertainty over the portal claims removal, "current wage negotiations can proceed more readily to a satisfactory conclusion and businessmen will be able to plan with assurance for full production and price reduction."

Here are the main provisions of the bill:

1. Virtually all pending and future claims are outlawed unless covered by a wage contract or industry custom.

2. A two-year time limit, after the work is done, is fixed for filing all qualified suits.

3. Employers can offer a "good faith" defense against claims for triple damages if they can show they relied on rulings or orders of government agencies which administer the wage-hour laws.

4. Pending claims can be dismissed.

5. Pay demands are left to collective bargaining or court settlement if based on portal claims during the regular workday, rest and instructions periods, for example.

On future claims, the courts are given discretion as to whether triple damages should be awarded. "The courts have no alternative but to award such damages at present."

Morse Raps USSR Slash

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—Taking exception to what he termed statements of certain republican congressmen, Senator Wayne Morse, (R-Ore.) challenged legislators to vote on "the inherent merits" of the Russian.

Morse, in a discussion of house-approved cuts in western reclamation funds, said members of his own party have argued that it is traditional for the house to cut sharply and for the senate to restore the cuts.

"No member of the house for political purposes, or any other purpose, has the right to pass the buck to the senate," he asserted. "Neither do we have the right to pass the buck to the conference committee."

State affirmation of the house cuts in the Bonneville power administration will "unwittingly destroy" a great public power undertaking and "bring great joy in the ranks of those who want to see certain financial interests and the monopolistic control over the streams of the country," he declared.

Paving Bids To Be Called

With one street improvement job finished and another nearing completion, the city will call for bids next week on a proposed paving project for S. 7th from Oak to Willow.

The area is the block beyond the post office, which has been widely discussed for improvement for a number of years.

The widening project on Pine street from 6th to 8th, was completed Saturday, except for the portion of the sidewalk at 8th and Pine where the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph building is being remodeled.

City Engineer E. A. Thomas said today that the paving of Doty and 7th streets will probably be completed this week with all the paving and curbing finished. Doty is being paved from Upham to 7th and 7th from Doty to Mt. Whitney.

Gunman Shoots Woman To Death

PEORIA, Ill., May 14 (AP)—A hold-up man, angered because a woman victim attempted to tear his mask from his face, shot her to death early today while she was parked with a man in an automobile in Bradley park in the northwest section of Peoria.

The dead woman was Mrs. Olive Baker, 26, wife of Marshall Baker, a brewery employee.

Effort Made By Couple To Raise Bail For Preacher

An effort is being made today to raise the \$500 cash or \$5000 property bail necessary to get William Nagel, 40-year-old preacher from Portland, out of the county jail.

Nagel, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was arraigned in justice court yesterday and signified that he intended to fight the case. He asked for the services of an attorney and said that he was going to try to arrange bail.

This morning a man and woman who gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Eichenberger of Portland came in to justice court to see Judge J. A. Mahoney about procedure in raising bail. When told of the complications in posting property bond, Eichenberger said that he would try to raise the \$2500 cash for Nagel.

A Portland city directory has the information that Kenneth L. Eichenberger operates an establishment called "Better Books and Bible House" at 420 SW Washington. He told Judge Mahoney his occupation was merchant.

Eichenberger was apparently impatient at a several-minute delay in seeing Judge Mahoney this morning, while the judge was out of the office at a restaurant across the street having a cup of coffee. During his wait in the office, Eichenberger several times asked Constable Gary Coward to phone or go get Judge Mahoney, and once requested that Coward not smoke in his presence.

The constable did come to the restaurant to inform the judge he had a visitor waiting in his office. Meanwhile, Nagel is still in the county jail, and this morning was being visited by his wife, down from Portland. She was allowed to spend considerable time with her husband in the lobby of the jail building.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg is expected to sign an order disqualifying himself from the case. Judge Vandenberg personally took Nagel into custody Sunday afternoon after being told of an alleged act of lewd contact toward a 15-year-old girl.

Nagel is said to have made a statement admitting the act, after being positively identified by the girl at the police station. Judge Vandenberg signed the complaint against Nagel.