

THE LABOR BILL REPEAL FADES

In The Day's News

THIS column yesterday dealt with the results of the general election in Canada, where the people went to the polls and refused DECISIVELY to change horses in the middle of a stream that is still running almost bank-full with post-war prosperity.

Let us turn today to England, where a quite different situation is beginning to shape up.

A LONDON dispatch says: "Britain has called the commonwealth's highest financial and economic planners to gather in London for EMERGENCY talks on the DEEPENING BRITISH ECONOMIC CRISIS."

What is this crisis? In simple, non-technical language, the British Isles are not self-sustaining. That is to say, they do not possess within their borders the raw materials with which to support their economy.

In order to export successfully, they must produce at a price that will meet world competition. Here is the nub of Britain's "deepening" crisis.

HER PRESENT PRICES ARE SO HIGH THAT SHE CAN'T SELL ENOUGH IN THE WORLD MARKETS TO MAINTAIN HER ECONOMY. Her prices are too high because her costs are too high.

That is Britain's fix. She has to cut her costs or her economy will wither and die.

WHAT brings us back to the problem of politics.

Britain is governed by the Labor party, which has strong socialist leanings. The British economy has been extensively nationalized. In the nationalized industries, the government is the employer. The government fixes wages.

British labor is growing restive under present wage ceilings. It wants more money. The government, under stern necessity to hold down costs, has so far refused increases.

That tends to shake the confidence of wage-earners in the Labor government. The government continues to shrink alarmingly.

WHAT will the Labor government do about it?

I wouldn't know. But it is rather generally expected that it will "devalue" the pound. That is too complicated to go into here. Suffice it to say that it would amount to cutting British wages by the device of paying labor in money that would have less purchasing power in terms of imported commodities.

As to that, we shall see what we shall see.

HERE is what I'm really driving at: In the United States last November, post-war prosperity was still running high. The "experts" thought there had been a change in political philosophy and that Dewey would win. But when it came to the punch, the voters refused to shoot Santa Claus.

IT seems to me that the real test of the leave-it-to-papa political philosophy that has been and still is sweeping the world will come in Britain.

In Britain, the tide of post-war prosperity is ebbing. The jagged rocks of stern reality are beginning to show above the surface. Life is already rugged for most Britons.

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WEATHER

Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair except partly cloudy during afternoon today and Thursday. High today 61. Low tonight 33. High Thursday 56. Max. June 28: 66. Min.: 33. Precipitation last 24 hours: .00



EX-MARINE Robert A. Johnson of Klamath Falls grins happily as Mayor Robert A. Thompson pins a citation on his lapel from the Chinese government. The medal is for meritorious service in repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war and civilians in China.

Frost Nips Basin

Extradition Hearing For Milhorn To Be Held July 11th In Governor's Office

An extradition hearing before Governor Douglas McKay in Salem will be held Monday, July 11, for C. E. (Red) Milhorn, held in jail here on a fugitive warrant from California.

Milhorn, a Klamath Falls city policeman, is charged in Siskiyou county, Calif., with murder and conspiracy to commit burglary in connection with the 29-month-old El Rancho Tule roadside robbery and death of Charlie Twig, nightwatchman.

He is fighting extradition. Milhorn's attorney, E. E. Driscoll, said the hearing would be held in Governor McKay's office at 10 o'clock

the morning of July 11. Driscoll will be present but Milhorn may not be required to go up.

Driscoll said Siskiyou county authorities would have to prove only four points to gain custody of the prisoner by extradition:

1-That the crime in question was committed in California.

2-That the crime in question would also be a crime in Oregon.

3-That there is a probability that the defendant (Milhorn) was physically present in California at the time the crime was present.

4-There is some evidence connecting the defendant with the crime.

The connecting evidence, for purposes of the extradition hearing, may be only slight, Driscoll said.

Milhorn, held in jail here since June 15, has steadfastly proclaimed innocence of any connection with the \$13,000 tavern robbery and murder. He has said he believes he will be able to prove he was in Eugene the week-end of March 3-4, 1946, the date of the robbery.

Driscoll said that if California's extradition is successful and Milhorn is taken to the Yreka jail, he will ask for a preliminary hearing as soon as the Klamath Falls policeman is arraigned on the charges.

The hearing presumably would be held in Tulelake.

Leonard Evans, former Tulelake cafe operator who is also charged with the murder and burglary conspiracy, had a hearing in Tulelake and was bound over to the California superior court. But Monday afternoon he was freed from the Siskiyou jail on a writ of habeas corpus.

Coppock Bay Temperature Read At 18

Damaging temperatures cracked down on Klamath basin's growing crops last night and this morning.

Farmers throughout the basin reported one of the worst growing seasons frosts of recent years, with the temperature dropping so low that both ordinary and extraordinary frost-fighting methods proved ineffective.

Potato plants were frozen back to the ground, heading grain was badly hit, gardens took a heavy beating. Even clover and other stands that usually survive cold nights showed damage this morning.

While it usually takes a few days to correctly assess the effects of a frost, it was generally agreed that today's damage in virtually all areas of the basin was substantial.

Coldest spot

Coldest spot as indicated in reports this morning was Coppock bay, where one thermometer registered 18 above. Newell had 20 degrees, the Tulelake experiment station 27. Earl's market at Tulelake 21, Henry Semon's ranch at Henley 28, E. C. Lemler's place at Merrill 29, Bill Kandra's ranch on the west side of Tulelake 28, Jess Smith place at Malin 25, various spots in the grain-growing areas of Tule and Lower Klamath, 25 to 35, Klamath Falls 32, Poe Valley points 22, Midland road experiment station 28.

The Coppock bay report of 18 was described by one source as the lowest growing season temperature there since July 23, 1922.

Farmers viewed the situation with varying shades of opinion. One Coppock bay farmer said his potatoes, having been hit by three hard blows, were all through. Some other spot farmers said a fair yield would still be obtained if the crop could go on through the year without another crack-down.

Household gardeners were highly pessimistic today as they surveyed burned down plants, despite irrigation, coverings and other attempts that were made to stave off the cold.

Planes Used

Big and little frost-fighting schemes made little difference. Smoke screens were used on Tulelake, many farmers irrigated, others stirred the air with planes, and other attempts were made to "do something." It appeared this morning that nothing had worked.

Assistant County Agent Walter Jendrowski toured the area this morning, inspecting frost-damaged fields and talking to sober-faced agriculturists.

The government weather forecast, which missed the boat by several degrees last night, prophesied a minimum of 33 degrees tonight. Forecast yesterday for last night was 38-48. Farmers were hoping the official weather prophets would be as far wrong tonight as they were last night, but that their margin of error would be on the other side.

Republicans Knock Out Public Housing Section Of Administration Measure

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—The whole public housing section was knocked out of the administration's vast housing bill today—subject to a later vote.

With the aid of some southern democrats, republicans mustered a 168 to 165 vote to knock out the house floor a provision for \$10,000 public housing units to be financed by annual federal payments of \$308,000,000.

The rallying cry of the opponents of the provision was "socialism."

The action could be reversed later.

Rep. Reuss (R-Kan.) offered the amendment to strip the bill of the public housing section.

On a standing vote his proposal was barely shy of approval. It got 135 votes and a count of the opposition showed 136.

Then members paraded down the middle aisle to be counted on a teller ballot.

That changed the result by a three-vote margin.

The GOP maneuver showed surprising strength. A previous republican effort merely to cut down the size of the housing program had failed by a sizeable score.

Before the public housing provision was voted down to senate size—from 1,530,000 to 810,000 units and from \$400,000,000 to \$308,000,000.

The action, taken on a voice vote, may give the bill a little easier going from here on in.

A republican attempt to make the cut deeper was batted down. But it still was uncertain just when the house would get around to a final vote on its revised bill.

Rep. Albert M. Cole (R-Kan.) tried to put over the bigger cut. He didn't say anything about the number of units. But he proposed slashing the annual subsidy from \$400,000,000 to \$160,000,000.

He got locked by a 90 to 54 standing vote.

Earlier, the house knocked out of the administration measure a provision for continued government operation of migratory farm worker housing.

The section was voted out of the measure 158 to 99 despite the argument of one member that the program had helped solve the problem that formed the theme of "The Grapes of Wrath."

Republicans launched another major assault on the housing bill, but administration leaders stuck to their prediction of victory on main points by nightfall.

Charge Filed In Anderson Auto Fatality

A charge of negligent homicide was placed against Richard Shuck, 28, of El Cerrito, Calif., today in connection with the death Monday night of Robert Henry Anderson in an automobile wreck north of Merrill.

Shuck was driver of an automobile that collided with the left side of Anderson's car, which went into a borrow pit. Anderson, 73, was killed outright.

The district attorney's office and state police conducted an investigation of the accident yesterday, interviewing several witnesses, and this morning State Patrolman Nick Harry signed the felony charge against Shuck.

Shuck was slightly injured in the accident and yesterday afternoon was admitted to Hillside hospital for "observation." He was reported still at the hospital today.

The charge accuses Shuck, a former Merrill resident, with excessive speed and negligent operation of his car. State police said their investigation showed the car swung around the first part of an S curve on the Merrill highway, went off the roadbed and struck a post, then bounced back onto the highway and struck Anderson's car.

Both men were alone. Anderson was a well-known Merrill area farmer and businessman.

The district attorney's office said conviction on a charge of negligent homicide could mean a prison term of one to three years.

Shuck is represented by Attorney U. S. Valentine. The attorney was out of town today but it was presumed the surviving driver will fight the charge. Shuck is a member of a prominent Merrill family.

Rain Eases Drought Blow

SPOKANE, June 29 (AP)—Rain over most of the Inland Empire today eased a prolonged drought.

The rain, which turned to snow on some of the higher mountains, came too late in some areas to provide maximum help to crops. However, it cheered wheat farmers somewhat in the Palouse area and cut down the fire danger in the area's forests and ranges.

Two inches of snow fell on Mount Spokane. The rain in Spokane was light. The weather bureau reported overnight falls of 19 inches at Coeur d'Alene, 23 inches at Grangeville and 18 inches at Lewiston in Idaho.

Heavy rains were reported in Western Lincoln county.

Red Reprisals Charged In Rail Strike

BERLIN, June 29 (AP)—The anti-communist Berlin railway union charged today that the Soviet-controlled railway management has begun reprisals against men who took part in the crippling 38-day rail strike.

The union said 375 men were fired without notice. The 14,000 strikers reported back to work yesterday.

Officials of the reichsbahn (railway management) were not available for comment.

The strikers had gone back to work on the promise that there would be no reprisals against the workers.

Rail traffic remained stalled, meanwhile, while crews worked to repair damage caused by the long stoppage. A reichsbahn official said he could give no definite date for resumption of normal traffic.

The Russians released to West Berlin authorities today seven tons of power plant machinery seized in a truck convoy yesterday. The incident had aroused a British-American protest.

Timberline Gets Six-Inch Snow

PORTLAND, June 29 (AP)—Six inches of new snow blanketed Timberline lodge on Mount Hood today as chill weather enveloped Oregon.

A few flakes were reported at Meachum in northeastern Oregon's Blue mountains, but the Cascade peak got a heavy fall during the night and it was continuing today. Lodge officials said skiing was good. Government Camp had three inches of wet snow.

At the 4:30 a. m. reading, Lakeview reported 29 degrees, and Redmond 31.

Southeast Portland had a lightning and thunder storm, with scattered hail, yesterday afternoon.

GI Who Gave Away Motorcycle Still Having Trouble Getting To Texas For Furlough; Now It's Car Mix-Up

HOOD RIVER, June 29 (AP)—James W. Kelly, who gave away a stutering motorcycle in Portland Monday, ran into more frustration here yesterday.

The Fort Lewis soldier, trying to get to Texas on a 30-day furlough, drove into town in an automobile and was stopped by Policeman Merle Campbell.

After long questioning, Kelly was freed, but Campbell kept the car. He said it was stolen from Tacoma. He also held the car's other occupant, Clifford J. Stear, for federal officials.

Campbell said Stear at first claimed ownership of the car, but did not have the proper papers. Campbell said he also suspected Stear was an AWOL Fort Lewis soldier.

Kelly was able to explain how he got mixed up in it. He said he bought the motorcycle in Tacoma, but it gave him so much trouble, he was glad to present it to Policeman Robert Cosby in Portland.

Then he headed for an airline office, but encountered Stear. Stear said he had a car and would take Kelly to Texas if Kelly would pay for some repairs and buy gas and oil. Kelly agreed, and was at the wheel when they arrived in Hood River.

Coal Mine Closed After Union Show

MADISONVILLE, Ky., June 29 (AP)—The East Diamond coal mine was closed today at the request of Hopkins county Sheriff Ras Gilliland.

This action was taken within a few hours after an estimated 4,000 United Mine Workers from the West Kentucky coal field marched to the mine, operated by non-union workers.

Sheriff Gilliland said he asked the marchers to leave the company property and they refused. He said the situation was beyond his control and he asked the company to close operations. It complied. The men remained at the mine.

Spokesmen for the UMW agreed with the sheriff and state police that there was no violence. Jess Lovless, secretary of UMW District 23, said he anticipated no trouble from UMW members.



Quits—Senator Wagner

Wagner Quits Senate Seat, Health Reason

NEW YORK, June 29 (AP)—Tired and ailing Robert F. Wagner, friend of labor and a fighting champion of Franklin Roosevelt's new deal, has given up the U. S. senate seat he held for nearly 23 years.

The 72-year-old democrat resigned yesterday.

"My turn has come to step down," said the author of the Wagner labor relations law and many other new deal measures.

Wagner said the "battle for human rights is never ended" and that he had confidence a "new generation will exercise power for the common good."

His only regret: "I cannot remain in the front line."

Wagner's resignation paved the way for republican Governor Thomas E. Dewey to appoint an interim successor to serve until the November elections. Then, the people will choose a senator to complete Wagner's fourth term which expires January 3, 1951.

Los Angeles Police Chief Quits Post

LOS ANGELES, June 29 (AP)—Chief of Police C. B. Horrall has retired from his post in the midst of investigations on charges of police brutality and pay-offs for protection of prostitution.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron, who appointed Horrall in 1941, commented: "The chief's retirement is neither my idea nor that of the police commission. It will be a long time before Los Angeles has as good a chief."

The mayor said Horrall, 53, has been in ill health and has been wanting to resign for two years. Horrall retired yesterday and was granted a city pension of \$374 a month. As chief his salary was \$12,480 a year.

For several weeks the county grand jury has been investigating police department conditions, particularly in the vice squad. Brenda Allen, now serving a jail term on a pandering charge, claimed the made payments of \$50 per week per girl to certain officers of the Hollywood vice squad for protection.

There have also been charges that Hollywood officers "routted" and harassed some night club owners and their patrons.

LOW BID

SEATTLE, June 29 (AP)—The Pendleton, Ore., firm of Norris-Looney was reported yesterday as low bidder on construction of the Bonneville power administration's Naselle sub-station.

The bid, announced by V. M. Murray, Puget Sound district manager, was \$38,946.



WILL BE BACK IN ACT—Monte Maloya Darnell (right), sister of Screen Actress Linda Darnell, is comforted by her mother, Mrs. Pearl Darnell, in Sonoma valley, Calif., Community hospital. The 20-year-old rodeo performer was injured when one of her horses shied at a flaming hoop. She will not ride for at least a month, but intends to return to the act.

Defeat Of Truman Plan Demanded

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—The AFL asked today that the senate kill the administration's labor bill, now amended to embrace the Taft-Hartley law's injunction powers.

AFL President William Green wrote Senator Lucas of Illinois, the democratic leader, that the action of the senate in adding "national emergency injunction authority" to that bill makes it "absolutely unacceptable."

CIO officials, stumped by yesterday's senate action, already had resigned themselves to keeping the Taft-Hartley act for two more years.

Arthur Goldberg, CIO general counsel, told a reporter "we might as well face the fact that we have the Taft-Hartley act until after the 1950 elections."

Green said a meeting of AFL union representatives this morning unanimously approved a move by Lucas to bring a speedy end to the senate labor debate.

Waste of Time

"We feel that amendments designed to make the Taft bill more palatable would be useless and a waste of time," Green wrote Lucas.

He said he hoped the senate would go ahead and vote on other proposals by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and then defeat the bill.

Taft put through the "national emergency" injunctions feature by a 50-40 vote yesterday.

Thirty-two other republicans and 17 democrats—14 from the South—joined Taft in voting for his injunction-seizure plan. Thirty-five democrats voted against it, but Taft lost only five republicans—Senators Capelhart (Ind.), Ives (N.Y.), Langer (N.D.), Morse (Ore.) and Thye (Minn.).

The Ohio republican predicted a similar victory for the rest of his program, which is designed to keep the "essentials" of the Taft-Hartley act while making a number of changes in that law.

For the moment at least, his opponents, inside and outside congress, weren't disputing the prediction.

He said the senate's crucial decision on emergency injunctions apparently forecast adoption of the rest of the Taft bill. And he said that if Taft's ideas are approved by the senate and house, the bill "would have to be voted."

As veto, if upheld by congress, would leave the present law intact.

Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said yesterday's action made the labor bill so "unworkable and anti-labor" that any further efforts to improve it would be "a waste of time."

WTC Employes To Have Vacation

Weyerhaeuser Timber company employes will have their vacation next month when the big plant and its woods operations halt for approximately 17 days.

The company will be shut down from July 2 through July 18 and during that time repair and maintenance work on equipment will be done.

Company employes who qualify of length of service will receive vacation pay for two weeks.

Polio Spreading In Texas Areas

AUSTIN, Tex., June 29 (AP)—Polio is spreading in Texas.

Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, said 113 new cases of infantile paralysis were reported in Texas last week. This was a high for any week of the year. He reported the cases are rising and spreading to additional counties.

Eleven new counties reported polio cases for the week ending June 25, bringing the total of reported counties to 100. Cases so far this year have reached 683.