

Speedy Congressional OK Predicted For Multi-Billion Foreign Recovery Proposal

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—The multi-billion dollar foreign recovery bill sped toward final congressional action today after a stormy passage through the senate. Lawmakers expected a senate-house committee to reach quick agreement on the somewhat different versions of the two branches have passed. The senate approved its bill late yesterday by a top-heavy 63 to 7 vote. Senators ended almost two weeks of wrangling to shake the measure free from the confusion which had blocked action on more than \$20,000,000,000 in money bills in addition to other legislation marked "must" by the administration. When the final showdown came, only six republicans and one democrat voted against the \$5,797,724,000 measure. The lone democrat was Johnston of South Carolina. The republican opponents were Capehart and Jenner of Indiana, Ken of Missouri, Langer of North Dakota, Malone of Nevada, and Williams of Delaware. Despite all the sound and fury of debate, the senate bill does not differ greatly from the house-approved measure. The senate reduced the money totals about 10 per cent and added some amendments—none of which is expected to cause much trouble. Ken made the final effort to amend the bill with a move to deny economic cooperation administration aid to any nation which in the future nationalized a basic industry. The amendment was drawn to throw a brake on the British labor plan. Ken argued that socialization in Britain is showing down the recovery effort. The United States, he said, should encourage private enterprise not only at home but abroad. Points in the senate and house bills which must be compromised include: (1) Money amounts: The house voted \$3,588,474,000 for ECA, to be spent in 18 and one-half months if necessary. The senate voted \$2,628,350,000 — plus \$120,000,000 loan authority — but spread the program over a 12-month period. (2) German industrial plants: The senate voted \$25,000 to finance a review of dismantling plans for 365 German plants. A majority of senators feel these plants should be kept in Germany to aid European recovery. The house had no such provision in its bill. (3) Watchdog committee: The senate voted \$344,000 for a congressional committee staff to keep checking on foreign spending. The house had decided this committee had wound up its job in the first year of the Marshall plan. (4) Chinese students: The senate voted to earmark \$4,000,000 in unused China-aid funds for helping some 4000 Chinese students who are in this country. The students have been cut off from aid because of the civil war. The house bill did not contain this amendment. (5) Army occupation costs: The senate voted \$900,000,000 for expenses in Germany, Austria, Japan and the Ryukyu islands. The house had approved \$925,000,000.

Red Police Crush Czech 'Revolution'

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 9 (AP)—Police have put down a "revolution" in a Slovakian town where Catholics defending their priest from threatened arrest had set up their own local government, a communist weekly news magazine reported today. Aroused villagers led by a band of fighting peasant women had beaten up the chairman of the communist-controlled local executive board, Svet Prace, weekly magazine of the Czechoslovak communist party said. Two persons were reported wounded and "several" arrested in the incident at Strečno, in North-western Slovakia. The magazine gave no precise date for the clash but said the offending village had its electric power cut off for several weeks, apparently as punishment. Strečno is in the Zilina district of Slovakia where fighting between Catholic villagers and communist-controlled police broke out about six weeks ago. Whether this was a new incident or a report on details of former fighting now coming to light could not be definitely established. (Vatican sources reported last week that new clashes had occurred in Slovakia, which is strongly Catholic.) Svet Prace called the Strečno uprising a "revolution" and disclosed that state security police supported by workers' militia units were called to quell it. Peasants wielding falis and scythes were disarmed. The communist organ claimed Strečno citizens had chosen an "illegal" council of their own to replace the local government "after things were changed." Pure nickel is so malleable that it can be fabricated into tubing finer than the stinger of a mosquito.

No More Walking In The Rain To Eat

PORTLAND, Aug. 9 (AP)—A rainy season complaint of airline passengers here has finally brought an admission from an airport official that there is no sense in walking in the rain to eat. Chester E. McCarthy, port of Portland commission member, wants the airport building arrangement revamped. He said the existing cluster is "out moded and inefficient." "Passengers who change planes or wish to eat must go in the rain from one building to another," he said.

DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9 (AP)—Band Leader Jimmy Dorsey's wife Jane has sued for divorce after 21 years. She charged cruelty in her complaint, filed yesterday. Under a financial settlement, she gets \$850 a month and 25 per cent of any income above \$20,000 a year. They have a married daughter, Julia.

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Demo Leaders Give Up Hope For Social Security

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Democratic leaders virtually abandoned hope today for any social security expansion this year. They called this stand realistic, even though the house ways and means committee yesterday announced its approval of legislation to blanket 11,000,000 more persons under old age insurance. The committee, in its most important social security action in a decade, decided also to boost old age insurance benefits by 50 to 150 per cent in some categories, and to increase the payroll taxes to finance the expanded program. Under the legislation, confirming presently scheduled increases, the payroll taxes will jump from \$1,800,000,000 to about \$2,700,000,000 in 1950. But one top democrat told reporters there is little, if any, hope that the legislation will be passed by the senate before 1950, although a drive will be launched to press it through the house this year. The senate legislative log jam prevents action there, he said. Regardless of whether congress acts, the tax will increase from the present one per cent to 1 1/2 per cent against employees' pay and employers' payrolls on January 1. The new legislation would bring

German Bus Crash Kills 18 Children

HAMBURG, Germany, Aug. 9 (AP)—Eighteen German children were killed last night when an express train struck their holiday bus, five minutes before they were due to arrive home. Police said 14 other children were taken to the hospital, some badly hurt. The accident occurred on the level crossing at Leverkusen in the British zone. There were 90 children in the bus and passenger trailer. They had been on a holiday trip to the Weser mountains.

Not Enough Rain To Pay Off

SEATTLE, Aug. 9 (AP)—It rained all around Vasa park on Lake Sammamish Sunday, but members of the Vasa Hope lodge no. 503 complained today that it wasn't wet enough to interfere with their smorgasbord. The lodge had a \$1000 insurance policy with Lloyd's of London insuring against more than a tenth of an inch of rain. A weather bureau representative, on hand with an official rain meter, recorded only one one-hundredth of an inch.

Ex-Convict Admits Guilt In Slayings

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9 (AP)—A 33-year-old ex-convict, arrested here by the FBI, has admitted killing an elderly Tacoma couple last month, special FBI agent Harry M. Kimball said today. He is John Edward Summers, a former neighbor of the victims, Howard Easley, 62, and his wife, Elizabeth, 67. He surrendered without resistance late yesterday at a Gough street living house where he had been residing under the name John Skinnere. Kimball said the man, a farm laborer and dishwasher, agreed to removal to Washington state, where he is charged with first degree murder. FBI Mum FBI agents declined to disclose how they traced Summers here. They said they found in his pocket a copy of the FBI's "wanted" notice alerting police to be on the lookout for him. The notice, Kimball said, had been stolen from a mail box at the shooting house. The Easleys were shot and killed at their Tacoma home on July 16. Berry pickers near Chinook pass found the bodies four days later. Easley's automobile was sold to a Portland dealer on July 21. Federal agents stepped into the case with a complaint charging Summers with taking a stolen car over state lines. He also is charged with the federal offense of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for murder. Kimball said Summers was released last May from Washington state penitentiary and had been arrested on a number of occasions for forgery, burglary, larceny and carrying concealed weapons.

Youths Tell Of Tossing Fatal Bombs

DAMASCUS, Syria, Aug. 9 (AP)—A 17-year-old Syrian veteran of the Palestine war confessed he and two friends threw hand grenades into the Damascus synagogue Friday, President Ruzay Zaim announced today. The attack killed 12 Jews and wounded 20 to 30 others. Zaim said all three men are in prison "and will be judged and condemned to death if the evidence so indicates." "Syria will have no unsolved Bernadotte cases," he said, referring to the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, the UN Palestine mediator, in Jerusalem last September. Zaim said sufficient forces have been sent into the Jewish quarter of the city to protect the 18,000 Jews.

RELIEF

SEATTLE, Aug. 9 (AP)—A group of Hawaiian merchants has chartered the Anchorage Transportation company's deep-sea tug Myrtle Wilson to carry 3000 tons of relief food supplies by barge to Honolulu, the company said yesterday. The shipment is expected to leave here next week-end. The CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, on strike in the islands for 100 days, has agreed to unload the cargo, the company said.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Aug. 9

(AP)—The United Nations conciliation commission for Palestine transmitted today a protest by Israel against the bombing in the Jewish quarter of Damascus last week. The protest had been handed to the commission by Reuven Shiloah, head of the Israel delegation here seeking a peace settlement with Israel's Arab neighbors. Meanwhile negotiations in the Arab-Israeli dispute remained at a standstill.

James Stewart Bows Out As Last Of The Old Guard Hollywood Bachelors, Will Wed Gloria Hatrick McLean Today

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 9 (AP)—Jimmy Stewart today weds the girl who "used to cut out his pictures as a kid." At five o'clock this afternoon, Hollywood's most famous bachelor will marry Gloria Hatrick McLean in Brentwood Presbyterian church. The wedding will be small and—the shy actor hopes—quiet. The pair was shopping today and winding up details for an extended honeymoon, including an Hawaiian trip. Wedding plans were completed last week. The single-ring wedding ceremony was rehearsed last Wednesday before Rev. Dean Osterberg of the Brentwood church, which is near Santa Monica. The only attendees are Mrs. Gregg Draddy, the bride's sister, and film talent scout Billy Grady, best man. Grady brought Stewart to Hollywood. Gregg Draddy, Larchmont, N.Y., manufacturer, gives the bride away in the absence of her father, Ed Hatrick, Hearst newsreel executive, who is ailing in Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Hatrick recently had an operation in New York. The bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stewart, arrived over the week-end from Indiana, Pa., where he operates a hardware store. They begged off interviews, saying "it's Jimmy's show." Over the week-end, Stewart said farewell to his male cronies at a stag which offered the only Hollywood touch to the nuptials. Garters had seven big searchlights brightening the sky above Chasen's restaurant. A large sign advertised: "James Stewart, actor. Positively last appearance." The couple will fly to Hawaii next month for an extended vacation. Stewart was recently asked why he chose Mrs. McLean after 15 years of Hollywood dating. His answer: "Of all the girls I have gone with, she is the only one I felt I couldn't live without." As for Gloria, she said she had been a Stewart fan "since I was a kid." The socialite said she "used to cut out his pictures as a kid." Mrs. McLean said she "didn't anticipate a revolution in converting the 41-year-old bachelor to married life. I don't think it will be difficult," she said. "After all, I have to make some adjustments myself." The 31-year-old divorcee confessed that she can't cook or sew. Informed Stewart has expressed hopes for a couple of youngsters, she replied, "I certainly hope to accommodate him." Mrs. McLean already has two children by her first marriage. She formerly was married to Edward McLean, Jr., son of the late

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