

Farm, Industrial Activity Effect Midwest Economy

By SAM DAWSON
KANSAS CITY (AP)—In this area where the economy is nearly balanced between agriculture and industry the big questions today are: How good will the spring rains be? And will the nation's industrial activity (to which Kansas City is tied more closely now by its post-war industrialization boom) level off soon and start back up again, maybe after Labor Day, to set new records?

Italians Jeer EDC Treaty

ROME (AP)—Amidst jeers from the Communist benches, Premier Mario Scelba introduced in the Chamber of Deputies Tuesday a bill for Italian ratification of the European Defense Community treaty. The treaty, which would form a six-nation army including West German troops, has been ratified by West Germany and The Netherlands and, in Belgium, lacks only the signature of King Baudouin, Italy, France and Luxembourg, the other prospective partners, have yet to act.

The Christian Democratic leader of a coalition government, Scelba did not ask that the EDC bill be given urgent consideration. He has a majority in parliament, however, and eventual passage is considered likely.

Arch foe of Italy's Communists, he said: "I have the honor of presenting a project of law for ratification of the European Defense Community." There were shouts from the Communists and fellow traveling Socialists.

'No Comment' Says Prince Aly Khan

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Moslem Prince Aly Khan crossed the border from Mexico into California Tuesday and was reported en route to Beverly Hills. His only comment when asked by an evening Tribune reporter at the border where he was going was: "No soap." He was riding with his fiancée, movie actress Gene Tierney, in her foreign-made sports car. Aly Khan told the clerk when he checked out of the resort hotel at Rosarito Beach, Mexico, that he was going to Beverly Hills. He had declared to reporters previously that he was not troubled by any legal troubles in this country over a financial settlement with his former wife, actress Rita Hayworth. Miss Tierney, 33, announced at Rosarito March 30, that she would marry the prince, 42, within six months, probably in France.

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stores. Layoffs are spotted here and there among the factories, with a cutback in defense spending getting much of the blame. More people are out of work than last year and new jobs are harder to come by. Building is off a little. But folk here show no signs of alarm. Some feel (as many stock market traders seem to) that the country is having a short business lull and see signs that inflation may start up again afterwards.

The present generation around here has been through so many crises," says James M. Kemper, chairman of the Commerce Trust Co. "that it tends to take them in stride. People don't panic easily any more."

Younger folk particularly go on spending, because the advent of old age and other social security benefits has changed buying attitudes. Young couples feel more like spending in the present and letting Uncle Sam take care of their old age. Their grandparents weren't like that—and a business dip could start a scare.

So the banker feels that spending won't be down too much, although the loss of overtime pay and shorter work weeks may lead many to be more cautious.

Kemper sees Kansas City as unhurt yet—down a little from the peak, as everyone expected it would be some day—but the economy still is healthy. He hopes for a more noticeable pickup after Labor Day.

A leading builder, Carl B. Rechner, says construction continues at a fair clip, although there is some employment in the building trades, mostly among the unskilled. While the housing shortage is a thing of the past, and there has been a softening in the price of older homes, demand for new ones continues good, he says. Houses selling under \$12,000 and over \$18,000 are moving best.

Merchants here fret because retail sales so far have been off about 7 per cent from last year. But now they count heavily on the belated Easter trade, warmer weather, and excise tax cuts.

Actress Reports Jewel Robbery

NEW YORK (AP)—Actress June Haver last night reported the theft of a \$15,000 diamond ring from her dressing room. The actress told police she left the ring in her room at the Hotel Pierre after her Sunday night show there. Since she was off Monday, the theft was not discovered until she came in last night. Miss Haver did not know whether the ring was insured, police said.

Russia Offered Bull For Sables

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Democratic congressman from North Carolina has offered to swap Russia a young pedigreed bull and four pedigreed heifers from his farm for enough sable skins to make five fur capes.

Rep. Thurmond Chatham made the swap proposal in a letter to Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin. "I have continually said that international trade is one avenue toward international peace," he wrote.

MARRIAGE PLAN

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Oklahoma City University coeds have formed a club designed to help bring budding ministers to the altar—as husbands not preachers. They believe if they want to marry ministers they should be well trained for the job.

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KAY CHAFFIN, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Chaffin, Lakeview, will attend the State Roller Skating meet April 20, 21, and 22, at the Imperial Skating Rink in Portland. Kay has been skating two years and will compete in juvenile girl's singles and juvenile Class C speed.

British Gave Nod To A-Bomb

LONDON (AP)—A British Foreign Office spokesman disclosed Tuesday Britain gave her consent to the American atom bombing of Japan in 1945.

He said in reply to a question: "Our consent was obtained before the bombs were dropped."

The spokesman refused further details. Prime Minister Churchill was in office when the American machinery was put into shape for delivery of the bombs. Clement Attlee had succeeded him when the first bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. The bombs killed more than 100,000 persons and forced Japan to surrender quickly.

Consultation between Britain and the United States on the use of the atom bomb against a third party, with Britain in effect having a veto power, was a provision of a secret agreement of 1943 between Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt, which Churchill disclosed in the House of Commons Monday. The decision to drop the bombs was actually made by former President Truman, who took over after Roosevelt's death.

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Soldier AWOL 17 Years, Turns In

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Pic John R. Steahwein walked away from Fort Riley, Kan., and never went back.

That was 17 years ago—and the Army didn't catch up with the AWOL soldier from Arkansas.

Yesterday Steahwein, 40, called on the police. "I'm tired of running," he said. He was turned over to Air Force police, who expect the Army to decide his fate.

Actress Reports With Leg In Cast

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actress Elizabeth Taylor showed up at MGM in a cast from ankle to thigh because of a torn ligament.

She said she did not know exactly when she injured the knee but believed it occurred a week ago when she stepped from an auto. Work on her forthcoming movie, "The Last Time I Saw Paris," was postponed two weeks.

Congress Split Over Wire Tap

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House split sharply today over an administration bill to give the attorney general authority to tap wires in espionage cases and to legalize information so obtained as evidence in federal courts.

As the House called up the controversial measure for action, most Democrats lined up behind a substitute proposal to require the attorney general to get a court order before authorizing any tapping wires. They had at least some Republican support.

The court order requirement, omitted from the administration measure, was the major issue. Both sides forecast passage of some form of wiretapping bill before nightfall.

The primary purpose of the bill is to legalize the use of wiretapped information in the federal courts as evidence in prosecuting espionage, treason and sabotage cases, or any conspiracy involving the national security. Such evidence is

not now admissible in the federal courts.

Rep. Willis (D-La.), author of the court order substitute, told newsmen there was "no difference of opinion over the necessity for wiretap legislation," and he added: "So it becomes a question of approach, and not principle. The court order approach follows closely our constitutional provision for the procedure in entering a man's home—it's like the court order required for a search warrant."

"So I think we had better follow the guideline of our Founding Fathers set forth in the search and seizure provisions of the Fourth Amendment."

Appealing for House passage, Republican Leader Halleck of Indiana accused opponents of attempting to "confuse and distort" the purposes of the measure—re-named the "anti-terror" bill by the House GOP leadership. "The bill merely abolishes existing rules which prevent the sub-

mission in court of evidence against traitors obtained by intercepting wire communications," he said in a statement last night.

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