

U. N. Committee Approves Arms Reduction Resolution

Troop Count Issue Tossed Into Hands Of Council

Snarl Develops Over Proposals

NEW YORK — (AP) — The powerful United Nations Political and Security Committee today approved the general principles of a world-wide arms reduction program and at the same time rejected proposals for an immediate international troop census.

Shortly after the 48-Nation Committee had agreed unanimously on a resolution for setting up arms reduction machinery, it decided to leave the troop inventory question into the hands of the Security Council along with the arms limitation program for detailed consideration.

Soviet Russia had initiated the troop census debate by proposing that all nations report immediately on the number of troops they had in alien non-combat countries. The question later was broadened to include forces in enemy countries and finally domestic troops as well.

It became so complicated by amendments, including a British proposal for a permanent inspection agency, that the Committee became hopelessly deadlocked.

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The Political Committee thus completed its work for the present session.

The committee's work included such controversial questions as the Spanish and veto issues. Both the arms reduction plan and the troop census resolution now go to the Assembly and may come up for action.

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Roosevelt In Warsaw

WARSAW — (AP) — President Roosevelt arrived here today for a five-day visit.

He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Roosevelt, and by his daughter, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Empty Stocking Fund

Would you like to answer a letter written to Santa Claus? Social agency offices in Charlotte set up post offices for St. Nick during the Christmas season, and scores of letters from youngsters who have only faith have written to the fat little man who brings toys on Dec. 25.

As many of those letters as possible will be answered with funds available to the Christmas Bureau by the empty stocking fund. The fund is a collection of social workers will assist needy families in planning Merry Christmas. The fund is a collection of social workers will assist needy families in planning Merry Christmas.

George Allen Involved

Insurance Salary Charges Aired

NEW YORK — (AP) — The New York State Insurance Department made public today reports of alleged irregularities in the Home Insurance Co., largest fire insurance company in the nation, and involving its president, Harold W. Smith, and former vice-president George E. Allen.

The findings were made in an examiner's report, and the department said, are a matter of public record while the State Superintendent of Insurance considers the treatment of the alleged irregularities.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

The report stated Smith was granted a monthly expense allowance of \$2,000 in January 1941, but continued to charge costs of traveling gifts and entertainment against the allowance. The report said, 1941 through 1944, the report said, Smith's expense charges amounted to \$24,126 but he attached vouchers were "deliberate errors."

FIRM IN GOOD CONDITION

Williams & Co., insurance news agency, quoted an insurance department official as saying that the alleged conditions in no way related to or affected the solvency of the firm.

Blind Corporal's Plea

Letter To Santa Brings Nationwide Attention

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa. — (AP) — A nationwide attention attracted by a blind army corporal's plea for Santa Claus to bring him a pair of blue eyes left him completely flabbergasted today.

Housing Policy Argued

VFW Will Fight Easing Of Curbs

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The promise of a new White House pronouncement on national housing policy emerged today from the pulling and hauling over the issue which engaged the Cabinet, other high Administration officials, and a Congressional committee.

OTHER CITIZEN

Meanwhile they were these other principal developments in the housing field:

1. The Veterans of Foreign War, through its legislative director, Omar E. Hutchinson, told a Senate Small Business subcommittee that the VFW will stiffly oppose any program for easing controls on non-residents in the housing field.

2. Raymond M. Foley, new administrator of the National Housing Agency, in a statement advocated less emphasis on actual action from carrying out the housing program.

3. The Cabinet, in regular session, today charged salary officials were set for two days today. Arrangements were made for the talks to continue tomorrow.

JOSE REPLY

The meetings started yesterday with announcement of Foley's appointment to be Housing Administrator and that of Frank Hutchinson to be director of the veterans emergency housing program.

Chinese Ship Calls For Help

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — (AP) — The Coast Guard reported today that the American-manned 4,500-ton Chinese freighter, the "Hsiao Sheng," had radioed that she is leaking badly 400 miles at sea and in need of assistance.

Mel Douglas Wins Case

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Superior Judge Pat Parker agreed with defense attorney Douglas that his M-C-M contract, signed in 1940, runs only until Dec. 13, 1947. The studio contended it should be renewed to 1951 to allow for Douglas four years military service.

Bilbo Told He Can't Cross-Examine Witnesses

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Bilbo, Democrat, Mississippi, on Sept. 7, 1942, was told by the House Committee on the Judiciary that he could not cross-examine witnesses in the case of the late Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (right) of Mississippi that the Senate War In-

vestigating Committee would not allow him to cross-examine witnesses on Bilbo's relations with war contractors. The hearing is underway in the Capital now. (AP Wirephoto).

Bilbo Investigators Hear War Plant Contractors

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Felix Thomas Newton, Hattiesburg, Miss., contractor, identified four checks totaling \$25,000 that he said he made out to Senator Theodore G. Bilbo, Democrat, Mississippi, on Sept. 7, 1942.

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Most Of U. S. Affected

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