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Big Job

The Assembly's calendar committee has a big task—clearing the way for early adjournment. Correspondent Lynn Nebel tells about the committee. Around Capitol Square, Post Page 4.



ERUPTION OF ICELAND VOLCANO—The spectacular picture of the eruption of Mount Hekla, in Iceland, was made by Chester Kronfeld, an American Overseas Airlines photographer in a special chartered plane. It shows a general view of the dense clouds of ashes and fumes, which reached a height of six or seven miles. A snow lake is seen in the photo and water and lava streaming down the mountain-side. The peak was ablaze clear across the top. Residents of nearby villages were evacuated, in a precautionary measure. (AP).

Proposal Also Would Double Tax

Passage Is By Unanimous Vote

RALEIGH — (AP) — The House today unanimously passed a measure to allow local option elections on the sale of wine and beer.

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MULTIPLE MOLARS — The parents of bouncing Paul Strecker of Chicago, Ill., credit the hard rolls they give him to eat with helping to cut his phenomenal mouthful of teeth. At the age of 10 months, young Paul has 16 gleaming ivories. His father, a baker, says that the rolls also have helped Paul increase his weight 16 pounds since birth. (INP).

King George Succumbs; Prince Paul Gets Throne

Heart Ailment Fatal To Ruler

ATHENS — (AP) — George II, storm-center King of Greece, died today and his brother, Prince Paul, mounted the uneasy throne at one of the most critical periods in the nation's modern history.

The new King is 45, eleven years younger than George II. Prince Constantine, six, became Crown Prince.

Paul, third son of the late King Constantine, became King automatically, by law.

Year Beyond June 30 Truman Asks Rent Control Extension

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today asked Congress to extend rent controls a year beyond the present June 30 expiration date.

In a message to the two Houses, Mr. Truman said the nation "is still faced with a critical housing shortage" and that rental units particularly "are still radically out of balance with demand."

The President's message says he now has no objection to pending legislation transferring rent control functions to the Housing Expediter, since recent legislation requires the expiration of the existing Rent Control which he originally recommended to administer rent control.

VACANCIES LOW

The President said a survey in 83 cities by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and of the Census during 1944 found vacancies in rental units "virtually non-existent."

His message said: "The vacancy rates in habitable accommodations for these cities range from zero to a maximum of one per cent with an average well below one-half of one per cent."

"Proper protection of millions of our American families requires that effective rent and eviction control be extended beyond June 30, 1947, for a further period of one year, and I so recommend."

Jap Communist Party Announces Platform

TOKYO — (AP) — The Japanese Communist Party announced its platform for the April elections today, calling for nationalization of banks and industries and state control of agriculture.

The platform also proposed state construction of housing, free distribution of lumber from state forests, and taxation of the "new money."

'Just Started Out And Kept Going'

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — (AP) — The driver of a 44-passenger bus here today, while authorities who impounded his empty conveyance when they took away his empty seat, said he "just started out and kept going."

He added that "the fellows at the bus company will understand, I'm sure."

Cimillo was taken into custody at the Gulfstream Park race track where he said he went to "see if I couldn't scrape up some money."

He said he drove to Hollywood yesterday morning, parked the bus on a side street, explained the bus company was for money, and then decided to go to the race track. Police arrested him up there when he called at the track's investment office to get the money.

"One thing I want you to get clear: I haven't had a trouble at home. I've got a wife and three or four kids."

During the entire trip, Cimillo said, he was never questioned by police as to why he was driving an empty \$100,000 New York bus. He said several times restaurant operators asked where he was headed and "such things," he replied, "South."

"I didn't want to talk to anybody or see anybody; just drive," Cimillo said.

In New York, the Bronx County Grand Jury handed up a \$100,000 indictment charging Cimillo with grand larceny. Detective Fred Denton prepared to leave for Florida with a warrant to bring Cimillo back. The Bronx district attorney's office said it had been informed Cimillo was a police officer who would waive extradition.

Coal Miners Leave Pits

By Associated Press

John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers quit their coal pits today beginning a six-day stoppage to memorialize the tragic deaths of 111 Centralia (Ill.) miners.

The 40,000 A.P.-U.M.W. members began the mourning period at one minute after midnight starting on the East Coast and extending to the Pacific through the time zones.

All was quiet in the nation's anthracite mines, too.

The hard coal miners laid aside picks and shovels for traditional holiday observances celebrating the miners' winning of the eight-hour day.

INDUSTRY CALM

Industry, in the main, seemed unperturbed, no coal-dependent firms are expected to curtail production. Lewis' timing of the "holiday" comes at a period when little coal is brought to the surface.

Miners traditionally don't work Thursday and few work on Holy Thursday or Good Friday. Saturday normally is a day off. Wednesday, then, is the only day in which full production is lost.

One coal executive, however, disputed this claim. James D. Francis, president of the Island Creek Coal Co. at Huntington, W. Va., states "we will see a normal week's tonnage with the exception of Monday (yesterday)."

Production during the Holy Week for the last seven years has been normal except for two years—1941 and 1946 — when there were strikes. And there were no slowdowns on Thursday and Friday. And then, in 1946, it was announced at Washington that Lewis will testify at a Washington subcommittee Thursday on the Centralia disaster and the mourning period.

A bill to appropriate \$7,000,000 for permanent improvements at N. C. State University.

A bill to pay an expense allowance of \$30 a month to all 4 members of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

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By Unmasked White Band Georgia Negroes Flogged

LITHONIA, Ga. — (AP) — Details from the White House, President Truman said today that a Negro man and his wife were taken from their home by four unmasked white men last night and flogged severely. The woman was shot in the foot.

The chief said that neither the man, Aggie Herndon, 46, nor his wife, Lottie, 40, could give any reason for the flogging except that one of the band accused them of stealing. The Negroes live near Lithonia, about 25 miles east of Atlanta. The flogging and shooting occurred in the woods near the Negroes' home.

MAN'S STORY Herndon, suffering from a severe skin in his head, told police the following story today: "The four men, dressed in overalls, came to the home of the Negroes last night and demanded that he open the door. When Herndon opened the door, he said he asked the white men: "What's the trouble?" "Them things you stole," he quoted one of them as saying. "If you're the law, search the house," Herndon said he invited them. "I've got receipts for everything here."

Herndon said one of the men then tucked on his shotgun and told him and his wife to get into the car. Then, Herndon said, they drove to a wooded area where they flogged the man and his wife out of the car. His wife was shot and one of the assailants placed his foot on her neck and beat her.

Herndon said he was beaten with a pistol, flashlight and blackjack, but broke away from his captors and fled to a friend's home where he telephoned police. The woman wandered through the woods after the men left her and was found by police this morning at a country store near here. Police took her to a hospital in Atlanta. Chief Foster said police had no leads as to the identity of the floggers.

Monarch's Death Unlikely To Affect Aid Plan Action

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The death of King George of Greece provoked today Congressional admissions that the Greek people must guard against a Communist attempt to seize control of that country's shaky government.

The immediate reaction to the Greek monarch's death found few legislators of the opinion that it would materially affect action on President Truman's \$400,000,000 aid proposal to bulwark Greece and Turkey against Communism.

This viewpoint appeared strengthened by a report from Athens that Prince Paul, the Greek monarch's nephew, is the man whom the Greek government which they could control.

Knew Death Coming Farewell Notes Found In Miners' Clothing

CENTRALIA, Ill. — (AP) — Farewell notes were found in the clothing of thirteen victims of the explosion which killed 111 men in the extreme west end of the Centralia coal mine last night. The clothing of thirteen of the victims were published yesterday in a copyrighted story in the Centralia Evening Sentinel.

The final words of the thirteen victims, who were found in the extreme west end of the mine, were published yesterday in a copyrighted story in the Centralia Evening Sentinel.

On the rock face above their bodies was written: "Look in everybody's pockets. We all have notes. Give them to our wives."

The writers were not identified by the Sentinel. Except for some of them: "To my wife: It looks like the end for me. I love you, honey, more than life itself. If I don't make it, please tell her I'm an awfully happy man and that I love her more than ever and love me, honey."

Flags throughout Athens were at half mast for George II.

The Athens radio played funeral music throughout the day. The King's death was announced by the radio at 10:15 p.m.

The King succumbed to a circulatory ailment, apparently either heart disease or the clogging of an artery.

Paul mounted the throne less than seven months after George returned from his latest exile in London. He took the scepter of government at a time when Greece, still suffering the agony of the war's backlash and the wounds of internal division, was seeking world attention as the pivot of a diplomatic struggle between Russia and the West.

Called For Aide

It was understood from King George's entourage that he had complained this morning of pains from angina pectoris, an ailment common to men of his age. He later called for his aide-camp and a doctor to his aid-camp to keep him company.

When the aide arrived, it was reported he found the King in a state of coma. George died before the arrival of the doctors. The King's death was announced by the radio at 10:15 p.m.

Split In Making

Meanwhile a split between the so-called members of the bipartisan foreign policy — Sen. Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, and Connally, Democrat, Texas — over terms of the aid program was reported on page 4-A.

Huge Plane Falls Into Tampa Bay

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A plane carrying 15 people was killed and ten others were injured today when a Douglas C-47 transport plane while landing in Tampa Bay.

The plane was being piloted by Lt. J. J. Garrett, and was co-piloted by Capt. Roger M. Dudley. The plane was flying at a low altitude into about twelve feet of water when a wing tip dipped low into the water.

Nearly an hour after the plane crashed and ten minutes had been passed, the Douglas C-47 was seen near the beach. Whether or not the plane was damaged was not immediately determined.

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and warmer this afternoon and night. Some occasional light showers. Wind from the north, abating Wednesday morning. Little change in temperature.