

Senate Votes Ban On Union Control Of Welfare Funds

Taft Scores Victory In Amendment

Check-Off Ban Also Voted

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate today took a part on union-controlled health and welfare funds and the involuntary check-off on union dues. The vote was 48 to 40.

Adoption of the ban as an amendment pending general labor legislation was a victory for Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, after a sharp retort yesterday when Senate killed, 44 to 43, a Taft-backed proposal to forbid industry-wide bargaining.

The ban on union control of welfare funds and on the involuntary check-off are embraced in the amendment.

EXTORTION OUTLAWED

"Today's amendment also outlaws extortion and attempts by unions to 'shakedown' employers."

It prohibits all health and welfare funds which are administered solely by the union and which already passed by the House has a similar provision.

THE SENATE AMENDMENT

Senator J. P. McCarthy, Republican, Minnesota, said Democratic, Virginia, Smith, Republican, New Jersey, and George, Democrat, Georgia, permits welfare funds in cases where employers and employees are equally represented in the handling of claims, together with the neutral presence as both sides may agree to do so.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE BAN ON UNION-CONTROLLED FUNDS IS A \$10,000 FINE AND A YEAR IN JAIL.

BRISK ARGUMENT

In a brisk argument before the vote, Taft contended that unless Congress bans union-controlled health and welfare funds they may become a racket. Senator Dewey, Republican, New York, called the proposal "extremely ill-conceived."

HE SAID THE STANDARDS OF STATE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH FUNDS ARE UNUSUALLY HIGH.

One major existing welfare fund is John L. Lewis, which has secured for his United Mine Workers by a royalty on coal production.

WHILE THIS FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED MINE WORKERS, Taft indicated that he believes it possibly does not comply with provisions of the amendment covering which such funds can be spent.

Margaret Truman Will Sing At Pittsburgh

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U. S. To Protect Japanese Until Treaty Is Made

McArthur Insurance

TOKYO (AP)—General MacArthur gave the Japanese their first official assurance today that the Allies would protect them until a peace treaty is signed, but vigorously denied promising that "the United States would undertake future defense" of the Supreme Commander issued a special statement which obviously referred to reports following his meeting Tuesday with Emperor Hirohito. He did not specifically mention the conference.

Neither Allied Headquarters nor Japanese Government officials would discuss the matter further.

MacArthur said the future defense of Japan would depend upon the provisions in the peace treaty.

MacArthur added that he had not seen the published accounts of the statement and that he was not authorized to make the pledge at Tuesday's meeting with the Emperor.

Immigration Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate today passed a bill to give the U. S. State Department authority to accept and admit refugees from the Axis countries.

Plea To U. N. Made By Jewish Agency

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (AP)—The Jewish Agency for Palestine today called on the United Nations to "immediately relax" its Holy Land immigration restrictions.

Interior Cut Protested

WASHINGTON (AP)—Walter S. Hallanan, chairman of the National Petroleum Council, protested to Senator McClellan today that the proposed cut in funds for the Interior Department's Oil and Gas Division would cut off funds for the Interior Department's Oil and Gas Division.

CLIMAX OF LONG FIGHT

It was the first official appearance of a non-government organization in the Holy Land debates here. After Rabbi Silver's speech, Committee Chairman, Senator McClellan, opened the meeting to questions and said Agency representatives would be recalled later to submit replies.

FAITH HEALER RESTS FROM WORK

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—Ank Hagopian, 20, Armenian faith healer, rested today after brief initial contacts with three patients he hoped to cure.

Planes Sold In China

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Aid Battle Moves Into Voting Stage

House Gets Down To Business

WASHINGTON (AP)—Approaching Administration plea for parity \$700,000,000 to reinforce Southern Korea confronted Congress today as the House entered the voting stage of its fight over helping Greece and Turkey resist communistic domination.

After two full days spent in general discussion of the \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid bill, the House turned to specific proposals for restricting the program.

Chief among the amendments likely to be put to a vote is one which would shift the burden to the United Nations.

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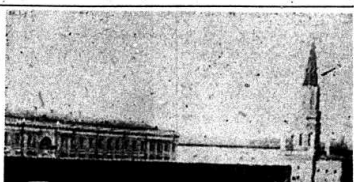
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SOVIET MIGHT PARADE—Units of the Russian Army are shown in Red Square, Moscow, during the annual May Day celebration. Prime Minister Stalin, standing atop Lenin's tomb at left, reviews the troops. The Soviet Union as it thundered through the square. (AP)

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End Of Whole Phone Strike Predicted

Long Line Workers To Get Pay Raises Averaging \$4.40 Weekly

WASHINGTON (AP)—Company and union officials agreed today to settle the strike of long distance operators for a pay hike averaging \$4.40 a week and the Government predicted a quick end to the whole coast-to-coast telephone tie-up.

John J. Moran, president of the American Union of Telephone Workers, said the long distance walkout would end as soon as his nine-member board okayed the settlement, possibly late today in New York.

He said his 20,000 members still might refer to cross the nickel lines of other unions in the National Federation of Telephone Workers who have been off the job since April 7.

But John W. Gibson, Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Edgar L. Warren, Director of the U. S. Conciliation Service, declared:

"With the settlement of this most important case, the other strikes between the Bell System and the nation, and employments which should be quickly settled."

A. T. & T. is the parent corporation of the Bell System.

300,000 STILL OUT

An official of the NFWU estimated that 200,000 of the 237,000 members of Federation unions who were on strike. At the peak of the steep some 340,000 workers were idle, including non-members of NFWU affiliates.

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Moslems Pray And Rain Falls

ISTANBUL, Turkey.—Dervish Moslem peasants prayed on the highest peaks today for rain to end the drought. The prayer sheets of rain rained the Anatolian Plains.

The weather, however, may be too late to reverse the parched wheat fields entirely, particularly in southern Turkey. The drought was so heavy that two men drowned in a landslide in low lying suburbs were flooded.

The peasants, reviving an ancient custom, gathered on the mountain sunrise prayers and implored rain.

Methodist Bishops Criticize Catholics

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—The Methodist National Council of Bishops has adopted a committee report which states that "The Roman Catholic Church should cease to misinform the American people by affirmations of loyalty to Democratic ideals when deliberately denying Democratic religious freedom wherever it has power to do so."

The report, which is being distributed to the denomination's churches in the United States, approved the report of its Committee on Relations with the Roman Catholic Church.

The Government had concentrated its efforts on the settlement because of its strategic position in the Bell System, NFWU affiliates will have 29 other disputes with Bell companies, but continued influence on the wage the long distance strike before peace was possible in the score of other branches.

President Joseph A. Beine of the NFWU, who led the nation's telephone workers in a strike, said that if the long lines settlement were approved it would "have an important influence on the wage levels established by the operating companies in the respective areas."

Marshall Honored By Class At Wellesley

WELLESLEY, Mass.—Secretary of State George C. Marshall bore a new and unusual honor today when he was honored by the girls at Wellesley College.

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